



Exchange Hotline

Exchange Club of
Sugar Land Newsletter
Feb 15th, 2022

The Exchange Club of Sugar Land

4800 Sugar Grove Blvd. Suite 100
Stafford, TX 77477
www.ecsl.org

Weekly Meetings

Wednesdays, 7:00 a.m.

Meeting at:
Sugar Creek Country Club
420 Sugar Creek Blvd.
Sugar Land, Texas 77478

Officers 2021-2022

President:
Rick Bell

President Elect:
Lori Bisewski

Secretary:
Vida Goodell

Treasurer:
Jeff Dodson

Immediate Past President:
Paul Barnett

Board of Directors

Camille Edwards
Leslie Woods
Thad Olive
Juli Fournier
Cookie Joe
Colleen Migl
Suzanne Whatley
Bruce Smith

Spaghetti Chair 2022
Lori Bisewski

Webmaster:
Paul Barnett
www.ecsl.org

Newsletter Editor:
newsletter@ecsl.org



Dear Exchange Members,

The committee chairs are all set for our 2022 Spaghetti Dinner! We will be having our event live at Fluor Daniel on April 23, 2022. I am getting "supper excited" just writing about it! Many of our new members have never been a part of a live Spaghetti dinner. It will be a lot of fun for them to experience. For the veteran members, it will be **exciting** to get back to some of the **traditions** we hold so dear.

Plus, I am sure **Kevin Barker** is heaving a big sigh of relief knowing he will not be emceeing our Spaghetti Dinner on Facebook!

Remember this is our fundraiser that generates most of our budget for the upcoming year. We have a little over eight weeks before the event. I know we will do **fantastic**, and I appreciate all the work I know each member will do to make sure the event is a **success**! The most important thing to remember as we approach **Spaghetti** is how much the nonprofits we support rely on our work. It is imperative that we all work hard to **sell raffle and dinner tickets** to ensure we may continue to meet the needs of our community!

So grab your apron and join me as we make **Spaghetti Dinner 2022** a evening to remember!

Serve with Honor,

Rick Bell



Spaghetti Chair- Lori Bisewski

Beverages - Carla Mondt
Corp. Sponsorship - Camille Edwards
Decorations - Nora Sim
Dinner Tickets - Doug Earle
Finance - Jeff Dodson
Kitchen/Food Service - Paul Barnett
Live Auction - Russ Braun
Marketing/Program - David Lanagan
Photographers - David Grice
Publicity Relations - David Lanagan
Raffle Tickets - Greg Oelke
Sauce Teams - Joni Stinger, Leslie Woods
Sauce Team Judges - Thad Olive, Leslie W.
Setup/Breakdown - Vernon Hunt
Signage - Morris Lasris
Silent Auction - Vickie Coates
Volunteers - Doug Earle
Welcoming/Ticket Sales - May & Jack Williams



Come Join Us!!!

Give A Kid A Flag To Wave

HOUSTON LIVESTOCK AND RODEO PARADE

FEBRUARY 26, 2022 | 8:30AM – 11:30AM

★ Join our National Exchange Club President Kathy Mize in walking the parade and handing out flags to the crowd! ★

Meet @ 8:30am

Tranquility Park, 400 Rusk at Bagby. Coffee and light breakfast provided. The parade will begin at 10:00am and ends at the intersection of Lamar and Bagby



Speaker Series



On February 2nd, our “lined-up” speaker for our breakfast meeting canceled the night before at 10pm. Moral of this story you ask? When you need someone to save the day just call **Kevin Barker** with Texana Center to help and he’ll be ready to make a full presentation to your audience. Kevin did save the meeting and if you are reading this **“Just Call Kevin” (JCK)** from now on! He can probably do anything to save your day! Standing here with Rick Bell President of Exchange Club of Sugar Land!

Kevin Barker oversees Behavior Support, Day Habilitation, Nursing, Residential, Supported Employment, and Vocational services for our six county region. Kevin joined Texana in 2005 and has over 25 years of experience in serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. He is a Licensed Professional Counselor and received his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts Degree in Psychology from Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi. Prior to joining Texana he was the manager of Home and Community-Based Services for MHMR of Nueces County.

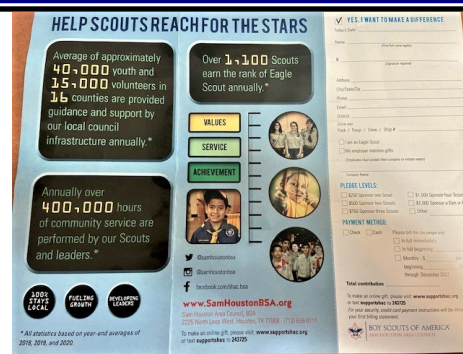
Kevin presented a very informative presentation on the services provided by Texana. Texana Center is a 501(c)3 public, not for profit, organization that provides behavioral healthcare and developmental disabilities services to residents of a six county area that includes Austin, Colorado, Fort Bend, Matagorda, Waller and Wharton Counties.

The center began operations on September 1, 1999, following a merger of two other healthcare organizations. Texana Center has its headquarters in Rosenberg in Fort Bend County, which is one of the fastest growing counties in the nation. The center has an annual operating budget of \$55,000,000 and a staff of 855.

Texana serves over 16,000 annually in its array of service programs that are located in each of the six counties, covering about 6,000 square miles.

Mission statement -Texana Center’s mission is to deliver life changing services to people with behavioral health issues and intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Additional information at www.texanacenter.com



On February 9th, Carey Snyder and our guest speaker, Michelle Phillips, gave a presentation on the benefits of the Scouts of America in molding our next generation of Scouts!



The Thunder Wolf District is our local Scouting district serving the Sugar Land, Missouri City and Stafford communities. Michelle and Carey talked about the tremendous job they have done with building our youth’s leadership skills and instilling in them a heart for service.

Brochures were handed out (pictured) on how to support the Scouts of America financially. Please feel free to contact Carey at [281-776-9595](tel:281-776-9595) or chs4106@aol.com to get more information.



The Exchange Club of Sugar Land presented Behind the Badge Charities with a check for **\$2,500.00**.

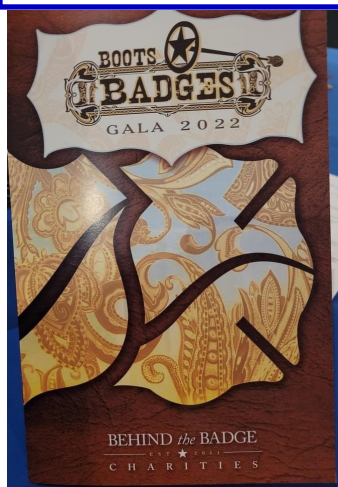
First Responder Assistance Fund provides need - based grants to individual Fort Bend County first responders who have suffered injury, serious illness, or other disaster that traditional insurance or other assistance has not or will not cover. They also offer up to 30 higher education scholarships annually.

Standing L-R, Doug Boeker, Nick Landoski, Thad Olive.

Behind The Badge Charities, Inc. was founded on January 5, 2011. Tragically, the creation of the charity occurred the day after the line of duty death of Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office Deputy John "J.D." Norsworthy, who passed away on January 4, 2011 as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident on December 27, 2010.



Pictures from Event!



Suzanne Whatley you got your eyes closed again! Lol



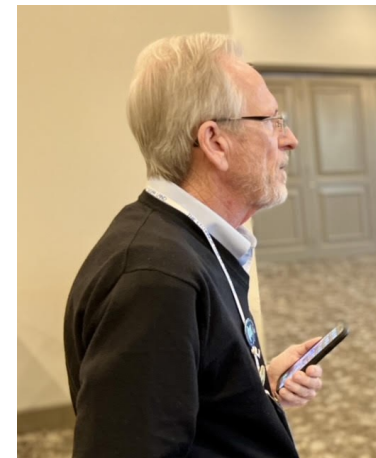
More Boots & Badges Gala Pictures!

BBQ and all the fixins! Really good!



Photos by David! (Mr. Lanagan) He loves to take pictures!

Taken at the January 9th. Breakfast.



L-R, Lori Bisewski, Pete Olson, Doug Earle, Farha Ahmed, Vita Goodell, Rick Bell & Jeff Dodson, Camille Edwards & Joni Stinger, Greg Olfke & Jeff, Bruce Smith & Cookie Joe & Greg & Doug, Russ Braun.





Youth of the Month

Our Youth of the Month was **Vanessa Soriano** from Kempner High School! She is from Honduras and moved to the US at age 7. She is co-captain of Kempner's Brigade competitive dance club and she wants to study psychology in college and to work with underprivileged youth.

One thing we all noticed about Vanessa in the room is she loves to talk, and gave a very uplifting speech about herself and how she sees the world, how covid affected everyone and how we should respect other people we meet.



Birthdays, Anniversaries, Events

Happy Exchange Birthdays!



Honorable Robert Kern (2/6), Carla Mondt (2/8), Randy McClendon (2/14)

Exchange Anniversaries!

Rashmi Sheel 2/4/20 (2 yrs.), Doug Boeker 2/4/20 (2 yrs.), Sam Abiodun 2/3/16 (6 yrs.), Troy Nehls 2/12/06 (16 yrs.)

Rick Bell - This month our Board of Directors approved a family membership, which allows a family member to join our club with a **\$40.00 per quarter fee**. I know many of you will take advantage of this opportunity to get your spouse or adult child more involved in our club.

Pete Olson talked about many of the interesting aircraft you will see if you visit the Lone Star Flight Museum located at 11551 Aerospace Avenue, Houston, Texas 77034. The Lone Star Flight Museum, is an aerospace museum that displays more than 24 historically significant aircraft, and many artifacts related to the history of flight. The museum's collection is rare because most of the aircraft are flyable. Hours are 10-5pm. 346-708-2517. With Groupon you can get a discount.

Greg Oelfke presented the first reading of the proposed slate for next year's officers and directors. For our new members, he also explained the nominating committee and our club's process for electing new officers and directors.

Cookie Joe also announced that she will be hosting a fundraiser for retired officer Amy Cummings. Amy discovered a lump on her breast the same week as her retirement party. She will be undergoing the difficult journey of fighting cancer and will need financial assistance to help her through that process. **Cookie** will give us more details in the near future.

Doug Earle let us know that our National President **Kathy Mize** will be visiting us in late February. She will be presenting at our meeting on February 23. Additionally, we will be handing out flags with her and members from our district on [Saturday, February 26](#). Mark your calendars for those two dates, so we can show our National President just how awesome our club is.

Carla Mondt announced Medical Bridges will be having its **25th Annual Gala event on December 1, 2022**, and informed the club that the nonprofit is looking for approximately ten volunteers to help. Please contact Carla if you are able to volunteer.

Farha Ahmed informed everyone that there is an event on [February 19 at 11 am](#) regarding the [Sugar Land 95](#). If you are interested in attending, please reach out to Farha for additional details at 832-567-9346 or farha@windstream.net.