

Exchange Club of Sugar Land Newsletter April 15th, 2019

The Exchange Club of Sugar Land

4800 Sugar Grove Blvd. Suite 100 Stafford, TX 77477 www.ecsl.org

Weekly Meetings

Wednesdays, 7:00 a.m.

Sweetwater Country Club Palm Royale Blvd. Sugar Land, Texas

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From The President

As always, events seem to be speeding up as we approach the end of April. Rod would be proud of our club that we have both helped his family and managed the myriad details of Spaghetti all at the same time. Our work continues, because it is about what we can do for the kids.



That doesn't stop us from taking a little sanctified pause in our personal actions to ask what each of

us can do just a little better, a little more, in a little better way. That's the kind of people you are, and I am proud to serve you.

SO WHAT CAN WE DO?

If you've sold tickets or raffle tickets, turn in the money and the count. If you have a silent auction basket you've committed to bring, bring it now. If you haven't signed up for duty the day of the event, do it now. If you are buying tickets for your neighbors, buy them now. As Rod would say, that's what makes **#exchangestrong.**

See you at the Club.

Rod "The Storyteller" White earns his wings



Early Sunday morning April 14, 2019 our Immediate Past President quietly passed away at home. The Exchange Club has been marvelous in its support of the family, and we have one final opportunity to help with his funeral costs. You may give a check to our Treasurer marked ROD WHITE or ask her to bill you for a donation. Every little bit helps.

SPEAKER OF THE WEEK!

04/03/19 Bill Nash award, With <u>David M. Lanagan</u>, <u>Nora Sim</u>, <u>Bill Nash</u>, <u>Kirby Lammers, Cookie</u> <u>Joe</u> and <u>Morris Lasris</u>



Bill Nash and Kirby Lammers. Presentation of \$2000.00

towards

Champions Kid Camp!

Total given this year \$5,0000!!!



Internationally Known Recording Artist, songwriter and performer of *"BACK THE BADGE"* Bill Nash



Bill Nash has written hits for Reba McEntire, Kathy Bauer and others, performed in Houston, on TV and around the world, and in the morning he will appear at the Exchange Club of Sugar Land. His charity, CHAMPIONS KIDS CAMP, will be receiving a BIG CHECK to complete a \$5,000 gift from us to help the 200+ kids this summer.



L-R, Cookie Joe, Jadyn Routhier, Alaina Routhier, Brina Fortman & David Lanagan!

The American Heritage Girls is a Christian-based Scouting-like organization. The organization has more than 43,000 members with troops in all 50 states in early 2017, plus Americans living in twelve other countries.

Student of the Month!

Alessandra Venema Introduction and presentation by Farha Ahmed.





SPEAKER OF THE WEEK April 10th, 2019

About "Hope For Three"

Darla Farmer

Executive Director / Founder

A Fort Bend County resident since 1993, Darla is long-time volunteer and supporter of many children's charities. Self-employed for the past 25 years, Darla possesses an extensive background in business administration, operations, marketing and customer relations. Her visionary leadership is illustrated through her passion for Hope For Three's mission.



MISSION

To reach one child, one family, one community by creating awareness and providing support to families living with autism spectrum disorder.

<u>VISION</u>

To bring about positive social change and create an inclusive community where each child's unique abilities are acknowledged and fostered.



Hope For Three was inspired by the plight of an amazing mother and father in Fort Bend County who experienced the triple pleasure and heartbreak of having identical triplets all diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

Helplessly watching this family navigate the frustrating waters of maxed out social services, excessive bureaucracy,

denials by insurance companies and indifference by society, close friends pondered their options and as a result, Hope For Three was created in April 2011.

Inspired by the Montgomery triplets, Hope For Three, a local nonprofit and autism advocacy group, was established to raise community awareness and provide resources and support, in the form of financial aid, to families with children diagnosed with ASD.