



# 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 2015-2016

President:  
Kevin Barker

President Elect:  
Carlos Perez

Secretary:  
Farha Ahmed

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Immediate Past President:  
John Robson

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**John Robson was presented the National Distinguished President's award.**



**Rod White was presented a pin from National for sponsoring 3 new members.**

#### Presidents Message:

Great Day Sugar Land Exchangites! I wanted to take some time to provide you with an overview of the Convention and the accomplishments we were recognized for as a club and as a district. First of all, the new theme for the National Exchange is **'Exchange Strong'**. **Dan McQueeney** is the new National President and his goal is to develop 32 new clubs this year. **Susan Schwartz of the Texas-Louisiana-Gulf Coast District** (our district) is the new Region 5 Vice President for the Texas District, Texas Louisiana Gulf Coast District and Mid America District (Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri).

As a District we won the following:

**Best District Newsletter** (Sue Lockwood is a part of the team that maintains the **Best District Website** District Newsletter and Website, she deserves a big Kudos!)  
**District Spirit Award**

As a Club we won the following:

**The Big "E"**  
**National Service Award**  
**Distinguished President's Award**

The Big "E" is one of the highest honors bestowed on a club because it represents Excellence (Doug Earle says it is Enthusiasm!) in the area of club growth, service projects, and meeting reporting requirements. **John Robson** deservedly was recognized for his efforts by receiving the Distinguished President's Award. Amendments to the National Exchange Bylaws that were proposed were voted on, the results were as follows:

Amendment 1: increasing the Lifetime member cost to \$1,000 was approved.

Amendment 2: increasing time a person can be eligible for Lifetime Membership 30 years for member of continuous membership and 20 years for person 65 years of age. It was amended to reduce the years to 10 years membership for 65 and older. Approved.

Amendment 3: changed billing date for Excel Clubs to October. Approved.

Amendment 4: withdrawn

Amendment 5: Excel club membership - non-voting affiliate status. Did not pass.

Amendment 6: withdrawn.

Amendment 7: withdrawn.

We are excited about the new year and have set our goals high to achieve the Big E and continue to increase our club membership. I truly believe we can achieve these goals in the coming year and I look forward to working with each of you to fulfill our unmet needs and to have FUN doing it!

**Kevin Barker, President**

Photos by Sue Lockwood

**Jacquie Baly** of Baly Projects, LLC spoke to Exchangites about the National and local political scene giving her insight and opinion on the candidates. Jacquie is a public policy analyst and also co-hosts a TV show on Fox 26 called "The Roundup" which provides commentary on upcoming political issues and events on Sunday mornings from 6-8 am. She and her colleagues covered the big Republican debate last week.



**Carolyn Tarver**, founder of **Project SMILE** was presented a check for \$1,500 to provide school supplies for needy children. Carolyn has helped children for over 50 years. ECSL has helped her provide toys to children through Santa's Exchange.

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Exchange Club members enjoyed **The Annual Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast**. ECSL President Kevin Barker presented Scout Master Eric Wey with checks totaling \$3,150 to help support Troop 731 and Troop 1133. Troop 731 has produced over 90 Eagle Scouts since its inception in 1981. Congressman Pete Olson thanked the scouts for cooking delicious pancakes.



**Service to Seniors** is always a fun time. The first Friday of each month Exchange members serve cake and ice cream to the seniors at the 5th Street Community Center in Stafford, TX. Fun, food, fellowship, and bingo are always on the menu. Contact **Helena Arvanites** 832-687-3333

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



### SUGAR LAND EXCHANGE CLUB SOCIAL

Tuesday, August 18th - 5:00 pm

Stadia Sports Grill - Sugar Land Town Square  
2105 Lone Star Drive

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