



# Exchange Hotline

## Exchange Club of Sugar Land Newsletter

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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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## Blue Ribbon Schools Winners

1st Place A.E. Jones Elem



**"Put a Cap on Child Abuse."**  
Students made "children"  
using bottle caps.

2nd Place Jan Schiff Elem



**"We are linked together  
against Child Abuse."**  
Students made chain links.

3rd Tie Rosa Parks Elem



**"Tie Us Together with  
Handfuls of love"**

3rd Tie Fort Settlement MS



**Presidents Message:** April and May are busy months. Exchange Club of Sugar Land (ECSL) membership participated in a multitude of activities focused on the Prevention of child abuse. We actually started in March with Light of Hope to bring awareness of child abuse and its prevention to the community, then blanketed Sugar Land trees with blue ribbons. Above are the winners of the Blue Ribbon Schools Contest. Thanks to Vita Goodell and her team.



It is a privilege to be a part of such a well respected organization. There are literally dozens of opportunities to help out and get involved through ECSL. It reminded me of a time, not that many years ago when I did not think that way. I did not have any real emotional investment in my community, no lens that allowed me to see why I should give back. I went to work and did my eight hours, and then it was "me time". I really couldn't see that I was selling myself short. ECSL helped me develop the value in serving, helping out and getting involved.

There are so many members around here that give of themselves countless hours per month. They are my mentors. If you are new to the ECSL and would like to do more but have not found the rhythm, don't worry we all have to spend some time finding the right momentum. The rewards are outstanding. I want to personally invite you to get out of your comfort zone and "show up", to lend a hand and flex your muscles to help somebody out. There are fun runs, walks, Galas, festivals, clean-ups and community garage sales sponsored by organizations that we support that need your help. In fact this Sunday (5/3/15) at 2:00 PM, ECSL is hosting a Spring Cleaning of our storage unit at Public Storage, 15220 Lexington Blvd., Sugar Land. Come by and help out for an hour or so. You will be glad you did.

John Robson



## Sugar Land Police Officer and Firefighter of the Year



**Sergeant Matt Levan**, Sugar Land Police Department was chosen by The Exchange Club of Sugar Land as the Officer of The Year. Sergeant Levan received a plaque from The Exchange Club which was presented by **Cookie Joe** with **Chief Brinkley**.

**Firefighter Victor Peskhke**, Sugar Land Fire Department was chosen by The Exchange Club of Sugar Land as Firefighter of The Year. Peskhke received a plaque from The Exchange Club which was presented by **Tran Pham** with Chief **Adame**.



[www.hopeforthree.org](http://www.hopeforthree.org)

**Joseph Buckle** spoke about having a sibling on the autism spectrum. He has started a respite night for siblings. He was introduced by **Darla Farmer** from **Hope for Three** autism advocates.



[www.campionskidscamp.org](http://www.campionskidscamp.org)

**President John Robson** presented a check for \$2000 to **Bill Nash** for **Champions Kids Camp**. Exchangites had fun at the concert and the guitar signed by Blake Shelton and Reba McIntyre sold at auction for \$8500.



Student of the Month **Naomi George** from Sugar Land Middle school was introduced by **Cookie Joe**.

**Lynn and Jeri Krauss** celebrated 37 years of marriage. Happy Anniversary!



11th Annual  
Impact a Hero Weekend  
May 16-20, 2015



**Jeny Cortez** accepted a check for \$1,000 which will help wounded heroes with everyday expenses. Impact a Hero weekend includes a 5K run, Hall of Fame Gala Dinner and a Golf Tournament. For more information visit <http://impactplayer.org/>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 2nd Child Advocates Gala 6:30 PM**  
Sugar Land Marriott Town Square, 16090 City Walk Sugar Land, TX [www.caftb.org](http://www.caftb.org)

**June 12-14/2015 TLGC District Convention, Baton Rouge, LA** [www.tlgcd.org](http://www.tlgcd.org)

**July 29-8/01/2015 National Convention, Columbus, OH** [www.nationalexchangeclub.org](http://www.nationalexchangeclub.org)