



Exchange Hotline

Exchange Club of
Sugar Land Newsletter
May 15, 2019

The Exchange Club of Sugar Land

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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

As this year barrels to a close I would give almost all I own to go back and do it over again, in that while we were in the middle of it, I LEARNED.

I LEARNED that the people in this club are strong and able, and the leadership should depend on them more because of their creativity and positivity!

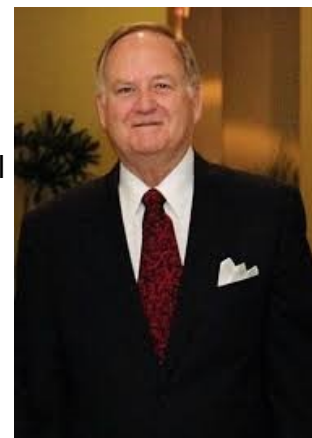
I LEARNED that between the Old Guard and the New Guard there's a dawning realization that the way that it has always been is not the way it will be. Younger, Brighter, more energetic minds are bringing their creativity and originality to bear on our programs and volunteer opportunities.

I LEARNED that I can't do everything (I know that's a shock) but I can do something, and so can each of you.

We all have BATTLES TO FIGHT AND LOTS TO DO but NOTHING is more important than the kids.

It's what we do for a living! See you at breakfast!!!

David M Lanagan
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MR. PRESIDENT 2019-2020
Vernon Hunt

Installation Wednesday Evening
June 26

Sweetwater Country Club
In the Ballroom

Doug Earle arranged for our Speaker on May 15 – Rosalind Moore of Big Brothers Big Sisters

Rosalind is a seasoned and award winning signature event designer with over 20 years experience and works in both the non-profit and corporate sectors.

In the charitable sector, her commitment to making a difference in the community is evidenced by her work for the past 13 years with Big Brothers Big Sisters Lone Star as Director of Signature Events. Rosalind and her team raise more than \$1 million annually. She attributes the BBBS fundraising successes to “a qualified and committed team that collectively works together, and the generosity of the citizens and businesses in the metropolitan Houston area.”



Accepting the Challenge of Excellence

We also made our presentation of the ACE award tomorrow AND A \$500 CHECK to

Alessandra Vennema from Clements. Amy Mitchell made the presentation.

We presented NEO PROJECT with a \$2500 check for their work in taking kids and families outside. That's Jennifer Boley RECEIVING THE CHECK.

Then, Darla Farmer presented us with a plaque from HOPE FOR THREE because of our support!



**Officer of the Year
Stephanie Rutland**



**Firefighter of the Year
Warren Phillips**



Cookie Joe invited Mayor Joe Zimmerman, FIRE CHIEF Doug Boeker AND POLICE CHIEF Eric Robbins plus OFFICER OF THE YEAR and FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR . Mayor Zimmerman spoke about economic development in Sugar Land FOR THE MAY 1ST MEETING.



Fort Bend Crime Stoppers MAY 1ST!

Fort Bend County Crime Stoppers is a partnership of the public, the police, and the media which provides the community with a proactive program for people to anonymously assist the police in solving crime.

Presentation of Check to Elvia Morales & Leslie Woods, Chairman of Crime Stoppers for \$7500.00. W/ David Lanagan, far right, Paul Barnett, Duyen Le.

Fort Bend County Crime Stoppers of Fort Bend County is a 501(c) non-profit organization that has been assisting law enforcement in our community since 1981. Crime Stoppers is solely operated by a volunteer civilian board and a police coordinator.

The Fort Bend County Crime Stoppers serves all of the law enforcement agencies in Fort Bend County. It has become necessary to utilize all of the modern technology available to keep pace with one of the fastest growing counties in Texas. Tips received will be directed to the appropriate law enforcement agency for investigation. Rewards, when approved by the board, will be handle by and in accordance with the policies of the Crime Stoppers program handling the tip.

ACE AWARD WINNER, " Accepting the Challenge of Excellence ! Presented to Sophia Oldmixon of Kempner Highschool. Also, Sophia also is nominated for the District award.

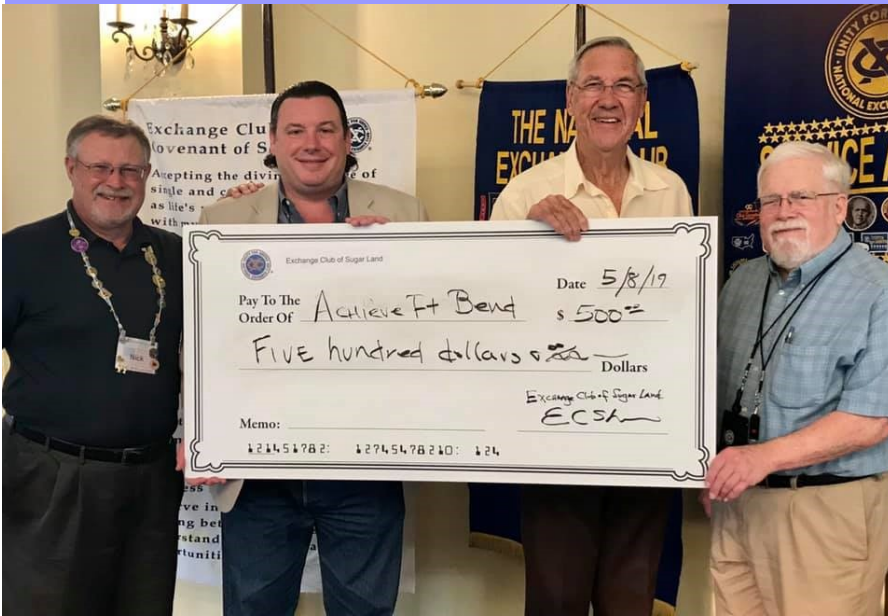


L-R, Juli Fournier
and Sophia Oldmixon (Student)



"ACHIEVE" Fort Bend County MAY 8TH

<http://www.achievefortbendcounty.org/>



Check presentation to James Patterson. L-R Nick Landowski, Kevin Barker, James Patterson the Carey Snyder!

Check amount was \$500.00 to the organization.

Results from Summer Reading Program.

So what did we learn? If given the opportunity and the resources, disadvantaged children can shine!



Who We Are

ACHIEVE Fort Bend County is a diverse group of business, community and education leaders throughout the county whose focus is to provide an interconnected system of sources to reduce dropout rates and provide opportunities for those citizens without high school diplomas.

Fort Bend ISD, Lamar Consolidated ISD, Needville ISD, and Stafford MSD reading specialists identified 742 first graders from Title 1 schools who had major reading deficiencies. A project was identified to provide each of the 742 students 12 personalized books that matched their reading levels and interests. The books were given to the students prior to summer dismissal. The project, coordinated by ACHIEVE Fort Bend County, required funding and participation by many community members.

How did the ACHIEVE Summer Reading Program do? Check out the results:

- 1. 73%** of the students who participated **maintained or improved** their reading levels over the summer months!
- Research shows that most students experience the "Summer Slide" during these months, causing them to lose the ground they gained during the year.
- This loss particularly affects students at the poverty level, as they don't have the resources to continue their learning outside of school.
- Instead, these students made **GAINS** due to the ACHIEVE Summer Reading Program!
- Since reading level impacts all other areas of study, we know that these gains aren't exclusive to reading. These children now have a much better chance of finding success in all other academic areas.

Youth Of the Year!



Emily Hammonds Kempner Highschool, Youth of the Year! Also a nominee for District Youth of the Month! Present by Cookie Joe (Cookie Joe Dancing School)



**Check Presentation to
“Fort Bend Family
Promise” in the amount of
\$2500.00 ON MAY 8TH**

www.fortbendfamilypromise.org

Fort Bend Family Promise provides shelter, meals and comprehensive support to families without homes.

The problem is so well-hidden that people often are shocked to learn about the growing number of homeless families in Fort Bend County. Based on a University of Texas study, there are between 6,000 and 9,000 homeless in Fort Bend in any given year, and nearly half are children seeking shelter with their families.

At Child Advocates Gala "UP, UP AND AWAY" all for the kids! We were the title sponsor. Thank you, ECSL! You are wonderful!

