

Exchange Club of Sugar Land Newsletter Nov 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,

Santa's Exchange **kick-off** happens on November 3, 2021 during our regularly scheduled meeting. This event always brings me so much joy. There is no better way to start off the holiday season than

by serving with the awesome members in our club. Also, by focusing on serving and loving others, it always helps me keep the proper perspective during the holiday season.

The Santa's Exchange committee decided to serve 4,500 children this year. That means we will be giving away at least 13,500 toys. Think about the number of smiles that will bring to the children in our area. The parents also feel the joy of being able to give gifts to their children that they would not otherwise be able to provide.

The work we do on Santa's Exchange positively impacts our community. It is a program of service that helps us achieve one of our club's goals, making our community a better place to live. So, get excited, get ready

to serve, and let's make this an event to remember!



Rick Bell President ECSL

This Wednesday Nov. 3rd. join us for breakfast to see "Bubba" in action! Bring a guest! It will be fun!









Youth of the Month Award! Kempner High School.





Zara Khan is our October Youth of the Month from Kempner High School. She came to breakfast with her father and mother. Her counselor Tysi Burrell also joined them for breakfast.

4.2 GPA, Academic excellence 9th,10th,11th grade; AP student. Top 5% of her class! Summer intern for a local law firm. Over 200 hours of Community service. Has a passion for public speaking. Currently on the Varsity Golf team! Planning to go to University of Texas in Austin!

Young Citizen of the Month! First Colony Middle School.



<u>From her Counselor at school</u> - Catherine Ouseph is an excellent student and very giving of her time with other students. She not only helps others in her classes but even in other classes after hours when they need a little help to learn the material. She was recognized by several of her teachers as being one of the best of the best at First Colony Middle School this year!





Our Sugar Land Middle School Young Citizen of the Month for October 27 is Liam Lazaro. Liam will not be attending breakfast! Unfortunately, covid still plays apart in our lives and this special student chose not to come for safety concerns. He was awarded a plaque and gift card for his efforts. Juli Fournier a member of Exchange Club of Sugar Land dropped it off for him at the school! We missed seeing you Liam!



Need to say something about CARLA MONDT one of our "Fantastic" Exchange members!

Carla Mondt was named today to the board of Child Advocates Fort Bend. In the photo is Carla and another one of our long time Members Ruthanne Mefford Executive Director of Child Advocates.

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Speaker Series



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Our featured Speaker for Oct. 20th was **Michael Saegert**, Attorney at Law who spoke to us about property tax bills. He gave us tips on how to negotiate property tax bills with the Appraisal Review Board.

(Property Tax Protests, Appraisal Litigation, Omitted Property, Tax Exemptions, Special Valuation, Delinquent Tax Matters, and other Property Tax Issues.)





Standing with President Rick Bell, our featured speaker on Oct. 27th was **Daphine Jack**. She shared a personal story behind her formation of the **Prevention Zone.** Daphine, a retired parole officer working to motivate youth and help them focus on positive things. Her position in the criminal justice system led her to become an advocate for <u>wrongfully convicted individuals</u>. She focuses on serving the needs of the youth, youth with incarcerated parents, and helping the **exonerated** citizen. More detailed information at **www.preventionzone.org**.

(Exoneree—A person who was convicted of a crime and later officially declared innocent of that crime, or relieved of all legal consequences of the conviction because evidence of innocence that was not presented at trial required reconsideration of the case.)

Mission Statement Prevention Zone Inc. is to be a catalyst for prosperity through providing leadership training, professional development and the life strategies for recently released Exonerees and youth bubbling with potential.

Vision Statement The vision of Prevention Zone Inc. is to be an agent of change; destroying the school to prison pipeline.... daily.







Recognize these gentleman? Rick Bell, David Lanagan, and Paul Barnett.



Exchange Club National Day of Service project at Rio Bend doing decorating, yard work and furniture moving for the Women's Center!

Service projects help us get the **Big "E Award"** each year and were on tract for another. Let's do as much as we can to support these special guys by getting involved when we can!



Birthdays, Anniversaries, Events

Happy Exchange Birthdays! Sam Abiodun (10/1) Camille Edwards (10/2), Amy Mitchell (10/6), David Lanagan (10/9), Joseph Boyd (10/13), Suzanne Whatley (10/20). Cindy McCauley (10/27), Carey Snyder (10/28), Clinton Chapman (10/29) Kristin Tassin (11/2)

Exchange Anniversaries! Alex Bermudez (10/22/19), Harriet Eisenstein (10/24/13) John Heinemann (10/24/03), Paul Matatall (10/22/19), Leslie Woods (10/24/94). Naushad Kermally (10/27/20)

Lori Bisewski is organizing a BBQ fundraiser for this November. **Rick Bell, Jeff Dodson, Thad Olive,** and **Vernon Hunt** agreed to help prepare and cook the meat. If you would like to help with the fundraiser, please reach out to **Rick Bell** or **Lori Bisewski**. Also, **Lori** needs committee chairs for this year's Spaghetti Dinner. Please contact her and let her know where you would like to help. lrob78@aggienetwork.com

Colleen Migl- if you want to cruise the ocean with fellow Exchange Members, please do not forget to sign up and pay your deposit. The deadline for making your deposit is October 31. The cruise will be 1/13/22 - 1/17/22 (Martin Luther King weekend). If you have any questions, please email Colleen at cmigl@kcq-lawfirm.com.

Lydia Bourg requested members go to <u>Cancer.org</u> and donate to the **Relay for Life**. She said they are in desperate need of donations. If you go to the website, you can enter **Lydia Bourg** in the search box and it will pull up her team "Sugar Land Steppers." It is very easy and every little bit helps.

Farah Ahmed is looking for a group of three average golfers to form a team with her and play at the Exchange Club of Fort Bend County's annual golf tournament, which will be held on **November 8**, **2021**, **at Quail Valley Country Club**. The cost is \$150.00 which includes your round of golf as well as dinner.

One Nation Under God Breakfast - if you would like to attend the breakfast, please text Rick Bell at 281-772-0071. The breakfast will be held at Sugar Creek Country Club on November 11, 2021, at 8:00 a.m.

Doug Earle announced Fort Bend Family Promise is having a Celebrity Waiter Dinner on **Saturday, November 6, 2021, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Doug has a table and is giving away free tickets to the event. If you would like to attend, please email Doug at dougestx@gmail.com.

Rick Bell advised that the Exchange Club of Fort Bend is hosting its Duck Golf Classic on **Monday, November 8, 2021.** If you would like to register, please visit www.ecfb.org. Also, the Nifty Fifty Raffle tickets are for sale. The winner of the raffle will get to select from one of three prizes, a Galveston beach house (Fri-Sun); Astros Field Box tickets (2), parking, and a \$250 gift card to Vic & Anthonys; or take out for 20 from Brookstreet BBQ and Pizza Party for 12 @ Bollo Woodfire Plzza.

Vita Goodell reminded everyone to support the Journey of Hope Celebration, **Thursday, November 11, 2011, from 6 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.** To register for the event, or to learn more details about how to bid on auction items, please visit www.fbwc.org.

