



Exchange Hotline

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Wednesdays, 7:00 a.m.

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Palm Royale Blvd.
Sugar Land, Texas

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Vita Goodell, Executive Director of Fort Bend Women's Center accepted a check for \$10,000 from President Kevin Barker.
www.fortbendwomenscenter.org



Lidya Osadchey, Executive Director of E.S.C.A.P.E. Family Resource Center also accepted a check for \$10,000.
www.learntoparent.org

Presidents Message:

Dear Exchangites,

April is Child Abuse Prevention month. The Exchange Club of Sugar Land recently presented \$10,000 to the Fort Bend Women's Center and \$10,000 to the ESCAPE Center (Exchange Supported Child Abuse Prevention Effort) who provide needed services to address the issue of child abuse in Fort Bend County. We also sponsor the Child Advocates of Fort Bend and help with the Light of Hope Ceremony at Sugar Land Town Square which is April 1, 2016 at 6:30 pm. If you have not had the privilege to attend this powerful and moving event, I encourage you to join us. It will be life changing.

I cannot tell you the pride I felt seeing the sea of blue ribbons tied around the trees in Sugar Land. You will see these ribbons through out the month of April. The story of how the blue ribbon became the symbol for Child Abuse Awareness is a tragic one, but lead to major efforts to ensure that children are protected from being physically and sexually abused.

A grandmother was notified that her grandson had died suddenly. It was after she arrived at the hospital that she found out what had caused his death. Unbeknownst to her, the grandson had been severely abused by his parents over the years and this last incident was so severe that it caused his death. She was so shocked that this little boy she loved so much was now lying there the color of blue from all the beatings he had suffered.

From that day it became her mission to bring awareness to child abuse and to make sure no child would ever die from such abuse. She started by tying a blue ribbon on her car antenna as a reminder of her last vision of her grandson. Her efforts began to bring awareness to the plight of abused children and prompted the National Exchange Club to adopt Child Abuse Prevention as the national project. This has led to hundreds of Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) programs being developed in every state which focus on the prevention of child abuse through parenting classes where at risk parents are taught how to parent their children. These programs also offer counseling services to parents and children as well as advocacy and placement services for children who have been abused and are removed from the abusive environment.

Kevin



Citizen of the Month
Ryan Pavlik of First Colony Middle School was presented by ECSL member **Jennifer Boley**.

American Heritage Girls received a check for \$1,000.



Doug Earle, Executive Director of "The First Tee" introduced Roger Dauzat, Founder. Doug and Roger presented information on the First Tee program which teaches core values to children while learning to play golf. Roger shared testimonials regarding the impact the program has on children who have participated. They are operating a capital campaign to raise funds for a dedicated site to provide the First Tee program. They currently have the property but need the building and the property developed to make 5 golf holes, a putting green and a driving range. www.thefirsttee.org

2016-2017 Slate of Officers for the Exchange Club of Sugar Land

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President: Carlos Perez
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Treasurer: Leo Weinberg
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Board Of Directors

Serving 1 year:
Clinton Chapman
Nick Landoski
Vernon Hunt
Matt Jackson

Serving 2 years:

(New Members)
Scott McClintic
Sue Lockwood
Jaime Williams
Duyen Le

Upcoming Events



Crime Prevention Luncheon

April 14, 2016 11:30 am – 1:30 pm at City Centre at Quail Valley
 (Quail Valley Golf Club) 2880 La Quinta Drive, Missouri City, TX 77459.



The Texas Louisiana District Convention

Embassy Suites Houston Galleria - June 10-12

It is a great opportunity to meet Exchange Members from different clubs in the district. Exchange Club of Sugar Land will pay your registration fee.



The National Exchange Conference July 13-17 at the Hyatt Regency Houston

The Exchange Club of Sugar Land will be hosting the Hospitality Suite Friday July 15, 2016. We need Exchangites to volunteer to assist with serving food drinks. It is a great time to meet Exchangites from around the country. This is our convention, here in Houston. There are many areas in which you can help.

For more information please contact **District President Mike Reich** mike@reichfinancial.com

National Conference Registration Drawing: For a chance to win a Registration Package, plus your Hotel for 4 nights for a \$10 ticket go to www.tlgcd.org