



Exchange Hotline

Exchange Club of
Sugar Land Newsletter
June 1, 2019

The Exchange Club of Sugar Land

4800 Sugar Grove Blvd. Suite 100
Stafford, TX 77477
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Weekly Meetings

Wednesdays, 7:00 a.m.

Sweetwater Country Club
Palm Royale Blvd.
Sugar Land, Texas

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From The President

The last of our Exchange Club year starts off with one of the most exciting times of the year, that is, the memorialization of those whose extreme sacrifice have made our lives possible.



In reality, this is the story of Exchange. people giving up their individual lives to make the difference in the lives of children. I sat the other day in a wonderfully effective presentation put on by **Child Advocates of Fort Bend** in which they simply told the stories of children who had been horribly abused but removed to safety through their work. To prevent child abuse. Can you think of anything more important or better? **And yet, we serve seniors, Flags to the community, we help Scout trips, we make this a better place to live. not just by doing things, but by being the right people at the right place at the right time.**

That's you I'm talking about, that's your story. and I'm sticking to it. I look forward to the last few weeks I'm seeing what you do, and how you do it, and celebrating your success. You are my heroes.

David M Lanagan, president@ecsl.org

Speaker of the Week, ARC of Fort Bend by Laura Lavigne!

05/22/2019



SPECIAL REPORT, ARC OF FT BEND LEADER LAURA LAVIGNE!

Trained at a Kent State and U of H, **Laura Lavigne** spent 29 years as a special education teacher and administrator in Fort Bend ISD. **She started her second career at The Arc in 2006.** She already knew many of the students and their families personally, so her choice of a career after retirement was a good fit. Along with the many challenges of her new job, **she's worked to bring changes to the Special Olympics program.** She's also made a major push to increase the number of providers who serve parents and their children. Partnering with companies like **Unified Care Group, All the Little Things Count, and the Texana Center**, she has changed the face of service to special needs families in Ft Bend, **Exchange believes in THE ARC and will present her with a \$3,000 check.**



Continued / The Ark of Fort Bend!

“ Ensuring opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to maximize their quality of life within our community.”

50 years serving Fort Bend County

The Arc of Fort Bend was incorporated in 1968 by families who sought a better life for their children who were diagnosed with “Mental retardation.”

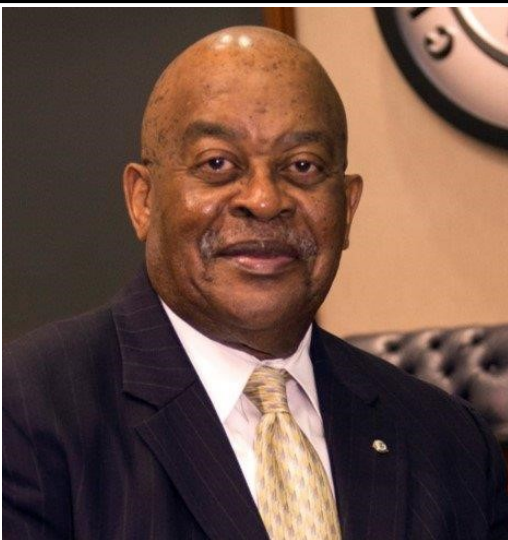
We are no longer an acronym. OUR MISSION EXPANDED TO COVER DEVELOPMENT DISABILITIES.

The Arc is an advocate for inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities and related development disabilities into all parts of life in there community.

SO WHAT DOES THE ARC DO?

Combination of behind the scenes advocacy and facilitation as well as programs for Individuals.

Mark your calendars!



**PRESIDENT ELECT VERNON HUNT TO BE
INAUGURATED THURSDAY EVENING JUNE
27TH!**

The excitement is building as preparations are made for the big event! Make **YOUR** plans to welcome our new President by attending. Register when your notice comes!



SUGAR LAND, TEXAS 1987



EXCHANGE
THE EXCHANGE CLUB SUGAR LAND, TX



Ok, don't forget the Alamo! No, I really mean. **Don't forget our DISTRICT CONVENTION coming up at South Shore Harbour!**

District Convention Registration

June 14-16, 2019 – South Shore Harbour Resort

Mail check & registration to: Kevin Barker, 25214 Canary Point Drive Richmond, TX 77406

If you have any questions please contact Kevin Barker at (281) 690-3575

Name _____

Club _____

Guest(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Reservation Deadline May 24, 2019

Rate increase of \$5.00 per package and/or per event after May 24, 2019.

Package: \$135.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Includes Continental Breakfast, Youth Awards Luncheon and President's Banquet on Saturday and the One Nation Under God Breakfast on Sunday.

Individual Events:

Saturday Youth Awards Luncheon \$ 45.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Saturday President's Banquet \$ 65.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Sunday Morning One Nation Under God Breakfast \$ 35.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Texas Louisiana Gulf Coast District Total \$ _____

Mail check & registration to: Kevin Barker, 25214 Canary Point Drive Richmond, TX 77406

Room Accommodations: Rooms are \$135 per night for King or 2 double beds.

Please contact South Shore Harbour Resorts at (281) 334-1000 to make your reservations. Please tell them you are with the Texas Louisiana Gulf Coast District Convention.

Rooms and Rates guaranteed until May 24, 2019. After that date, regular room rates apply.

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Speaker of the week!

05/29/2019

FORT BEND SENIORS CHANGES LIVES !

Director of Development and Public Relations for Fort BEND SENIORS, **Leah Ghobrial, MPH.**

Leah's favorite part of her job is having the opportunity to share the stories of the seniors lives that FBS improves through its meals on wheels and senior center programs. Leah has been with Fort Bend Seniors since October 2017, and has over 10 year of experience in nonprofit development and operations. Her strengths include grant writing, special event management, and major gifts cultivation.

Prior to working with FBS, Leah served as Director of Doctors For Change in Houston, Texas, and Program

Manager with CHRISTUS Health Foundation Southeast Texas. Leah holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Missouri Columbia and a Masters in Public Health from the University of Texas Health Sciences Center in Houston. Leah's public health degree and work experience provide a unique solutions-based perspective to approaching challenges in the social service sector, and will ensure Fort Bend Seniors receives the appropriate amount of funding for growth and expansion.

Started in 1974. Served 364,000 last year and growing.



YOUTH OF THE YEAR!

Clements HS



Introduction of Abhijith Venkat by Amy Mitchell! Awarded a gift of \$500.

Some comments about Abhijith!

"Always a pleasure to talk with!"

"He prepares himself well for all of his challenges."

"He has a wonderful volunteer Spirit!"

"He has the intelligence, grit and determination to carry out any challenged he is offered."

One of our Spaghetti cook-off teams, Sugar Land Police , Deputy Chris Thompson donated the money back to Exchange that we gave the team for supplies to cook Spaghetti. Way to go Chris to you and your team!



AWESOME!

And a Big Thankyou!

Sugar Land Memorial Day Ceremony!



MEMORIAL DAY
*** CEREMONY ***

MONDAY MAY 27	SUGAR LAND MEMORIAL PARK 15300 UNIVERSITY BLVD.
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10 a.m. EXHIBITS AND PATRIOTIC CONCERT	11 a.m. FORMAL TRIBUTE	NOON RAISING OF THE FLAG OBSERVANCE
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*** 2019 ***

Remembering our Heroes
and the Sacrifice of Service Members

Special Tribute: Recognition of The American Legion's 100th Anniversary
www.SugarLandTX.gov/MemorialDay • 281-275-2900 or 311