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Spaghetti Dinner! Are you on Board?

Short Message from our President!



Spaghetti Dinner is approaching fast! Saturday, April 21st! Carlos and Doug Earle explained that we have an opportunity for early ticket sales and that we should be turning in our raffle and dinner ticket receipts weekly! Lori Bisewski reminded us that she is handling the Live Auction and currently standing in as interim for the Silent Auction. We need someone to step up and chair the Silent Auction!

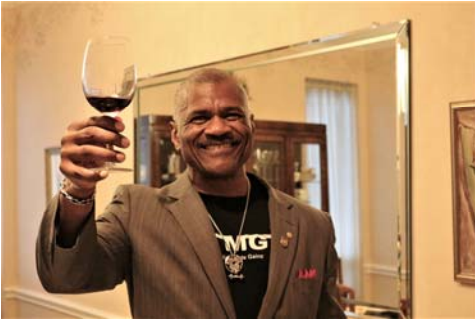
(The Exchange Club of Sugar Land hosts a **Spaghetti Dinner** as our annual fundraiser which benefits many Fort Bend non-profits. This family-friendly event will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at Fluor Corporation cafeteria. The evening includes a spaghetti team cook-off contest, live and silent auctions, and a children's area with games and prizes.)

FIT-tastic! Rodney White



A BIG SEND-OFF FOR JERI & LYNN KRAUSS!

Jeri and Lynn Krauss had a big send off party given by the Exchange club at Margo Pasko's home as they begin a new chapter of their lives in Austin. They have been active members of Exchange Club and have been involved in numerous programs and fundraisers. They have also graciously opened their home and hearts by hosting the new member orientation for over nine years! The party was a great success! Many Exchangites were there to wish them well!



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SPEAKER OF THE WEEK!

(02/28/2018)



Our speaker was Steve Metzenthin, who gave us an illuminating overview of the New Tax Code. It appears that for business owners, incorporating your business may bring a 21% tax rate versus 37%. He spoke regarding the new standard deduction increase to \$24,000 as well as the loss of some other deductions.

Check Presentation!

We held a check presentation; Darla Farmer accepted the check (\$2,500) for Hope for Three and thanked the club as she explained how the funds are used. Hope for Three's Mission is; "To reach one child, one family, one community by creating awareness and providing support to families living with autism spectrum disorder."



Our Young Citizen of the Month from Sugar Land Middle School was April Valdez. Cookie Joe presented her with the award. (Another awesome student!)



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."*



SPEAKER OF THE WEEK!

(03/07/2018)



Our speaker was Alexandra Needler. Ms. Needler spoke to us about Project Search. A program that partners with TEXANA and their goal is to find Competitive Employment for Students with significant disabilities.

Transition-to-Work Program

The goal for each program participant is competitive employment. To reach that goal, the program provides real-life work experience combined with training in employability and independent-living skills to help young people with significant disabilities make successful transitions to productive adult life. The Project SEARCH model involves an extensive period of

skills training and career exploration, innovative adaptations, long-term job coaching, and continuous feedback from teachers, skills trainers, and employers. As a result, at the completion of the training program, students with significant intellectual disabilities are employed in nontraditional, complex and rewarding jobs. In addition, the presence of a Project SEARCH program can bring about long-term changes in business culture that have far-reaching positive effects on attitudes about hiring people with disabilities and the range of jobs in which they can be successful. Projectsearch.us

Outcome Summary

Our outcome measures are based on a rigorous definition of competitive employment that includes the following criteria:

- Employment in an integrated setting (i.e. among co-workers with and without disabilities)
- Year-round, non-seasonal work
- 16 hours/week or more
- Prevailing wage

2013-2016 Project SEARCH Outcome Summary:

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
# Enrolled	1412	2034	2370	2876
# Completed	1285	1876	2205	2643
% Completed	91%	92.2%	92.7%	92%
# Employed	881	1370	1697	2016
% Employed (Enrolled)	62%	67.4%	71.6%	70.1%
% Employed* (Completed)	68.6%*	73%*	75.5%*	75.5%*
Avg. Hourly Pay	ND	\$9.13	\$9.61	\$9.79
Avg. Hours/Week	ND	25.39	25.40	24.20



YOUTH OF THE MONTH

Our Youth of the Month was introduced by Judge Bell, we had the honor of meeting Ms. Morgan Baste-Simms. While all of our youths are exceptional, I was struck by the fact that Morgan speaks Russian, Spanish, and Latin fluently! She gave a fantastic thank-you speech giving us two great quotes. "Nothing is impossible. It may seem next to impossible, but all you need to do is a little hard work." And, "As long as you have the drive to do it!" We (rightly) gave her a second standing ovation!



Judge Rick Bell and Ms. Morgan!



Grandfather Proudly Stands!



President Rodney White and Ms. Morgan!

Last but not least... More messages from our great leader Mr. Rodney White. "what's in a number?" (answer below)

I am excited and hopeful that we will exceed our club growth goals! We had 6 visitors! Of the six, 1 was Elisa Layton who the board voted to approve at our last meeting and one was an application for membership from Linda Rudd! The other visitors included Valerie Willis, Ravin Chhatrapati, Jeff Dodson, and Kathy Carlisle. What I am also excited about is that we inched closer than ever to having 10 guests who also were potential members! If everyone will make sure that a day does not pass where you don't speak to someone about our Club, we will do magical things with our membership!

Thank You Norma Reyna and Lori Bisewski! Stepping to the plate for us!!!

We had several announcements about Spaghetti, and we also heard from Norma Reyna who will chair the Silent Auction! Thank you, Norma, and thank you Lori Bisewski who is chairing the Live Auction. I know you both will knock it out of the park!

All "hear ye" Doug and Greg speaketh!

Doug Earle and Greg Oelfke gave an update on raffle and dinner ticket sales. **Let's pick up the pace and set a record this year!**