



Exchange Hotline

Exchange Club of
Sugar Land Newsletter
July 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

Officers 2021-2022

President:
Rick Bell

President Elect:
Lori Bisewski

Secretary:
Vida Goodell

Treasurer:
Ed Gojara

Immediate Past President:
Paul Barnett

Board of Directors

Jeff Dodson
Leslie Woods
Thad Olive
Juli Fournier
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Colleen Migl
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Paul Barnett Passes Gavel to Mr. Rick Bell our new President for 2021-2022



A few words from our current Past President Paul Barnett!

Dear Exchange Members,

It was a busy final day of the 2020-2021 Exchange year. We started the day by dedicating a new Freedom Shrine at the Fort Bend Central Appraisal District. Thanks **Nick Landoski** for setting this up and **Jim Kij** for not only conducting the ceremony but also installing the whole thirty plaques! That evening we were able to successfully swear in the 2021-2022 Board, Officers, and President. Congratulations to our new President **Rick Bell**!

We had a fantastic year due to our great members! We won't let a little pandemic stop the ECSL from continuing our good work. At our Installation Dinner I talked about some of the "Firsts" we had this past Exchange year and some interesting statistics. We held the first Exchange Club of Sugar Land Installation Breakfast on June 24, 2021

It was also the first Installation done virtually.

The first Drive Through Santa's Exchange was December 19, 2020 in a howling monsoon.

First time we were frozen out of a meeting was on February 17, 2021 in the Great Ice Storm of 2021. No one had power to get on Zoom.

October 24, 2020 we had the Spaghetti Dinner. Six months later to get back on schedule, April 17, 2021 we had the second Spaghetti Dinner of the Exchange year, the first time we had two Spaghetti Dinners in the same year and first time we had virtual Spaghetti Dinners. In both cases we raised over \$100,000.

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Every time we present a check, honor a youth, work at a food drive, or do anything as a club it is recorded with the National Exchange Club as a "Project of Service". They like to know what all the clubs are doing. This year we recorded 100 projects. 100! That's almost two a week. Here's what our group was able to accomplish and the stats.

- **12 Americanism projects.**
- **9 Child Abuse Prevention projects.**
- **44 Youth Programs.**
- **26 Community Service projects.**
- **9 Fundraisers totaling over \$227,000 raised.**
- **Funding to 30 different charitable groups totaling \$103,454.**
- **46 Zoom meetings and 2 in person meetings.**
- **6 really fun socials. A Skeeters game, a Night at the Movies (Jurassic Park), a Picnic/War games with Sugar Land Rotary, we won! Dinner & Drinks at Willies Ice House, and two "take Jack and May Williams to lunch". That's as many Socials as we have in a normal year.**
- **Your Board of Directors met for 12 regular meetings and 4 special meetings all via Zoom.**
- **Sadly, we lost two very active members. Charlie Braun and Ed Lee.**

Thank you Exchange members for making 2020-2021 the great year that it was. It was an honor and a blast serving as your President. #ClearedForTakeoff.



Current Past President
July 1st 2020 - June 30th 2021



Exchange Club of Sugar Land Installation banquet at Sugar Creek C.C.

Our thanks to the retiring board and President Paul Barnett! And our welcome to our new president Judge Rick Bell! Exchange Club of Sugar Land is proud! Ably led by MC and incoming President Elect Lori Oaks Bisewski and installed by District President Carlos A Perez.

(words taken from Dr. David Lanagan)



Festivities for the evening installation dinner!



President Rick Bell - reminds us to
"SERVE WITH HONOR"! 2021-2022

Exchange Club of Sugar Land Installation banquet pictures!



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Birthdays, Anniversaries, Events

Happy Exchange Birthday! Nick Landoski 6/3, Doc Lee Ivey 6/5, Pat Welsh 6/19, Greg Oelfke 6/23, Eric Robins 6/28, Jaime Williams 6/28, Harriet Eisenstein 6/30, Chuck Sanchelli 6/30

Exchange Anniversaries! John Robson 6/1/08, Surendran Patel 6/7/19, Edward Gojara 6/7/19, Steve Rogers 6/14/18, Jeff Dodson 6/29/18, Vernon Hunt 6/28/12, Betty Baitland 6/20/01, Dough Earle and Richard Early 6/20/94.



September 11, 2021, Suzanne Whatley, President of the Sugar Land Citizens Fire Academy Alumni Association is planning for the Inaugural Firefighters Ball at Safari Texas. Note "Inaugural". That means they haven't done one before. Suzanne needs HELP! You can reach her here Suzanne@SWhatley.Com.

Doug Earle "Rick Branek with Fort Bend Seniors Meal on Wheels says that it will be business as usual with regular daily deliveries to seniors resuming in July. They need additional volunteers to help deliver hot meals to home-bound seniors." **Doug** says it takes him 88 minutes to do his route each week so if you have 88 minutes a week to help a senior call [Rick Branek at 619-253-1117](tel:619-253-1117) to volunteer for this rewarding program that ECSL also supports.

From **Suzanne Whatley**. We have a unique and important opportunity to volunteer in our community for an **active violence training on July 12-July 17, 2021**.

We live in a society that is constantly changing. More and more active violence scenarios are developing, and there is not enough training in schools, departments, or city businesses that can prepare for this misfortunate event. The goal is to have every department and outside agency be on the same page if a tragedy were to occur. The correct application of tourniquets or accurately packing a wound can be vital for a patient's survival. This education program we started is meant to build more confidence in all attendees as they will be well equipped for any trauma scenario.

The Active Violence Program for the Sugar Land Fire Department has developed an agenda involving three phases. Each phase of the training gets bigger as it leads into the live scale scenario we will host in January 2022. The list of attendees that have been involved have Sugar Land Fire, Sugar Land Police, Sugar Land Dispatch, City Hall Members, Missouri City Fire, Stafford Fire, Richmond Fire, Fort Bend County EMS, Community Volunteer Fire, Wilson County from San Antonio, Memorial Hermann Life Flight, and the Department of Homeland Security. It is so great to see everyone in one room working together to achieve the same goal.

Phase II is at the James Reese Career and Technical Centre. Volunteers are needed as follows:

7/12 5 People 12- 5 pm, 7/13 5 People 12-5 pm , 7/14 5 People 12-5 pm, 7/15 5People 12-5 pm, 7/16 5 People 12-5 pm, 7/17 5 People 12-5 pm

The volunteers will be able to assist in being role players and victims to our skills station. We will have lunch served as well!

Other News!



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THE EXCHANGE CLUB SUGAR LAND, TX

Exchange Club of Sugar Land President Paul Barnett presented a check for **\$1,000** to **Carolyn Tarver** for the **Project SMILE back-to-school event** that happens in August. She estimates that they will be able to help 1,400 kids with back-to-school supplies and our check will go a long way to help.



Mike Reichel RVP– Region 5 VP, presented a Club Builder Plaque and Star to **Cindy McCauley** for her work with helping build the Clements High School Excel Club. **Way to go Cindy!!**

Mike also presented Club Builder Stars to **Doug Earle, Carlos Prez,** and **Kevin Barker** for their efforts in building the Dulles Excel Club.
Good going you guys!

Did someone mention APPLES?



Kevin Barker spent a few minutes on Exchange Education and asked the question “How do we provide a great Exchange experience?” The answer, APPLES. **APPLES???**



- **A-Attentive.** Be attentive. Make sure we invite people in, don't ignore them, and make them feel welcome.
- **P-Present.** Be present mentally. Take time to get to know new people.
- **P-Patience.** Spend time to explain what we do and why we do it.
- **L-Listening.** New members have new ideas. Spend time to listen to what could be a great new idea and listen to their questions.
- **E-Enthusiasm!** That says it all, be an enthusiastic Exchange member.
- **S- Service Focused.** Be service-focused and participate in club activities.

Who actually made the 1st. Exchange Breakfast **meeting “in-person” after Covid started 15 months ago!** **March 2020- June 16, 2021**

Sugar Creek C.C.



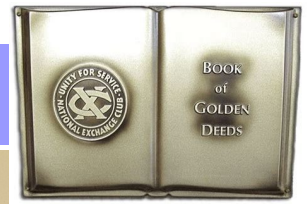
Betty Baitland
 David Lanagan
 Rick Bell
 Pete Olson
 Tom McGinnis
 Leslie Woods
 Judge Robert Kern
 John Heinemann
 Lori Bisewski
 Clinton Chapman
 Russ Braun

Ed Gohara
 Joni Stinger
 Nora Sim
 Kevin Barker
 Thad Olive
 Bruce Smith
 Jeff Dodson
 Mike Reichel
 Jim Kij
 Juli Fournier
 Carla Mondt

Cindy McCauley
 Paul Barnett
 Ray Albrecht
 Evelyn Trailer
 Nick Landoski
 Doug Earle
 Farha Ahmed
 Greg Oelfke
 Carlos Perez
 Suzanne Whatley



Book of Golden Deeds Award 2020-2021!



Book of Golden Deeds Award. Volunteer efforts are very important to our society and should not go unnoticed. The National Exchange Club's longest-running project, the Book of Golden Deeds Award, recognizes dedicated volunteers who give endless hours of their time and talents toward making their communities better places to live.

Kevin Barker revealed that Carolyn was the recipient of the **Book of Golden Deeds** and the **Book of Golden Deeds Lifetime Achievement Award**, only given to those who have dedicated their lives to the service of others. It was a complete surprise! **Kevin Barker**, Lydia Bourg, **Jim Hudnall**, **Jim Kij**, Sue Sanchez, **Leslie Woods**, and our friend from Rotary Scott Findley (via message) spoke about the impact Carolyn had made in their lives and what she meant to them and to all of the kids she has helped through Project Smile and Santa's Exchange. Her neighbor, **Jim Hudnall**, did note that whenever Carolyn asked him for a ride home it always seemed to cost him a \$100 donation! Congratulations Carolyn, well deserved for your dedication to PROJECT SMILE!

So, how did Carolyn Tarver start "Project Smile" many years ago!



Carolyn Tarver- **Project SMILE** stands for "**Stan's Memory Includes Loving Everyone**". (Stan was Carolyn's son who had died from an accident) We began by giving gifts to twelve children at a youth center in 1983. In 1995 the Exchange Club said that if I would call our Christmas outreach "Santa's Exchange" they would help me add 500 children that year and provide a place from which to distribute the gifts. They said that Santa's Exchange would be in support of Project SMILE. Christmas of 1994 we had 1200 children and in 1995, the first year of Santa's Exchange, we had 1800 children. For the following 18 years - before Toys for Tots - the Sugar Land Exchange Club, the Sugar Land Rotary Club, and the

Fort Bend Exchange Club joined together in support of Project SMILE at Christmas and made thousands and thousands of smiles through the years. Project SMILE is a beautiful tribute to my son Stan, as well as a great blessing to the many children whose smiling faces reflect their joy when they receive their gifts. I am very grateful for those years of Santa's Exchange support.

Freedom Shrine established by Exchange Club of Sugar Land!



Last but not least!

Paul, I may be the last one in the club to realize this, but you are a really cool guy! I am truly humbled by your leadership, but not to leave past Presidents out of this honorable circle. All have risen to the occasion when asked to lead. Leaders tend to rise everyday with a positive attitude even when things like "Covid" tried to bring us all down. As Jim Kij mentioned in our breakfast meeting, you just happen to be the "right guy" when Exchange needed you to lead us and be our President ,through a difficult 2020-2021. It is and **honor** to call you friend and I know all Exchange members feel the same about you! All of us are looking forward to having many "good times" with you in Exchange! Thank you personally for being my friend! You are now officially "**Cleared for take-off**"! Haha!

Russ Braun