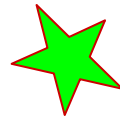




THE MEMORIAL
EXCHANGE CLUB
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Newsletter

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President's Corner:

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Since I lost an hour of sleep recently, I'm sending this out late in protest. Okay, maybe I'm just behind and wanting to capture the green day fun.

I did not show pictures of the rodeo parade last time, so I will include a great group shot below.

This past Sunday's St. Patrick's Day parade down FM 1960 in Champions was fitting of a New Orleans celebration. An estimated crowd of 90,000 packed a three mile stretch with kids and adults anxious to catch the throws of beads, candy and whatever was flying their way. The Memorial and Woodlands clubs pitched in to help the 1960 club gain some exposure in an effort to help grow their membership.

It appears making this a GAKAFTW Americanism project is much larger than what we encountered at the Rodeo Parade. I suggest the district considers this a major project down the road as our flags disappeared into the hands of kids before the parade route was less than halfway covered.

Barbara Hinton from the board of the Orange Show Center for Visionary Art joined our recent breakfast with a video on the projects that the Orange Show supports including the famous beer can house and art car parade. See more about it at <http://www.orangeshow.org/>.

We also received an informative update on the Woods Project by its founder, Steve Rosencranz. What a terrific project he just started a few years ago that is transforming high risk kids into driven young kids that go onto graduating from high school and pursue college degrees. Check it out at <http://www.thewoodsproject.org/>.

COME HELP US BUILD THE EXCHANGE CLUB OF RICHMOND..... Our first open meeting to present to the public will be March 22 at La Cocina, 515 Fm 359 Rd, in Richmond at 6:30pm.

We found a location to hold our first Memorial Exchange Family Crawfish Bowl. We are planning the event for May 22 and will need all of the help we can find. We're starting detailed planning at our next meeting.

Hey we have two new members. My friend Rich Hairston is official and awaiting his induction. We will plan it shortly. Judy Bunch has graciously joined our club; yes, that is The Judy Bunch.

I hope everyone enjoys being Irish for a day.

Tony Ackerman
President, Memorial Exchange Club

Memorial Club Breakfast Meeting March 23rd, 7AM IHOP, 11225 Katy Freeway

Come join us for our regular breakfast meeting Tuesday the 23rd. Our meeting will be devoted to planning for our next fundraiser, and maybe a few surprises.

Orange Show Center for Visionary Art



You still have time to enter your jalopy into the May 8th parade, but you have to do it by this Friday. You can then drive it down to Hobby Club's Casino night after the parade. Give Barbara a call for more details (call me about Hobby).

The Woods Project



Steve Rosencranz answers questions about his camping trip that teaches over 100 kids how to fend for themselves. Dixie Nichols and Elmer Milz listen to his passion.

Mark Your Calendar

Jan. 1- Mar. 30 Stand Up America

Mar 22 – Richmond Exchange Club presentation, La Cocina, 515 Fm 359 Rd, in Richmond at 6:30pm.

April 10 – Crime Prevention Dinner

REGULAR TUESDAY MEETINGS:

March 23 – Fundraiser Planning

March 30 – Kate Crady – Arbor School Update

April 13 – Nikitia Johnson – Social Security Update

Houston Rodeo Parade



A great day for a great event where thousands enjoyed our flags and listened to the Aggie Band following our footsteps.

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 its national project, the Prevention of Child Abuse.