

Exchange Club of Sugar Land Newsletter Oct. 1st, 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

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Newsletter Editor: newsletter@ecsl.org Dear Exchange Members,

As we close out the first quarter of my term as President, I reflect over these past three months seeing that our club has been extremely active in the community. Looking at our online calendar, our level of activities continues to be high! I cannot thank you enough for all the hard work everyone is putting into our club. Not only busy with activities, but you as members have also done an excellent job inviting guests, thus the result has been adding a lot of new members to our club.

We still have a lot more service projects coming over the next few weeks. Make sure to sign up or show up to help. Here is the list to be on the lookout for, and a link to our calendar:

https://www.ecsl.org/events/?public=1&private=

10/14 - Service to Seniors

10/15 - First BBQ Fundraiser

10/22 - Flu Shot Toy Drive

10/20 - New members' orientation

10/29 - Walk to End Alzheimer's

10/29-30 – Wings over Houston

A huge <u>THANK YOU</u> for the beautiful book of my Installation Dinner presented to me last Wednesday. It is so thoughtful of y'all to have put it together. I cherish all the kind words expressed in the book. I will always remember that special evening.

See you at our Wednesday Breakfast!

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Lori Bisewski President of ECSL





# Birthdays, Anniversaries & Events!

#### **Exchange Birthdays!**

# Happy Birthday to you!





Irfan Motiwala (9/12), Kent Reynolds (9/26), Bob Dunham (9/26).

Exchange Anniversaries! Shirley Brown 9/19 (17 yrs.), Larry Street 9/19 (17 yrs.).

Toy Drive Flu Shot - October 15th. This will be at Methodist Hospital.

**Paul Barnett** let us know that **Wings over Houston** is coming up on **10/29 - 30** at Ellington Field. Sign-up sheets will be out soon. We sell tickets to the public at the event. **Wings over Houston** donates \$7,500 to our club for our efforts! https://wingsoverhouston.com/

Walk to End Alzheimer's - October 29th at 8 AM, walk starts at 9 AM. Here is the link to find more information and to sign up for the walk: 2022 Walk to End Alzheimer's - Fort Bend County, TX | Walk to End Alzheimer's

Dario Beistegui invited us to participate in the *University of Houston PES Open Golf Tournament 2022* (Program for Excellence in Selling) at the Kingwood Country Club on 10/31. If you are interested to play or sponsor, please contact Dario. <a href="mailto:beistegui@sbcglobal.net">beistegui@sbcglobal.net</a>

I had announced the **Spaghetti Dinner Live Auction Witt Pitt's BBQ** dinner would be on 11/12. BUT it turns out the **Fort Bend Women's Center's Rodeo** is on that date. So we will have the **BBQ dinner on Saturday**, 11/5 at 5 PM at our house.

**Leslie Ann Woods** asked everyone to put on their calendar, **12/17 for SANTA'S EXCHANGE**. She needs <u>ALL HANDS ON DECK EVENT</u> for the Exchange Club of Sugar Land to help! Greg Oelfke added to her announcement, during the week (**12/12-12/16**) leading to Saturday, 12/17, volunteers are needed to sort and bag the toys for Saturday's big event. The sorting & bagging will be done in the evening at the First Colony Church, 214 First Colony Blvd, Sugar Land, 77479, <u>12/12-12/16</u>, from 5:30 PM to 8 PM.

**Carlos A Perez** reminds us to GIVE TO PUERTO RICO RELIEF through the Exchange National a foundation link and designate in the description PUERTO RICO. Every member can make a small donation (or a large one) to help restore things back to normal after this disastrous storm FIONA. Here is the link to give through The Exchange Club Foundation. <a href="https://www.nationalexchangeclub.org/donors/">https://www.nationalexchangeclub.org/donors/</a>

**VOTE!** Make sure you are registered to vote & **VOTE!** Registration to vote must be done latest 10/8/22. Early voting is 10/24 - 11/4 from <u>7</u> AM to 7 PM except for Sundays. You can go to the following link to get more information.

https://www.fortbendcountytx.gov/government/departments/elections-voter-registration

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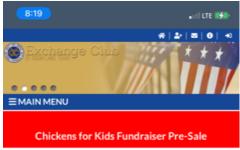
#### Events!

The City of Sugar Land cordially **invites** you to meet your neighborhood firefighters and discuss Sugar Land's "Hot Topics," including solid waste, public safety, storm water, and redevelopment. Join us on **Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>** from **8am-10am** at **Sugar Land Fire Station 1 (555 Matlage Way)** for an interactive presentation before starting your weekend. We look forward to hosting you and sharing exciting new updates with our residents. We love our community and interacting with residents is the best part of our work. Please reach out to Kareem Heshmat at kheshmat@sugarlandtx.gov for more information.

Colleen Migl -The **JANUARY 12-16 2023 Exchange Club Cruise is HAPPENING!** If you are interested contact Narmin at nkermally@dreamvacations.com.

Carlos Perez let us know that there is a group in High Meadow Ranch in the Magnolia area that would like to start an Exchange Club. If you know anyone in the area, please let us know (Carlos Perez, Doug Earle, and David Lanagan). It's an opportunity for our club to start a new club.

\*\*\*\*\*\*Thad Olive updated us on the BBQ Fundraiser happening on Saturday, 10/15. He is still nailing down the venue where we will have people pick up the chicken and sausages. The price for each bag of meat will be Chicken at \$20 and Sausage at \$10. Cooking will start on 10/14 in the evening at his house. As soon as everything is confirmed, He will send it out to you. Go to ecsl.org online to preorder the meat. (Picture below of home page to order).









Paul Barnett, Thad Olive, Lori Bisewski, and David Lanagan <u>Invite</u> you to join us!



THE EXCHANGE CLUB OF SUGAR LAND is America's Premier Service Club working together to make our community a better place to live. We actively search for creative ways to respectfully meet the needs of others while focusing on the following.

> Our primary objective is The Prevention of Child Abuse. We work to achieve this goal by educating the public, bringing awareness through our Blue Ribbon Campaign, and







# Fort Bend County Fair Rodeo and Parade!

















"Give a kid a flag to wave!"





# Pictures from the Fort Bend County Fair Parade!

















## **Pictures from the Fort Bend County Fair Parade!**











L-R, Bruce Smith, Carey Snyder, Suzanne Whatley, Kevin Barker, Doug Earle (legs!), Carlos Perez!



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**Scout Troops 731 & 1731** 



ECSL Family & Friends





## Seniors Helping Seniors!



Seniors meet once a month at 10:30am 100 Louisiana Street, Missouri City, Tx 77489. Want to come? Let Cookie Joe know!



Bob Dunham, Doug Earle, Morris Lasris, Cheryl Ballard (Hostess & Coordinator at Community Center) and Cookie Joe!

## Young Citizen of the Month/ Frist Colony Middle School



Our Young Citizen of the Month for September is Archana Bharadwaj, standing with her mother (L) and Exchange member Juli Fournier (R).

Archana was on the FCMS Basketball team, Student Council and Debate Team. She is in NJHS and is looking forward to joining the Coding and Robotics Club. She is in all AAC level courses and currently taking 3 H.S Credit Classes.

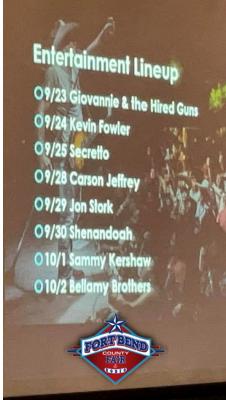
Archana is an active member of EKAM Foundation USA Houston Chapter (ekamusa.org). This organization holds various fundraising events to raise money to support women and children in need of healthcare, and better living conditions. She has been a member for the past 1 and a half years and helps by welcoming guests and sharing the organizations mission. She supports the fundraising events by collection money and sharing information with guests.

Archana is also volunteers as the social media coordinator for STEM-E (steme.org). The mission is to share awareness about STEM to youths. Their *Mission Statement: "Changing today's kids into tomorrows entrepreneurs."* 

Archana is also an elegant Bharatnatyam dancer. Few of her recent accomplishments include participation in and upcoming KARNA Production at the University of Houston, in Namadwaar's PURANAVA Indian Culture Fest, and in SEWA USA dancing stars in ANTARAM in 2017, an international production by Mrs. Suhasini Maniratnam through the Anjali Center for Performing Arts in Sugar Land.

### **Speaker Series!**





This week's speaker was **Barbara Magana Robertson** standing here
with ECSL President Lori Bisewski.

Barbara is the owner of **Magana Media**, a boutique public relations firm, that thrives on making the media work for her clients, including the <u>Fort Bend County Fair and Rodeo</u>.

She did a fantastic presentation on the importance and huge event for the county, that the Fair and Rodeo have been. Also, we now know the schedule of events, of which there are many. Make sure to go out and participate in the events.

http://www.maganamedia.com/ https://www.fortbendcountyfair.com/





A special "pleasure" for us and our new Exchange members to hear these two ladies at our Breakfast meeting Sept. 28th. Where both speakers were our featured speakers and also members of Exchange Club, **Ruthanne Mefford** Executive Director for Child Advocates of Fort Bend and **Vita Goodell** Executive Director for the Fort Bend Women's Center. These two organizations are in the Richmond/Rosenberg area of Fort Bend County. Standing here with **Lori Bisewski**, President of Exchange Club of Sugar Land.

Both lady's gave us and informative update on what their organizations are doing and any expansion updates occurring in the near future. The Women's Center also received a Check donation from the Exchange club of \$10,000 dollars!





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### Young Citizen of the Month/ Sugar Land Middle School!



Our Young Citizen of the Month for September is **Kenneth Holmquist** from Sugar Land Middle School. Standing here with Exchange member Cookie Joe Arthur.

Comments about Kenneth from Cookie Joe -Kenny has been a servant leader as far back as we can remember. He jumps at the opportunity to help others, regardless of what is in it for him.

He serves on our Audio/Visual team at church and will always be willing to help in any other area as needed. He takes pride in everything that he is a part of. He works just as hard on his studies as he does on the court.

As great of a student and athlete that he is, he is a better young man. We are proud of the young man he is, but more excited about the young man he will become in the future. Congratulations Kenneth!

### You may be wondering, Men in skirts? Not quite..." GRILLING" APRONS!"







<u>Members</u>!, you don't have to "grill" anything to get one of these "exclusive" aprons! You can use them for **Spaghetti Dinner** as well coming up in April 2023! They can even <u>customize</u> the apron and put your name on it above the top of the Exchange emblem! <u>Order now</u>, without your name only \$40, and customized with you name \$50.



## **WELCOME! WELCOME!**

### **Our Newest Members!**

Justin Brock! Jeff Deurlein! Dylan Russell! Irfan Motiwala! Gina Pizinni! Lydia Bourg! Apurvah Parikh! Hannah Huang! Irina Chrisco!



"Glad you're with us!"