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Hole #17 Heading Down the Stretch

As the mercury rises, the kids get out of school for the summer and our club year begins to wind down, let me take a minute to recap some of our great club's more recent outstanding achievements.

First and foremost, on February 27th, we successfully held our 17th consecutive Spaghetti Cook-off. Hearty congratulations to **Jim "Coach Meatball" Kij** for leading us in a decisive victory. For the third year in a row our club netted over \$100,000. These are the monies that will fund our programs of service and charitable donations during **Jerry Hurst's** year as President. Special recognition to **Greg "Dr. Radicchio" Oelfke** and **Leigh March** for helping us to exceed 600 raffle tickets sold (\$60,000) for the very first time in club history! We were also honored to have our National Exchange Club President, Pam Sudlow (and the first woman President, I might add) roll up her sleeves and pitch in to help with our record setting silent auction chaired by President-Elect, **Norma Reyna, Cheryl Welsh** and **Sue Sanchez**. Pam was officially chauffeured to Spaghetti and the Houston Rodeo Parade by **Brenda Robinson**. As Jim so eloquently stated, this was a total team effort and we can all be very proud of our awesome victory. Team! Team! Team! It's a good thing that this was a leap year because we needed the extra day in February to catch our collective breaths to prepare for our strong finish! Since Spaghetti, we have hosted three Service to Seniors birthday parties led by the indefatigable **Mary Jo Salvaggio** and her always trusty Co-Chair, **Tony Ackerman**. Thanks, as always, to those of you who regularly turn out to serve ice cream and cake to the seniors during our shortest (no pun intended, Mary Jo!) community service event, held on the first Friday of every

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Defenders of Liberty

Congratulations to our own **Ray Wathen, Larry Pullen, Chris Breaux, Doc Murdock, Dave Kiger, and Bob Hargarther** for receiving the Defenders of Liberty award.



Bob & Doc!

Upcoming Events:

July 2nd - Service to Seniors

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month.

Thank you to all of you who volunteered in our two community service projects this spring. On March 13th, we partnered with the Sugar Land Fire Department to install smoke detectors in our ongoing goal to insure that every home in Sugar Land is equipped with smoke detectors.

We are grateful to **Lydia Bourg** for leading us in this potentially life saving project. Our annual house painting project held in April was well attended and included a number of Kempner Excel Club members. Thank you to **Jorge and Alicia Marra** for heading up this project once again.

The Americanism Committee Chaired by **Monty Kelley** has been extremely busy, too. We have held two Freedom Shrine Installations in the past two months which have been carefully organized by **Dave Kiger**. The first one was installed at Arizona Fleming Elementary School and the ceremony was led by our patriotic and naturalized American, **Naren Patel**. Special thanks to **Tom Nevotti** who sponsored this shrine in memory of his parents. The second shrine was installed at Fort Settlement Middle School and the program was led by the always eloquent **Arthur Pace** and was kindly sponsored by **Cheryl White** in memory of her late husband, Sheriff's Department Lieutenant Jim White.

As I write this column on the eve of Memorial Day, I am filled with great pride as I reflect upon our two visits to the VA Hospital to Giveavetaflagtowave and the five Defender of Liberty recognition plaques we have presented so far in 2004. During our Giveavetaflagtowave projects we had the privilege of handing out more than 500 U.S. flags (keep in mind that each flag represents a visit with one veteran.) Our five Defender of Liberty recipients represented five of our very own club members - **Ray Wathen, Larry Pullen, Chris Breaux, Doc Murdock** and **Dave Kiger**. On behalf of our club please let me extend my deepest

gratitude to all of the veterans in our club for your service and sacrifice to our great country.

Commit to Life. Thank you to all of you who have committed to participate in our club's quarterly blood drives organized by **Lydia Bourg** and **Wyn Johnson**. Remember you can donate whole blood every 56 days. Your generous blood donations will cover members of your own immediate family and members of our club who are not eligible to donate blood if there is ever a need. We have had a bumper year for membership. Special thanks to **Don and Sherry Burns** for opening up their beautiful home to host our new member orientations this year and to **Don Zienty** and **Bob Hargarther**, for organizing these informative and fun "get to know our club" sessions. Thank you to everyone in our club who has shared the privilege of Exchange with a friend this year. By passing along this compliment you have allowed us to reach some important milestones. In January, we reached 200 members for the first time and then in February we reached 204 members in 2004, which was our goal! Today our membership stands at 215 members strong and we have become the second largest Exchange Club in the United States of America by a wide margin! In the immortal words of **Richard Early**, "Size Does Matter!"

Before this column gets any longer or more unwieldy than it already is, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for Accepting the Challenge of Excellence this year. You are all ACE's in my eyes and I am confident that the best is yet to come for our beloved and "outstanding" club!

All my best to you and yours,

Your friend,

Scott



Happy March, April, May, & June Birthdays:

Linda Lupro, Donnell Cooper,
Bob Dempsey, Don Burns,
Leslie Vyoral, Elaine Falleroni,
Patty Hoelker, Louis Garvin,
Mike Flory, Brenda Pullen,
Paul Barnett, Charles Keith,
Bob Hargarther, Patrick LaRue,
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Don Schneider, Nancy Brownlee,
Jim Kij, Jim Lockwood,
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Jeffrey Ricken, Jerry Hurst,
Ronald Norsworthy, Dennis Dowell,
Linda Johnson, Jack Williams,
Kay Parker, Carolyn Lobdell,
Larry Szymaszek, Margie Connolly,
Mary Jo Salvaggio, Jorge Marra,
Gary Panetti, Jean Scott,
Dena Lee, Cynthia Von Tesmar,
Dennis Parmer, Naomi Lam,
Linda Patterson, Stewart Jacobson,
David Newell, Barbara Brescian,
Eric Thode, Sheryl Eskowitz,
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Making Sugar Land Safer!

Our firefighters and volunteers with both the Sugar Land Exchange Club (chaired by **Lydia Bourg**) and students with the Kempner High School Excel Club performed a remarkable service for our citizens during our March smoke detector drive.

The 21 volunteers and firefighters installed 117 new battery operated smoke alarms, 29 fresh 9v batteries in existing alarms for 69 residents that accepted this free service. We have already begun to receive numerous home inspections and alarm installation requests from informational door hangers left where homes were unoccupied during our drive!

This was an outstanding effort that could not have been possible without the many benefactors of our smoke alarm program.



House Paint Project



Thanks to everyone for making this a big success!

Hail to the Chief!



Thank you Scott, for all your hard work!



Give a Vets Flag to Wave!

Enjoy Larry's Handiwork!!!

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