



# Exchange Hotline



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**The Exchange Club of Sugar Land**

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**Weekly Meetings**

Wednesdays, 7:00 a.m.  
Sweetwater Country Club  
Palm Royale Blvd.  
Sugar Land, Texas

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## Exchange Club of Sugar Land's 2010-11 President Amy Mitchell



### It's time to "Rise and Shine" Sugar Land Exchange Club!

It is with great excitement and humility that I step into the shoes of a long line of extraordinary Presidents in this the year of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Exchange.

Thanks to all of you for making the Installation Banquet so special for me. Steve Griffith and his trusty assistant, Peggy Heinemeyer deserve extra kudos for organizing the entire evening. I am not sure I know all of the work that went on behind the scenes, but I really appreciate every one of you. Linda Schoonmaker was a wonderful emcee; Roy Miers and Margo Pasko took care of the "house" details, including nametags and registration. Nora Sim provided gorgeous table decorations; Paul DeMarsh and Jake Messinger wrote the script for the video; Larry Pullen took photos; and Mary Jo Salvaggio oversaw that post-event gathering at the Post Oak Grill. Special thanks go to Jake Messinger who sang the national anthem beautifully, did that incredible video and has supported me and believed in me more than any other person. He has helped me become the person I am today. There were others whom I've probably missed, but thanks again to all of you for making the evening one to remember for a lifetime.

For the coming year, I have selected the motto of " Rise and Shine." My goals for our club are simple. I want to increase public awareness of Exchange and its community involvement at minimum additional cost to Exchange as well as help our club grow and thrive while having fun and getting to know each other better.

This year we will embrace all aspects of our four areas of our core values:

- 1. Child Abuse Prevention**
- 2. Recognition of Outstanding Youth**
- 3. Americanism and**
- 4. Community Service.**

In my address to the club I outlined my plans for the coming year which include redistributing child abuse prevention funds to Fort Bend area organizations, sponsoring events such as Title sponsor of the CASA Gala and Sponsor of the Boogie to get public recognition, funding a child abuse prevention program at the Women's Center, helping to create a journalism internship program with Bush High School, continuing our support of the ESCAPE Center, adding additional beneficiaries of our fundraising including Asians Against Domestic Abuse, the Girl Scouts and the Fort Bend County Fair, having more social and community service events, and making Santa's Exchange a line item in the budget directly from the Spaghetti Cook off fund raising efforts.

It just naturally follows that we will "Rise and Shine" in our lives, with our families and in the community. My hope for this year is that we can maintain our strong commitment to others, while at the same time enjoying our activities and our time with each other.

Thank you for allowing me to be your president.  
Amy Mitchell

# Inauguration Ceremony

June 26,  
2010



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Photos by Larry Pullen

# Book of Golden Deeds presented to Mattie Carrillo

The **Book of Golden Deeds** seeks to recognize an unsung hero. Wikipedia defines a hero as "someone who displays courage and the will for self sacrifice for some greater good of all humanity." When I was on the Women's Shelter Board of Directors, I was struck by Mattie's focus. Most people seem to focus on their business and secondly their charity. It seemed to me that Mattie's family business was always second to her service at the Women's Shelter. Mattie has helped thousands of battered women, and I can think of no one who deserves this award more than **Mattie Carrillo**.

Congratulations, Mattie! **Jim Richard**



Honoring Mattie are Bruce Mercer, Linda Schoonmaker, Betty Baitland, Ron Norsworthy, Vita Goodell, and Jim Richard.

Photos by Ed Lee

## Proudly We Hail



"Proudly We Hail" honors those Americans who display the nation's banner properly and regularly. Recognition is in the form of a beautiful plaque specifically designed for this purpose. **Al McDonald** chaired the committee that recommended the recipients.

**Classic Chevrolet** was recognized for their respectful and consistent display of one of the largest American flags in Fort Bend County.

**Dave Kiger** presented the Proudly We Hail plaque to **Don Kerstetter**, owner of Classic Chevrolet and Exchange Club member. The residential award was given to **Jim and Margie Willet**.

## ECSL Sponsors a New Club



Betty Baitland showed the "New club Builder Award" given to ECSL for helping start **The Lone Star Exchange Club** in Richmond. Many Sugar Land members enjoyed the first banquet at Safari Texas. The club President is **Tracy Shaw** and the Treasurer is our own **Jake Messinger**.



The Exchange Club of Sugar Land recognized **Helen Cordes** as a **Member Emeritus** in celebration of her many years of service to our Club and our community. **Roy Cordes** accepted the award on behalf of his wife Helen Cordes. The award was presented by Board Member **Linda Schoonmaker**.

President **Betty Baitland** presented a check in the amount of \$1,000 to **Richard Aldyne** of the **Alzheimer's Association of Fort Bend County** who invite us to join them in the Memory Walk on October 30, 2010. <http://www.alz.org/memorywalk>



# Mayor Visits Exchange



Sugar Land City Councilman Michael Schiff introduced Mayor Jim Thompson.



Photos by Sue Lockwood



ECESL President, Betty Baitland welcomed Mayor Thompson to the meeting.

Mayor Thompson gave Exchangites and update on Sugar Lands plan to renovate the Imperial Sugar Plant area. The redevelopment project will preserve the history of the Sugar Mill, while adding residential and business developments and green space among the historical buildings. He commented on the proposed minor league baseball stadium/entertainment complex with future plans for hotels and businesses. He also spoke of negotiations in progress to try to get a team affiliated with the Atlantic League to play at the stadium. They are hoping for a 140 game season with 72 home games. The stadium will hold 6,500 to 7,000 seats with 20-25 private suites. For more info go log on to <http://www.sugarlandtx.gov/index.asp>



## Update on Baseball Stadium sent by SL Councilwoman Jackie Chaumette

Could a minor league baseball stadium be built near the now-closed Imperial Sugar plant In Sugar Land? On Tuesday, Sugar Land City Council identified a tract near the northeast corner of Texas 6 and U.S. 90A as its preferred site for such a facility. The site is also near the Sugar Land Regional Airport. *by Iris Kuo 6/23/10* <http://www.ultimatefortbend.com>.

Jackie is recovering from a torn Achilles tendon which she injured jumping up and down while cheering for her son's baseball team! It hasn't slowed her down, however. She is shown here with Harish JaJoo at Exchange Breakfast meeting on her "wheelie scooter."

# New Members



We welcome new members, Kaelyn Stolhana, sponsored by Jim Kij and Tommy Phillips sponsored by Nora Sim.

There will be a new member orientation at the home of Jeri Krauss on July 13 at 6:30 pm.

Photos by Ed Lee

# July Birthdays

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| Michael Cole     | Carl Accardo      |
| Helga Abreu      | Mary Cook         |
| Demetrius Turner | Linda Schoonmaker |
| Gladys Brumfield | Jim Hudnall       |
| Rick Forlano     | Milton Wright     |
| Richard Mudra    | Daniel Menendez   |
| Roy Cordes       | Susan Lockwood    |

# Care Corner

Our sincere thoughts and prayers go out to the following members:

*Bob Hargarther is having knee problems . An MRI is scheduled for 7/6.*

*Lana Flory is recovering from cancer surgery.*

