



Exchange Hotline

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The Exchange Club of Sugar Land

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

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**Happy Birthday
Exchange!!!**



Past President Jim Kij cut the cake celebrating the **102nd Birthday of The National Exchange Club**. **The Exchange Club of Sugar Land** celebrated its 25th Birthday during **Gladys Brumfield's** term as President. Exchange is America's Premiere Service Club, working to make America a better place to live through one national project, the Prevention of Child Abuse, and many other community service projects. **Photos by Larry Pullen**

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

It is very difficult for most of us to imagine that any person would intentionally harm an innocent child. As difficult as it is to imagine, it does happen even in our wonderful community. As you know, April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and our Program Chair **Doug Earle** and his team have several events planned to raise awareness. Since Ms. Finney tied the blue ribbon around her antenna in 1989, millions of people across the country have participated in Blue Ribbons campaigns.

This is Bonnie Finney's story:

My grandchildren had suffered and battled so much throughout their young lives that it sickened me. My life was turned into physical and mental chaos. My efforts to understand became a plea to stop abusing children. I tied a Blue Ribbon on my van antenna to make people wonder. Why blue? I intend never to forget the battered, bruised bodies of my grandchildren. Blue serves as a constant reminder to me to fight for protection for our children.

This story demonstrates the effect that we can have in Fort Bend County. Since that first ribbon there have been millions across the country tying blue ribbons to make more people aware of child abuse. There will be many Exchange Clubs across the Nation working to tell the public that we must help **Prevent Child Abuse**. In Sugar Land we will be doing the same thing. Please tell everyone who will listen about the blue ribbon on the tree and help make a difference in the lives of abused and neglected children.

I pray that you and all Exchangites will attend the Light of Hope on Friday, April 5th at 6:00 pm in Sugar Land Town Center and join the team that will be tying ribbons on trees in Sugar Land on Saturday, April 6th. They are meeting at 8:00 am at Home Depot, Williams Trace and 59. By joining us in all the activities planned you can help bring awareness to our community and make Fort Bend County a better place to live and serve. Thank you.

Gladys J. Brumfield, President



Photos by Ed Lee



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Ruthanne Mefford, Executive Director of Child Advocates of Fort Bend County, **Donna McNutt** CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) and **Judge Robert Kern** reminded the club members of the prevalence and severity of Child Abuse in Fort Bend County. It is a law that citizens report any suspected cases of child abuse to the HOT LINE 1-800-252-5400 or on line at www.txabusehotline.org. A local CFPS agent will be assigned to the case to investigate along with local law enforcement agencies. Child Advocates and the court will help find a safe, permanent home for the abused/neglected or sexually assaulted children. Please join us at the **LIGHT OF HOPE**, Friday April 5, 6:00 pm in Sugar Land Town Center.



Photo by Shaunna Witt



Danielle Nguyen was presented by **David Lanagan** as Student of the Month from **Kempner High School**.

Cameron West was presented as Citizen of the Month from **First Colony Middle School**.

Outstanding Students



Check Presentations

Photos by Larry Pullen

A check in the amount of \$1,500 was presented by **President Gladys Brumfield** to **Michael Morrow** for **Young Life** Teen Moms and Pregnant Teens Program. The world of a teenager can be pretty scary. Young Life enters their world and offers hope.

<http://fortbend.younglife.org>



John Robson accepted a check in the amount of \$2,500 for **Fort Bend Regional Council on Substance Abuse**.

www.fortbendcouncil.org



Ruthanne Mefford, Executive Director, accepted a check in the amount of \$500 for the **Child Advocates of Fort Bend County** Light of Hope Ceremony to be held on Friday, April 5 at 6:00 pm in Sugar Land Town Center. A free concert will follow. www.cafb.org

Congratulations to ECSL member **Shaunna Witt** for receiving the Fort Bend Sun's 2013 Reader's Choice Award for **Best Caterer**.

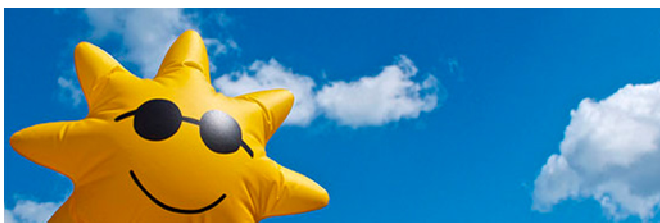


Light of Hope Invite

Please Join Us As We Shine The
Light On Child Abuse

Light of Hope

Friday, April 5, 6:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.
Sugar Land Town Square



sponsored by **Friends of Child Advocates** and **The Exchange Club of Sugar Land**.



3rd Annual Classic Chili Challenge 2013

@ **CLASSIC CHEVROLET**

Thursday, April 11th, 4-6 PM

benefiting the Sugar Land Police Officers Association

Texana Center's Reaching for the Stars "Bollywood" Gala

at Safari Texas on Friday, April 12, 2013 For information about sponsorship or tickets contact:
Phone: 281.239.1427. To purchase tickets online visit www.texanacenter.com



Crime Prevention Luncheon

April 18th, 12:00 @ Missouri City Center

For more information contact: Ray Wathen
raywathen@sbcglobal.net or 713.557.4937



6th Annual Mad Hatter Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show Benefiting Fort Bend Seniors

Meals on Wheels Friday, April 26th, 2013, 11:30 am Stafford Centre for the Performing Arts
10505 Cash Road, Stafford, TX *Reservation & Sponsorship Form Online at* www.fortbendseniors.org



SAVE THE DATE!!!! Put it on your calendar today!

Treasures Under The Sea Gala benefiting Child Advocates of Fort Bend

Saturday, May 4, 2013

Sugar Land Marriott

Get your tickets on-line. www.cafb.org

Texas Louisiana Gulf Coast District Exchange Clubs Annual Convention

• June 7th - 9th, 2013 • Embassy Suites Hotel

4914 Constitution Avenue • Baton Rouge, LA 70808 1-800-EMBASSY

For application go to <http://www.tlgcd.net/> or contact clarkwalter@windstream.net



The 95th National Exchange Club Convention will be held Wednesday, July 10, through Saturday, July 13, 2013, in Greensboro, North Carolina. All convention sessions and meal events will take place at The Sheraton Greensboro Hotel at Four Seasons. Make plans to join us this summer! www.nationalexchangeclub.org

Happy April Birthday

**Paul Barnett, Don Schneider, Bob Hargather, John Robson,
David Hayes, Jim Kij, Jim Lockwood, Margo Pasko**