



# Exchange Hotline

Exchange Club of  
Sugar Land Newsletter  
July 15th, 2022

## 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

### Officers 2022-2023

President:  
Lori Bisewski

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Thad Olive

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Juli Fournier

Treasurer:  
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Immediate Past President:  
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Dear Exchange Members,

As I am writing this, it is the third day of the **National Exchange Club** convention in Greenville, South Carolina. All members of the Exchange Club of Sugar Land should be extremely proud because our club won **fifteen awards**, if you include the district level awards. These awards reflect Rick Bell's superb guidance of our club as President along with the members' dedication. Their hard work saw our projects completed, made sure that the Spaghetti Dinner was a success; and members excelled in making sure we got the message out to the public. Our club members truly worked as a team. Everyone deserves a **HUGE** pat on the back!



## Our Club and Members won the following awards!

1. The Big E
2. Membership Retention Award
3. Membership Growth Award
4. Club Superior Membership Achievement Award
5. Distinguished Club President
6. Distinguished Club Secretary
7. Distinguished Club Treasurer
8. Public Relations Award- Large Clubs
9. National Outstanding Service Award For Americanism (the African American Cemetery Project)
10. Most Creative Fundraising Award - Large clubs (Spaghetti dinner)
11. Web Video Award (Santa's Exchange video)
12. Club Builders- Kevin Barker, Doug Earle and Carlos Perez won for the new Sienna Club
13. District Growth Award
14. Outstanding Distinct Award
15. Distinguished District President – Doug Earle

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In starting the new fiscal year, it's very exciting for me to take over guiding the club and working with all of you. I do realize I have big shoes to fill, so challenge accepted! Following are the goals I have set for the club during my tenure.

1. Along with the Spaghetti Dinner, we will have a new fundraiser using our BBQ pit. This year, my plan is to host 2 BBQ fundraisers. I believe we can raise \$150,000 through these three fundraising events.
2. Let's start one new Exchange Club in the area.
3. As I mentioned earlier, Rick completed 130 service projects in his year as President. I would like to see us hit that number again and even surpass it.
4. Last, currently we have 104 members in the club, let's add 5-6% to our membership count, which means adding 6-7 people.

These goals are achievable as we continue to work as one unit and focus on the primary purpose of our club, Child Abuse Prevention. Every club member has a special talent and can contribute and help us to accomplish these goals. Each of you can find an area to contribute bolstering the club's presence in the community supporting the local nonprofit organizations. A goal stays just another goal if you don't roll up your sleeves and make it happen...we must always stay the course to accomplish these goals. I will be right by everyone's side with sleeves rolled up making this year a successful year.

My theme this year is "The light within me honors the light within you."

To adhere to this theme, we should all respect one another without judgement while working side by side to achieve these goals in the coming year. This year will be full of fun, laughter and many memory-making events.



Lori Bisewski  
President of ECSL 2022-2023

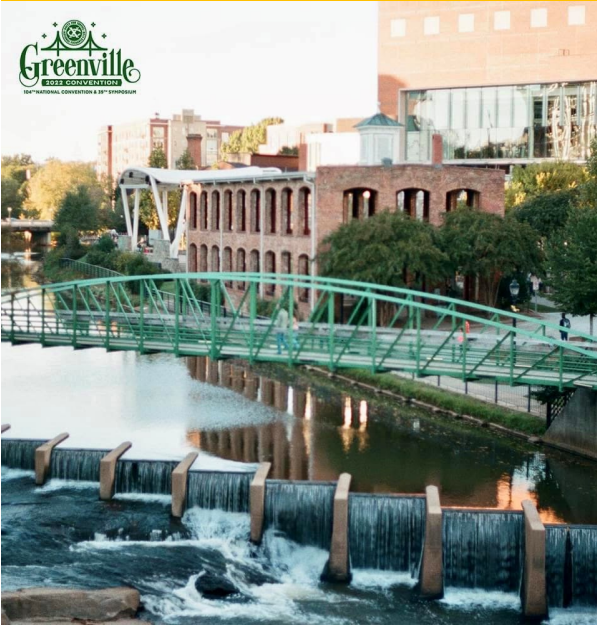
**"The light within me honors the light within you".**

Note: An additional award was added Saturday night...#16: BEST HOSPITALITY SUITE! And let me tell you...next year you want to make sure you attend the national convention. It could not have been more fun putting it together, hosting, and getting to know so many Exchange members across the nation at our hospitality suite. Plus, it's true the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast District has a reputation for the BEST HOSPITALITY ROOM year after year!





# 2022 National Exchange Club Annual Convention!



If you are not aware Greenville, South Carolina is a really cool place to hang out and live. The downtown area is a culturally friendly environment , easy to walk about, multiple restaurants and shops and local music on the plaza Thursday and Friday nights. Only 20 minutes from Clemson University! I Just loved being there and having that weekend experience at the National Exchange Club Annual Convention with good friends and meeting new ones. Dining, parties, up and down the Hyatt elevators just having a great experience to remember! And the awards we won you ask? We killed it and won in a number of categories! I hope more Exchange members can come next year! I hear we will be having it in Phoenix, AZ and the year after San Antonio, Tx on the Riverwalk! Now that's too close to miss! Enjoy a few pictures of this years event!





## 2022 National Exchange Club Annual Convention! ECSL Party Room!





## 2022 National Exchange Club Annual Convention! So many Parties!





## 2022 National Exchange Club Annual Convention! Many Party Rooms!



Next year, we all  
need to get shoes that light up!  
Just like Carlos!



National President Elect-  
party room! (Leif Welhaven).



Another party room!





## 2022 National Exchange Club Annual Convention! Exhibit area!



Our new polo shirt party color for 2022. Thanks Doug Earle!

Party definition- verb (used without object), par-tied, par-ty-ing. Informal. to go to or give **parties**, especially a series of **parties**. to enjoy oneself thoroughly and without restraint; indulge in pleasure. **YEP THAT'S WHAT WE DID! JUST MAKING SURE! LOL.**



## 2022 National Exchange Club Annual Convention! Luncheon!



**Nick Landoski** bottom left Ex-change Club of Sugar Land!  
**Chad Bridges** from the Fort Bend Exchange club bottom right.





## 2022 National Exchange Club Annual Convention!



Top of page is a restaurant we went to. The top right was our first day in the exhibit area. Notice our green polo shirts! Doug Earle picked that color for us. Bottom left a couple of your “favorite guys” or should I say “two lonely men”! Lol...they probably miss their wives! Because this place is so cool and a great place to bring your spouse! The walkways are not cobble stone but the square pattern design in the concrete makes the walkway more interesting to look at. Also the many light post added ambience to the streets. And the trees, they were so tall! The weather was about 85 and comfortable! Members walked down there a few times just strolling around taking it all in! Very nice. And like I mentioned music on the patio with a 5-piece band every Thursday and Friday nights, and the place was hopping that weekend!



## 2022 National Exchange Club Annual Convention/Banquet on the last evening!



Past President Paul Barnett 2020-2021, current President Lori Bisewski 2022-2023, Doug Earle, Kathy & Nick Landoski and Past President Rick Bell 2021-2022!





# Happy July 4th-Give A Kid A Flag To Wave!



The Sugar Land Morning and the Fort Bend Noon clubs were at the Sugar Creek Parade on July 4th at 8:30A.M. Exchange Clubs together were kicking off the first **Service Project for Presidents Lori Bisewski of Sugar Land and Suleman Lalani of the Fort Bend Club!** Quite a few Exchange members came out to support this event! **Hope the rest of you had a "FANTASTIC" 4th!**





## 2022 Exchange National Convention! Student Recognitions for the Year!



### The 2022 Youth of the Year Award Winner!

Goes to Vaibhav **Mishra**! Vaibhav is sponsored by the Exchange Club of Dublin, GA, of the Georgia District. Congratulations Vaibhav on this great achievement!  
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### The 2022 A.C.E. of the Year Award Winner!

Goes to **Kayla Keene**! Kayla is sponsored by the Exchange Club of Dublin, GA, of the Georgia District. Congratulations Kayla on this great achievement!! [#xcGreenville](#) [#ACEoftheYear](#)



### The 2022 National Legacy of the Year award Winner!

Goes to **Daley Eisenmann**! Daley is sponsored by the Exchange Club of Fort Lauderdale, FL, of the Florida District. Congratulations Daley on this great achievement! [#xcGreenville](#) [#LegacyoftheYear](#)



These students are all gifted and talented in different ways. At our 2022 National Convention there were a number of small parties during the evening one night. I walked into a room and they were singing songs for an audience of 20 or more. At that moment I (editor) did not know who they were. They sang beautifully together.

The next day as they walked on stage to receive their awards I was pleasantly surprised to see them individually recognized for their achievements. **Congratulations** to all three of you Vaibhav, Kayla and Daley!



# Speaker Series!



Our speaker on July 6th was Patrick Duffy (HFB board member) of The Houston Furniture Bank, who filled in for Oli Mohammed who was unable to make our breakfast. Lori Bisewski is standing with Patrick as she is our New President of Exchange Club of Sugar Land for 2022-2023.

**Oli Mohammed** is an Experienced Executive Director with a demonstrated history of working in the charitable organization management industry. Skilled in Grassroots Organizing, International Relations, Community Organizing, Community Engagement, and Policy Analysis. Strong business development professional with a MSS focused in

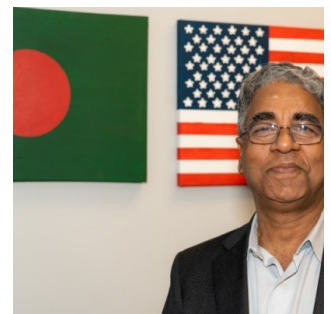
Political Science from the University of Dhaka in Bangladesh.

## Our mission is to furnish hope by Making Empty Houses Homes!

*Houston Furniture Bank provides essential furniture to families in transition, thanks to the support of our community. In 28 years of service, we have helped 30,000 families. Following Hurricane Harvey, Houston Furniture Bank has provided assistance to over 3,500 families affected by the storm. In 2019, 1,000 families were able to select essential items from the Houston Furniture Bank Furniture Distribution Center. They are currently working on opening an office in Sugar Land. Taken from their*



**HOUSTON FURNITURE BANK**  
Making Empty Houses Homes



**Oli Mohammed**







## Birthdays, Anniversaries, Events

### Happy Exchange Birthdays!

*Happy Birthday to you!*



**Juli Fournier (7/1); Thad Olive (7/7); Gladys Brumfield (7/11); Roy Cordes (7/15), Bruce Smith (7/17).**

### Exchange Anniversaries!

**Becky Fortman 7/7/20 (2 yrs.).**

**Darla Farmer** is home recuperating from two successful surgeries following a horrific car accident occurring last week. It will be a 6-8 week recovery process. She is hoping to return to our breakfasts before the end of the year.

**David Lanagan's wife, Angela,** is home recuperating as well. He let me know this is a tough surgery to recover from as well as having slow progress.

**Leslie Woods** shared that **Carolyn Tarver (of Project SMILE)** had a "nasty" compression fracture of the T8 vertebrae. The doctors are trying to find the best treatment. She has to wear a brace.

***PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THREE LADIES FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY.***

**Cookie Joe** announces a blood drive supporting **Amy Cummins**. It will be at Cookie Joe's Dancin' School, 1415 Hwy, Suite A100, Sugar Land 77478. Room 2. The dates are **8/13, 11 AM - 3 PM & 8/14, 10 AM - 3 PM**. Make sure to show up & roll up your sleeve for this worthy cause.

**Paul Barnett** reminded members to read their entire email from the club in order to keep you up to date on events happening soon! We also will be filling in the calendar with events on our website.

**Carey Snyder** let us know that the BSA girls troop 1731 trailer was stolen this past weekend. They are planning a fundraiser to help replace the trailer and camping equipment and will have more details soon.

**Vita Goodell** advised that the Women's Center closed down one of its donation centers. Therefore, your future donations should be made at either the Stafford or Richmond locations. The addresses for those locations are Stafford - 13645 Murphy Road, Stafford, TX 77477; Richmond - 501 Highway 90A East, Richmond, TX 77406.



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