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**DEC Birthdays**

- Don Sutton..... 10 Dec  
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**DEC Anniversaries**

- Estella Macias..... 9 Dec  
 John Odom..... 17 Dec

***Meeting!***

**General membership meet every Monday (Except Holidays) at Noon and BOD meet every 3rd Monday of each month, 1pm at the Yank Sing Restaurant, CTE, Killeen, TX**



***Lillian Ann Farris, Ph.D.***

- ♦ Assistant City Manager, City of Killeen, Internal Services
- ♦ Food Care Center, Co-Director

***Guest Speaker, Dec 2, 2013***

Dr. Farris is an extremely motivated leader and educator serving a diverse Central Texas community that is both civilian and military in its nature. She is passionate about investing in causes that make a difference in our community.

Dr. Farris presented an overview of the Food Care Center operation. The center received 103,000 pounds of food during last month's annual Food for Families drive, but it's only a fraction of the 2.3 million pounds distributed to clients this year. This food drive helps provide about 1,500 Thanksgiving and 500 Christmas baskets on top of its regular operations. The center is supported by 20 local churches, grants, local giant food stores, Exchange Club of Killeen, and other individual donors.

The center also depends on Capital Area Food Bank for contributions and food purchases. The nonprofit agency in Austin, TX provides food to more than 300 partner agencies in Central

Texas. According to Capital Area website, they provided more than 22 million pounds of food to its partner agencies in its 2012 fiscal year.

Dr Farris said nearly 80,000 people depended on the Food Care Center in its 2013 fiscal year which ended September 30; about 6,000 more than the previous year. Clients can use the center once a month and receive enough food to provide three meals a day for 10 days. Dr. Farris stated that about 25 percent of the people who visit the food center are one-time users, about 20 percent are military which she said is a "hot-button topic"

The center has 55 regular volunteers who help facilitate the process as individuals go through the warehouse selecting food. Several volunteers are retired military officers and several more are teachers.

On average, the center costs \$305,000 per month to operate. Yes, there are challenges; the toughest months for the food pantry are June, July and August. That is when children are out of school. They don't have access to free or reduced lunches like they did during the school year. So the need increases during the summer months. Since Dr. Farris and her husband, Gerald, began running the center in 2005, there have been two times when the food bank struggled to meet demand. "The community responded with donations"

Killeen's steadily growing population also presents the center with challenges. When I started there were about 40 families going through per day. Currently, the average caseload is 130 families per day.

"The Challenge is huge in terms of a growing population" she said. A lot of times it's people just coming into town and they don't have a job yet or just trying to pay all deposits of moving in.

**Killeen Food Care Center** is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. On the first and third Friday of every month, hours are extended from 4 to 7 p.m.

**Location:** 210 N. 10th St. Killeen, TX

**Phone:** 254-554-3400

**Website:** www.foodcare.org



News/Events

♦Dec 9: Guest Speaker Ms Fran- cie Charles, Clements Boys & Girls Club Resource Develop- ment Chair and Exchange Club member.

♦Dec 14: Christmas on the Farm will be held at Bell County Expo Arena beginning at 10:00 a.m. Excel Clubs will participate in this event. Fun for the entire fam- ily. Proceeds will benefit our Child Abuse program of Central Texas.

♦Dec 14: City Annual Christmas Parade will begin at 4:30pm downtown. Lineup will be at 3pm Exchangites will participate.

♦Dec 16: Santa Visits Exchange: Exchangites has selected six or- ganizations to honor for their ser- vice to our community.

♦Dec 16: BOD meeting will be conducted at 1 p.m. This will be our last meeting for 2013. Next meeting will be Jan 6, 2014.

District website:  
[www.texasdistrictexchange.org](http://www.texasdistrictexchange.org)

National website:  
[www.nationalexchange.org](http://www.nationalexchange.org)

**“Freedom Shrine Dedication”**



**“Freedom Shrine “ Eastern Hills Middle School, Harker Heights, Texas, Dec 5, 2013**

Club President Larry Holly welcomed approximately fifty plus guest to the dedication with a special thanks to Ms Blessingame, Principal, Eastern Hills Middle School and her staff. Invocation was given by club member, Rev. D. Michael Jones and all guest joined in the “Pledge of Allegiance” fol- lowed by the EHMS “Trumpet En- semble” playing Star-Spangled Ban- ner” Texas District President-Elect Dick Young, Guest Speaker, said; the main purpose of the Freedom Shrine is a constant reminder to all Amer- icans that freedom is a result of the hard work and determination of our forefathers. Mr Young stated that the Freedom Shrine was inspired by the Freedom Train, a traveling exposition of historic documents which toured the United States shortly after World War II. The National Exchange Club agreed to install permanent displays of the most significant of these his- torical documents in communities throughout the nation so that all Americans would have access to their rich heritage.

President Holly presented the Free- dom Shrine and a dedication plaque to Principal Blessingame. Ms Blassin- game stated: “Freedom Shrine” is a rare and beautiful gift, and one that will enhance our students’ education

for years to come. President of the Student Council, 8th grader, Cameo Jones expressed her gratitude to the Exchange Club for pro- viding such a great historic document to our school. KISD Superintendent; Dr Robert Mueller, Assistant KISD Superintendent; Dr. John Craft, and Harker Heights Fire Department Representative addressed the audience with similar remarks and reminded the students that the freedoms we enjoy must be cherished and protected. The schools’ “Trumpet Ensemble” concluded the dedication ceremony playing “God Bless America.

**THANK YOU “Mark”**

Mr. Mark Hyde, Americanism Committee Chairman, has organized two successful club events; One Nation Under God Prayer Breakfast and a Freedom Shrine Dedication Ceremony within a two month period.

Well done.

**Just One More  
2013-2014 Campaign**



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Exchange is asking you for one new member

Recruit a new member and receive a Just One More pin.

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Mentor your new member(s) and watch the membership chain grow.

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