Exchange Newsletter

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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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President's Message

Greetings Exchangites:

This has been one heck of a month. Now I know what friends meant when they said that they were busier retired, than when working. I am not truly retired, as I am still sitting as a Judge on an assignment basis.

Earlier this month ECSL was well represented at the National Convention in Greensboro, NC. I believe there were 9 of us. You may not realize it, but ECSL is nationally recognized and we are the 5th largest club in the country. We have several new awards and it may be time to order a new banner. I didn't realize it, but Exchange is the oldest charitable organization, having been founded in 1911.

What did you think about the installation banquet? Guess where the idea originated for chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and green beans? Yes, the ice cream on the cobbler, was Blue Bell. Most sincere thanks to John Robson, Jim Kij, Nora Sim, Sweetwater and all who made the banquet a great success.

We have 4 new Board members along with all new officers. The energy and enthusiasm is amazing. We still have one or two Chair openings, so step forward. If you feel the need, grab a friend to be your co-Chair. Everyone should also join at least one committee. Be involved. There are big plans for 2013-14 and we want you to be part of them. This is your club.

Where are we going? We are reaching out to all members, particularly the new ones who may feel lost and the long term ones who may feel overlooked. ECSL is a family. The "getting to know you" segment is back in the Wednesday meeting.

We want to share your celebrations and your concerns. If you miss several meetings we will check on you. We will be more involved in planning to make sure each of you knows that you are important to the ECSL family and to our mission. Notice, not only do we have all new officers, several new Committee chairs have answered the call.

We will also be more involved with the charities we support. We are stewards of individual and corporate donors, and we want to make sure the money is being used to best assist those in need.

All of this will not happen over night, but with your help, it will happen.

Our pin this year is a dove signifying hope as in the dove Noah saw signifying a new beginning. Your officers, directors and committee chairs—are on board. Won't you join with us?

Robert J Kern President

Meeting News



Photo by Ed Lee

President Elect John Robson officiated a Wednesday breakfast meeting where Missouri City Manager Ed Broussard told Exchange Members about the exciting new things happening in Missouri City. The new City Centre at Quail Valley, located at 2880 La Quinta Dr., has hosted dozens of festive occasions including weddings, business meetings, birthday parties, tournaments, banquets, etc. Lakeview Business Part is being built to accommodate some of the many businesses that are moving into Missouri City. Broussard highlighted some of

the city's growth and development projects which include: Annexation, a Community Development Block Grant, upgrades to architectural design standards, future acquisition and development of parks and recreation facilities, infrastructure projects, and Texas Parkway & Cartwright Road corridor improvements. www.missouricitytx.gov

President Robert Kern "mugged" our guest speakers from The Sugar Land Skeeters. **Deacon Jones** is a retired professional baseball player who played first base in the Major Leagues with the Chicago White Sox. **Kyle Dawson** is Senior Director of Community Development. Kyle wants to extend community awareness of the Skeeters organization and strengthen community relationships. www.sugarlandskeeters.com





"Getting to Know You" Members Corner



ECSL Treasurer Leo Weinberg is Project Manager at Freese and Nichols Water/Wastewater Treatment & Infrastructure. Leo attended Perdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. He attended classes with Astronaut Neil Armstrong! He is married and has a son and a daughter, three grandchildren and another one on the way! Leo enjoys golf as a hobby. **Photo by Shaunna Witt**

Karen Daly, Assistant City Manager, of Sugar Land Public Service is married to Steve and has two daughters. She serves on the Exchange Club Board of Directors. She is chairman of The Arc of Fort Bend County. Karen holds two graduate degrees in Urban Affairs and Social Work Administration from the University of Texas at Arlington, where she also received her bachelor's degree. Karen did a great job chairing The Exchange Club Spaghetti Dinner Live Auction Committee in February. **Photo by Ed Lee**



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Save the Date! Walk Will Prill Sunday, August 18

Sunday, August 18th Exchangites are needed to help underprivileged children select a new pair of school shoes at Payless Shoe Stores from 7-12 AM. For more information contact: Farha Ahmed farha@windstream.net

Boy Scout Breakfast

DON"T FORGET! Breakfast Meeting August 21, 2013
Annual Pancake Breakfast served by BSA Troop 731
August 21, 2013 7:00 am LYF Center. 13444 Southwest Freeway,
Sugar Land, TX NOT at Sweetwater!

Friday, August 30, 2013. The event starts at 6:30pm with Dinner at the Ol' Railroad Cafe, then onto Vogelsang's Antique emporium for some browsing and then to the Theatre at 8pm.

Cost: \$40 per person. Only 20 tickets on hold. Tickets go fast so RSVP right now...14 of the 20 have been spoken for already.

For more information, contact the social committee:

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