



# Exchange Hotline

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## The Exchange Club of Sugar Land

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### Weekly Meetings

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Sugar Land, Texas

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Morris Lasris



## Heard the Good News yet?

**Morris Lasris was elected to the Board of Directors for Exchange Club of Sugar Land. Morris has been a member for a few years and a great Exchangite loved by all for what he does!**



"I have only been a member of the Exchange Club for about 3 years. In that time I have gained a new family. I look forward to my new role as a board member and trying to figure out how to make my family stronger."



## Clements, Youth of the Month!

Kevin Barker presented Catherin (Catie) Elizabeth Pleus from Clements High School with our December Youth of the month award. Congratulations to Catherin, the award is well deserved!



Catie says, "What an honor it was to be named the Youth of the Month by the Sugar Land Exchange Club! This was such an amazing opportunity and am extremely blessed to hold this award. Thank you to all who made this happen- I am beyond grateful."

*Amy Mitchell... "Congratulations Catie Pleus, the outstanding Clements December Youth of the Month!. Truly exemplifies beauty inside and out. I can see why she was selected."*



# Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Greater Houston



Our guest speaker Raul Garcia, is with Big Brothers/Big Sisters and was introduced by Doug Earle. Raul let his passion show for “helping” the youth in and around our city to find their match. The mentorship that this program provides is vital and they have 900 children currently waiting on the list for “big brothers” in the City of Houston. Approximately 50 of those waiting are in Fort Bend County area now. It was great to hear that Doug Earle, as well as several of our Exchangites, are involved in the program already.



Rodney White



Raul Garcia



Doug Earle



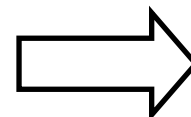
## SANTAS EXCHANGE GOING STRONG! TEXAS STRONG!

Rick says, “I love our city. Occidental Petroleum Corporation had a toy drive for Santa's Exchange/Toys for Tots and the response was overwhelming. Their drive resulted in us having to open another storage unit. I can't wait to see all the smiles these gifts will bring!”



Toys R Us!

Occidental  
Petroleum  
ROCKS!







## SERVICE TO SENIORS!

*"Some folks grow older with birthdays it's true,  
But others grow nicer as years widen their view,  
No one will notice a few wrinkles  
When a kind, loving heart fills the eyes full of twinkles."*





OUR SENIORS



"BINGO" ALL THE TIME!







## Amy Mitchell Presents!

# “ Don’t Get Lost At Sea: Navigating the Court System.”

Amy Mitchell is a partner of Mitchell & Duff, LLC and is serving her 4th term on Sugar Land City Council. She is a 31 year attorney who handles civil, probate and misdemeanor matters. She is very active in the community and serves on numerous boards. She is currently the Republican Candidate for County Court at Law #4.



### ⇒ Things to Know...

- \***Municipal Courts...** There are 11 Municipal Courts throughout Fort Bend. Oversee city ordinance and traffic violations and Class C misdemeanor criminal cases is a fine and no jail time.
- \***Justice of the Peace Courts...** There are 5 Justice of the Peace Courts, which handle Class C misdemeanor criminal cases, minor civil matters, and function as small claims court.
- \***County Court at Law...** The County Judge, Bob Hebert, presides over the Commissioner's Court and does not sit as a County Court at Law Judge.
- \***District Court...** There are 8 Courts, which 3 are exclusively family law courts. The remaining district courts handle cases felonies, divorces, titles to land, election contest, all civil lawsuits for \$200 or more. There are 12 jurors in this court.
- \***Courts of Appeals...** Fort Bend civil and criminal cases are appealed to the Houston Courts of Appeals in Houston, the 1st and the 14th Court of Appeals.
- \***Supreme Court...** Final appeals of Civil and juvenile cases are made to the Texas Supreme Court In Austin. It has a Chief Justice and 8 Justices. No juries.
- \***Court of Criminal Appeals...** Final appeals of criminal appeals are made to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals in Austin, sometimes other cities. It has a Presiding Judge and 8 Judges.





# Kempner, Youth of the Month!

**President of Exchange Club of Sugar Land, Rodney White says,** "We awarded our December Youth of the Month designation to Anna Le. She was introduced by Rene Cannavo. Anna, of course, is an exceptional young lady and her parents were understandably proud. They stayed through the end of the meeting. Let's invite them to another meeting, perhaps they will be our newest members!"

*We as Exchangites all wish Anna Le the best with all future endeavors in her business and personal life. She truly will be one of our future leaders in life and in the community!*

