



Exchange Hotline

Exchange Club of
Sugar Land Newsletter
March 1st, 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

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Rick Bell

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Dear Exchange Members,

This week we celebrated our **National President, Kathy Mize**, being in town with us! We had a large attendance at our breakfast meeting, and our club presented Kathy with a **\$1,000.00 check** for our annual **Berkey Fellow** donation. Kathy gave us an overview of the current status of the National Exchange Club, which continues to be very strong.

She also attended our **Give a Kid a Flag to Wave at the Rodeo Parade** this past Saturday. The event was a district wide event and it was nice seeing members from the other clubs in our district. **Thank you to everyone that attended the event!!**

For those of you that have not heard, our club purchased a large **BBQ pit** that we will be using for additional fundraising activities and socials! It should give our club an opportunity to raise funds outside of our annual Spaghetti Dinner, and it will also give us an opportunity to eat some delicious food!

Serve with Honor,

Rick Bell

Picture - National President
Kathy Mize & President of
ECSL Rick Bell



Let's make a difference!

"By helping our dear friend of
Exchange Club" - **Amy Cummins!**

Come 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**

Youth of the Month/Clements H.S.



Congratulations Ethan!

Our Youth of the Month presented by Carla Mondt was **Ethan Beyer** from Clement High School! Ethan has had a number of accomplishments in School.

Band Drum Major, Section Leader, Principal Clarinet, Varsity Cross Country Captain, Project Engineer, Independent Coder. He has worked on service projects such as creating homeless care packages, running food drives and participation in team service projects. His skills include proficiencies in Java and Python. He is an effective communicator with experience in many high leadership roles in School.

GPA 3.81/4.unweighted , GPA 4.21 weighted.

Speaker Series



Our guest speaker for February 16th was **Qaisar Q. Imam** standing with **Rick Bell** on the right and **Q** as he is known on the left in this picture. He brought us up-to-date on the Fort Bend Rainbow Room and their activities this past year.

Q kept us entertained as he explained the mission and services provided by the Fort Bend Rainbow Room. Fort Bend Rainbow Room provides emergency and transitional supplies for children and adults involved with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.



The Rainbow Room's predominant focus is to stock standard items that are frequently needed by our clients and include items such as snacks, diapers, clothes, school supplies, toiletries, books and toys.

Our program focuses on providing hope and dignity to abused and neglected children and adults, so only new items are stocked.

By the end of last year, 1632 clients received emergency supplies.

List of Immediate Needs are:

- Twin size blankets and sheets (new)
- Diaper bags (new)
- Pillows
- Girls and Boys Athletic Shoes (new)
- \$25 Wal-Mart gift cards

Events coming up!

First Annual Open House

TBD @ 1109 Ave. G, Rosenberg, TX 77471

11th Annual Pot of Gold Class Golf Tournament!
Monday May 2, 2022 11:30am @ Sweetwater CC.
4400 Palm Royal Blvd. Sugar Land, TX 77479
<https://www.fbrr.org/golf>

Young Citizen of the Month/ Sugar Land Middle School!



Congratulations Autumn!

Our Young Citizen of the Month presented by our Exchange member Cookie Joe was **Ms. Autumn Summers!** Autumn has always shown herself to be a leader who exhibits a special character trait of **kindness**.

From ballet class at three years old she would watch out for everyone. If one of the other kids fell or forgot the routine, she would stop what she was doing to lend a helping hand and show them the next steps to do.

That kindness and willingness to help is still present today and is seen through her concern shown for her fellow track and drill teammates. Autumn understands the value in supporting her team, whether that's cheering others on, coming to the aid of a fallen teammate, or giving it her all on the field.

Her participation includes Volleyball, basketball, track team, Fort Bend 4-H Outdoor Sports– Archery team, Equine Club, Houston Live Stock and Rodeo, KJZT Junior Society, Fort Bend Rodeo Sweetheart.



Check Presentation!

The Exchange Club presented a check to the National Exchange Club Foundation (NEC) for \$1000 dollars!

L-R Kevin Barker, Carlos Perez, Doug Earle, Jim Kij, David Lanagan, Gladys Brumfield, National Exchange President Kathy Mize, Rick Bell, Paul Barnett, Betty Baitland, Greg Oelfke.



Child Advocates Gala at the Marriott in Sugar Land Town Center is around the corner!

May 7th



Exchange Club of Sugar Land is a presenting sponsor for this years gala! The theme is "Through The Looking Glass"! And this was a publicity shot of the "Queen of Hearts"

This was a blast last year! Great band, Great event, Great fun! You owe it to yourself to go. I'm dancing this year! Who wants to dance?

Pictures from February 23rd breakfast meeting with the extraordinary National Exchange President **Kathy Mize!**



Who wants to sponsor this guy in Exchange? We do!



Birthdays, Anniversaries, Events

Happy Exchange Birthdays!



Honorable Robert Kern (2/6), Carla Mondt (2/8), Randy McClendon (2/14), Betty Baitland (2/18), Doug Booker (2/21), Vickie Coates (2/26)

Exchange Anniversaries!

Rashmi Sheel 2/4/20 (2 yrs.), Doug Booker 2/4/20 (2 yrs.), Sam Abiodun 2/3/16 (6 yrs.), Troy Nehls 2/12/06 (16 yrs.), Leo Weinberg 2/29/12 (10 yrs.), Farha Ahmed 2/28/10 (12 yrs.), Kent Reynolds 2/23/04 (18 yrs.), Honorable Robert Kern 2/29/00 (22 yrs.).

Raffle tickets were handed out at Wednesdays breakfast. We should do that again next week. If you are not in attendance, please contact **Greg Oelfke** to make arrangements to retrieve your tickets. **Greg is at 713-248-9400.**

Lori Bisewski requested one additional volunteer to help with the Sangria team. **Brooke Thompson** has already done a great deal of work organizing the restaurants and bars in the area, but the team needs one more volunteer to help make contact with the local establishments.

Carla Mondt is in need of children's books to be donated to the Barbara Bush Literacy Foundation. The books may be from the preschool level through the fifth-grade level. If you have books available to donate, please contact Carla Mondt at **832-851-4568** or **cnmond@gmail.com**.



Doug Earle announced that the Exchange Club of Sugar Land will have a bowling team to help raise funds for Big Brothers Big Sisters. The "Dream Team" a/k/a the "Fab Five" will be led by **Doc Lee Ivey, Cindy McCauley, Brooke Thompson, Jim Kij, and Rick Bell**. The event will be held on April 7, 2022.

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.

Nora Sim is in need of empty wine bottles for table decorations. Please sacrifice some of your time and energy by consuming wine on her behalf. You may bring your empty bottles to our Wednesday meetings.

Greg Oelfke presented the final reading of the proposed slate for next year's officers and directors. **Jim Kij** made a motion to close nominations and approve the slate, which was seconded and passed unanimously. Congratulations to our new officers and board members. I am excited to watch each of you continue to improve the excellence of our club and its impact on our local community!

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 at **832-851-4568** or **cnmond@gmail.com**.



Cookie Joe has set the date for the **Responding With Grace** fundraiser event for Amy Cummins April 2nd 11-3pm BBQ at Cookies Dancin' School. 1415 Hwy 6 A100, Sugar Land, TX 77478.

All on board for this event if you can make it.