



# Exchange Hotline

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### Weekly Meetings

Wednesdays, 7:00 a.m.

Sweetwater Country Club  
Palm Royale Blvd.  
Sugar Land, Texas

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The Santa's Exchange Team held a press conference to get the word out about toy collection boxes. Councilman Himesh Ghandi read a proclamation from the City.

Photo by Ed Lee

### President's Message:

**Santa's Exchange** is our largest service project of the year and **Spaghetti** is our annual fundraiser. Be sure you sign up for both. The club needs you. The vast majority of us are active in the club, but there are always a few who have good intentions, but just don't quite put them into action. New members, this is the best way for you to get involved and to meet others. Sign up.

Speaking of which only about 1/2 of our members have registered on the website. Take a few moments and complete the process. You cannot be part of ECSL if you don't know what is going on.

Thanks to Doug Earle for a great program on the 27th. We had a good crowd and his Thanksgiving test was fun. For those of you who were using computers for the answers, Santa Claus was watching.

I hope you had a Happy Thanksgiving, enjoying family and food and remembering your blessings.

Robert J Kern, President



Jonathan Pursch from Frost Bank brought two bicycles for Santa's Exchange that the employees built themselves by hand!  
**Thank you Frost Bank.**

Photo by Larry Pullen

## Santa's Exchange TOYS FOR TOTS

Saturday December 14, 2013  
First Colony Church of Christ 7:30am – 5:00pm

Please bring a toy to the breakfast meeting on December 4th. We need assistance with toy collection boxes at participating schools. We need Elves to help, with unloading, transporting, sorting, and tagging on the following dates:

Monday December 9: 5:30 – 8:00pm  
Tuesday December 10: 5:30 – 8:00pm  
Wednesday December 11: Off  
Thursday December 12: 5:30 – 8:00pm  
Friday December 13: 5:30 – 8:00pm

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## Honoring Outstanding FBISD Students



Youth Chair Helen Burgess introduced **Jayla King** from First Colony MS with her parents Cydrick and Sonya, brother Landyn and teacher Lindsey McCoun.

**Francis Barcelo** is Kempner HS student of the month. She was accompanied by her parents Grace and Manny, and counselor Renee Edwards.



Guest speaker **Paul "Iesa" Galloway**, Executive Director of the Islamic Society of Greater Houston explained that the society has 19 center in the greater Houston area and six Islamic schools. Islam is an Arabic word meaning "*voluntary submission to God*." Its root comes from the word "*Salam*," which means "*Peace*." A "Muslim" is simply a person who submits to our Creator. For more information please visit [www.isgh.org](http://www.isgh.org)

## Getting to Know ... Chris Connolly

Chris Connolly joined Exchange in 2002 at the invitation of Pastor Ed Lee. He joined Exchange to extend his commitment to the community beyond what he was already doing through the Boy Scouts. Chris is an Eagle Scout and the proud father of one Eagle, Michael and another soon to be Eagle, William. His daughter Meaghan is a Jr. at UT and Erin is in graduate school in Virginia. Chris is a member of the St. Laurence Chamber Singers and in his "spare time" trains for triathlons! Chris was born in Columbus OH, and grew up in Cincinnati. The Minute Maid Company enticed him to move to the Houston area, settling in Missouri City in 1997. In 2001 Chris made a career change and became a certified financial planner. Chris was Spaghetti Chair in 2008, Program Chair three times and helped out on many other Exchange projects.

Photos by Larry Pullen



**NEXT SPAGHETTI COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2013**  
**5:30 PM AT CLASSIC CHEVROLET**  
**59 & 90A SUGAR LAND**

Spaghetti Dinner Chair **Sue Lockwood** and Sauce Team Chair **Chief Doug Brinkley** asked Exchange members to sponsor the law enforcement agencies and firefighters who enter the Spaghetti Sauce Cook-off for \$300. If you can help contact:

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Howard Spencer, Arthur  
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**Happy  
Birthday**

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Vernon Hunt



