



Exchange Hotline

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Wednesdays, 7:00 a.m.

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Sugar Land, Texas

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SPAGHETTI DINNER February 21, 2014 Flour Cafeteria 5-8 PM



ONLY THREE WEEKS until Spaghetti Dinner. You have all been great at getting out there and helping, but we still need sponsors, ticket sales and auction items. Tell all your friends about the Raffle tickets for a chance to win a Chevrolet Spark or a \$5,000 Shopping Spree donated by Gallery Furniture. Tickets are only \$100 and include 2 spaghetti dinners. Sponsor tables, raffle and dinner tickets can be purchased on line at <http://www.ecsl.org/spaghetti-dinner.php>.

Thanks for your help. Sue Lockwood, Spaghetti Chair sklockwood@comcast.net



Photo by Larry Pullen

President's Message by Robert J. Kern

You already know that **Santa's Exchange** was a rousing success thanks to everyone. **Sue Lockwood** and her team have been burning the midnight oil putting Spaghetti together. Wonder if it is "olive oil"?

Spaghetti is of course our major fundraiser. **Jim Kij's** 2013 success with Spaghetti allowed us to fund our portion of Santa's Exchange and make major contributions in January to Child Advocates, the Women's Center, Hope for Three and Texana. Texana is naming a room for the Exchange Club of Sugar Land at their new facility in Sugar Land. One of our goals was to do something lasting in Ft. Bend.

Our contribution to the Literacy Council includes 10 seats at their February 7th "Reading between the Wines" fundraiser. Contact **Leo Weinberg** to reserve a seat.

ECSL will be the featured Exchange Club in the spring issue of Exchange Today. That means national recognition for us. **Larry Pullen** supplied photos which I forwarded along with my text. Kudos to each and every one of us. Be sure you look for the article. You will see some members who have been absent recently.

At the January Board Meeting we graded our club for the last 6 months and made plans for the balance of this term. One thing we want to emphasize is you, our members. If you notice someone at your table who has missed a couple of meetings, call them and ask if everything is okay. Let them know they are missed and invite them back. National also has a special program that waives dues for 90 days for new prospective members. Remember the National motto: "each one reach one". **National President Don Wright** will be at our February 26 meeting. Make a point to invite a friend for to breakfast on Wednesday, February 26, 2014.

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Exchangites talk about Non-Profits



Photo by Larry Pullen

Our speakers this week were our own Exchange Club Members who work with the non-profits we support.

Bob Dunham has been delivering meals to seniors for **Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels** for many years. He is also a Deacon at St. Laurence Church. He told members that he enjoys talking with the elderly to whom he delivers hot meals. www.fortbendseniors.org

Jim Lockwood is on the board of **Child Advocates of Fort Bend**. Their mission is to **provide a voice** for abused and neglected children by providing them with a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate and Guardian Ad litem) who advocates for their best interests in family court. They also **heal the hurt** through free individual and family counseling. Child Advocates partners with the District Attorney and Law Enforcement Agencies to **stop the abuse** by making sure the perpetrator is brought to justice. www.cafb.org

Kevin Barker works at **Texana Center** where autistic and intellectually disabled children and adults receive behavioral, intellectual and developmental care, support and education so they can live independent and productive lives within the community. www.texanacenter.com

John Robson works for **Fort Bend Regional Council on Substance Abuse** changing lives and giving hope. The average age for first time alcohol use is 13, marijuana 14. FBRC's skilled youth counselors lead prevention programs on school campuses across Fort Bend County. Students learn life skills which prepare them to make good choices about drugs, alcohol and other high risk activities. Breaking the cycle of addiction for a family changes the future of our community. www.fortbendcouncil.org

Getting to know you...



Miguel Hernandez was born in Hermosillo, Sonora in Mexico on July 8th 1983. I grew up in Tomball and I graduated in 2001 from High School. I lettered in soccer, football, track, and baseball. I graduated from the University of Houston in 2006 with a B.S. in business management. I played Soccer all 4 years at U of H. I just bought Auto Central in July of 2013. I have a 3 1/2 year old daughter her name is Brooklynn Mckenzie, and I am single. I joined Exchange because I wanted to get involved with the community. It just so happened that Cindy Fauvelle and Helen Burgess are friends.



Regina Morales, Sugar Land's Director of Economic Development, spoke to Exchange Members about the plan to break ground this summer for the **Sugar Land Performing Arts Center**. It will be located in the Telfair commercial district, southeast of U.S. 59 and University Blvd. The city is also looking into a Conference Center. Sugar Land is home to numerous high-profile regional and international corporations housed in over 23 million square feet of commercial space, including Minute Maid, Schlumberger, Fluor Corporation, Bechtel EO and Aetna. This increases population and job growth and lowers taxes.

White Elephant Fun, Food & Fellowship

Thanks to Randy and Shaunna Witt for providing delicious beef, turkey and ham. Thanks to Jim and Sue Lockwood for opening their home for the party. Everyone brought great appetizers and desserts and had lots of fun.



Photos by Sue Lockwood