



Exchange Hotline

"Hands On" Exchange

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President's Message:

Photo by Bob Dempsey 'Tis the season' for Giving and Receiving. We've all heard the message of giving - Christmas and holiday shopping is high on our list of "things to do". And our Exchange Club had some very significant giving in December. We were able to present **Charlie Myer** of the



Fort Bend YMCA a check for \$6500, our contribution for the prayer garden at the Y in memory of Cheryl Welsh. Cheryl was an active member of the Sugar Land community, a member of Southminster Presbyterian church, owner of a successful driving school, former Teacher of the Year at Clements High School, and a past president of our club. But mostly Cheryl was a beloved friend to all. We miss her, but honor her memory and look forward to the dedication of the prayer garden in 2006.

A speaker at a Wednesday breakfast a few years ago was describing how she and a friend came to the work of helping children. She and her friend were talking about needy children and said to each other "it doesn't have to be like that in our community." Powerful words. Ten years ago our club members founded **Santa's Exchange** because they saw a problem in our community and decided "it doesn't have to be like that". This year's Santa's Exchange served thousands, but truly our club members were on the receiving side. Many volunteers from local high schools, the Exchange Club of Fort Bend, and the Sugar Land Rotary Club joined members of our club in the 2005 Santa's Exchange.



Photo by Sue Lockwood

Countless hours went into the preparation, the event and the cleanup, but every volunteer received the joy of service and every volunteer received the gift of knowing that they helped children in our community share in the Christmas spirit.

Amy Mitchell and **Jake Messenger** did a great job chairing the event. We had record toy donations from Fort Bend ISD schools and Fort Bend businesses. The First Colony Church of Christ allowed us to use their excellent facility. All of this combined with hundreds of volunteers made for a great Santa's Exchange. Thanks again to all.

Judge Jim

Richard's

daughter

Katie

proved to

be quite a

karaoke

star during

Holiday

caroling at

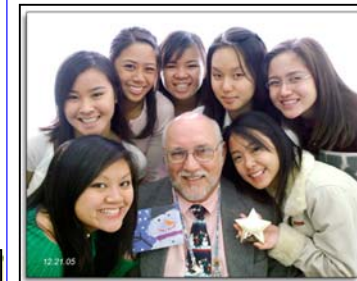
Wednesday's

breakfast

meeting.



Photos by Larry Pullen



Charlie

Adaway

received

hugs and

thanks for

his work with

the Kempner

High School

Excel Club.

The girls and their sponsor Exchangeite **Ashley Lopez** were a great help at Santa's Exchange.

Please have a safe and happy holiday season and let us look forward to 2006 filled with the joy of service.

Let's get involved.....

let's get hands on!



Norma

The Exchange Club of Sugar Land



SPAGHETTI DINNER

Photo by Bob Dempsey

Mayor David Wallace, Honorary Spaghetti Chair (center), **Cynthia vonTesmar**, Fluor Corp. and **Marita Pratt**, Sugar Land Exchange Club (left); **Alicia Marra**, Spaghetti Chair and **Tom and Cristy Jennings** (right) .

The Exchange Club of Sugar Land is gearing up for another great Spaghetti Cook-Off to be held Friday, February 24, 2006 in the Fluor cafeteria, located at One Fluor Daniel Drive, on Highway 6 just north of US 59. With pots and pans in hand, the 19th Annual Spaghetti Cook-Off, promises to be our most successful fundraiser to date.

Proceeds will benefit Fort Bend County charitable organizations including the ESCAPE Family Resource Center, Child Advocates, Fort Bend CrimeStoppers, the Fort Bend Family YMCA, the Fort Bend County Women's Center and many others focusing on children and the prevention of child abuse. Exchange Club members have been, over the nineteen years of the club's existence, directly involved in projects that have contributed in excess of \$1,300,000 to the local community.

The Spaghetti Cook-Off is a fun-filled family event featuring Fort Bend law enforcement's finest award-winning sauce competition, live entertainment for the whole family, live and silent auctions and a children's play area with games, prizes a cake walk and a raffle drawing for some fabulous trips.

Any company, organization or individual that would like to participate by purchasing a corporate table or sponsoring in some other way, please call **Tom Jennings** at 713-269-2724 or **Cristy Lafuente Jennings** at 281-701-9858.

Mark your calendars *now* for Friday, February 24, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., and join us for a fun-filled evening.

"Spaghetti Cook-Off" Committee:

Front row (left-right) **Cristy Lafuente Jennings**; **Paul Barnett**; **Alicia Marra**, Spaghetti Chair; **Leslie Vy-oral**; **Clark Walter**; **Carolyn Lobdell** and **Victoria Chavers**. Second row **Stewart Jacobson**; **Doc Murdock**; **Lynda Boyd**; **Larry Szymaszek**; **Nora Sim**; **Tom Jennings** and **Jim Hudnall**.

Photo by Bob Dempsey



UP COMING EVENTS:

SERVICE TO SENIORS

January 6, 11: 30 a.m.
Help seniors celebrate their Birthdays at the 5th Street Community Center in Stafford. Contact: **Tony Ackerman** tonyackerman@sbcglobal.net or **Mary Jo Salvagio** mjsalvagio@netzero.net



WHITE ELEPHANT PARTY

January 21, 2006 7:00 p.m.

Unwind after the Holidays at Sue & Jim Lockwood's house. Please bring a "white elephant" gift to exchange and an appetizer, side dish, or dessert. Main course and beverages will be supplied by the club. Contact: **Sue Lockwood** 281 343 0415 slockwood@houston.rr.com

SPAGHETTI DINNER

February 24, 2006 (see article)

Save the date!

95TH BIRTHDAY OF EXCHANGE, March 27

LIGHT OF HOPE CEREMONY, April 1, 2006

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



Josie Trentacoste-Soto, Naren Patel, Ray Wathen, Robert Massey, Brenda Robinson, Richard Tisch, Carlos Perez, Scott Perry, Bill Quinn, Will Hardee, Luckie Forman, Scott McClintic, Tom Swonke, Alicia Marra, Jean Davis, Chris Connolly, Michael Shiff, May Williams

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Texas Louisiana Gulf Coast District

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National Exchange Club

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Now she is...



Now she's not...



Watch out, she's coming...



SANTA'S EXCHANGE 2005

Jake and Amy would like to thank all the Sugar Land Exchangites, Sugar Land Rotarians, Fort Bend Exchangites and other volunteers who helped with Santa's Exchange. It was not just the people that came and worked on Saturday, but those of you who collected toys, helped sort and tag, brought toys and wrapping paper, everything! There could not have been a better team or more enthusiastic volunteers. Each and every one of you made this a special day for thousands of children. Although we don't have final numbers yet, we do know that over 3200 children were served. Bethel Ministries served over 900 more needy children with the toys we had left-over! We also helped Mike Flory and Judge Kern with about 10 bags of stuffed animals. Mike plays Santa each year for children in hospitals and seniors in nursing homes. Judge Kern gives bears to children in his court adoption program.

This year, despite hurricane donor fatigue, we had more toys than ever, served more children, recruited more volunteers, received more publicity and had more businesses, hospitals and churches involved. We were able to sort toys *and* hold the event at Ft. Bend Church of Christ. We are very grateful to them for the use of their wonderful facility. Together we all make a difference!