

## Exchange Club of Sugar Land Newsletter June 1, 2015

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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: John Robson

President Elect: Kevin Barker

Secretary: Charlie Braun

Treasurer: Leo Weinberg

Immediate Past President: Robert Kern

#### **Board of Directors**

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## President's Message:

I am proud to announce that very soon we will be inducting **Kevin Barker** as our new President. I have known Kevin since 2009 and cannot think of a better person to be President. In all the time I have known him I have never seen him lose his temper or fail to put other's needs above his own. He is generous and quick to lend a hand. Kevin has my full support in the upcoming year and I encourage each of you to give him your support as well.

On June 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm we will hold the Installation Ceremony in his honor at Sweetwater Country Club. Please make a point to "show up" and support Kevin.

As my year winds down I want to thank each of you for your support and assure you that I have learned a great deal and heard you when you were happy and when you were concerned. My number one goal has been to listen and respect everyone. When I joined this club several years ago it was because so many of my mentors were all Exchangites. What an honor it is to have been chosen to lead such a fine group of people. Thank you all.

John Robson

# **2015-2016 Officers and Board Members**

President: Kevin Barker President-Elect: Carlos Perez Treasurer: Leo Weinberg Secretary: Farha Ahmed

New Board Members for 2 years: Clinton Chapman Helen Burgess Nick Landoski Vernon Hunt Board Members with 1 more year: Doug Brinkley Jeri Krauss Rod White

Shaunna Witt

## Spaghetti Dinner's Most Profitable Year

**Jim Kij**, Past President and Chairman of Spaghetti 2013, gave Exchange Members a detailed financial report on Spaghetti Dinners past and present. He made it clear that this is ECSL's major fund raiser and directly effects the contributions we give to the local non-profits we support.

The last 3 years have steadily increased \$114K, 119K, 125K. This was mostly due to an increase in corporate sponsorships 33K,49K and 52K obtained by Jim Lockwood and his team. Jim Kij would like to form a committee to brainstorm ideas on how to make Spaghetti Dinner even more successful for our charities. If you would like to serve on this committee, please contact Jim at jimkij@comcast.net.





**Allison Bellman** from Clements High School was chosen as our **Youth of the Year.** Allison will be honored at the Texas Louisiana Gulf Coast District Convention in Baton Rouge next week. Allison was introduced by Amy Mitchell, Mayor Protem of Sugar Land.

## **Students of the Year 2015**

Victoria Driskell from Clements High School was chosen as our ACE of the Year. ACE stands for "Accepting the Challenge of Excellence" and is awarded to a student who has overcome adversity in their young life. Victoria overcame severe dyslexia and the death of her father to win a "Most Academically Accomplished" award.





Thank you **Jim McIngvale**, **Gallery Furniture** for providing two \$5,000 gift certificates for our Spaghetti Dinner 2015. We appreciate your sponsorship and all the things you do for the community.

ECSL member Dave Kiger's son Nick, his wife Jenny and daughter Katherine won one of the certificates.

We are all awaiting the new 140,000-square-foot store which will be located off the Grand Parkway in Richmond, next to the Palladium Theater, expected to open in December.



### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

June 12-14/2015 TLGC District Convention, Baton Rouge, LA <a href="https://www.tlgcd.org">www.tlgcd.org</a>

July 29-8/01/2015 National Convention, Columbus, OH www.nationalexchangeclub.org

District President Elect, Mike Reichek reminded Exchangites to attend District and National Conventions.





















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