



# Exchange Hotline

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## **Weekly Meetings**

Wednesdays, 7:00 a.m.

Sweetwater Country Club  
Palm Royale Blvd.  
Sugar Land, Texas

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## EXCHANGE

THE EXCHANGE CLUB SUGAR LAND, TX



Walk with Pride -  
Countywide Back to  
School Bash



GIVEaKIDaFLAGtoWAVE  
Fort Bend County Fair Parade



Santa's Exchange Chair  
Jim Kij with President  
Elect Carlos Perez.

## **Presidents Message:**

Dear Exchangites and Prospective Exchangites,

As the 2015 year comes to a close I thought it would be nice to reflect upon the impact we have made this past year. Through your tireless efforts The Exchange Club of Sugar Land has impacted the lives of many children and families in Fort Bend County.

This past year we were able to provide approximately 750 children and teens with school supplies and new shoes in August of 2015 as a part of the Walk with Pride Program we coordinate with Fort Bend Social Services. December 12, 2015 we were able to provide a very special holiday for approximately 4,500 children through Santa's Exchange. Each child was able to receive 3 gifts that they were able to open on Christmas Day.

We distributed over 15,000 American Flags to children through our participation in the Fort Bend County Fair Parade, Houston Rodeo Parade, and at the Memorial Day Celebration at the Memorial Park in Sugar Land. We also presented two Freedom Shrines to schools in Fort Bend County which are made up of documents that represent the founding of our nation and the rights we have as American citizens.

We are also able to continue to support the E.S.C.A.P.E. Center, Child Advocates of Fort Bend and The Fort Bend Women's Center as a part of our National Exchange Project, which is the Prevention Child Abuse. These funds are used to provide parenting classes, counseling services and supports to children and families. We are able to assist children with Autism Spectrum Disorders through our support of Hope for Three and the Texana Center Children's Autism Program.

Last year we recognized 16 High School Students and 12 Middle School Students who exhibited excellence in Academic Achievement and Community Service. We believe that by honoring these students, we are instilling the value of community service and the impact it can have. We also have honored students that have overcome hardships to achieve excellence through our A.C.E. (Accepting the Challenge of Excellence) award. Thank you for making 2015 a great year and I look forward to seeing what we accomplish in 2016!

**Kevin Barker, President**



## Spaghetti Dinner Meeting

**Monday, January 4th, 2016 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Classic Chevrolet Sugar Land**

Hello Exchangites!

It is time for us to flex our Spaghetti muscles!

First things first, if you have not done so already, please be sure to pick up your Spaghetti packages. The packages include dinner and raffle tickets as well as auction donation forms and letters.

Next we will hold a Spaghetti committee meeting on Monday, January 4th, 2016 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend at Classic Chevrolet in the upstairs meeting room. We will hold meetings every Monday leading up to the big day - Friday, February 26, 2016!

Lastly, we all need to flex by taking over the social media airwaves! "Post" "Like" and "Share" items on: Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and Twitter about Spaghetti Dinner everyday!

We flex because we are Exchange Strong! We flex because we are Spaghetti Strong!

Thanks everyone! **Rod The Storyteller White**

New member **Mark Kingston** of "Bid for Real" will be our auction chair this year. His company uses a new and exciting way to make our auction a success. Guests will be able to bid using their smart phones. They will be alerted if they are outbid, so they can raise their bid from the comfort of their dinner table! Mark will be explaining how it works at future meetings.



**President Kevin Barker** presented Holiday gifts to **Vicente Viruez** and the wonderful wait staff at Sweetwater Country Club.



**Induction of New Members: Past President John Robson** conducted the induction of new member **Samson Abiodun**. Samson's sponsor is **Rod White**.



### Service to Seniors

The January Service to Seniors is scheduled for Friday January 8. We will be welcoming the guests at 10 am at the 5th Street Community Center, 3110 5th Street, Stafford, TX 77477. Each month we help celebrate the seniors birthdays with cake and ice cream. Bingo is back! We hope to see you there.

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### Child Advocates of Fort Bend

would like to thank

Exchange members who helped with the Christmas Home Tour. Thank you all for supporting abused and neglected children.

