



# 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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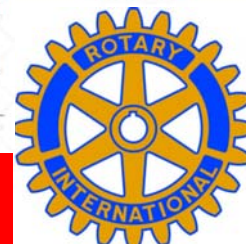
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## Outstanding!!

### *Judge Rick Bell, Santa's Exchange! Committee Chairman*



Judge Rick Bell being congratulated by our President  
Rodney White!



## President's Message!

Not only did we thank our Santa's Exchange Chair, Judge Rick Bell, but we also recognized nearly **"EVERYONE"** at the meeting because nearly 100% of you helped with Santa's Exchange! Rick Bell reported that we served a record number of kids this year! He also reported that the event was a huge collaboration of our members, as well as **R**otary, **F**ort Bend Exchangites and our wonderful **S**tudent volunteers! There were over 700 volunteers. Whether it was delivering boxes to our schools, picking up the toys and dropping them off, sorting and tagging the week of the event, unloading semi tractor trailers or serving on the day of the event. Each and every one of you lived our creed... **"A group of men and women serving in unity and making our community a better place to live!"**



## AND, **HAPPY NEW YEARS 2018 TO ALL!**



## YOU ARE WONDERFUL CAROLYN TARVER AND BLESSED! *(just ask Santa!)*



Rodney, Carolyn and Stan ...

### *Our history from Carolyn Tarver!*

**H**ow Santa's Exchange Started years ago! In the beginning: We served an additional 500 + children from Bethel Ministry that we had on a waiting list for Christmas gifts.

**P**roject SMILE stands for Stan's Memory Includes Loving Everyone. We began by giving gifts to twelve children at a youth center in 1983. In 1995 the Exchange Club said that if I would call our Christmas outreach "Santa's Exchange" they would help me add 500 children that year and provide a place from which to distribute the gifts. They said that Santa's Exchange would be in support of Project SMILE. Christmas of 1994 we had 1200 children and in 1995, the first year of Santa's Exchange, we had 1800 children.

**F**or the following 18 years - before Toys for Tots - the Sugar Land Exchange Club, the Sugar Land Rotary Club, and the Fort Bend Exchange Club joined together in support of Project SMILE at Christmas and made thousands and thousands of smiles through the years. Project SMILE is a beautiful tribute to my son Stan, as well as a great blessing to the many children whose smiling faces reflect their joy when they receive their gifts. I am very grateful for those years of Santa's Exchange support.

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# 2017 SANTA'S EXCHANGE PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS!

## WE LOVE WHAT WE DO!



## OUR EXCHANGE CLUB FAMILY!



## MAKING KIDS HAPPY!





## FOOD AND BEVERAGE SPONSORS FOR SANTA'S EXCHANGE...

Amy Mitchell & Gordon Berkstresser... Donuts  
 Subway, Brij Agrawal... Subway sandwiches  
 Starbucks Coffee/Lexington Blvd., Adrian ... Coffee  
 Shawn McDonald... Bottled water  
 Jack Molho Secure Check LLC. , Pizza



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## Comments on Facebook about the Leadership Rick brought to Santa's Exchange success!

**Jack Molho**...We are blessed to have you serve as Santa's Exchange Chair for another 4 years. Thanks [Rick Bell](#) !!! You made this thing rock Judge !All kidding aside. Look forward to working with you next year. God bless!

**Amy Mitchell** ...What a wonderful event. Awesome job [Rick Bell](#) and everyone one else who worked hard to help give these children a social Christmas!

**Gina Huber**...You did an AMAZING job!! So happy that I've been able to work with you!

**Qaisar Q Imam**... Proud of working with such hard working team and a leader who doesn't walk the talk he runs the talk!

**Shawn McDonald**...Well done Rick!

*And of course we all agree!*



Exchange Club of Sugar Land with all its Volunteers did an Awesome Job with Santa's Exchange in 2017!







# SANTA'S PICTURES 2017



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➡ Last but not least! Our last meeting of the year with Commissioner James Patterson as our program speaker.

He shared information with us about County LIDs, Property Taxes, and County transportation!



MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Recognizing our Breakfast team at Sweetwater CC.