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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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The Exchange Club of Sugar Land received an award from the Fort Bend Family YMCA recognizing ECSL for outstanding work as part of the 2016 Annual Campaign. Leslie Woods accepted a check from President Kevin Barker for \$7,500. A check for \$1,000 was also presented to TESA for the Larry Micheaux basketball camp.

President's Message:

Great May Exchangites! The Exchange Club of Sugar Land has had a F U N and busy month! We have completed our April Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month and I want to thank each and every one of your for the hard work you did this year to make our efforts a success! We even had our new Exchange Excel Club of Kempner High School help us put up Blue Ribbons this year! It is amazing the lessons we can teach our children by making them aware of the needs in our community. Case in point, the number of schools who fight to be a part of the Blue Ribbon month in which they develop a theme to bring awareness to the issue of Child Abuse in their community.

I am so proud to be a part of an organization that truly makes a difference in the lives of children in Fort Bend County. During this month we were able to present checks to organizations that truly are trying to prevent abuse in our community through parenting classes and intervention services. We were honored to provide the Women's Center of Fort Bend County with a Check for \$10,000, The E.S.C.A.P.E. (Exchange Supported Child Abuse Prevention Effort) Center with a check for \$10,000, and the Child Advocates of Fort Bend with a check for \$17,000! All of this would not be possible without the support of the community for our annual Spaghetti Cook-Off fundraiser! I am truly grateful to all the members who work tirelessly each year to support these efforts! If we make a difference in at least one child's life, then it has all been worth it!

I am also thankful for all of the Law Enforcement and Firefighting men and women who not only choose to serve our community but also to put themselves at risk so that we can be safe. Not only do they do this, but we have many that continue to volunteer their time for other causes to make our city and county one of the best in the nation to live in! The only thing that saddens me is that we don't invite more people in our community to share the spirit of Exchange. We have an opportunity each week to invite someone to experience the F U N of Exchange! Make an effort each week to bring at least one person to Exchange. It may change their life as much as it has changed mine!

Kevin

BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS CONTEST

1stMissouri City Middle School"Don"t Bottle Upp Speak Up"



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Students from Missouri City Middle School wrote their feelings about child abuse on index cards and put the cards inside recycled bottles they had collected. They made a sculpture out of the bottles and displayed it with other posters and ribbons in front of the school. They tweeted out their message #Speak Up #Don't Bottle Up!



EA Jones Elementary "Crush Child Abuse"





Students from AE Jones Elementary collected cans, crushed them and made "can" people who wore ribbons "Mr. Nice", "Ms. Respect", etc. They also made posters stating "Crush Child Abuse."



Lexington Greek Elementary "Every Child Deserves to Smile"





Students drew pictures of smiling faces and made two large posters which they displayed at the two entrances to the school with posters stating "Every Child Deserves to Smile."

Honoring Those Who Protect and Serve



Texas Louisiana Gulf Coast District Exchange Clubs held The 51st Annual Crime Prevention Luncheon on April 14 at City Center at Quail Valley honoring outstanding officers in the Houston area. Eighteen officers from fourteen precincts were commended for their bravery in the line of duty.





Sugar Land Officer Tuan-Huy Tran was presented by Chief Doug Brinkley with Exchangites Nick Landowski, Cookie Joe, Mark Hanna, Dennis Compton, Farha Ahmed, Jaime Williams, Jim & Sue Lockwood and Jack & May Williams.



Citizen of the Month Katherine Rosner from First Colony Middle School was accompanied by her parents, two brothers and Grandfather. Michael Sterling "Tex US TOO" spoke about prostate cancer, encouraging men to have a yearly physical for early detection. This support group provides survivor support, counseling, and speakers at their monthly meetings. The 5K run/walk will be held on Saturday June 18, 2016. www.txustoo.org



Fort Bend Corporate Challenge Bowling Tournament

Event Date: May 21, 2016 Event Time: 12:00pm – 3:00pm Location: AMF Stafford Lanes, 4919 South Main (Hwy 90)

Contact John Robson jrobson@fortbendcouncil.org or Doug Earle dougesltx@gmail.com



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 Reichek** <u>mike@reichekfinancial.com</u>

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