



Exchange Hotline

**Exchange Club of
Sugar Land Newsletter**
April 1st, 2022

The Exchange Club of Sugar Land

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Wednesdays, 7:00 a.m.

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Sugar Land, Texas 77478

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Dear Exchange Members,

April is child abuse prevention month. This month we will be tying blue ribbons throughout the City of Sugar Land to bring awareness to our community. Suzanne Whatley and Brad Porter both helped in getting this year's Blue Ribbon Campaign organized for us. We are adding signs at the beginning and end of each route to help educate citizens about child abuse prevention.

Our annual Spaghetti Dinner will also take place this month. Spaghetti is one of the most entertaining events each year. It will be so much fun for us to host an "in person" Spaghetti Dinner again. It has been way too long! Spaghetti generates the majority of the funds necessary for us to meet the needs of our community. We utilize the funds raised at Spaghetti to create programs of service and support non-profits, including those that strive to eliminate child abuse, our club's national project.

Serve with Honor.

Rick



Message from Cookie Joe!

Dear Exchange Members,

Responding with Grace is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping first responders who are facing the challenges of breast cancer treatment. This year's recipient is **Amy Cummins**, a 20 year veteran of the Sugar Land Police Department who was diagnosed with stage three breast cancer just weeks after her retirement. We will be hosting a **fundraising barbecue event** on April 2 from 11am to 3pm in the parking lot of Cookie Joe's Dancin' School 1415 Highway 6, Sugar Land. Custom designed hats and shirts and homemade desserts will also be available for donations. Please join us.

Responding with Grace



Supporting
Amy Cummins
Breast Cancer Treatment

BBQ BENEFIT



Saturday, April 2, 2022

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Cookie Joe's Dancin' School

1415 Hwy. 6 • Sugar Land, TX 77478



Advanced Tickets Available 281-265-1042

Plates: \$15.00 • Shirts: \$20.00

**To make a donation text
Amysflight to 41444**

Speaker Series



This week's featured speaker on March 16th, was **Bridget Yeung**, who updated us on the past and upcoming events for the Sugar Land Cultural Arts Foundation ("SLCAF"). **Tim Stubenrouch, Board President, and Board Member Stacy Borgfeldt also attended.** Bridget standing with Rick Bell (L) President of Exchange Club of Sugar Land.



Historic Sugar Land Auditorium is the last remaining public building of the original company-owned town of Sugar Land and the only building left from the original Sugar Land Independent School District #17. Sugar Land Auditorium's story is very much a part of the history of Imperial Sugar Company and the early settlement of Fort Bend County.

Sugar Land Arts Fest features contemporary painting, sculpture, photography, glass art, mixed media art, woodworking, and jewelry designed and created by local and foreign artists.



The City of Sugar Land, with input from the Sugar Land Cultural Arts Foundation (SLCAF), will select up to thirteen artists and artist teams to develop designs for signal boxes in Sugar Land.

Information taken from-

<https://www.slcaf.org/>



Our featured speaker on March 23rd. was **Don Specks** with Sugar Land Animal Services standing with Rick Bell president of Exchange Club of Sugar Land. Don gave us an update on the City of Sugar Land's Animal Services department.

The department has revitalized the shelter and the services provided to the animals. They have made a "Catio" so cats can roam around in outdoor and indoor environments. They have done something similar for the dogs.

Also they have incorporated fostering and are making arrangements to provide long-distance air retrievals and deliveries.



The animal shelter is located at 101 Gillingham Lane, Sugar Land, Tx 77478. Contact at 281-275-ADOG (2364)



CITY OF SUGAR LAND

CHECK PRESENTATION!



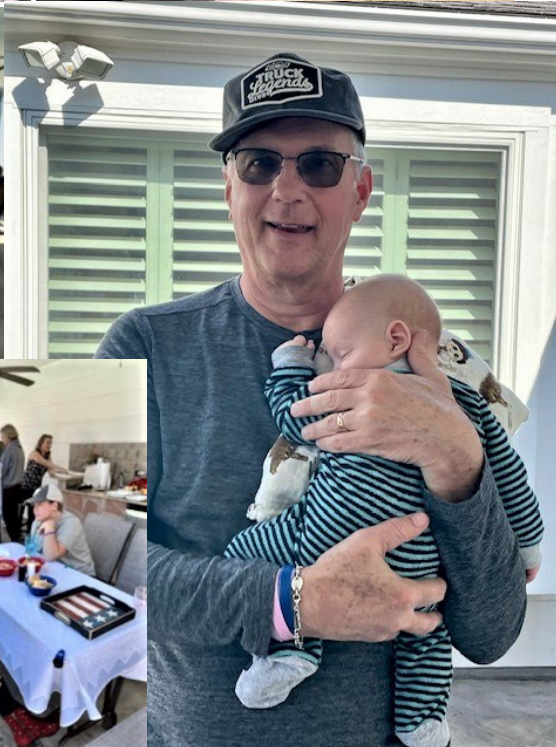
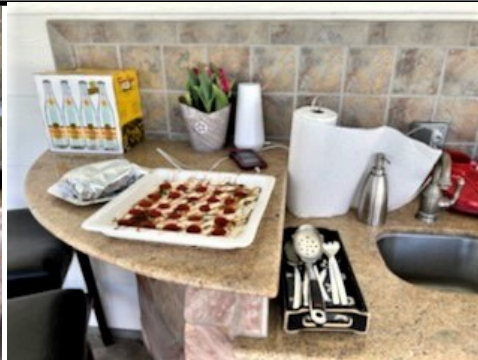
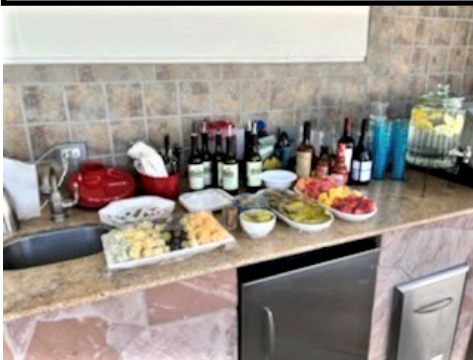
Betty Baitland and James Patterson standing with Rick Bell accepted a **\$2,000** check for ACHIEVE Fort Bend County.

ACHIEVE Fort Bend County provides a set of 10 carefully selected books to first-grade students from low-income families in Fort Bend County TX to support summer reading and prevent reading loss over the summer. Our donation helps buy a lot of books!



The BBQ at Lori Bisewski's house was a tremendous, delicious, and beautiful sunny afternoon event for board members and newly elected board members at pool side. Our new BBQ cooker was used for the first time and will be used in other events coming up.

Thad "the Chef and Cook" was supposed to be there about 12:30pm to start cooking for us. However, Lori having her early morning coffee looked out her window and lets just say Thad was there at 8:30 am? Evidently too early and too **excited** to light that new grill up! Photos provided by "cameraman" Hans Bisewski!



Hint– you can always tell who will make a good Grandfather and babysitter!

The Blue Lacy is none other than **"Bowie"** Belongs to Lori and Hans!

And a picture of this "humongous" **cooker**!



March 23rd Spaghetti Team bidding begins!



<https://fbwc.org/news-e>

If you have never bid before it is quite **EXHILARATING!** We did have fun with this! Lori Bisewski as Chair of Spaghetti Dinner appreciates the members who bought a team! But, she also wants to make sure and tell everybody she appreciates everyone's efforts to make this years event a success! **We will need lot's of volunteers. Keep selling tickets! Thanks Joni "you rock!"**

FB COUNTY DA's OFFICE - RUSS BRAUN

FBISD PD - BETTY BAITLAND

SL PROF. FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOC. - COOKIE JOE

SL FIRE / EMS - DOUG BOEKER

SL CITIZENS FIRE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOC. - SUZANNE WHATLEY

SL POLICE DEPT - KEVIN BARKER, JULIE FOURNIER, ERIC ROBBINS

\$2600 WAS RAISED IN 10 MINUTES! AWESOME! THANK YOU!

This Annual Picnic Event is turning into a **"BIG DEAL"** not to miss!

The Annual Exchange Club - Rotary Picnic Games was another success!

This year the Exchange Club took home the toilet seat trophy! Womp! [Farha Ahmed](#) won Jenga on behalf of the Exchange Club despite the wind and the questionable Jenga block balance. Croquet was also played, along with Connect 4 and Bean Bag Toss. [Bill Rickert](#) even stopped by to say hello. [Todd Breton](#) was let off the hook...we didn't make him run a 5k against Doug Earle, though it was seriously considered. Big thanks to [Ziad](#), [Carla Mondt](#), [Paul Barnett](#) and Judge [Rick Bell](#) for helping pull this off.

Next page for picture fun!



Picnic Pictures by Collen Migl & Farha Ahmed!





Birthdays, Anniversaries, Events

Happy Exchange Birthdays!



Nancy Olson (3/5), Justin Brock (3/9), Leslie Woods (3/13), Don Burns (3/13), Jennifer Boley (3/16), Vita Goodell (3/20), Farha Ahmed (3/27).

Exchange Anniversaries!

Gladys Brumfield 3/2/08 (14 yrs.), Sharon Rollins 3/3/93 (29 yrs.), Jennifer Boley 3/4/15 (7 yrs.), Jim Kij 3/7/01 (21 yrs.), Sue Sanchez 3/24/88 (34 yrs.), Colleen Migl 3/26/20 (2 yrs.), Marsha Bower 3/27/19 (3 yrs.), Brooke Thompson 3/28/15 (7 yrs.), Red O'Laughlin 3/28/13 (9 yrs.).



Lori Bisewski announced she needs full bottles of wine for Spaghetti. She is also still in need of auction items and corporate sponsors. Please contact **Lori** or **Vickie Coates** if you have any items to donate, or if you have suggestions for corporate sponsors let **Lori** or **Camille Edwards** know... **Also, the incredibly fun Spaghetti Wrap-Party will be on April 4.**

If you are interested in attending the Fort Bend Women's Center Healing and Hope Luncheon at the Sugar Land Marriott Town Square on **Wednesday May 11 from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., Vita Goodell** has agreed to seat Exchange members at the same table. The special guest is Aly Raisman, former team captain of the gold medal U.S. Olympic Women's Gymnastic Team. Aly will share her story of survival after suffering sexual abuse by her coach. <https://fbwc.org/news-events/sponsor-an-event.html>



Cookie Joe reminded us that we may help with her BBQ fundraiser for first responders fighting breast cancer. She really needs our help, both individually and as a club. Our board will meet next week to consider matching individual donations up to a certain level in order to maximize her fundraising efforts. If you are not in a position to help financially, you may be able to help by buying a plate of BBQ for \$15.00, or by purchasing a shirt for \$20.00. **This barbecue event to help first responders who are facing breast cancer will be an annual event!**

Child Advocates Gala, Through the Looking Glass, will take place on May 7. Exchange Club of Sugar Land is the title sponsor. If you would like to attend the gala, please let me know so I may provide **Ruthanne Medford** with our list of attendees.

Rick Bell -The First Annual Sugar Land Arts Festival begins April 22 and runs through the 24th. They are in need of help in two ways. First, if you are available to volunteer on April 22, from 8:00 a.m. to 1 p.m., they need volunteers to help artists set up and transport their materials. Secondly, there are sponsorship opportunities. I would like to see our club contribute \$1,000.00 to the nonprofit. I am committing to donate \$100.00 to start the individual fundraising goal. If anyone else is able and willing, please let me know. **Let's show the SLCAF how generous we are.** <https://www.slcaf.org/>



Spaghetti Needs and Announcements: **Lori Bisewski** announced she needs full bottles of wine for Spaghetti. **Nora Sim** still needs about twenty empty bottles of wine.

Events



We are in need of corporate sponsors. **Camille Edwards** is heading that area. If you have contacts with prior sponsors, please offer to help her. Please ask her first before contacting the sponsor so we don't duplicate our efforts or upset a valuable partner of our club.

Besides the Five Star Spaghetti dining experience, the Silent Auction is always a big part of why people come to fundraising events. We still need things for the silent auction and here are some ideas for the Silent Auction Baskets from **Vickie Coates**. We are also planning a Wine/Whiskey pull.

Camping Trip
Tech Time (electronic games)
Sports Theme (Astro's blanket & mug or tickets to the game)
Family Road Trip
Baubles & Beads (jewelry)
Ladies Spa
Chocolate Basket
Kids (games, tickets to zoo)
Date Night (hotel stay, restaurant gift cards, uber gift card)
Kitchen Basket (hand towels, cutting board, olive oil or spices)

Items needed for Wine & Whiskey Pull:

25 Bottles of Wine - \$20+ value
25 Bottle of Whiskey - \$40+ value

PARTY ALERT- The Spaghetti Wrap-Party will be on April 4 at **Lori Bisewski's** home. It starts around 5:30 p.m. and it goes on until we finish. Lori's address is 730 Chevy Chase Circle, Sugar Land. If you have never experienced a Wrap-Party, this is an event you do not want to miss.

Mark your calendars for our March 30 meeting as well. We will be installing our new members at this meeting. If you sponsored a new member, please make sure to attend that meeting. We are also having a new members orientation dinner for the evening of March 30 at **Camille Edwards's** house. I am sending a direct email out to the new members and their sponsors with more details.

On May 11 we will **"NOT"** meet at the country club for breakfast. Instead, we will have our meeting at the James Reece Career and Technical Center where we will also install a new Freedom Shrine. The culinary school will be providing us breakfast, and we are planning a lot of exciting events for that morning.