



Exchange Hotline

Exchange Club of
Sugar Land Newsletter
Oct. 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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Wings Over Houston & Santa's Exchange/Toys for Tots flu shot toy drive!

Dear Exchange Members,

It was a grand weekend for Exchange Club of Sugar Land. "Two" Service projects in "one" weekend!

Thank you Methodist Hospital Sugar Land and all the volunteers that helped make the **Santa's Exchange/ Toys for Tots flu shot toy drive** a big success. Also, a special thanks to David Lanagan, Jim Kij, Pete Olson and Kevin Barker for volunteering during and after the event to collect, load and transport the toys to storage.

And thank you to all the volunteers that helped with the **Wings Over Houston Air Show** this year! Another success story in earning **\$7500** for the Exchange Club with the efforts we made working the ticket booths for this years event! And a special thanks goes to Paul Barnett who organizes this event with our teams for each booth and oversees all our efforts!

"Serve with Honor!"

Rick Bell

Rick Bell, President



Pictures from both Events!



Wings Over Houston



Wings Over Houston PICS



And then there was Carlos!





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).**

Exchange Anniversaries! None

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

Save the Date. Our National Day of Service is **October 28, 2021**. We are looking for a service project for that day. If you know of any non-profit organizations that need assistance that day, please let me know so I can arrange the project. Regardless, we will find some service project to do that day, so mark your calendars, and we will update you once we have the event scheduled.

Brooke Thompson will organize the pickup and delivery of any computers and/or laptops that you would like to donate to **Comp-U-Dopt** so they can be overhauled and given to children in need.

Colleen Migl is scheduling an **Exchange cruise to Cozumel!** Please calendar **January 13, 2022**, at 3:30 p.m. through **January 17, 2022**, at 8:00 a.m. We will be providing you with more details as we get closer to the date of the trip. If you have any questions, please email Colleen at cmigl@kcq-lawfirm.com.

Lydia Bourg requested members go to [Cancer.org](https://www.cancer.org) 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.

Save the Date. Our National Day of Service is **October 28, 2021**. We will be giving additional details soon, but more than likely we will be doing landscaping for the Women's Center.

One Nation Under God Breakfast - if you would like to attend the breakfast, please text me 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 dougesltx@gmail.com.





Events

Mike Reichel 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](http://www.ecfb.org). Also, Mike mentioned that he will be bringing Nifty Fifty Raffle tickets to next week's meeting. 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 & Anthony's; or take out for 20 from Brookstreet BBQ and Pizza Party for 12 @ Bollo Woodfire Pizza.

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.

Carey Snyder informed us that our scouts will be having a **Wreaths Across America** fundraiser and will give us more details on how to donate in the coming weeks.

Doug Earle has two free tickets to the **Texian Market Day** on October 23 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. located at George Ranch Historical Park. If you would like the tickets, act quickly and email **Doug** at dougesltx@gmail.com.

Speaker Series



Pete Hyatt, Paul Barnet, Rich Welsh, Rick Bell

On September 29th, Rich Welsh our guest speaker, provided an overview of this year's Wings Over Houston Airshow. The Airshow will include all the classics we love, but will also include a new program by the USAF Thunderbirds, as well as an international event with the Canadian Forces Snowbird Team, TWO JET TEAMS! There will also be a live music event following the Airshow by The Texas Eagles and the Guitars n' Cars event that includes an autographed guitar auction benefiting local veterans. Don't miss the Legends and Heroes Auto-graph Tent. One of the Heroes is local legend Gene Kranz, Flight Director for the Gemini space missions and Mission Controller for Apollo 11 and 13.

Rich's presentation included an aviation history lesson, which included interesting stories about how the Commemorative Air Force restores and preserves the aircraft utilized to protect our country and its citizens.

The [CAF Wings Over Houston Airshow](#) is an IRC 501(c)(3) community event presented by the volunteer efforts of the **Houston Wing, Gulf Coast Wing, and Tora! Tora! Tora!** of the **Commemorative Air Force**, with support from the Lone Star Flight Museum, Collings Foundation-Houston based at Ellington Airport, and the Vietnam War Flight Museum. One of the top air shows in the United States, this premier Houston event is dedicated to showcasing vintage World War II aircraft, along with the thrills of modern aviation, and has supported a variety of local and national charities during its 37-year history.

Speaker Series



On October 13th our guest speaker was Theresa Strong! She presented Bel Inizio program!

Located in Houston, Texas, Bel Inizio, (which means beautiful beginning in Italian), is a nonprofit that helps disadvantaged women develop self-confidence and life skills through fitness and nutrition. Participants train to complete in a 5K, which helps prepare them for the ultimate race — the race for a better life. <https://www.bel-inizio.org/>



If you would like to DONATE!

It takes about \$250 for a woman to complete the Bel Inizio program. We gratefully welcome all donations to help these women in their race for a better life. No amount is too small to make a big impact. Bel Inizio is a registered nonprofit organization (Tax ID: 27-3577215).

- \$25** Covers the cost of fruit for a team for one night
- \$50** Covers the cost of an athlete's team shirt and race entry
- \$100** Supports transportation to and from workouts
- \$250** Covers the cost of an athlete to complete our program
- \$500** Pays for a team's graduation ceremony
- \$1000** Supports our expansion into more agencies



On Oct. 6th our featured speakers were James Patterson and Cathy Duvall speaking about **"ACHIEVE....dropout prevention through literacy"**! The **Quail Valley Exchange Club** recognized James as a recipient of **The Book of Golden Deeds Award** for his many contributions to the community as a whole. The **Rotary Club of Sugar Creek** honored Commissioner Patterson and Mrs. Patterson as 2008 **Humanitarian of the Year** and **Fort Bend Focus Magazine** as their 2008 **Man of the Year**. James has been deeply involved with the Association for Retarded Citizens (**The Arc**) for many years as well. Sugar Land resident.



James and Cathy Duvall detailed the formation and growth of the **Achieve Fort Bend County's literacy program** which improves reading skills.

The program **"ACHIEVE"** has nearly doubled in size since its inception, but as a result, they are in need of support. If you would like to get involved, please feel free to email them at achievefbc@yahoo.com, or visit their Facebook page.

Additional pictures from Achieve FBC



**Cathy Duvall
& Rick Bell**



**Betty Baitland, Speaker Cathy Duvall
and James Patterson, and Brooke Thompson!**



“Rick’s Corner”/ Getting to know your Exchange Members!



Couldn't pick a better person for this gig! Wait to you hear this! Meet Joni Stinger !

1. Where did you grow up and what brought you to Texas?

Joni- I grew up in Indianapolis, Indiana and came to Texas in 1979 the day after my husband and I were married!

2. If you could eat at any restaurant at no-charge, what restaurant do you pick and what do you order?

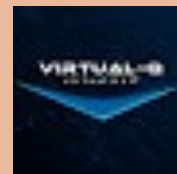
Joni- I would go to Taste of Texas with my family and order a big Texas steak!

3. If you had a complete day off from work and personal responsibilities, what would you choose to do with your day?

Joni- I would be at a ski lodge in my cabin curled up reading a good book by the fire!

4. What do you do for a living and what do you enjoy most about your job?

Joni- I am Director of Business Development for Virtual-Q. I love being part of a team that cares about each other and their clients!



5. If you had to pick your favorite Exchange event that you have experienced so far, what would it be?

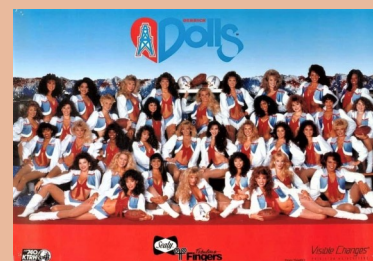
Joni- It would be Santa's Exchange, and I love celebrating the birth of my Savior, and see the anticipation and joy that it brings to children's faces as they pick their gifts at the event!

6. If you had to pick one thing about yourself that you think would surprise us the most, what would it be?

Joni- I was a Cheerleader for the MBA and the NFL with the Indiana Pacers and the Houston Oilers from 1980-85. I was a Derrick Doll!



“HOLY SMOKES” LOL, NOW THAT'S A SURPRISE!



COWBOY UP at Parks Youth Ranch Gala Saturday night! A grand group!

09/02/2021



The Exchange Club of Sugar Land

We donated **\$1,250.00** to Parks Youth Ranch to help prevent child abuse and to provide assistance for children that are victims of abuse.



Youth of the Month! Clements H.S.



DANIELLE EJIUGU, Our Youth of the Month presented by our Exchange member Doc Ivey!

Danielle's Accomplishments

President of Clements African American Student Association (ASA).

Member of the German Club-Placed in the top five at German Competitions at both Regional and State level multiple times!

Thespians Troup 3689- Member since her freshman year! Acted in shows at ensemble and supporting roles! Took part in Regional Monologue Competition! Served as the lead for the Lights Department for our first show post pandemic! GPA - 4.2. HONORS - AP student maintained and "A" average all year! AP Scholar with honors 2021! Academic excellence 9TH, 10TH, AND 11TH Grades!

A couple of really big deals for Exchange!



"Suddenly", a crowd of Astros Fans (members) crashed the morning breakfast and posed for a picture with President Rick Bell!

GO STROS!



Jim Kij
Lori Bisewski
David Lanagan
Paul Barnett
Brooke Thompson
Betty Baitland
Rick Bell
Pete Olson
Sue Sanchez



Rick Bell- Paul Barnett presented the club with a check for \$7,500.00 that we earned for working the airshow. **Carlos Perez** also raised cash at the event (perhaps with a tin cup and sunglasses?) and donated the money to the club. **Thanks to Carlos!** But seriously, thank you to everyone that helped make the event a success.

2021 Exchange Wings Squadron!

Paul Barnett, Leslie Woods, Brad Porter, Carlos Perez, Cindy McCauley, Russ Braun, Vernon Hunt, Morris Lasris, Lori Bisewski, Doug Earle, Nick Landoski, Kent Reynolds, Thad Olive, Richard Peffley, John Ogunfowora, Rick Bell, Kevin Barker, Vita Goodell, Steve Stewart, and Jeff Dodson. Also part of our group was Clayton Olive, Bryan Minin (Sous Chef and assistant to Leslie), past members Anthony Dinh and Phuong Tran, and several members of BSA Scout Troops 731 and 1731. **Great Job Paul !! Great job ya'll!!!**