



Exchange Hotline

Exchange Club of
Sugar Land Newsletter
Aug 1st, 2021

The Exchange Club of Sugar Land

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Weekly Meetings

Wednesdays, 7:00 a.m.

Meeting at:
Sugar Creek Country Club
420 Sugar Creek Blvd.
Sugar Land, Texas 77478

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Dear Exchange Members,

Our first community service project, The Back to School Bash, was a tremendous success. We had twenty-three volunteers from our club, including spouses and children. Together we provided approximately 600 children with backpacks, school supplies, shoes, and food for their families. Serving with us was our guest from last week, HoJin Lim. Thank you all for your service and especially for Serving with Honor!"

Rick Bell

President
Exchange Club of Sugar Land



SUGAR LAND, TEXAS 1987



Back-to-School Bash!



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L-R, Carlos Perez, Lydia Bourg, Jeff Dodson, Nora Sim, Paul Barnett



Cindy McCauley



Ed Gojara, Lori Bisewski



L-R, Jeff Dodson, Carlos Perez, Vernon Hunt, Nick Landowski



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We missed you
Cookie Joe!



Prayers for you!

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Events



Happy Exchange Birthdays! Thad Olive 7/7, Gladys Brumfield 7/11, Roy Cordes Jr. 7/15, Bruce Smith 7/17, Linda Schoonmaker 7/22, Jim Hudnall 7/24, Daniel Menendez 7/28, John Heinemann 8/2, Darla Farmer 8/3

Exchange Anniversaries! Becky & Brian Fortman 7/7/20 (1yr), Chanel Bermudez 7/17/19 (2 yrs.), Linda Schoonmaker 7/19/93, (28 yrs.), Jim Hudnall 7/24/87 (34 yrs.), Don Burns 7/27/99 (22 yrs.), Rick Bell 7/26/16 (5 yrs.) Russ Braun 7/26/16 (5 yrs.), Payal Patani 7/31/17 (4 yrs.)

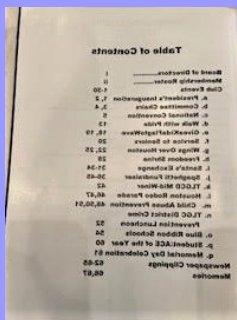
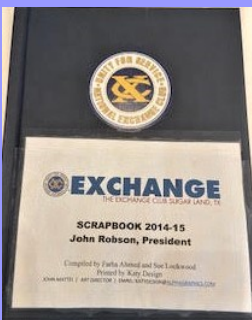


Tran Rich announced that **Cookie Joe** decided to use her battle against cancer to do good for others. She will be hosting a Blood Drive to Support Cookie Joe on August 13, 2021, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m., and on August 14, 2021, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. The blood drive will take place at **Cookie Joe's Dancin' School, located at 1415 Highway 6, Suite A100, Sugar Land, Texas in Room Number Four.** The goal is to have 100 volunteers. There will also be treats for sale with 100% of the proceeds going to cancer research. Email Tran at tranzam99@hotmail.com.

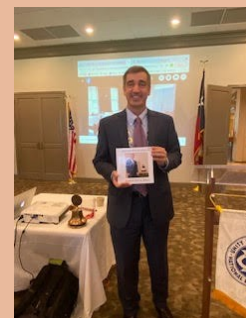
Farah Ahmed made a non-club announcement that a local officer, **Sam Herrera**, was responding to a call when he was shot in the line of duty. The injury resulted in the loss of his arm. Sam is married and has three minor children. Sam will be out of work for an extended period of time. We wrote him letters this morning and are mailing those out to him, but if you feel led to support him financially you may do that as well on his **GoFundMe** page.

Pete Olson made a non-club announcement that our guest, Curtis Brown, is in need of replacing the vehicle that he utilizes for his foundation and personal use. Curtis underwent surgery this year (he has had multiple surgeries in the past too) for injuries sustained while serving our country. The medical costs and extensive rehab have made it a very difficult time for him and his family. If you are aware of any car, truck, or SUV that may be donated or purchased to help his situation, please feel free to reach out to **Rick, Pete, or Suzanne Whatley.**

Did you know?



Rick Bell our new president has already received a gift book of Exchange photographs of himself and friends which was really cool. We all signed it as a memento of his current Presidency! Thanks Leslie Woods and others for putting this together!



Exchange Club has had a Scrapbook in past years! Camille Crow-Edwards is a NEW MEMBER that has volunteered to produce one for this year 2021-2022! Thank you Camille from all of us! So glad to have you!

Speaker Series



Our guest speaker on July 21, 2021 was Mrs. Adrienne Barker. She has lived in Fort Bend County for 30 years and has been very active in the community both professionally and in civic volunteer work.

As a fundraising professional, she has worked for agencies including; American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston Museum of Natural Science, Houston Area Women's Center, University of Houston and the Memorial Hermann system as an Assistant Vice President.

Her current professional position is with The George Foundation, as the Site Director of George Ranch Historical Park. There she oversees all staff managing customer service, historical interpretation, school education and third party rental events.

The George Foundation invests in Fort Bend County, Texas to enhance our community and the quality of life of those in need. Through grants to local nonprofits and scholarship opportunities for aspiring local students, the Foundation strives to positively impact the lives of our neighbors.

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Mrs. Barker, gave our members a fascinating talk about the history of the George Ranch back 200 years ago when first owned by **Henry and Nancy Jones**. (One of the first English speaking families in Fort Bend County). Adrienne walked us through the lineage of inheritance of all woman ownership to Mamie George who created the foundation. The land was always primarily woman owned, possibly due to Mexican influence which allowed women to inherit. If it had been under British rule it is thought that the land would have probably only passed down to men back then.

In her presentation Adrienne brought up some very interesting historical facts and thoughts on how the term cowboy originated, which are quite different from the way we see today's cowboys. Originally thought to have first been used in England around 1400 AD, many who worked with cows were boys 9-10 years old who tended herds back then. So, it is thought the term "cow boys" started with them.

Being a cowboy was a dirty nasty job in kind of a rough and tumble environment with lots of shootings and conflicts back then. But what really brought these men "together" was their skill set of rounding up cattle. Being a cowboy was considered a step-up economically as compared to being a laborer at that time in history. Today, some 100+ years later, the term cowboy is socially accepted for "skilled" cattle workers.

So, what's coming up with the George Ranch now?

There will be a **new visitors center** in about 18 months! There will also be a new **Heritage Nature Trail** within 2 years! And in 2024 there will be a **200 year anniversary celebration of the Jones family**, who as I mentioned, were one of the first English speaking families in this area we call Fort Bend County. www.thegeorgefoundation.org (for more insight)

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On July 28th our speaker, **Mano Deayala** gave a great presentation on the **Windham School District** and its efforts to lower the recidivism rate for inmates incarcerated in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

The Windham School District is a non-geographical school district that provides educational services to inmates in the custody of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. The district has its headquarters in Building B in the Wynne Unit in Huntsville.

District Overview

- Authorized by the Legislature in 1969
- Present in 86 Facility campuses
- Funds appropriated through the Texas Education Agency
- Certified principals, teachers, counselors
- More than 1,100 employees
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Programs Offered

- Academic Education
- Career and Technical Education
- Life Skills
- Family Literacy
- Special Education

WSD Outcomes from this program

- More than 60,000 students served
- 82% pass rate for high school equivalency
- 18,264 industry certifications awarded.

