



Exchange Hotline

Exchange Club of
Sugar Land Newsletter
July 15th, 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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Rick Bell

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President (Judge) Rick Bell Laying out the Plans for Exchange Members!



Dear Exchange Members,

About two weeks before my 40th birthday, I was reading the local newspaper and came across a story that piqued my interest. A lady was traveling all over the United States and skydiving in memory of her father that had recently passed away. The skydiving companies agreed to donate one-half of the funds raised to the American Cancer Society. To my surprise, I learned the lady was jumping in Arcola, Texas on my birthday. I decided donating money to cancer research while checking an item off my bucket list was meant to be, so I registered to jump. I thought it was a great idea until they opened the airplane's door and I looked three miles down at the Earth. I must admit I was nervous as I waited for the instructor to give me the jump command.

As I sat down to chart our vision for the 2021-2022 Exchange year, that same feeling of nervousness came over my body. I questioned whether I would have the time necessary to lead the club while fulfilling my responsibilities at home, church, and work. I pondered how we would be able to improve as a club when we are already doing such a great job. These feelings are not a lack of confidence, but rather, a recognition and appreciation for the trust you all have placed in me. Each president takes an oath to marshal the talents and skills of the members to inspire our club to improve.

To improve our club this year, we need established goals. Our goals should not be easy. We want to feel a sense of accomplishment at the close of next year, and we will not feel that way if we do not challenge ourselves. Along those lines, we have set the following goals for this Exchange year:

Achievable Goals!

1. We will grow our club by netting at least twelve additional members;
2. We will engage in at least one new service project for each pillar of Exchange (Youth, Americanism, Community Service, and the Prevention of Child Abuse);
3. We will build two new traditional clubs and at least two Excel or Junior Excel clubs;
4. We will sponsor a homeless veteran through Veterans Matter;
5. We will assist the Escape Club in becoming Operational again; and
6. Finally, we will net at least \$200,000.00 in revenue from fundraising efforts.

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I know if we marshal the talents and skills of our members we will achieve these goals and have a very successful year, but it will take the help from a majority of our members. Many of you have already reached out to me and requested to be plugged in a role to help the club. I appreciate your willingness to serve very much. However, I need the help of others, even if you can only commit to a small role at this time. If you are not currently serving on a committee, please email me at judgerichardtbell@gmail.com. and let me know what area in which you would like to serve. Our tradition is each president is permitted to set a theme for their term.

My theme this year is to SERVE WITH HONOR.

After a moment of self-reflection, I heard the flight instructor yell “Jump!” I complied and experienced one of the best memories of my life. The adrenaline rush of the free fall, the peaceful gliding of the parachute, and the final feeling of my feet back on solid ground was an experience of a lifetime. When Paul handed me the gavel, that was his command to jump. I will comply, and I know this journey will be just as enjoyable. Please join me in serving our community and making it a better place to live.

#ServeWithHonor.



Rick Bell

President of ECSL 2021-2022



Birthdays, Anniversaries, Events



Happy Exchange Birthday! Thad Olive 7/7, Gladys Brumfield 7/11, Roy Cordes Jr. 7/15, Bruce Smith 7/17

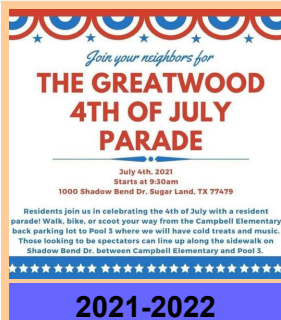
Exchange Anniversaries! Becky & Brian Fortman 7/7/20 (1yr.), Chanel Bermudez 7/17/19 (2 yrs.), Linda Schoonmaker 7/19/93, (28 yrs.)

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 to volunteer for this rewarding program that ECSL also supports.

Kevin Barker, announced our first community service/youth program of the year. We will be distributing backpacks and school supplies at the **Back to School Bash**. The event will be held on **July 31, 2021**, at Constellation Field, 1 Stadium Drive, Sugar Land, Texas 77498. Volunteers will need to arrive at 8:30 a.m. and serve until 12:30 p.m.

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**.

Exchange Club has their 1st Service Project!



The Exchange Club held its first Service Project of this fiscal year on the Fourth of July. **Cindy McCauley, Carols Perez, David Lanagan, Paul Barnett, and Rick Bell** handed out American flags to participants and spectators of The Greatwood 4th of July parade.

Last fiscal year under Paul Burnett for 2020-21 we had 100 Projects recorded with National! Can we beat that under Ricks guidance for 2021-2022? **You bet we can!** Please come to as many as you can that fits your family and work schedules! Let's have fun together and raise money to support our Charities!



Happy Fourth of July



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Serve with Honor!

Speaker Series



Stephen Gast & President Rick Bell



On July 14th, 2021 Our Speaker **Stephen Gast** was a retired petroleum geologist from ConocoPhillips and a past Board member and current advisor to the **Katy Prairie Conservancy (KPC)**. Stephen gave us an interesting talk on the Katy Prairie Conservancy.

KPC is the largest local land conservation organization, by acreage, in southeast Texas. KPC protects over 24,000 acres of coastal prairie land in Texas. Stephen works with the KPC stewardship committee in monitoring and managing prairie habitats under KPC's care.

He also serves on the boards of the Texas State Audubon Society and Pine Forest Country Club. He is an avid international birder having visited over 70 countries pursuing and photographing rare birds.

Note: Putting Down Roots 2021 - Volunteer Prairie Planting Saturday, November 13, 2021 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM CST, at Indiangrass Preserve 31975 Hebert Road, Waller TX 77484.

KPC's Putting Down Roots event enhances and maintains the Indiangrass Preserve by planting native seedlings from our Native Seed Nursery! This free event is open to all ages and brings our community of supporters together. Planting tools and snacks will be provided. Dress for the weather, wear closed-toe shoes and bring a reusable water bottle! To register for this event go to their website homepage at www.katyprairie.org.



Someone mention Boat Trip?

Want to go on a cruise with your Exchange Club friends?

January 13 - 17, 2022 (MLK Weekend)
Departs Galveston at 3:30 PM on the 13th and goes to Cozumel!
Arrives Back in Galveston 8 am on the 17th!

Use FB Messenger to PM me or E-mail me at cmigl@kcq-lawfirm.com if interested.

*Deposit for such a reservation will be due by **October 15, 2021**. Colleen Migl

The latest Social Event was a blast with Colleen Migl!

Watching **Black Widow** (the next installment of the Avengers/Marvel Universe) at the Star Cinema Grill in Missouri City last Friday evening July 16th! Did you miss it? Fun, Fun, Fun!



"Black Widow" the Movie!

