



Exchange Hotline

**Exchange Club of
Sugar Land Newsletter**
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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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Fellow Exchangites:

It is my most sincere hope that this message finds all of you well, staying healthy, and as safe as you can be under the circumstances. I am quite sure that all of you are watching the news and keeping tabs on all that is happening around us. That having been said, there are a number of things that you can do right now and they are as follows:

1. Pray for the guidance of our National, State, and Local leadership.
2. Reach out to others in our club to check on their well being and let others know if we can be of assistance in any way.
3. Pay attention and follow guidelines proposed by those who have our utmost well being in mind.
4. Take the proper precautions to ensure you and your family's safety.

I know that these are uncharted waters and none of us have seen anything like this in our lifetime. Hopefully, this time being together with family will make us stronger and we will survive this and come out even stronger than before.

The Board of Directors held our monthly meeting this morning via teleconference. I must admit, it was refreshing to hear some friendly voices on the other end of the line. There were a couple of items that were covered that might be of interest to some of you.

1. The Exchange Club in conjunction with The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center will be conducting several Blood Drives to be held at the First Colony Mall. Those of you who might want to donate blood should be on the look-out for announcements on when and where. Keep in mind that the Blood Center is handling all of the details. The Fort Bend Club and Rotary Club have been asked to join us in this effort.
2. The Board voted to make available "Affiliate Memberships" to those members who might desire to do so based on economic hardships posed by the Coronavirus Epidemic. If you still want pay your regular dues that is Always Okay!
3. The Board selected October 24, 2020 as an alternate date for Spaghetti. This is a tentative date with more discussion and follow-up to be announced.
4. Follow-up is being done to contact the remainder of our Grant Recipients in order that we might complete all of the funding obligations for this fiscal year.

The Board of Directors is constantly looking for ways we can participate in helping our communities recover from the current situation. We in no way want to put anyone in harms way. We just know that some of us want to be involved and "Think of The Possibilities".

Use this time to really focus on how blessed we truly are !!!

Vernon

Speaker of the Week!

03/04/2020



Mr. Shariq Abdul Ghani is the Director of Minaret Foundation, an organization focused on building relationships through



interfaith, policy, and media engagement. For the past 10 years, Shariq has regularly spoken at faith centers, conferences, and educational institutions on topics ranging from American Muslim identity to faith-based activism and spirituality.

Previously, he co-founded Houston Leadership Academy, an organization geared towards the development of young Muslims into leadership and activist roles. Shariq's passion is finding intersections between communities for collaboration and mutual growth.

Mr. Ghani talked to us with some very interesting thoughts about the second generation of Muslims and how they are "American Muslims" How they are doing all types of professional jobs and have integrated themselves into our communities! 58% come from around the world and 42% actually were born here in America! They too, believe in Americanism and Patriotism and the freedoms given by our forefathers. American Muslims are far more progressive and moderate. And how they



Youth of the Month/ Clements High school!



Mr. Odysseus Wang, introduced by Jim Kij, Student of the Month!

"As a young adult, I have been raised with a variety of influences - some of positive influence, and some of adverse effect. However, if there is one thing I have been taught well and proper, is to be an upstanding citizen. My time spent with friends and family, education, the Clements High School NJROTC unit, and in volunteering organization exemplifies that habit of dedication to society as proud American citizen."

His education and dream will be to go to Texas A&M to graduate with a mechanical engineering degree and a Navy career. Then developing vehicles in automotive Technology.

Speaker of the Week!

03/11/2020



PIERCE BUSH

CEO OF THE LARGEST BIG BROTHERS
BIG SISTERS AGENCY IN THE COUNTRY

Our speaker today is Pierce Bush, the CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters Lone Star, the largest big brothers big sisters agency in the country. He is an experienced Chief Executive Officer with a demonstrated history of working in the non-profit organization management industry.

Pierce is skilled in Organizational Leadership, Open Book Management Systems, Fundraising, Business Development, and Team Building.

He is a strong, results-oriented professional with a BA focused in American Studies from The University of Texas at Austin.