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The Exchange Club of Sugar Land

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Wednesdays, 7:00 a.m.

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Message from the President



Fit-tastic 1st Exchangites!

Last Wednesday night's Inaugural Dinner for our new President, David Lanagan was a brilliant affair. I am both honored to have been present and inspired for what the year will bring under David's Leadership.

As for me, when I first joined the Exchange Club of Sugar Land, I shared my personal mission state-

ment. "To surround myself with smart and friendly people that understand the value of strong relationships." I thank each of you for helping me to live that vision.

I was humbled by the kindness of everyone in attendance. And the video that several of you made was awesome and appreciated very much!

I mentioned during my State of the Club address that our mission was simple, to leave the club in a little better condition than when we began the year. Along with the support of a strong board of directors and all of our dedicated members you pushed us to be the best that we could be.

We took on some QuickBooks challenges head-on and yes, we got through them! We addressed our National By-laws and found some opportunities to put our club in compliance. Our two biggest events of the year Spaghetti and Santa's Exchange were huge successes! Our other programs were equally successful, we had Freedom Shrines, and Parades for Americanism, while passing out over 25k flags to kids!

We gave away over \$120,000 to our programs of support. Including but not limited to child abuse prevent with \$17,000 going to Child Advocates and \$10,000 to E.S.C.A.P.E.. We had great speakers, and we had many guests through out the year.

The "cherry on top" was that we had a net gain in membership and I had the honor to announce our newest member on the very last day of our term! Thank you everyone! In closing, and as we enter this new Exchange Club year, remember, **INVITE, INVITE, INVITE!!!**

Rod "the Storyteller" White

BOOK OF GOLDEN DEEDS LIFE TIME ACHEIVEMENT RECIPIENT COMISSIONER JAMES PATTERSON

(06/20/2018)







What a morning! Our Club had the honor of presenting our very first Life-Time Achievement Award of our Book of Golden Deeds to Commissioner James Patterson! While Commissioner Patterson has been the



recipient of the Book of Golden Deeds several years ago, we wanted to recognize the many years that he has selflessly gave of his time and his resources in Fort Bend County.

Doug Earle introduced the commissioner and made note that during their early meetings, Commissioner Patterson was one of the most genuine people he had ever met. Doug recalled an exchange when they met Doug said, "Commissioner Patterson, it is a pleasure to meet you." The Commissioner responded, "please, call me James." Doug told us, "that is the type of person he is…"

We read the following letter from the Commissioner's family; Hi dad, Surprise!!!!!! We are sorry we couldn't be there this morning to see you get the Book of Golden Deeds. For the record, we agree with the Exchange Club. You are an excel-

lent example of what living a life full of good deeds looks like. You do so much for others - whether it is charity auctions, giving advice, connecting people to get to solutions, being an ear to just listen, doing math calculations to make sure every detail is accurate, or behind the scenes conversations that impact communities. You always fight for the good guy and you are a champion for the underdog.

Any time anyone sees us or finds out we are related to you, they always have positive things to say about what you did for their school, family, community, student, charity, special needs children, etc. We are proud of all that you have done and continue to do on a daily basis. Good job dad!!!! Love you, Melisa, Joe, & Jamie (and the rest of our crew)

Commissioner, we thank you for your work as our County Commissioner, we thank you for your tireless work in our community and we thank you for the honor of recognizing you as our Book of Golden Deeds, Lifetime Achievement award!

2018/2019 Inauguration Was an Evening to Remember! (June 27th, 2018)





July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4th NO meeting	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 ECSL Freedom from Fear	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 ECSL Freedom to Make a difference	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 ECSL Freedom to Rise Above	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Quotable for Volunteers

"Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve.... You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

JOKE OF THE DAY

Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources Officer asks a young engineer fresh out of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "And what starting salary are you looking for?" The engineer replies, "In the region of \$125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package."

The interviewer inquires, "Well, what would you say to a package of five weeks vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every two years, say, a red Corvette?"

The engineer sits up straight and says, "Wow! Are you kidding?" The interviewer replies, "Yeah, but you started it."