



Exchange Hotline

Exchange Club of
Sugar Land Newsletter
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The Exchange Club of Sugar Land

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Wednesdays, 7:00 a.m.

Sweetwater Country Club
Palm Royale Blvd.
Sugar Land, Texas

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Message from the President

THANKFUL AND THOUGHTFUL



November is the MONTH OF GRATEFULNESS and, appropriately, the time when our hearts turn to gratitude.

Nov 7th is A GRATEFUL NATION with our always inspiring ONE NATION UNDER GOD breakfast, where we will host several other Exchange Clubs and fill the room with Thanksgiving for those who serve, and have served.

The 14th we celebrate THANKFUL GIVING by introducing this year's SANTA'S EXCHANGE program led by Judge Rick Bell and including so many of our members, plus Rotary and other Exchange Clubs. What a miracle this event is!

In fact, ALL MONTH we will practice gratitude, for which we have MUCH to be thankful. For instance,
-the SPAGHETTI 2019 SAVE THE DATE letters went out and we have already had over \$4,000 in table sales and raffle tickets bought!
-the SANTA'S EXCHANGE committee was full the other night, and word came that TOYS R US is STILL able to give us \$4,000 to buy toys! Amazing!
-We posted the SANTA'S EXCHANGE on Facebook as an event and PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY SIGNED UP TO HELP!
You get the idea. The month will be filled with JOY every week, despite our circumstances, as we practice THE ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE.

And, let it not be unsaid, I am grateful for each and every one of you. You have changed my life . . . For the better!
See you every Wednesday morning at 7 am!
For the whole Exchange Family,

David M. Lanagan, President
President@ecsl.org

10/16/2018
The Magic of Communications
Program Speaker was Nancy Olson



**HERE WITH THE NEWS
AN AWARD WINNING BROADCASTER!**

Award winning **KLTV Tyler news desk anchor** and later **KCAL Health Reporter** in the second largest media market in the United States, our speaker on **THE MAGIC OF COMMUNICATIONS** is an experienced communicator with knowledge of the media both inside and out.

Presently a freelance writer and consultant, **Nancy Olson** shared with us what it was like when the red light goes on and the floor director points at you to “go live.”

- **What’s the news business like?**
 - **How has it changed?**
 - **What can we watch for in reporting, and other insights.**
- It’s a **DON’T MISS MORNING** at **Exchange Club of Sugar Land!**

Fantastic job Nancy!

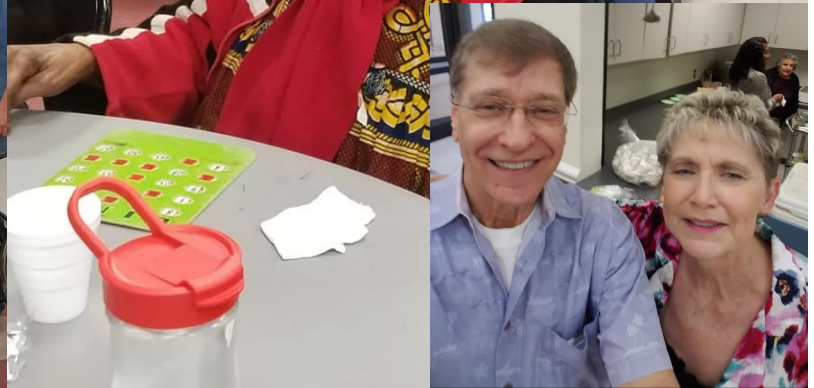
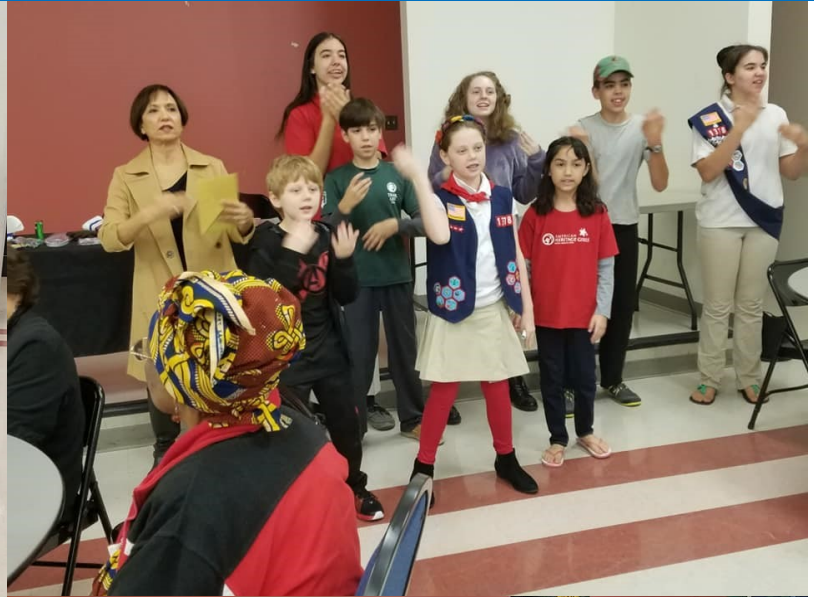
10/31/2018
The Magic of Communications
Program Speaker was Stephen Bassett



In our final week of THE MONTH OF MAGIC we will hear from a fascinating speaker about a complicated opportunity. Blessed with ever increasing numbers of bright young people, the School District must find a place for everyone. Can this be done?

Our speaker described the School Board’s vision for THE MAGIC OF CHANGE. Stephen J Bassett of FBISD also spoke to us about the new Bond Issue. Important speakers are constantly coming to us. You come, too!

Service to Seniors 11/3/2018





Another great morning at Exchange Club of Sugar Land. We had fun and recognized one of our members, Greg Kramer, as "A Shining Star". We also learned about the school bond which is on the ballot.

Our Exchange Club of Sugar Land BOWLING team! It was for Fort Bend Regional Council and the team raised \$1,522 and spent 15 hours of time to do it! thanks Doug, Cindy, Farha and Kevin! [#exchange4fit](#)



Halloween Fun with our very own "Blues Brothers", President **David Lanagan** and President of the TLGCD **Kevin Barker**!



EXCHANGE CLUB SOCIAL

Come join us for a club social at Chuy's Sugar Land on November 14 starting at 5pm. They are located at 320 Hwy 6 near HEB.

This will be a great time to socialize with fellow members. If you have brought in a new member recently please invite them.

Questions: contact Sue Sanchez sweetsue@windstream.net



Santa's Exchange/ Toys for Tots 2018!

Saturday, Dec. 15 at First Colony Church of Christ
2140 First Colony Blvd. Sugar Land, Texas 77479

Santa's Exchange is a joint community service project of The Exchange Club of Sugar Land, Sugar Land Rotary, The Exchange Club of Fort Bend and Toys for Tots.

THE NEED IS GREAT - This year over 5,000 children will receive Christmas gifts through the efforts of these Community Service Clubs, businesses, churches and schools that collect gifts for the children of Ft Bend County. Parents in need are sent an invitation to visit Santa's Exchange and "shop" for three new toys for each child. The kids have a chance to sit on Santa's lap and "elves" entertain them with crafts and games.

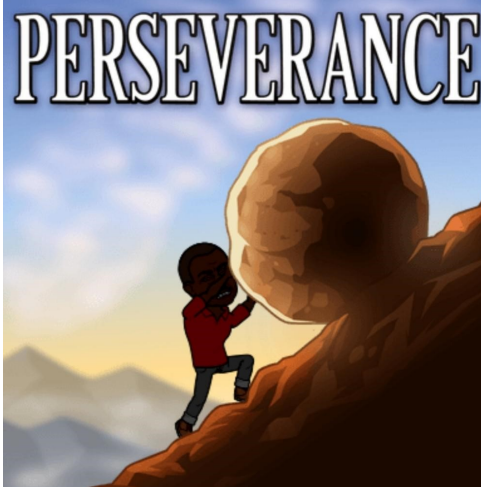
Traditionally over 1,000 volunteers from local community service clubs, high schools and churches assist on the day of the project.

- **How the toys are collected** - New unwrapped toys can be dropped off at Ft. Bend ISD schools, Lamar CISD schools, First Colony Mall Service Center, or First Colony Self Storage, at Lexington and Sweetwater Blvd. You can also bring toys to the Exchange Club of Sugar Land meetings every Wednesday in November and December at 7:00 a.m. at Sweetwater Country Club in the ballroom.
- **The toys are processed at the church** each evening in the week before the event
- **Around 7 am Saturday, Dec 15th** the volunteers converge and make the magic happen.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

If you would like to help by putting a toy collection box at your place of business/church or make a donation, please EMAIL santa@ecsl.org. Online donations can be made at <https://stafford-tx.toysfortots.org> Donation checks can be made payable to The Exchange Club of Sugar Land, P.O. Box 17033, Sugar Land, TX, 77496.

Prayer Corner



Immediate Past President Rodney “the Storyteller” White continues his battle with esophageal cancer.

Rod’s 2nd round of Chemo will be on November 6th, 2018. There are 4 rounds scheduled over an 8 week period. The purpose of the chemo is to shrink the tumor and surgery will follow. After the 4 rounds, the medical team will run new scans and determine at that time if combo of **chemo/radiation** is needed before the surgery to remove the mass. While it has only become slightly easier to eat after the 1st round of chemo, Rod is optimistic that his ability to eat a larger variety of solid foods will improve, after this next round. Rod sends his thanks and his love for your continued prayers, cards and well-wishes. Thanks in advance for joining team Storyteller.



We got a touching note this week from our wonderful fellow Exchangite Sonal Bhuchar, who is valiantly battling disseminated cancer:

Dear David and Exchangites:

Thank you for all that you do to hold our community together with so much service, caring and compassion. I am sending a check.

I may be “inactive” for a while but will jump in when I can . . . and SOON!!!!

Warmest regards -

SONAL

Sonal’s kids had these bracelets made for those of who want to keep her needs in our thoughts and prayers. We will have them available each Wednesday until they are gone. **Join Team Sonal!**



Exchangite November Birthdays!



Chad Seime 11/8
Rod the Storyteller White 11/24
Shawn McDonald 11/28



November Member Anniversaries

Nareen Patel, November 28th, 1995



Randy McClendon, November 24th, 2009 (9 years)

Cindy McCauley, November 29, 2011 (7 years)

Evelyn Jackson, November 1st, 2017 (2 years)



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Quotable for Volunteers

“You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late.”
— *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

“Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer.” — *Author Unknown*

“Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another.”
— *Erma Bombeck*

JOKE OF THE DAY

