



# Exchange Hotline

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## The Exchange Club of Sugar Land

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### Weekly Meetings

Wednesdays, 7:00 a.m.

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Sugar Land, Texas

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## Message from our President!



**Fellow Exchangites**, I always like to keep my messages positive. However, I am very concerned and cannot hide that fact. I am concerned about this year's Spaghetti Dinner. Carlos made an appeal to us about auction items for both the live auction and for the silent auction.

**We** are at a critical juncture. We need items for both auctions right away. A couple of weeks ago I sent a link to help spark ideas for what to bring.

**Please ask your self a question;**

### "Who do I know that...?"

"Who do I know who works for the Texans?"  
"Who do I know who works for the Astros, the Rockets or the Skeeters...?"  
"Who do I know who works for Macy's, JC Penney's, Dillard's?"  
"Who do I know who works for First Colony Mall?"  
"Who do I know who owns a Vineyard?"  
"Who do I know who works for a clothing store?"  
"Who do I know who works for Kroger, HEB, or Randall's?"  
"Who do I know who owns a condo/timeshare property."



**E**xchangites, after asking yourself these type of questions it is time to call on these folks and ask for gift cards, merchandise etc... that we can offer in a bundle or even as a stand-alone item.

**P**lease put your minds to this conundrum and let's bring in tons of auction-worthy items to our Wednesday meeting! We can bring in wine and or liquor as well. We can also look for businesses that would be will to be our "Wine Sponsor," Our "Beer Sponsor," A table sponsor, or even a business/vendor row sponsor!

**I** know that we are better than our current results, but considering our event is in a mere 3 weeks, I am sure you understand my concerns! Help, our Fort Bend County Community needs all of us and we must proceed with a sense of urgency! **You have been challenged in a positive way! Let's do it!**

# SPEAKER OF THE WEEK

(March 28th, 2017)



Chief Executive Officer for ESCAPE ,Fritz Guthrie and Exchange Club President ,Rodney White.

Founded in 1983 by the Houston Area Exchange Clubs, ESCAPE Family Resource Center began as part of a national project dedicated to preventing child abuse and neglect in local communities across the country. **ESCAPE stands for Exchange Supported Child Abuse Prevention Effort.**

As a nonprofit, 501(c)3, organization, ESCAPE relies on private support to present programs, services, training and interventions focused on preventing and combatting emotional, physical, and sexual violence towards children. ESCAPE does not receive direct funding allocations from United Way or the government.

Contributions from individuals, corporations, foundations, churches, and other organizations are crucial. These generous donations allow ESCAPE to provide curriculum-based child abuse prevention programs that involve the entire family. Classes are taught in English and Spanish throughout the week in dozens of locations in the Greater Houston area.

## Mission

The mission of ESCAPE Family Resource Center is to prevent child abuse and neglect before a child is hurt by providing education, intervention and support programs to families in crisis.

### Young Citizen of the Month!

Emma Unger with First Colony Middle School. Presentation by Juli Fournier.





# SPEAKER OF THE WEEK!

(04/04/2018)



**Our Speaker was Ruthanne Mefford, Chief Executive Officer of Child Advocates of Fort Bend.**



More than twenty-five years ago, a small group of dedicated volunteers in Fort Bend County identified an enormous problem and would soon bring about vital change for children who were being abused. Children were languishing and falling through the cracks of the child welfare and legal systems and not getting the attention and help they so desperately needed. These visionary leaders responded by forming Child Advocates of Fort Bend in 1991 and opening a Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program to provide a voice for children in foster care and ensure that their “best interests” were being served. With one child and a few volunteers, they launched what would eventually become one of the most respected nonprofit agencies in the country providing comprehensive

**ONE IN FOUR GIRLS AND 1 IN SIX BOYS ARE SEXUALLY ABUSED BY THEIR 18TH BIRTHDAY.**

**A CHILD IS ABUSED EVERY 10 SECONDS.**

**OUR VISION: “THAT THERE IS NO CHILD ABUSE.”**



## YOUTH OF THE MONTH!



**Dominick Kohler Trusko is one of the most dynamic, well-rounded student leaders we have on our campus and, quite possibly, one of the most outstanding in our district. Presentation by Amy Mitchell.**

# Presentation of Checks



On your left: Fritz Guthrie  
Chief Executive Officer of  
ESCAPE. \$10,000.  
([www.ESCAPEfrc.org](http://www.ESCAPEfrc.org))

And on your right: Ruthanne  
Mefford Chief Executive  
Officer of Child Advocates of  
Fort Bend. \$17,000.

Current President of  
Ex-change Club, Rodney  
White in the middle!



## EVENTS COMING UP!

- 1) Saturday, May 5th, 2018... **OFF TO THE RACES EVENT**. To become a sponsor or for tickets (\$150) or more information contact Lisa Moore at [imoore@cafb.org](mailto:imoore@cafb.org) or 281-344-5108.
- 2) Friday, April 27th 6pm-11pm... **GIRL FRIENDS GIGGLE FUNDRAISER** at Brisco Manor in Richmond. Tickets are \$100.



Are you excited? Get Ready!

