



Exchange Hotline

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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

Officers 2013-2014

President:
Robert Kern

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John Robson

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THE EXCHANGE CLUB SUGAR LAND, TX

Memorial Day Celebration



President's Message:

Hello Exchangites:

Well, your current officers and board have rounded the curve and are on the home stretch. We look forward to John Robson and his team. Luckily he has one carryover officer and two board members. That is a good start. Remember, the banquet is June 25 in the evening at Sweetwater. That is a Wednesday and there is no morning meeting that day.

Don't get the idea your current administration is coasting. Think of us as California Chrome with the Belmont coming up. Our next Board meeting is the 28th. We will be rehashing this year, looking at several projects for the coming year and offering some direction to the new slate. One of the projects is trying to find a fitting memorial for our deceased members. I contacted National some time ago and they have nothing to offer, so we will design something. My sincere thanks to Margo and Leo, officers, and Gladys, Jennipher, David, Ed, Al, Brenda, Carlos, John and Leslie, Board members. We are the outstanding large club in the Nation because of you. Special thanks also to Sue, Doug, Don, Jim (and all members, new and old). You are the best.

Do you realize we have lost 4 members this year? Recently, we all mourned the loss of Judge Jim Richard. He suffered much, but always had a smile and a joke. Jim was buried in the Houston Veterans Cemetery. The cemetery is beautiful and peaceful. We know he will rest comfortably there for eternity. RJK

Judge Jim Richard passed away peacefully on May 20, 2014, after a long, hard fought battle with cancer. Judge Richard was born on February 23, 1961 in Houston, Texas. He graduated from Strake Jesuit High School where he became an Eagle Scout. He earned his Juris Doctor at UH. Judge Richard served as a JAG Prosecutor in the U.S. Army attaining the rank of Major. He served in the Army Reserve and the Texas State Guard for a total of 20 years.



As a well respected Judge, Jim presided over a court that receives between 7,000 – 12,000 cases per year and was never reversed on appeal. In 1998, he wrote a law that allows state funded women's shelters to collect from batterers in domestic violence cases. Among his numerous awards, Jim received "The Bell Ringer Award" and later the Gay Williams Beacon of Hope Service Award from Mental Health America for his work with emergency mental health commitments.

Jim was married to Laura for 17 years and was the father of Katie, Maggie & Trey.

Check Presentations



The new **Egg & I** restaurant at Lake Pointe Parkway gave a check for \$2,700 to the Exchange Club of Sugar Land from donations collected at their opening. Mari Gonzales said there was a great turnout for the breakfast.

DePelchin Children's Center accepted a check for \$5,000 from ECSL President Robert Kern. DePelchin Children's Center is the leading center in Texas for children's well-being, with a focus on mental health, foster care and adoption services. www.depelchin.org



A.C.E. Students of the Year (Accepting the Challenge of Excellence)

This National Exchange program rewards students who have overcome adversities to graduate from High School.

Taylor Frederick was chosen as our ACE student from Clements HS. She was presented with an award and a \$500 check by Exchange Club member Farha Ah-

Angie Castillo was our ACE student from Kempner HS. She was presented with an award and a \$500 check by Kevin Barker.



Freedom Shrine

The Exchange Club of Sugar Land installed a **Freedom Shrine** on Wednesday, May 28th, at David Crockett Middle School. The guest speaker was **Representative Rick Miller**. The Freedom Shrine Project is collection of America's important historic documents, framed and mounted in public places to show our nation's youth the strength and courage of their forefathers.



Our program speaker at the May 21st meeting was **Richard Phillips**, Associate Vice Chancellor of the University of Houston Systems Campuses which include Clear Lake, Victoria, UH Downtown, Katy and UH Sugar Land.



Our program speaker at the May 28th meeting was **Joe Chesser** from the City of Sugar Land Parks & Recreation Department in charge of projects and programs.



Getting to Know ... Larry Pullen

After serving our country for 10 years as a Navy pilot Larry became a pilot for Delta Airlines. After retiring he followed his passion for photography. Larry has photographed most of the Exchange Club events for many years. Larry and Brenda have been married for over 30 years and have 3 daughters and 4 grandchildren.

Photos by Larry Pullen

Upcoming Events

“Rock Around the Clock” - Bowling Tournament



The Fort Bend Regional Council on Substance Abuse Tenth Annual Fort Bend Corporate Challenge was a huge success. The pin total was 962 pins. **Doug Earle asked Exchangites to give 1 cent per pin for FBRC's youth and community treatment programs.** These include Summer Explosion, Leadership HS, Red Ribbon Week events and other beneficial programs that keep Fort Bend County kids and their families safe and drug-free. Please make checks payable to Fort Bend Regional Council.

New Member Orientation June 5th 6:30 PM at the home of



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TX/LA/GC District Convention, June 6-8, 2014
at South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center - 2500 South Shore Harbour Blvd. - League City, TX. The Sunday morning breakfast program "One Nation Under God" will feature historical "D Day" events.



SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday, June 25, 2014 - 6:30 PM
ECSL Inauguration Dinner
Our new President, John Robson and his board of directors
will be inaugurated. (No morning meeting)



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The 96th National Convention of The National Exchange Club will be held Wednesday, July 9, through Saturday, July 12, 2014, in New Orleans, Louisiana. All convention sessions and meal events will take place at The Sheraton New Orleans Hotel unless specifically noted otherwise. Make plans to join us this summer!