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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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Wednesday's up at 5 AM!

Photo by Larry Pullen

President's Message

Why do I get up at 5 AM every Wednesday morning for come to Exchange Club breakfast meeting before 7:00? I get to hang out with superstars and help build a community.

When I look around Fort Bend County and see the amenities and core values that make us one of the strongest communities in the country I realize that Exchange Club of Sugar Land has had a part in every new project. History has shown repeatedly that when a great idea needs help getting off the ground somebody brings it to ECSL; we know a good idea when we see it and we ambassador great ideas.

It is a testimony to kind of people that make up this club; we strive for integrity, accountability and generosity. Individually we may have many faults, but as team we are strong and far exceed the "sum of our parts." I cannot think of a single leader within this community that has not at least visited ECSL, most are or have been members.

If you know someone who is interested in serving this community tell them to set their alarm for 5am every Wednesday. Yes, I am inviting you to bring a guest. In addition to meeting new friends they will have an opportunity to build a community, and that my friend, is very cool.

John Robson



Check Presentations

Margo Pasko, Director of Transition Programs at the ARC of Fort Bend and Himesh Gandhi, ARC board member accepted a check for \$2,500 for programs for intellectually disabled adults from ECSL President John Robson.

President John Robson and ECSL member **Leslie Woods** presented **Major Jerry Clements** a check for \$7,500 for Crime Stoppers. www.crime-stoppers.org

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Guest Speakers

Dennis Parmer, Executive Director of Sugar Land Heritage Foundation was introduced by Exchange member **Carl Favre** who is on the Heritage Foundation Board. Mr. Parmer explained that the mission of the recently created 501c3 is to collect, preserve and exhibit historical items and information about Sugar Land. The museum is temporarily operating out of the old Imperial Sugar Engineering and Personnel Building, 198 Kempner. It is open during the Farmer's Market on Saturday's from 10-1:00. A Gala benefiting the Heritage Foundation will be held on December 5, 2014. www.slheritage.org





Representative Rick Miller spoke about the legislation passed at the 83rd session of the Texas House of Representatives. For more information please visit www.texastribune.org/session/83R/bills or email Rick, Miller@house.state.tx.us





President's Pin

President John Robson presented his first President's Pin to **President Elect Kevin Barker** for his excellent job planning the Inauguration Banquet held on June 25, 2014.



Walk with Pride

On Sunday, August 17th from 8-12 AM **Exchange members** will help young school children select new shoes so they can "Walk with Pride" into their new classrooms this school year. Locations are **Payless Shoe Source in** Sugar Land and Brazos Town Center.

For more information contact: Tran Pham <u>tranzam99@hotmail.com</u>



Friendly Faces of Exchange



Champions Kids Camp

Champions Kids Camp is dedicated to the nurturing of children who have survived a traumatic injury, illness, or personal loss, such as the loss of a parent or sibling. www.championskidscamp.org
Exchangites helping at Camp. I/r Brenda Robinson, Marc Schwartz, Kim and Bill Nash, Lara Driver, Patti Driver, Susan Schwartz, Sue Lockwood

