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The Exchange Club of Sugar Land

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Wednesdays, 7:00 a.m.

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Sugar Land, Texas

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From The President

Doing what you can.

There's a lot going on! Rodeo Parades and Galas and Boogies and Festivals, all over Fort Bend County and ALL lots of fun!

That's a GOOD thing! It means that in one of the fastest growing counties in the United States people care not only what happens to them, but what happens to others.

I keep saying this out loud because it is such a vital part of our EX-CHANGE consciousness . . .

It's All About The Kids

That's our motivation and our passion. Kids whose parents learn to be good parents at **THE ESCAPE CENTER**. Kids who know someone cares when they get treatment and safety at **CHILD ADVOCATES OF FORT BEND**. Kids whose parent steals away with them to escape abuse at **THE WOMEN'S CENTER**.

It's what makes heroes out of people like **Jim Kij** who has personally sold more raffle tickets than maybe any other Exchangite in history. And **Doug Earle** who may be the single most prolific dinner ticket salesman ever. And, of course, **THANKS TO CARLOS** Lori and her team have the notes about who, what, when, where, to make it all a success.

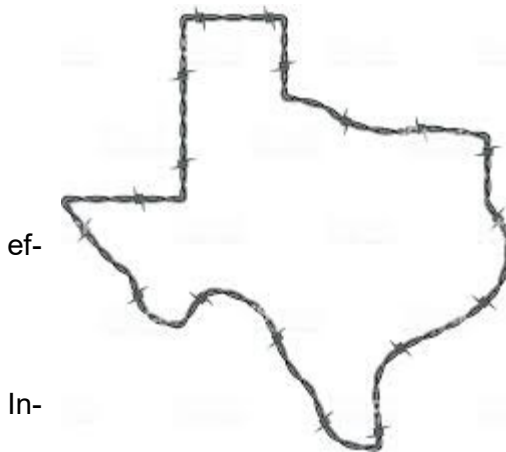
That's where **WE** come in. . .

**NO ONE CAN DO EVERYTHING
BUT EVERYONE CAN DO SOMETHING.**

Every member has a part. Each member's responsibility is to DO WHAT THEY CAN, and little by little, it will all get done. As I write this I've gotten a call from someone providing a BBQ for 50, a note about a donation that wishes to remain anonymous, and a basket idea for Silent Auction that's so much fun you can't believe it. Just folks doing what they can. Folks just like you. Oh, and **THANK YOU!**



Our Speaker March 6th is Denise Kurt! *Yee Haw!!!!*



Barbed Wire. Aaaaah, the open plains and the Homestead Act! The need for an inexpensive method to protect homesteads and crops from wandering livestock. **What could be more Texan, and more exciting!**

Denise Kurt is a member of the **Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's Speaker's Committee** and is thrilled to support them in their fort to provide year-round educational support throughout Texas. Volunteering is a longtime passion for Denise. She was an active member for many years with Houston Proud, which assisted non-profits with their fundraising efforts. Most recently, Denise and her husband, Walter, helped distribute needed supplies to the Houston dependent School District, as well as to neighborhoods that sustained damage during Hurricane Harvey.

Denise, a native of St. Petersburg, Florida, received her Bachelor's Degree from the University of South Florida, and her Doctor of Jurisprudence from South Texas College of Law.

Denise is licensed to practice law in the State of Texas, and the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas. She is a member of the Houston Bar Association, Association of Women Attorneys, and the Disability and Elder Law Attorney Association. She is currently a Regional Attorney with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission and is based in Houston.



SPAGHETTI NEWS - FIRST BASKETS DUE!

Every table got a basket to make last week. Those baskets are due tomorrow and a new emphasis for the week will start! TABLES, BRING YOUR BASKETS!

How exciting to have such a great opportunity to present fabulous winnings for the Raffle, great opportunities from the Live Auction, and outstanding competition from the Spaghetti Teams that are competing!



Did you know that the Grand Prize for the raffle is a **TUSCANY CULINARY ESCAPE FOR 2 INCLUDING AIRFARE, MEALS AND HOTEL?** All of your friends will want in on this one! **Raffle tickets are \$100 each.** Each week we will assign a different item for each member to find and bring. It'll be FUN! Remember, **SPAGHETTI IS ALL ABOUT THE KIDS.** Let's do this **TOGETHER!**

Feb. 27th Spaghetti Team Kicks Off The Drive Spaghetti is Friday, April 26th!!!

The TEAM

Lori Bisewski, Cad Seime, Vernon Hunt, Doug Earle, Morris Lasris, Clinton Chapman, Farha Ahmed and Russ Braun



Then BSA leaders Carey Snyder and Scoutmaster David Van Kleeck introduced the New Scouting Program for Girls, and our guest **Kiera Self**



Cookie Joe presents
**Eduardo Quintero
Lopez** of Sugar Land
Middle School
**YOUNG CITIZEN OF
THE MONTH Feb 27th**



We also gave a check for \$5,000 to the FORT BEND REGIONAL COUNCIL from The Exchange Club of Sugar Land, the night before they honored Dr. Betty Baitland at their Gala.

Left to right are Betty Baitland, John Robson of FBRC, and Nora Sim, the check presenter.

Carlos Perez, Lori Bisewski and Amy Mitchell
 auction the MOST SPAGHETTI TEAMS EVER
 TO COMPETE!!!! Now TOTALLY SPONSORED



BY THE CLUB!!!



Cue music 15 minutes before the meeting - (have Brad play the background music on a loop until time to start)

☐ Lori Bisewski - Spaghetti Chair - here are your teams!!!

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| Cookie Joe \$500 | ☐ Sugar Land Fire Department (new Fire Chief - Doug Boeker) | 375 |
| Sharon Robbins \$375 | ☐ Sugar Land Citizen's Fire Academy Alumni Association | 300 |
| Amy Mitchell \$375 | ☐ Sugar Land Professional Fire Fighters Association - Tommie Holliday and Tom Anderson | 300 |
| | ☐ Sugar Land Police Department (New Police Chief Eric Robins) | 400 |
| Reflex 550 | ☐ District Attorney Brian Middleton (newly elected) | 300 |
| Julie 500 | ☐ Sheriff Department - Troy Nehls | 350 |
| Doug Earle 500 | ☐ Wharton Fire Department - Fire Chief Anthony Abbott | 300 |
| Sonja 350 | ☐ Fort Bend ISD police - Police Chief David Rider | 300 |
| Kerlin Barkin 325 | ☐ Trever Nehls and the Deputy Constables of Precinct 4 | 300 |
| David 300 | | |

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GET TO KNOW JULIE FOURNIER.

For over 30 years Juli Fournier has represented clients in corporate, limited liability company, partnership, securities, financing, tax, and general business matters. **JULIE IS AN INVALUABLE LEGAL PRESENCE HELPING OUR BOARD HANDLE CONTRACTS, BY-LAWS AND INSURANCE CONCERNS. SHE IS ALSO OUR STUDENT OF THE MONTH COORDINATOR.** She serves as managing partner for Stephenson Fournier, a Houston law firm. Juli is a native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and went to the University of Wisconsin – Madison for her undergraduate work. She received her law degree from The Law School at the University of Texas. Juli has been happily married since 1990 to Randy Fournier. Together they have two daughters, Danielle who lives in Chicago and Kylie who lives in Silicon Valley. Juli enjoys jogging, swimming, hiking, and downhill ski-



Wednesday morning, February 20th,
2019

B.L. Wylie and Jim O'Neill spoke to us! B.L. is the founder of SkateTherapy.org, its director from its inception in 2010 to the present. Prior to that she was a member of the Dallas Figure Skating Club and Texas Gulf Figure Skating from 1967 to the present, holding various offices in Dallas Figure Skating Club. She and her husband are the proud parents of 3 testing skaters, one of whom was the **1992 Olympic Men's Silver Medalist**. She was a dedicated coach to competitive skaters at Sugar Land Ice Arena from from 1997 until her recent well-deserved retirement in May of this year.

Incidentally, B.L. was a recipient of our own club's **BOOK OF GOLDEN DEEDS** award (shown with Rod!)



Also that day we hear from Jim O'Neill is the Co-Founder and EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR of SKATETHERAPY and has an extensive background in traffic management center operations, media and broadcast experience including syndication, on-air and creative production.

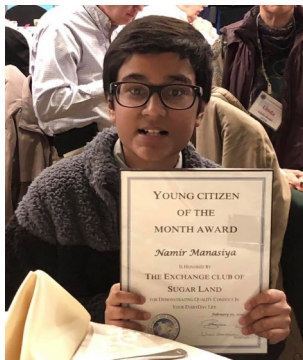


ON FEB 20TH WE ALSO WELCOMED THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF EXCHANGE

Scot Warren of Naperville, IL, was installed as The National Exchange Club's National President at the organization's 100th National Convention in Reno, NV, in July 2018. Prior to his nomination as National President-Elect in 2017, Scot served as Exchange's Region 3 Vice President. A second-generation Exchange Club member, Scot joined the Exchange Club of Naperville, IL, in 2002. In addition to his work as Regional Vice President, Scot has served Exchange in many leadership positions, at all membership levels, including Club President, Lincolnland District President, and Division Director. He was appointed as a Volunteer Field Representative in 2012. He spoke words of encouragement and praise to all Sugar Land Exchangites!



Then he helped us present a \$10,000 check to the Ft Bend Women's Center representative Vita Goodell, along with Carey Snyder, Betty Baitland, Vernon Hunt, Spaghetti Man Chad Seime and Brad Porter.



Finally,
Kalina Fashaw presented our
Student Namir Manasiya!

A Proud Day!!!



Wednesday, February 13th we got to SEE WHERE THE MONEY GOES!



\$5,000 of the money raised at last year's Spaghetti is in our budget for the YMCA, and **Leslie Wood** arranged for **Curt Yaeger**, the **Community Executive Director of the YMCA of Greater Houston and Ft Bend Family YMCA** to be with us to tell us about what YMCA does, **PLUS** receive a **BIG CHECK (ABOUT 3 FEET ACROSS!!!!)**. Curt is an experienced leader with a demonstrated history of working in the non-profit organization management industry. Left to right



Leslie Wood, Curt, and Vernon Hunt present the check.



Rene Cannavo
Presents
Student of the
Month
Chloe Ilagan



“What a great group, passing out American Flags at the Houston Livestock and Rodeo parade.”

Nick Landoski and Brad Porter, among many!!!

