



# Exchange Hotline

Exchange Club of  
Sugar Land Newsletter  
June 1st, 2021

## The Exchange Club of Sugar Land

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### Weekly "Zoom" Meetings

Wednesdays, 7:00 a.m. "on line"

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## From the President!

Dear Exchange Members,

### What does Memorial Day bring to mind?

For some the Indy 500, for others the start of Summer, for some misguided government officials a "long weekend". Memorial Day is a day for us to honor all Veterans who died in combat for our country. These are the men and women that have given their lives so we can live under freedom in the greatest country in history.

Memorial Day after the Civil War was originally known as "Decoration Day". Memorial Day as we know it today was established in 1971 when Congress declared it a national holiday and it was set to be observed on the last Monday in May. The Exchange Club of Sugar Land has been a part of our local observance, with the City of Sugar Land's Memorial Day Ceremony for many years, handing out American flags to everyone attending.

This year was no exception. With over 1,500 in attendance our club was joined by BSA Scout Troops 731 and 1731 to get a flag in everyone's hand. Including a 21 gun salute and Air Force fly over! W.O.H.

With that said, sadly we will now miss our good friend and fellow Exchange member **Ed Lee (RIP)**. Ed was a longtime member, first joining our club in 2002, and he was with us for many years until he took a break to spend more time as lead Pastor of his growing church congregation. He had recently rejoined and had already become very active in our club activities. There will be a Pastor Ed's Celebration to attend! (next page)



From L-R Son  
Matt, Ed, Wife  
Alice, Daugh-  
ter Melissa.

Good father  
and husband  
and pastor,  
good citizen,  
friend to all,  
and part of  
our Exchange  
family.

### **Celebration of Life Service, Pastor Ed Lee.**

9:30 am at Kingdom City Houston (2100 Eldridge Pkwy, Houston, TX 77077). This service will also be viewable via livestream (streaming details coming soon). *Please continue to share when, where, and how God used Dad to impact your life on our online memorial Kudo board for Dad.*

### **Burial & Committal Service**

12:00 pm at Forest Park Westheimer Funeral Home and Cemetery (12800 Westheimer Road, Houston, TX 77077)

**Luncheon Reception** 1:00pm - Location TBC. Kindly RSVP so we can have an accurate head count.

\* Check with Paul if you are not sure how to RSVP. Also, [caringbridge.org](http://caringbridge.org) has information.

A moment for Pastor Ed Lee,



Ed Lee



# Birthdays, Anniversaries, Events

**Happy Exchange Birthday! Eric Fagan 5/21, Ed Gojara 5/24, Surendran Pattel 5/29**

**Exchange Anniversaries! Scott McClintic 5/28/97**

**Save the Date: Save the Date #2:** The ECSL Installation Banquet 2021 will be held Wednesday, June 30, 2021, starting at 6:00 p.m. at Sugar Creek Country Club.

**Vickie Coates** is asking for volunteers for the Tri-City Churches Resale Shop during the month of June to help pick up furniture. [vickie@humanneeds.org](mailto:vickie@humanneeds.org)

The first Exchange Region 5 Convention (Texas Louisiana Gulf Coast, Texas, and Mid America) will be held this June 11-13 in San Antonio at the Hilton Palacio del Rio on the River Walk. There is a special Exchange room rate of \$139 a night. Make your hotel reservations . The Convention fee is \$130 if you register by May 21<sup>st</sup> and includes all events. **Contact Paul Barnett on how to register.** Here is a preliminary schedule:

- Friday Social Gathering
- Saturday Morning General Session and Continental Breakfast
- Saturday Youth Luncheon
- Saturday President's Banquet
- Sunday One Nation Under God Breakfast



**The Spaghetti Raffle Grand Prize was delivered to winner Dr. Bret Dyer along with the third prize to his wife Jacque. They bought ten raffle tickets between them and had two winners! What luck!**



**L-R, Paul Barnett. Rick Bell, "Winners" Dr. Bret & Jacque Dyer, May & Jack Williams, Lori Bisewski and Thad Olive- top right.**

(taken from Paul Barnett's weekly recap)



## A.C.E Award

**Juli Fournier and Kempner Counselor Dwana Durgens were set to present the A.C.E Award to Aisosa Izevbigie this morning.** A.C.E. stands for **Accepting the Challenge of Excellence**. This program recognizes high school students who have made a dramatic change in their attitude and performance during their high school years. These changes have enabled the students to overcome adversities and prepare for graduation. In the first grade, Aisosa developed a distinct staccato stutter in his speech. As he grew older he began to understand that his inability to communicate would keep him from reaching his goals so in his Sophomore year he enrolled in Debate. He was able to overcome this impediment and even won trophies in debate contests. He was our Youth of the Month this past March. Aisosa has three sisters and is a native Houstonian. He is a top student and is in the Spanish, Math, English, and Science Honor Societies as well as the National Honor Society. He is also a member of several school clubs including the French Club, Japanese Culture Club, Beta Club, Rho Kappa, and the Excel Club! Aisosa is also a musician playing the drums, piano, and saxophone. He also participates in soccer, basketball, and track and field. Due to the storm over night Aisosa was unable to make our morning meeting due to power outage at his home.

**Juli Fournier** presents the **ACCEPTING THE CHALLENGE OF EXCELLENCE Award to Aisosa Izevbigie** of Kempner High School! Because of the power outage he could not attend, but his check and plaque will be delivered to him.



ECSL Past President, Co-pilot for Blue Lacy pick-up runs, and COO of Fort Bend Regional Council on Substance Abuse **John Robson** was here to accept a check this morning for FBRC. FBRC's mission is to provide families and individuals with substance abuse prevention, education, and treatment services they need for positive change for themselves and the community. I hear that they may be planning to have the "**Helen Cordes Dinner**" soon. Make sure it is an "**In-Person**" event!



# Speaker Series

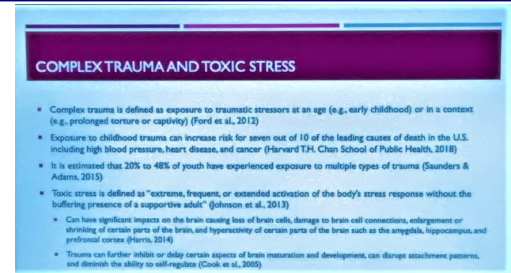


**Joy Horak-Brown** is New Hope Housing's founding president and chief executive officer. Joy is responsible for real estate development, property management, social service programming, fundraising, marketing, public relations and administration. New Hope is a 28-year nonprofit developer of life-stabilizing, affordable, permanent Housing + Services to help stabilize and advance the lives of people coping to survive on limited incomes. New Hope provides high-quality affordable housing for single adults, seniors and families, many of who have been formerly homeless or at risk.

With Joy's leadership, New Hope Housing has grown from an organization that operated 40 units of apartment housing to one with almost 1,400 units at nine properties around Houston. New Hope currently has nearly \$70 million in real estate under development at two properties, which will soon add 220 apartment homes to the company's portfolio. It also has an additional development in the funding pipeline.

Committed to cost-efficient, sustainable design, New Hope Housing has developed six LEED-certified apartment communities. New Hope is proud to have built Texas' first green affordable multifamily housing development, which opened in 2010 and established the organization's green model.

Since its inception, New Hope Housing has assisted more than 10,500 people and has raised ~\$240 million in layered, debt-free financing for capital expansions, organization operating funds, and resident services. Guided by Joy's experience and management, New Hope has received numerous prestigious local, national, and international awards honoring the organization's innovative and transformative approach to community change. The New Hope website is <https://www.newhopehousing.com> (taken from Paul Barnett's weekly re-cap)



**Texana was presented a check from Exchange Club of Sugar Land.**

Our speaker **Lindamarie Olson** is currently a therapist at **Child Advocates of Fort Bend** and a Ph.D. candidate focusing on intervention research that will explore and examine the effects of trauma-informed care and neuroscience on cognitive, mental health, and behavioral change within the justice-involved population. Lindamarie has presented research on child welfare, mental health, and juvenile justice at numerous national and international conferences. She has helped write several grants and received the Graduate Research Fellowship through the National Institute of Justice to fund her dissertation on the effectiveness of Neurofeedback in reducing trauma symptomatology and externalizing behaviors among justice-involved youth in intensive residential treatment. Future clinical and research objectives include building and expanding the state of knowledge in this field to address the interconnection of neuroscience, adolescent development, trauma, and juvenile offending, and to bridge the gap between research and practice to facilitate a more effective and responsive child welfare and justice system for youth. (continued) (taken from Paul Barnett's weekly re-cap)



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## Speaker Series!

**Sheree Prather, Andi Wallis, Kate Johnson Patagoc, and Kevin Barker** from Texana Center were present with our speaker **Lindamarie Olson** to accept a check for \$5,000. Our club has long supported Texana and the money will be used for the Texana Center's Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) program. ECSL funding will help provide laptops and specially designed software to provide medically necessary interventions such as speech therapy, occupational therapy, and specialized skills training to children ages three and under who have a qualifying developmental delay.

(taken from Paul Barnett's weekly re-cap)

Past club President **Doug Earle** led our New Member Induction Ceremony to officially welcome new members **Joni Stinger, Eric Fagan, Victor Quinones, Tom McGinnis, and Camille Edwards**.

**Doug** offered new members his "Earle's Pearls" for being a good ECSL member". Old members can review as well.

- Pay your dues on time.
- Show up. Come to our meetings. Don't schedule anything else for Wednesday morning at 7:00.
- Get to know as many members of the club as possible, when we are back to meeting in-person sit at different tables with different people each week.
- Try to do at least one service project each month.
- We have two "All hands on deck" projects every year. Santa's Exchange in December and the Spaghetti Dinner in April. Make sure to be at both events.
- The Exchange District holds 5-6 events each year. Plan to participate in at least one District event each year.
- Sponsor a new member.

Get registered on the [ECSL](#) and the [National Exchange](#) website.

**Have fun with** \_\_\_\_\_ **ENTHUSIASM!**



**Tom McGinnis** sponsored by Brooke Thompson. Tom lives in Sugar Land and has two sons. One is a Junior at Clements and one is a Junior at Texas A&M. He is a Mortgage Broker with Rock Mortgage in Houston. He is an outdoors enthusiast and likes to fish, run, and play golf.



**Joni Stinger** sponsored by Nora Sim has lived in Sugar Land for thirty-five years and this is her second time to be a member of our club. She and her husband have two daughters and she is the Business Development Director at Virtual-Q, a cloud-based information technology company.

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## New Members!



**Victor Quinones** sponsored by new member **Joni Stinger** is originally from Puerto Rico and has been in Sugar Land for forty-one years. He founded his IT company **Virtual-Q** when he was fifteen years old. His first client was the School District and his second customer when he was only nineteen was Children's Protective Services. He helped write code to allow CPS and Child Advocates to find 1500 kids that were lost in the system due to file corruption for free. **Virtual Q** now provides remote work solutions to clients all over the world.



**Camille Edwards** sponsored by founding member **Bob Hargather** (and former owner of **Business Spirit**) is a Houston native and has lived in the Houston area all of her life except for twenty years. Camille owns **Business Spirit**, a company that specializes in promotional products, advertising specialties, and business gifts. She has four kids ages twenty-two, twenty-one, twenty, and eighteen and the oldest has just graduated college.



**Eric Fagan** sponsored by **Farha Ahmed** is our newest Sheriff of Fort Bend County. Our new Sheriff is following a tradition of thirty-four years that the County Sheriff has been a member of our club. He has done his research and is very familiar with Exchange and our club in particular. He said he is "proud and honored that he was asked to join"

**Exchange Club of Sugar Land  
Park ceremony. Tks. Scouts!**

**Service Project, Handing out flags**

(Pictures provided by David Lanagan!)

**at the Sugar Land Memorial**

**(MAY 31, 2021)**



**HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!**





# Memorial Day Pictures!







# Friday Evening Social!

May 21st, 2021



Such a great social event at Willie's Icehouse. Special thanks to , [Colleen Migl](#) (Social Cmte. Chair) for setting up the event , and [Paul Barnett](#) (President) and Exchange Club of Sugar Land for buying the snacks! It was a great "icehouse" kind of night!

(pictures provided by David Lanagan)



L-R, Amy, Jeff and Gordon!



Angela and Nick!



David and Colleen!



Paula and Doc Lee!



Farha and Carlos!

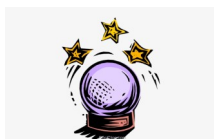


Rick, Lori, Paul, Melanie, Scott!

## Stay tuned!

The next Social Event may be at Skeeters Ballpark, Top Golf or Chuys!

Colleen is looking in her "crystal ball" now to decide!



Left going around table ending Right bottom!

Doc Lee Ivey, Colleen Migl, Jim Hudnall, Jack Williams, May Williams, Angela McCain, Nick Landoski, Paula Ivey!



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