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Club of Garland**
Chartered April 27, 1982

1st Four Wednesdays
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Calendar

August 23rd
Dan & Karen Vaughn
KnD Computers, Computer
Networking

August 30th
**September Board of Directors
meeting at noon**
Eastern Hills CC
Change from Calendar

September 4th
Labor Day Parade
GAKAFTW

September 6th
Business, Business, Business

September 13th
Khalil Meek
Council of American Islamic
Relations

September 21st
TBA

September 27th
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August Birthdays

Tommy Townsend	August 2
Jeff Tokar	August 4
Jerry DeFeo	August 6
Javier Solis	August 11
Jonathon Johnson	August 17
David Weeks	August 29

Mission Statement of National Exchange Clubs

Exchange, America's Service Club, is a group of men and women working together to make our communities better places to live through programs of service in Americanism, Community Service, Youth Activities and the Prevention of Child Abuse

Celebrate 25 Years of Serving

Come join in the celebration of 25 years of serving our community and its' youth.

Don's goals for the year are to increase membership in the club and increase attendance at the meetings to 30 – 35 members. There is a plan to enhance the programs and projects to include more hands on items. He also wants to increase the number of youngsters serviced by our Kid's Christmas Party in December. There will still be Monthly Youth recognition, You Make a Difference, Jonathon's Place activity, Door Prizes, 5for5 and our Adopt a Soldier to send items to plus much more.

Changes Coming

Look for changes in the coming months in the style and presentation of the newsletter; A new website powered by ClubExpress and more publicity in the area news publications

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OCTOBER 28TH
NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

Members Anniversary
Rusty Bryant 19 years

Newsletter Staff

Editor Rosie Neely
Writer Jeff Muessig



It's Sign-Up Time-

The Labor Day Parade is September 4th.

We need folks to walk the parade and hand out American Flags. Don has the sign-up sheet. You can email him at dtinius@comcast.net to add your name.

Meet at Walnut & 5th Streets at

Exchange Clubs Covenant of Service

Accepting the divine privilege of single and collective responsibility as life's noblest gift,
I covenant with my fellow Exchangites:

~~The Texas District Commission~~
To foster and promote the uplifting of social, religious, Political and business ideals;

To discharge the debt I owe
To those of high and low estate
Who have served and sacrificed
That the heritage of American citizenship
Might be mine;

To honor and respect law,
To serve my fellow men, and
To uphold the ideals
And institutions of my country;

To implant the life-giving,
Society-building spirit of service and comradeship
In my social and business relationships;

To serve in unity
With those seeking better conditions,
Better understandings, and
Greater opportunities for all.

Wednesday, August 9th, Jan Furtick spoke on the water situation, or lack of water, in Garland. She stressed the need to be very conservative in our use. Lake Lavon, where we receive our water from, is 14 ft below normal levels and still sinking.

This past March, Connor Steinmetz came to speak to the membership about the People to People program in which he was chosen to participate. This program was initiated during President Eisenhower's administration to help youngsters learn about the customs and cultures of European countries. Connor went to Europe this summer and came on Wednesday, August 9th to tell us about his trip. He celebrated his 13th birthday in Australia while staying with a local family. Connor also traveled in France, Italy, and Germany. He has learned much of the local customs and feels that this experience has been very worthwhile. Connor presented a slide show of some of the places he visited while in Europe.



Connor Steinmetz pictured
With his parents

Wednesday, August 16th we had Tania Foster from Dallas Is Love along with former Cowboy star Tony Hill and Keith Fannon from Congressman Sam Johnson's Korea War Veteran's Association.

Dallas Is Love is a non-profit organization started to benefit the troops that are stationed in South Korea. During Tania's first trip to Korea in 2004 to visit relatives, she had the opportunity to visit with a number of our troops stationed there. She had no idea of the strain that they were under as the majority of them are in Korea without family members. A lot of them have served tours in Iraq. These soldiers seemed so willing to sacrifice everything to serve our country in such a remote outpost so you and I may enjoy the freedom with which we are blessed. I just knew that something had to be done to let these men and women know how much we, the people of America, appreciate them for all their efforts and sacrifices they make everyday. After returning home Tania made numerous phone calls and sent a lot of emails to the Department of the Army and other government organizations before "Dallas Is Love" was born. We are a 501 (c) 3 State of Texas non-profit charitable organization.

After Tania spoke so eloquently of her devotion to our troops overseas she showed a slide show of pictures taken on her most recent trip. If you wish to learn more about this organization to www.dallasislove.org



Tony Hill, Tania Foster,
Keith Fannon were presented
With Flag Desk Sets by the clubs
President-Elect Ken Goodman

Hispanic Heritage Festival

The Hispanic Heritage Festival will be Sunday, September 10th in Central Park. We will have a table by the reading tent and will have available brochures on the Prevention of Child Abuse, Shaken Baby Syndrome and Exchange. We will need volunteers to help with this event. It is scheduled from noon to 8 p.m.

Want to take a Cruise?

Some of our folks have been tossing around the idea of taking a cruise to Monego Bay, Jamaica. Ralph Pinnock, who is from Jamaica, would be our guide. Our X-Travel agent club member said it would cost between \$500 and \$700 per person plus your spending money. Now we want to know who is seriously interested in going before any solid plans are formulated. Let me know by email real soon.

District Director's Meeting

The Texas Louisiana District Directors will be meeting August 26th. There are a number of items on the agenda. If you have any questions or suggestions please contact your Division Director Michael Gothard

ADOPT A SOLDIER

Greg Granteer

Greg Granteer is a young man who graduated from high school along with one of Don Tinius's sons. Greg enlisted in the United States Army. After his basic and advanced training he was sent to Iraq. His assignment was as a guard at one of Saddam Hussein's palaces. Greg was not happy with this assignment so he asked for a transfer to a tank unit. This request was granted and now Greg is doing tank duty.

We have learned through several sources that the duty in Iraq can be dangerous as well as boring and the troops are without the things we use everyday and take for granted so let's all pull together and bring in items for the troops – not just Greg.

Here is a list

Baby wipes, toilet paper, boot laces (brown/tan), sunscreen, deodorant, soap, toothpaste, dental floss, mouthwash, ibuprofen, bug spray, chap stick, bandannas (green, brown, tan), paperback books, pens, pencils, notepads, playing cards, phone cards, dominoes, checkers/chess, jerky, hard candy, magazines and anything else you can think of

Our National President Kim Hodge's theme is "Lite the Fire Within". Do you have a burning desire to help Exchange and to grow an increased base of volunteers to help your community? Let's join together in

Unity for Service