



Exchange Hotline

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Sugar Land, Texas

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"Hands On" Exchange

Club

President **Norma Reyna** presented Ken English and Bill Roach with an Exchange Club mug for their talk on **Wings Over Houston**.



Photo by Bob Dempsey

Wings Over Houston

No, no, not buffalo wings, airplane wings! **Wings Over Houston** is an outstanding event that our Exchange Club is proud to support.

We've committed to supply 110 volunteers to Wings Over Houston **this weekend**, October 8 and 9. This Wednesday's breakfast meeting will include "Wings Volunteer Training."

We'll serve as ticket takers and line monitors, some may work a drink booth, others will sell tickets or direct traffic.

As Exchangites we are always ready to pitch in to do whatever needs to be done. Sorry, they don't need any extra pilots for the planes!

You might be asking yourself, why should I volunteer a Saturday and/or a Sunday for this show?

1. We'll earn \$7500 if we fulfill our commitment of 110 volunteers. That money will cover our budget for Walk with Pride, Service to Seniors, Project Smile, Fire Prevention, National Day of Service, Book of Golden Deed, Memorials, and a few other Community Service activities.

2. It's an opportunity to bond with fellow Exchangites. The recent growth of our Club means lots of new faces, so this is a chance to get to know them without their name tags.

3. Hand out a flag! Give a Kid a Flag was "washed out" by the hurricane, so we have permission to hand out American flags to kids in the crowd. You'll be rewarded with smiles on top of everything else!

4. You'll see an awesome air show featuring the Commemorative Air Force. Volunteers will have scheduled breaks so that they can walk around, look at the planes and see the show for free.

5. Earn a Hands On pin! I've got lots but you must participate!



For more info about the show itself, go to <http://www.wingsoverhouston.com/>

Contact **Jim Kij**, jimkij@materapaper.com, or **Paul Barnett**, psb1@ix.netcom.com, and let them know which days you can volunteer.

See you at the show!

Norma

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ECSL HONORS OUTSTANDING YOUTH



**Citizen of The Month
September 2005
Sugar Land Middle
School
Mallory Michaelis**

is a member of the National Junior Honor Society, the Math Club, Theater Club, Spanish Club and a top student academically at SLMS. Mallory is a country music recording artist in a group called, "McKaylis".



**Youth of the Month
September 2005
Kempner High School
Christina Baran**

is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, English Honor Society and the German Club. She is honored to have received the Who's Who Among High School Students and the Academic Excellence Awards. Christina attended the National Student Leadership Conference in Geneva, Switzerland.



**Citizen of the Month
September 2005
First Colony Middle
School
Kyle Krueger**

has been on the "All A's" honor roll while taking only gifted and talented courses. She is a member of PALS and the National Junior Honor Society. Her sports activities include Eclipse soccer, First Colony Swim Team and FCMS Volleyball. Her future plans are to work at NASA.



**Youth of the Month
September 2005
Clements High School
Sara Haji**

is a member of the National Honor Society and serves as drum major for Clements HS Band. In addition she plays the Oboe and is a percussionist in the CHS Drum Line. Sara is Vice President of Sponsorship and Education for Students Against Destructive Decisions. She is currently serving as Copy Editor and co-Editor-in-Chief of the Clements Yearbook Staff.

UPCOMING EVENTS: SERVICE TO SENIORS

Friday, October 7th, 11:30

Help Seniors celebrate their birthdays at the 5th Street Community Center in Stafford. Contact: **Tony Ackerman**
tonyackerman@sbcglobal.net



WINGS OVER HOUSTON



The 21st annual Wings Over Houston Air Show is scheduled for Oct. 8-9 at Ellington Field. Wings Over Houston is the scene of one of ECSL's newest community service/fundraising opportunities. We will work the gates on Saturday and Sunday in exchange for a sizable donation to our club and get to enjoy this exciting air show. **Plan to be there this weekend. Everyone's help is needed.**

Contact: **Paul Barnett**
psb1@ix.netcom.com or log on to
www.wingsoverhouston.com

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Friday, October 28, 7:00

This fun social will be held at Comfort Suites. Costumes are optional and friends are welcome. There will be a costume contest, games, dancing, dinner and drinks. \$15 per person.



Contact: **Bill Quinn** billquinn34@aol.com

REUNION BREAKFAST

November 2, 7:00 a.m.

Invite a prior ECSL member to breakfast to reminisce. Contact: **Brenda Robinson**
brendar143@aol.com



ONE NATION UNDER GOD LUNCHEON

November 9, 2005

Contact: **Naren Patel** wellpatel@aol.com



SANTA'S EXCHANGE



Photo by Sue Lockwood

Exchange Club of Sugar Land Members **Jake Messinger, Amy Mitchell and Paul DeMarsh** thank Superintendent **Dr. Betty Baitland**, (center) for again committing the Fort Bend ISD schools to help collect toys for needy children.

Members of the Exchange Club of Sugar Land and the Sugar Land Rotary Club in conjunction with Fort Bend ISD schools and other supporters will begin gathering thousands of toys. Collection boxes will be located at Fort Bend ISD schools from November 14 through December 13, 2005.

Families who will be receiving gifts are pre-qualified and then sent an invitation to "shop" for toys while their children are entertained with crafts, games and Santa!

Last year over 10,000 gifts were given to needy families so children could truly have a Merry Christmas. Monetary donations as well as new unwrapped toys are needed. Please help us "set the sleigh in motion." To request a box for your place of business or to help pick up toys at the schools, contact **Jake Messinger** jake@jakes.org or **Amy Mitchell** amitchell@dawray.com.

Save the date!

SPAGHETTI DINNER, February 24, 2006

95TH BIRTHDAY OF EXCHANGE, March 27

LIGHT OF HOPE CEREMONY, April 1, 2006



October Birthdays

Ray Albrecht, Dan McMillan, Linda Webb, Jacqueline Chaumette, Don Zienty, Amy Mitchell, Teresa Sedeno, Rusty Mason, Dianne McGreevy, Fred Fogarty, Jim Cronin, Frank Hicks, Mark Hotze, Ladell Graham, Theresa Cody, Paul DeMarsh, Lloyd Sherman, Eveitt Williams-Payne, Kelly Howden, Cyndi Shofner

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Norma Reyna, ECSL President; Vicki Ruhmann, FBISD Police; Judge Robert Kern, Master of Ceremonies; Fort Bend County Sheriff Milton Wright, winner of the Lifetime Achievement Award; Leslie Vyoral, Badges of Courage Chair and Mike Morris, SLFD.

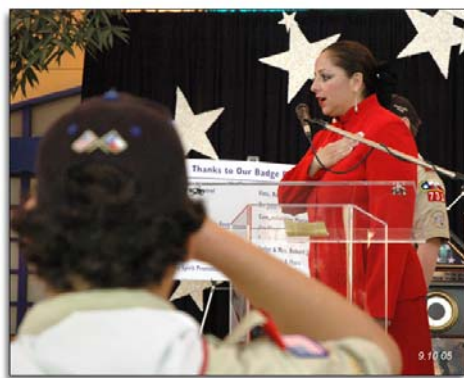
Photo by Larry Pullen

Many thanks to our police, firefighters and EMT's for the great outdoor display of equipment. Impressive!

Photos by Bob Dempsey

Badges of Courage

Club President **Norma Reyna** lead the Pledge of Allegiance at "Badges of Courage" in First



Colony Mall on September 10, 2005.

Photo by Larry Pullen

Thanks to all of you who volunteered and supported the Badges of Courage event. It is always an uplifting experience to work with such a great group of people who are committed to doing positive things for our community.

Our ceremony, emceed by **Judge Robert Kern** began with a lovely rendition of the Star Spangled Banner by **Sue Lockwood**. **Ray Wathen** read his moving poem "Badges of Courage" which is printed in on page 4.

May Williams and **Sue Lockwood**

We thank our gracious sponsors: **Early, McClintic, & McMillan, Anson Air, Cigar Cigar, First Colony Mall, Pappa La Rosa, and ReMax Heritage.**

Thanks to the hardworking committee chairs: **Lydia Bourg, Aimee Braswell, Burke Randolph, Marita Pratt, Lisa Osborne-Poyner, Dave Kiger, Charlie Adaway, Michael Cole, David Newell, Cheryl White Mynar, and Paul Barnett.**

I look forward to working will all of you next year under the direction of Judge Robert Kern.



Leslie Vyoral, Badges of Courage Chair

Photo by Bob Dempsey

"Red Hats" won the "Best Booth



Photo by Bob Dempsey

Chili Cook-off Winners

1st Place: Dee Hay— Ant Bed Chili

**2nd Place: Ed Nesbitt —
Copperfield Red**

**3rd Place: Don Mehan—
Snakebreath Chili**

Chili Cook-off Chair **Charlie Adaway** would like to thank his committee members **Bill Quinn, Brian Crissman, Jim Shaw, Gary Kreeck** and **Linda Boyd** for their hard work; and team sponsors **Jim Hudnall, Linda Schoonmaker, Ray Albrecht, and David Lanagan** for their support.

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BADGES OF COURAGE

A poem by Ray Wathen

A call goes out,
in the middle of a cold, dark night.

"my daddy's dying,"
a young child cries in fright.

A calm, clear voice
on the other end of the line,
says "listen to me, honey,
and your daddy's gonna be just fine."

Through the cold and dark,
the sound of the siren nears
they care for the man,
and calm the small child's fears

When their work is done,
they smile, and quietly say,
"another one saved,
to see the light of another day."

They wear badges of courage every day.
"just doin' my job", is what they say.
American heroes, in red, white, and blue -
they wear their badges of courage, for me
and you.

The smoke was blinding
as the building began to burn.
Through a wall of flame

But the chance he took
had nothing to do with pride.
He was headed for the screams
of someone trapped inside.

At the point of a gun,
and not knowing what to do,
they looked through the door,
at the young woman dressed in blue.

With her face set firm,
she saw the fear in their eyes.
She said "drop it" - and when he didn't,
she didn't have to think twice.

They wear badges of courage every day.
"just doin' my job", is what they say.
American heroes, in red, white, and blue -
they wear their badges of courage, for me
and you.

When terror struck,

and the fabric of
America's life was torn,
As many ran out,
to escape the burning hell,
Those with badges went in,
and died when the towers fell.

As we live our lives,
with friends and family dear,
on an average day,
we may forget they're even here.

But when tragedy strikes,
in the middle of our pain and fears,
they come like angels,
putting our lives first, not theirs

They wear badges of courage every day.
"just doin' my job", is what they say.
American heroes, in red, white, and blue -
they wear their badges of courage, for me



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