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Wednesdays, 7:00 a.m.
Sweetwater Country Club
Palm Royale Blvd.
Sugar Land, Texas

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Photo by Larry Pullen



This holiday season, the Exchange Club of Sugar Land, Fort Bend Exchange Club, Sugar Land Rotary and the Fort Bend Independent School District along with many area businesses and service organizations, collaborated to put on our fifteenth Santa's Exchange Project. Santa's Exchange is our annual toy drive that provides new gifts to over 3000 Underprivileged Fort Bend children. The beneficiaries are children of families from Project

S.M.I.L.E., the Fort Bend County Women's Center and Child Advocates of Fort Bend.

The event on December 18th at First Colony Church of Christ was lead by Chairperson **Jennifer Cole** and Co-Chair **John Robson**. **Lydia** and **John Bourg**, with **Reagan** and **Brian Walters** worked hard on sorting, tagging and the computer program. **Sue Sanchez** spent months purchasing amazing toys for the children at reasonable prices. **Scott McClintic**, **Dan McMillan**, and **Leslie Woods** worked tirelessly signing in the parents. **Harish Jajoo** called in the food troops and convinced Subway to graciously donate 200 sandwiches to the Santa Exchange volunteers as they worked feverishly to make this a successful event. **Farha Ahmed** provided donuts and also enlisted the help of Minute Maid which donated orange juice and water. **Larry Pullen** once again donated his time to take amazing photos of the event. We thank not only these Exchangites, all of our Exchange volunteers and the supporting organizations for their unselfish support in our community. This year we saw many new collaborators such as Memorial Hospital System, Hyatt Place, Jack and Jill of Sugar Land and Missouri City and the ARC of Ft. Bend. Volunteers came from all over to help with this worthwhile event, including area high schools, businesses, religious centers, Girls Scouts and Boy Scouts. Some recipients were so touched by the generosity of the event that they actually stayed to help as volunteers.

We must now turn our attention to the New Year and the challenges that it poses. Our first call to order is our Spaghetti Cook-off chaired by the incomparable **Doug Earle** on February 18th. With funds raised at Spaghetti, we can continue to fund the many other activities and organizations we support and sponsor events such as the CASA Gala for Child Advocates, Boogie for the Fort Bend Women's Center, Best of the West for ARC, the Boy Scouts, and Santa's Exchange. Our Spaghetti Committee chairs need your help to make this a record setting year. Please sell raffle tickets, dinner tickets, and get sponsorships and donations for the Live and Silent Auctions. There is no better family event in Fort Bend, especially for such a reasonable price and great cause. We look forward to this all hands on deck event.

The Exchange Club of Sugar Land is definitely Rising and Shining in our community.

Each of you exemplifies why Exchange is the Nation's largest National Service Organization.

Amy Mitchell, President





DATE CHANGE: SUNDAY, January 16, 5:00 PM

White Elephant After Christmas Party

**Sue & Jim Lockwood's House
7406 Timberlake Drive
Greatwood Shores, Sugar Land 77479**

Please bring a gift to exchange and a dish to share

Texas Louisiana Gulf Coast District Mid Winter Conference
will be held on January 29th 8:00 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Houston Hobby Marriott
RSVP to texlougcd@gmail.com or call Shayla at 281-923-8413