



## “Jeffy’s Muzings”

Well Hello everyone in Exchange land. I hope you are sleeping well while I squeeze out something from my brain. I do not have much in the gap between my ears but I will do my best. The meeting last week was nice. We had about 30 people there but I heard through the grapevine that 10-12 were guests. That sounded great until I heard through the other grapevine that most of them were family people of the students of the month. **Now we have a problem.** We need you guys to start coming to the meetings. Come and have a bad time if you like. You need to come even if it's to see someone you do not like. That's always fun too. You get to irritate the one that irritates you. If that is me come and make me mad or at least irritated. You can always sit on the other side of the room with someone you like and talk about the person that irritates you. Please everyone, do not all sit on one side of the room only. Also, please tell the speakers to talk louder for the lowlifes in the back of the room. My hearing is not so good any more.

I need to tell you real fast about the person I met this weekend at my mom's house. He is Uncle FJ. He is my sister-in-law's uncle. He is from the nursing home in New Orleans. Yes the nursing home that lost about 25-30 people in the floods. Uncle FJ was mobile and they got him out. My brother and his wife found FJ four days later in Lake Charles and moved him to Baytown. Nice place to live just a bad time to move there. Needless to say now you know why this person was with my brother and wife at my moms house last weekend waiting for RITA. I ask him if he liked to travel and he said no. FJ is 73 years old and had some strokes. He is a character and we enjoyed him very much. He loves to watch baseball and says my brother is a lunatic. FJ is a good judge of character. The Lord does work in mysterious ways and through all this rain and muck it brought FJ into our family. He will be much better off in Baytown near my sister in law and my lunatic brother. There are other family members there to take care of him as well. He touched my heart and my funny bone.

The meeting last week had Dr. Culwell of GISD speaking to us. He had a lot of nice and positive things to tell us about GISD. Dr Culwell said there are about 57,000 students in GISD now and it is only going to get bigger. He mentioned that there have been drastic changes in the last 20 years. Grade testing TAKS or TESS or TEEKS or what ever that is is more challenging that ever before. Dr Culwell says he would not like to take those tests and told us he hates to try to solve story problems. He told us about the new pre-K building around Garland to help prepare kids to go to school. He said remember the smoking areas at high school 1975. That was another big change. The population of the schools now are 38% Hispanic, 37% white, 18% black and 8% Asian. I hope that adds to 100%. GISD is trying to keep up with all the changes and make sure that everyone has an opportunity to get a good education. Thanks for visiting with us Dr. Culwell.

And lastly we had a special EXCHANGE person do a very special thing and I would like to tell it to you in song. Please sing these words to the tune of YMCA.

DANA, you were asked to assist

I said,, DANA you-u did not resist,

The-n DANA you-u went out to ge-t toothpaste, soap and stuff

Now DANA you-u too-k command,

I said DANA you-u set up a stand,

OH DANA you-u le-d the band and REACH YOU GOAL FOR OTHERS

1 2 3 4 5

Refrain

That's cause she works at the YMCA. I said she works at the YMCA.

Razors, toothpaste for all of the guys

Female stuff too they need their supplies...

Refrain 2

It all came, from the YMCA, It all came from the YMCA

She knows who to bug to get all the stuff

To give of yourself, it ain't all that tough

EXCHANGE, we can learn from this girl,

I said EXCHANGE, now let's give this a whirl,

No-w let's go and follow this girl to go get, more, stuff , for, our guys,

1 2 3 4 5

They're over there in I R A Q, that's right I said I R A Q.

They need our support so they all can cope.

It's not much it's just some soap.

Refrain 3

Let's give a hand to the YMCA, Let's give a hand to the YMCA

Dana's the best, she knows how to give.

She's teaching all how to live, down a-t the YMCA

**Thanks, DANA, you did a great job. Unity for Service. . . .Ding!!**