

Exchange



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The Exchange Club of Sugar Land

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Weekly Meetings

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

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LASSIC Chili Challenge











...and the winner is **The Medicine Wagon's Snake Oil Chili**. Team members **Helen Burgess, David Hayes and Bob Dunham** were presented the trophy by **Don Kerstetter**, Owner of Classic Chevrolet and ECSL team coordinator Jim Kij (back row).

Several members of our Exchange Club of Sugar Land registered 5 of the 35 teams gathered to support Don Kerstetter and the Classic Chevy Cook-Off, in it's mission to raise funds that will benefit the Sugar Land Police Officers Association: The teams were: the Fort Bend Regional Council / John Robson, Witt Catering Services / Shaunna Witt, Three Flowers and a Cactus / Brenda Robinson, Leslie Woods, Reagan Walters & Jim Kij, The Hard Hatters / Ed Lee, Jon Lindgren & Paul Barnett, The Medicine Wagon / Helen Burgess, David Hayes & Bob Dunham.

The event winners ...

Best Traditional Chili

The Medicine Wagon-Snake Oil Chili

Best Non Traditional Chili The Curry Cup Best Hot and Spicy Chili Mia Bella Best Booth Design Stadia Grill Best Crowd Pleasers Slap Yo Mama





"cures whatever ails ya'

Many Exchangites and their family members attended and sampled some very interesting chili. **Don Kerstetter** and his staff furnished an excellent venue for this event. including The Fort Bend Boys Choir, Kinky Friedman, the Skeeters Mascot, the Buc-ee's Mascot, a great band, etc.

by Bob Dunham

Photos by Larry Pullen



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month



President Steve Griffith and Past President Amy Mitchell presented checks for \$5,000 each to Jennipher Cole for Depelchin Children's Center and to John Robson for Ft. Bend Council on Substance Abuse for their collaborative, Exchange created Child Abuse Prevention Program.





Baker Hughes, Incorporated; Brian & Martha Baer; Indo American Forum of Fort Bend; Sysco Corporation



Guest speaker Wendy Cook stated that the mission of **SIRE** is to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities through therapeutic horseback riding and related activities.

http://sire-htec.org

Guest speaker **Sunil Thakkar's** fascination for music and movies came from his upbringing in Bombay, India. Sunil and his wife **Sandhya** live in Sugar Land with their two children. After graduating



with a MBA from Rice University, while working at Shell Oil, Sunil and Sandhya started a South Asian radio show in Houston. www.MasalaRadio.com The radio show evolved into hosting Indian parties, shows and weddings aboard Marsala Cruises.

Sunil entertained Exchangites with a combination of Indo American humor and stories of his childhood and family that cut across all lines of religion and ethnicity. He was humble, touching and hilarious. Sunil and his wife Sandhya were introduced by Exchange members Harish Jajoo and Steward Jacobson. (rt)

Photo by Ed Lee



Youth of the Month Award

Allison Grabowski **Clements High School Presenter: Kelly Buettner**



Young Citizenship Award

Christian Espinosa First Colony Middle School Presenter: Nick Landoski

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