



Exchange Hotline

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Weekly Meetings

Wednesdays, 7:00 a.m.

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Palm Royale Blvd.
Sugar Land, Texas

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THE EXCHANGE CLUB SUGAR LAND, TX

ECSL President Kevin Barker presented a check for \$2,000 to The Arc of Fort Bend County. The check was accepted by Laura LaVigne, Executive Director, Board Member Himesh Gandhi and Margo Pasko, Director of Transition Programs. The Arc is a leader and innovator in the development of programs to improve the quality of life for people with intellectual and related developmental disabilities. www.arcoffortbend.org

President's Message:

Dear Exchangites and Prospective Exchangites,

I am so excited! We are a few weeks away from our Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser and we still have a lot of work to do. We need everyone's help to make this event a success. We need everyone to commit to bringing 3 silent auction items (worth at least \$100 or more), one live auction item (worth at least \$1,000 or more), sell 20 dinner tickets and 10 raffle tickets. I know you're thinking...that's a lot to ask! My answer to you is.... I know it is.

However, let's remember what those funds do. They support the local non-profits who are in desperate need of all funds they can raise to keep their doors open and continue serving those in need. The dollars help support our national project of preventing child abuse. We hear the statistics every year from Child Advocates of Fort Bend and the Fort Bend Women's Center of the number of children and families that are devastated by abuse every year and the impact our dollars are making in the lives of the children and families in Fort Bend County!

These dollars also support our Walk with Pride, Blue Ribbon Campaign, Give a Kid a Flag to Wave and Santa's Exchange. Without the money raised we would not have been able to serve over 5,000 children and families this year. When I think of just one child not receiving a gift from Santa, it truly breaks my heart. One thing that made me choose to join the Exchange Club of Sugar Land was the "can do" attitude that is exhibited in all of its members. We have had lean years, but we have never failed to be able to support the projects and non-profit services that support our national project. We want to continue to make a difference in the lives of the needy in Fort Bend County. I know the heart of this club and I know we can have a great fundraiser if we each follow our heart and make the commitment. I am looking forward to working side by side with you to make this happen!

Kevin

When I asked someone to Spaghetti Dinner and told them it was \$25, she said:

\$25 for a plate of Spaghetti????!!

I replied:

NO! It's for abused and neglected children, battered women, children with autism and intellectual disabilities, shoes and school supplies, parenting classes and Christmas gifts for kids in need.

It's NOT about the Spaghetti!!!

Anonymous



Dear Exchangites,

The Spaghetti Dinner is fast approaching and there is still a dire need for auction donation items! The success of The Spaghetti Dinner is dependent on how well we execute this event and how much funds are raised on site via the auction. We need every Exchangite to put their best foot forward and propel this event to new heights.

As you may know, we are using the **Bid4Real** team for our auction item consolidation as well as the bidding process for the individual items. Please bring all auction donation items to the drop off site at **Bid4Real, 504 Murphy Road, Suite L, Stafford, T.X.** between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. or bring them to our breakfast meetings ASAP.

For those of you who still have not yet set up an account on Bid4Real please do so by following the instructions below, creating an account allows you to bid on the auction items now and at the dinner.



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Fast & easy sign up at Bid4Real.com

1. Go to Bid4Real.com and click on "Join Us" in the upper right corner"
2. "Create and Account" window will pop up. Put in your email, create a password and enter your smart phone number. Click on "Send Authorization Code"
3. An authorization code will be sent to your phone for your security
4. Put the code in the box and click "Create Account"
5. Put ECSL in the search box to see our great auction items
6. Bid to your hearts content on the items of your choice.

If you are the highest bidder once the auction closes you will win the item and you will also receive a notification via Email on how to pay for you item.



Guest speaker Laine Santamaria of Texas Gulf Coast Make A Wish Foundation spoke about the organizations mission: Every 38 minutes Make-A-Wish® grants the wish of a child diagnosed with a life-threatening medical condition in the United States and its territories. We believe that a wish experience can be a life-changing opportunity. This one belief guides us in everything we do. It inspires us to grant wishes that change the lives of the kids we serve. For more information please visit: <http://texgulf.wish.org/>

Athena Adroque, Young Citizen of the Month from First Colony Middle School was introduced by club member Jennifer Boley. Athena was accompanied by her Mom Leila El-Hakam, Dad Matias Adroque and her two brothers. Besides being an excellent student, Athena is the President and Founder of the Performance Art Club (PAC). The club's fine arts students travel and perform at various retirement homes and they bring much joy and happiness to the elderly community. Athena also is part of a group trying to start a non profit organization called Early Bird Foundation. This organization will help connect members to volunteering opportunities in the community such as food banks and shelters.



Upcoming Events



The Exchange Club of Sugar Land Spaghetti Dinner Friday, February 26, 2016 Fluor Cafeteria

SPREAD THE WORD:

- Go to www.facebook.com
- Search "Exchange Club of Sugar Land Spaghetti Dinner"
- Click on "Going" then "Invite"
- Choose your friends and post
- Then "Share"

We now have the capability to purchase sponsorships, and dinner/raffle tickets on line at <http://ecsl.org/spaghetti-dinner.php> Check it out!!!

Please join us for our **Exchange Social** Thursday, February 4th, from 5-7pm. for an evening of wine and hors d'oeuvres hosted by **Himesh Gandhi** at the Fort Bend Law office of **Roberts Markel Weinberg Butler Hailey**.

The event will take place 2277 Plaza Drive, Suite 290, Sugar Land, TX 77479

Please RSVP to jlemke@rmwbhlaw.com



The March Exchange Social will be held at **Brick and Mortar Restaurant at Gallery Furniture** 99 Grand Parkway location in Richmond, March 16, 2016

5:00 – 7:00 pm Please RVP to Sue Sanchez sweetsue@windstream.net

Service to Seniors Friday, February 5th, 2016 10:00 am – 11:30 am
at the 5th Street Community Center, Stafford TX. Contact cookiejoedance@hotmail.com



Texas-Louisiana-Gulf Coast District Mid Winter Conference

will be held at the Techniplex Conference Center, 4820 Techniplex Drive, Stafford, TX 77477 on January 30, 2016 from 8:30 am – 2:30 pm
Continental breakfast and lunch will be served.

Please contact Kevin.Barker@texanacenter.com if you would like to attend.

Hope 4 Three Autism Awareness Luncheon

Parkway Fellowship Church February 4th, 2016 from 11:30 – 1:30 pm

Guest Speaker: Jim "Mack" McIngvale Contact: Matt@hopeforthree.org

Fort Bend Women's Center Girlfriends Giggle

Thursday, February 4, 2016 - 6:30 pm at the Stafford Centre, 10505 Cash Road

Contact: vgoodell@fortbendwomenscenter.org

7th Annual Helen Cordes Award Dinner

Thursday February 25, 2016 from 6:30 – 10:00 pm

at the Stafford Center, 10505 Cash Road, Stafford, TX 77477

The 2016 Honoree is Dr. Charles Dupre, Superintendent, FBISD.

Contact: John Robson, Fort Bend Regional Council on Substance Abuse,

Contact: jrobson@fortbendcouncil.org

