



Exchange Hotline

Exchange Club of
Sugar Land Newsletter
Sept. 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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Dear Exchange Members, (From the editor).

This was in In a previous newsletters & bares repeating for new members. We all have a story to tell! And part of that story for each of us personally is being introduced to Exchange Club by your sponsor. That person may have been a good friend or acquaintance that invited you to a breakfast meeting. And you decided to stick around and join the club. That was a great decision! Exchange Club is one of the Premier Clubs in America. And you are now part of it! I remember when I joined the club and Mr. Jim Kij said we were a family in Exchange. Well, I wasn't looking for a family, but now I can see that it really is one. You may be like me and discover this yourself about Exchange Club! Here is the story of Exchange from the beginning! You may have been wondering, **what are all those patches and pins about?**

Americanism

Youth Program

Community Service

Prevention of Child Abuse

Charles Berkey started and founded the club in Detroit in 1911. It started with a group of men who got together to "exchange" information. When the 4th club was started they formed a national organization. We have 4 programs of service!

Next, in 1979 the National President at that time **Dr. North** had a great idea! He was a physician, and he was seeing and increase in child abuse in his practice. So, he adopted in Exchange a National program of the prevention of Child abuse.

The **BANNERS** and what they stand for and represent are to acknowledge and recognize our members of "**what we do**". Patches on the Banners with unusual shapes are from National. And Oval and Rectangular patches are from District.



If we do a project or program and National gives a patch for the project, we get "1" patch for the first event and then a "star" for each additional event. There are not patches for every event or project we do. But we do report to National and they record the events in one of the 4 categories (**Americanism, Youth, Community Service and Child Abuse Prevention**). Then those events or projects go towards the National Service Award pin (looks like an Oscar).

What do "PINS" on your nametag string that goes around the neck stand for? (Presidents pin for 2022-2023).

Pins come from National for the "National Service Award" & the "Big Exc. Awards". The club has to meet certain requirements to qualify for these pins. After that, the pins are either District pins or Club President pins. The District pins are designed by the District President and passed out to clubs as well as traded at the National Convention. The Club President pins are designed by the President and passed out to the membership as they decide. They usually follow a theme for the year. And there you have it!





"Banner Spirit!"



Speaker Series!



On August 17th our featured speaker was **Kayla Massey** Senior Philanthropy Associate from **Root Capital** who “zoomed in” from Philadelphia, PA. Kayla talk to us about what Root Capital a world organization does to help rural communities globally. Lori Bisewski President of Exchange Club of Sugar Land stood next to our screen as she conversed with Kayla!

How it Started:

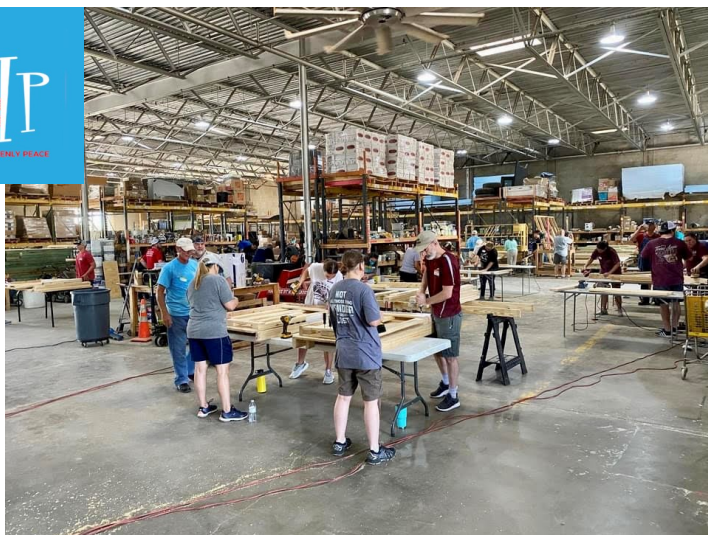
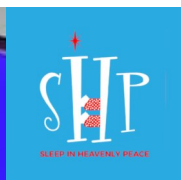


Willy Foote is founder and CEO of Root Capital, a nonprofit that offers farmers around the world a path to prosperity by investing in the agricultural businesses that serve as engines of impact in their communities. Root Capital provides these businesses with the capital, training, and access to markets they need in order to grow, thrive, and create opportunities for thousands of farmers at a time. Since its founding in 1999, Root Capital has provided more than \$1.7 billion in loans to 770 agricultural businesses in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Together, these businesses have bought and marketed crops for 2.4 million smallholder farmers, reaching over 10 million people in rural communities.

On August 24th our featured speaker **Gary Burns** from Sleep in Heavenly Peace. He presented to us the great need for providing beds for underprivileged children. Gary is standing here with Lori Bisewski the president of ECSL. He gave us a very informative speech.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a 501(c)3 charity with 300 chapters in 40 US states, Canada, and the Bahamas, they build and deliver beds to children without beds. Our Motto is "**No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in our Town**". Our Houston Central Western chapter builds and delivers beds to kids in west Houston from downtown Houston to Fulshear, between Westpark Tollway and I-290. They are looking to start a chapter in our area of Southwest Houston/Fort Bend County.

If you have any desire to help this organization or start a new chapter, you can contact them at main office at 844-432-2337 or Gary Burns at 832-795-2759/gary.burns@shpbeds.org.



Extraordinary Ideas Come From “Extraordinary” People!

The First Texana/ Cookie Joe/ Exchange Club of Sugar Land collaboration! This was the first Texana Dancers performance! Special appearance by the “Cookie Joe dancers”. The students from Texana (known as the “Hip-Hop” dancers) are developmentally challenged, autism primarily.

These classes offer socialization, physical exercise, mental stimulation with sequences, rhythm, confidence in public settings, teamwork and fun. It is a weekly class. Each semester will culminate with a performance. Cookie Joe was so honored to join the Texana family. It was an epic success and the cookies were delicious. **NOTE: Keving Barkers comments on Cookie next page.**



EXCHANGE

THE EXCHANGE CLUB SUGAR LAND, TX



COOKIE JOE'S
Dancin' School

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Changing Lives



Texana's Kevin Barker expressed THANK YOU !

Texana's Kevin Barker Director of IDD Provider Services shows appreciation to Cookie Joe's Dancin School and what she and her dance team have been able to accomplish with the new Texana "Hip-Hop" Dancers, where many there suffer from autism!



Kevin Barker- Cookie Joe Arthur taught individuals who attend the Texana Center, Center for Learning how to dance and perform. These are your individuals with primarily Autism and some Intellectual and Developmental Disability. She worked with them for many weeks and focused on basic steps.



She developed a performance routine for them to perform. They were so excited to be able to learn dance and perform to their family and guests. It provided them a sense of self confidence and pride in their abilities. We were so blessed to have Cookie dedicate time out of her busy schedule to teach these amazing students. Cookie would leave the Wednesday morning Exchange Meetings with a big smile on her face and bubbling with energy and say "I am going to Texana to teach my students! We at Texana Center, the students and me personally, we are so blessed to have Cookie in our lives.



Birthdays, Anniversaries, Events!

Exchange Birthdays!

Happy Birthday to you!



John Heinemann (8/2), Darla Farmer (8/3) Shirley Brown (8/4), Colleen Migl (8/6) Richard Peffley (8/9), Chelsea Nguyen (8/14), Naushad Kermally (8/18), Jeff Dodson (8/22), Larry Street (8/22), Kevin Anderson (8/27).

Exchange Anniversaries!

Gina Pizzini 8/18/21 (1 yrs.), Richard Peffley 8/19/20 (2 yrs.), Kevin Anderson 8/22/01 (21 yrs.).

Kevin Barker thanked the club for supporting Texana's dancers that performed at Cookie Joe's Dance Studio. They were taught by Cookie and her team. She was able to raise \$47 through donations and sales of the cookies. This money was donated to Texana.

Pete Olson announced a community service project, Exceptional Rodeo, on **September 30, 10 AM**, at the O.D. Tucker Arena at the Fort Bend Fairgrounds. The rodeo will give the children & young adults a real grand rodeo experience. The exceptional rodeo will pair physically and/or intellectually challenged children and young adults with professional cowboys and cowgirls and volunteers to help assist in fun and non-competitive rodeo activities.

Brooke Thompson let us know about Compudopt which offers a variety of classes within the computer field. These are free classes for middle school young ladies. They just need to sign up early. This would be something to pass on to friends and family with middle school girls. Here is the link to get more information: <https://www.compudopt.org/women-in-tech-houston>.

Events!



Suzanne Whatley thanked our club for the support of the Firefighter's Gala on 9/10. Also, you are invited to a First Responder's dinner on Tuesday, 8/30, at 6 PM, to Hollywood Glamour at Milano's 16555 Creek Bend Dr, Sugar Land, 77478. IT IS FREE! Please RVSP..... **Insert in back of newsletter.**

Colleen Migl -The **January 12-16 2023 Exchange Club Cruise is HAPPENING!** If you are interested contact Narmin at nkermally@dreamvacations.com. You can find the reservation form [HERE](#).

Thad Olive announced he is looking for a team to help with our first BBQ fundraiser. We are looking at the date of October 15. He will need help in many capacities. So reach out to him to let him know you are interested. Be on the lookout for more information.

Cary Snyder informed us that a scout has qualified for Eagle Scout from Troop 731. He is currently at 97 of the 138 badges the scouts can earn. His goal is to earn all 138 badges.

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 Lanaghan**). It's an opportunity for our club to start a new club.

Vita Goodell thanked the club for sponsoring their rodeo on 11/12. Please look at the calendar to get all the particulars.

Nora Sim shared with us, that former ECSL **Jeri Krauss** had a heart attack Monday, 8/15. Lynn is **NOW** doing much better and is out of the hospital! If you would like to reach out to Lynn or Jerri, please contact **Nora** at 281-788-8530 or me (Jerri?) at 281-799-7084.



Farha Ahmed announced a Museum Crawl at 10 AM on Saturday, September 10. This is to recognize the 200th anniversary of the fort built in which Fort Bend County was named after a fort built at the river bend! **Insert in back of Newsletter.**

Suzanne Whatley- The 2022 **Sugar Land Firefighter's Gala** will be held Saturday, 9/10/22. If anyone would like to sponsor please get in touch with Suzanne at 713-854-4675. She also is asking for any live or silent auction donations and requesting bottles of wine and whiskey for the Firefighters' Gala. You can bring it to the breakfasts or drop it off at her business, Branding Matters, 8034 Hwy 90a. She also is looking for volunteers at the Gala on 9/10.

Bruce Smith announced on September 23, that club members will be handing out U.S. flags for the **Fort Bend County Parade**. Club members need to be at the parade site by **7 AM**. We will be at the front of the parade that starts at 9 AM. Also, the day before we will meet at Nora's florist shop, Nora Anne's Flower Shoppe, 15510 Lexington Blvd Suite N, Sugar Land 77478, to decorate our float for the parade. More info will be given closer to the date.



Do you know these members?

Lol probably so, but if you're new to the club here is just a fun page for you!



This is **Morris Lasris (L)**, He has been in the club a long time. He does a lot of things and has his own business too! Picture far left he is at a breakfast meeting and upfront at the "mic" telling another joke. Sometimes they "land" and sometimes they don't.

He also consistently helps Cookie Joe with the seniors that meet once a month with a lunch meal, birthday cake and Bingo. Seniors know Morris very well!

Keep it up Morris! (applause).



Now here is a guy (**Thad Olive**) that knows how to throw a party! He doesn't look happy on the left here. But, I caught him with his lovely wife **Robyn** with a big smile on his face and "cool" shades for sunglasses.

He was once a policeman for a number of years and now has his own business. He is now President Elect of ECSL for July 2023-2024.

(we see you Nick Landoski!)

Let me tell you about the Judge! **Judge Robert Kern**. We just had to get a picture of him wearing **UT colors** at our breakfast meeting! He is good man living on a ranch I believe. Somewhat retired but a real asset to Exchange! (thank you Judge). And now for three very loveable ladies. First let me just say, I want a "fallish" shirt with and Exchange emblem! **Suzanne Whatley, Lori** and **Cookie Joe** all have their own businesses! Lori Bisewski is our current President of ECSL. Suzanne heads up our Child Abuse Blue Ribbon Awareness Month in April each year, and she does other things too! And Cookie Joe, well there is not enough room here for all she does for Exchange! (**Cookies the Best!**)



So I ran out of room here, everyone in our club is important (**YES YOU!**) lol. But sometimes I don't get your picture. Just grab me and take a picture with someone in the room. I would like to see everyone in the newsletter!

As Thad Olive might say "keep on truckin!" with Exchange!



YOU'RE INVITED TO AND
EVENING OF

HOLLYWOOD GLAMOUR



AUGUST 30, 2022 AT 6PM
16555 CREEKBEND DR

RSVP
CALL, EMAIL, OR SCAN BELOW.

PHONE: 713-385-8521
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CELEBRATING THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND



WHAT TO EXPECT: OPEN BAR, DANCING, HEAVY
HORS D'OEUVRES, COMPLEMENTARY VALET.
ENDLESS ENTERTAINMENT.

WHAT TO WEAR: SUGAR LAND BEST

THE MILANO WILL BE RAISING FUNDS TO SUPPORT
THE SUGAR LAND POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

RSVP



MUSEUM CRAWL

and History Fair!

Saturday, September 10, 2022

10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. • FREE!

**Mirabeau Lamar Homestead Park
1317 Eugene Heimann Circle in Richmond**



It's been 200 years since
the early Texian settlers
constructed the fort in the
bend of the Brazos River.

Let's celebrate!

Highlights:

- Texian Time Machine - Living History Experience
- Celtaire String Band - Music & Dancing
- Fort Bend Archeological Society - Excavation & Exhibit
- Fort Bend County Clerk Office - Historical Document Exhibit
- Fort Bend County Historical Commission & Friends - Info Booth
- Author/Historian Paul Spellman - Book Signing
- Food and drink will be available for purchase at event site

• Guided Bus Tour/Option #1: DeWalt Heritage Center, Sugar Land Heritage Museum, Bull Head Convict Labor Camp Cemetery, the Freedom Tree and Stafford's Point

• Guided Bus Tour/Option #2: Fort Bend Museum, Old Foster Community Museum, Rosenberg Railroad Museum and Fulshear Switch House

• Guided Bus Tour/Option #3: Black Cowboy Museum, Fort Bend County Heritage Unlimited Museum and George Ranch Historical Park

- Bus A tours start at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- Bus B tours start at 11:15 a.m. and 2:15 p.m.

Questions?

Email Chris.Godbold@fortbendcountytx.gov



FORT BEND RAINBOW ROOM

Most Needed Supplies

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| BABY LOTION | DISINFECTANT SPRAY |
| DEODORANT | TOILET BOWL CLEANER |
| HAND SANITIZER | TOILET PAPER |
| ALL-PURPOSE | PAPER TOWELS |
| CLEANER | TWIN SHEETS (NEW) |
| WINDOW CLEANER | TWIN BLANKET/COMFORTERS (NEW) |
| DISH SOAP | |

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Rosenberg, TX 77471

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Add fun to your schedule or just help in
some way with needed supplies at Fort
Bend Rainbow Room!



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