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Weekly Meetings

Wednesdays, 7:00 a.m. Sweetwater Country Club Palm Royale Blvd. Sugar Land, Texas Officers 2006-2007 Interim President Stewart Jacobson (281) 277-6400 **President-Elect** Clark Walter (281) 277-6400 Secretary Paul DeMarsh (713) 782-7730 Treasurer Pat Welsh (281) 343-0444 Immediate Past President Norma Reyna (281) 980-2076 Directors Betty Bait land (281) 242-2214 Paul Barnett (713) 822-4612 Robert Kern (281) 238-3290 Susan Lockwood (281) 343-0415 Ron Norsworthy (281) 261-6673 Kay Parker (713) 260-5230 Larry Pullen (281) 530-9373 Bill Rohrbach (713) 521-0221 Don Zienty (281) 782-2922

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President's Message

Spaghetti: The other white meat. It's what's for dinner. It's not just for breakfast anymore. These are some of the famous advertising slogans used to promote the consumption of spaghetti. Yet can any of these slogans crafted by the Darren Stevens' of the world teach us the noblest use for this most Chinese of Italian food? - Certainly not.

Spaghetti has a glorious 20 year history in Sugar Land. It first broke out of pantries in 1987 when the Exchange Club of Sugar Land held its first annual Spaghetti Cook-off. For the next nineteen years spaghetti has been responsible for raising well over \$1 million to support the projects of Exchange. Those projects include the prevention of child abuse, service to seniors, youth recognition, Americanism and many others.

Spaghetti is a versatile substance but cannot raise money without your help. There is a multitude of ways that each of us can get involved, from selling raffle and dinner tickets, securing silent auction items, baking cakes for the cake walk, and volunteering on February 23rd to work at the event.

Spaghetti is an all hands on deck event. Spaghetti is the event that makes most of the good we do in the community possible. It's the only event for which I will ask everyone to participate. How you participate is up to you. I'd be very appreciative if you could sell a few raffle tickets and bring a couple of silent auction items. These are among the largest components to the financial success of Spaghetti and two fund-raisers that everyone can do. Working at the event is also crucial to our success. You don't have to be built like an Adonis like me to volunteer. There are ways you can contribute from a chair.

Spaghetti is also a lot of fun, so long as no one gets sauced. It's the best way I know for new members to jump right in and see what its like to be an Exchangite. It's also a great chance for experienced members and those who are attendance challenged to get back that feeling of belonging and camaraderie that makes this club such a jewel.

Spaghetti number 20 is upon us. Its time for us to dig in and make Spaghetti's 20th anniversary be all it can be.

Stewart Jacobson Interim President

Photos by Mary Cook



Ready for Spaghetti!



The Exchange Club of Sugar Land



CJ Eaden and Sam Cornelius are all smiles during their induction as new members into the Exchange Club of Sugar Land. Jack Williams (center) congratulates them both.



Huddling together to keep warm after braving the ice storm on January 17 to attend the meeting were Brian and Reagan Walters, Jake Messinger, Amy Mitchell and Mary Cook.

Vita Rogers from The Fort Bend County Women's Center accepted a check in the amount of \$2,000 from Interim President Stewart Jacobson at the January 31st meeting.



Crystal Sherrod from Big Brothers Big Sisters accepted a \$1500 to help provide positive role models for children. Crystal also joined the club! Welcome Crystal.





Many thanks to the wonderful staff at Sweetwater Country Club for providing us with a delicious breakfast at 7:00 a.m. every Wednesday Morning - complete with hot coffee to wake us up!



Exchange Club Members Charles and Paula Stansell not only sponsored the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Cook-off Team, but also purchased a table in the Corporate area.



Ms. Haji wrote a book to help teens examine their principles and values and set goals for their lives entitled <u>Get a Grip on Life.</u>

Authors Hanifa Haji and Dr. Jeff Ricken spoke about their books at the January 24 and January 31 meetings.



Photos by Mary Cook



Dr. Jeff Ricken has written a suspensefilled novel <u>The Circle's Corner</u>. The book is fiction, but includes some of Dr. Ricken's real life experiences.



February Birthdays

Robert Kern, Patti Funk, John Hancock, John Todd, Betty Baitland, Dave Kiger, Brian Walters, Jim Richard, Dana Atkinson, Stephanie Dawson, Leigh March

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