



# Exchange Hotline

Exchange Club of  
Sugar Land Newsletter  
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## The Exchange Club of Sugar Land

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[www.ecsl.org](http://www.ecsl.org)

### Weekly Meetings

Wednesdays, 7:00 a.m.

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

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Dear Exchange Members,

This first half of September has been a busy time for our club which will continue through the rest of the month. I was honored to hand out the first 2 checks to local charities.



**Betty Baitland on behalf of the Cullinan Park Conservatory L.E.A.P (Learn, Explore and Play) was presented a \$1500 check. Representing the Catholic Charities, Gladys Brumfield, received \$3000. Thad Olive presented a \$1500 check to Jenny Fridge from The Sanctuary Foster Care.**

On Friday evening, 9/9, we had a great social night of watching the movie Thor. Our club helped support the Firefighter's Gala, 9/10. It was a very successful event! And a HUGE EVENT happened at 9/14 Wednesday's breakfast....Rick Bell installed nine new club members. The newest members to our club are Jeff Deurlein, Dario Beistegui, Bob Dunham, Jo Ann Eagleton, Kareem Heshmat, Jennifer Lane, Irfan Motiwala, Dylan Russell, and Lee Perez. Make sure to go up and introduce yourself and welcome them 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 (go to [ecsl.org](http://ecsl.org) and click on the calendar to get the detail. ):

**9/16 – Service to Seniors**

**9/22 – Decorate the ECSL float for the FB Parade**

**9/23 – Handing out flags at the FB Parade**

**9/30 – Exceptional Rodeo**

**10/15 – First BBQ Fundraiser**

**10/22 – Flu Shot Toy Drive**

**10/29 - Walk to End Alzheimer's**

**10/29-30 – Wings over Houston**

See you at our next Wednesday Breakfast!

Lori Bisewski  
President of ECSL



# New Exchange Members Induction Ceremony!

09/13/2022



Carlos Perez (sponsor) to Bob Dunham. Judge Kern (sponsor) to Dylan Russell, Lori Bisewski (sponsor) to Jo Ann Eagleton, Dario Beistegui (new member) to Jim Kij (sponsor), Nora Sim (sponsor) to Lee Perez (new member), Kareem Heshmat (new member) to Thad Olive (sponsor), Rick Bell (past president), Not shown are new members Jennifer Lane, Irfan Motiwala, and Jeff Deurlein.



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**The 2nd. Annual Sugar Land Citizens Fire Academy Alumni  
"Firefighters Gala" for 2022 was OUTSTANDING!**



**Brooke Thompson & Fire Chief Doug Boeker**



**Hans & Lori Bisewski, Scott & Cookie Joe Arthur,  
Angela & David Lanagan**



**1st Row Bottom**

**Hans Bisewski, Lori Bisewski, and Cookie Joe Arthur!**

**2nd Row Middle**

**Lauren Thompson, Colleen Migl, Jonee Barnett, Cindy McCauley!**

**3rd Row Top**

**Doug Earle, Paul Barnett, Brooke Thompson!**







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"Firefighters Gala" for 2022 was EXCEPTIONAL!



**Lori & Hans Bisewski**



**Paul & Jonee Barnett**



**Suzanne & Brad Whatley**



**Jack & Nora Sim**





## CHECK DONATIONS!



A **\$1,500** check was presented to **Betty Baitland** for the Cullinan Park Conservancy L.E.A.P. (Learn, Explore and Play) area for children at the park. (Standing with Lori Bisewski.)

**Cullinan Park** is a popular destination for nature and wildlife photographers. From the scenic views to the incredible array of wildlife, there is beauty throughout the park.



More information can be found at <https://cullinanparkconservancy.org/>

**Gladys Brumfield** on behalf of Catholic Charities received a check for **\$3,000** to fund the Mamie George Community Center helping Seniors. (Standing with Exchange President Lori Bisewski.)

More information on Catholic Charities can be found at <https://catholiccharities.org/>



**Thad Olive** president elect of ECSL presented a **\$1500** check to **Jenny Fridge** and **Arielle Clancy** from **The Sanctuary Foster Care Services**.

***"We exist to achieve permanent sanctuary and healing homes for children from hard places!"***



They are expanding their services into the **Fort Bend** area, and are seeking fundraising, volunteers, and connections to achieve that endeavor.

<https://www.sanctuaryfostercare.org/>

**The Youth of the Month Program** provides Exchange Clubs with the opportunity to honor outstanding students in the community who have exhibited excellence in academics, community service, and leadership.



We kicked off our year of Youth of the month with **Amy Mitchell** presenting the Youth of the Month Award to Clements High School student, **Angela Wang**! She was given a recognition plaque and a check.

Some of our students that we recognize, especially **Angela**, have such a strong background in areas of Academic Honors, Extracurricular Activities, Volunteer Services, and Summer/Work Experiences that it goes beyond the scope of this newsletter.

Let's just say **Angela** is a bright and caring young adult and she will do well in her future endeavors! Her hobbies are playing music-piano, violin, reading, and hiking.

# Speaker Series!



We always have good speakers, but every once in awhile we have a featured speaker that talks with **Intensity and passion**, where there was not a sound in the room as Exchange members carefully listened!

On August 31st, we had such a speaker, **Officer Ann Marie Carrizales** as she told her story! Where, as a Stafford Police officer a few years ago, she was shot in the face and chest in a routine traffic stop. It was three

men who were up to know good and shot her. (Ann's background is military and she was also a distinguished boxer where she excelled and won awards in that sport.)

With determination she got back in her patrol car and for at least 25 minutes she chased them down the highway, caught them and they are now in prison. Just an amazing story of true grit, and toughness that inspired us to listen with compassion. Ann is now with The Meadows Police Department in Stafford doing well for herself! It was one of those special presentations that you were fortunate to hear if you came to breakfast that day. (Standing with Lori Bisewski President of ECSL.)



On May 7th our featured speakers were **Seema Mir** and **Chavon Carr**, standing here with President Elect 2023-2024 **Thad Olive**! The ladies presented informative information concerning best practices for small business and estate planning.

## The Jordon Voytek Story!

*"We believe M&A (mergers & acquisitions) is a calling. We are passionate about client centered, corporate representation. We pride ourselves on being deal makers who work closely with you to achieve the positive results you want. We are a different kind of law firm."*

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**Social!**

**Were you their?**

I hope you didn't miss it again!

**Social !**

Here is what Colleen Migl our "Ms. Social" Chair had to say! *"We had 37 excited Exchangites who attended the Movie Night **"Par-tay"** at Star Cinema Grill! Fun was had as Thor empowered children - for a limited time only - with his powers to defeat an evil cursed man who sought to murder all of the Gods in the multiverse."* **Ok there you have it! Lol.**



**Yikes!**



# Youth of the Month/Kempner High School!



Juli Fournier and Attorney and Exchange member presented our **Kempner High School Youth of the Month to Jerson Benitez**. An incredible young man with a huge future ahead.

As with our other student mentioned on an earlier page, Jerson is quite a remarkable young man! He plans to be an aspiring cardiovascular surgeon some day! He is currently carrying a GPA of 3.42 at Kempner. His resume is quite broad with accolades covering his volunteer work, leadership skills, awards, internships and organizations he is involved with.

For outside curricular enjoyment Jerson likes baseball and is a Senior Leader working to improve younger ball players in the game! His Essay that he wrote about his mom and dad and growing up in turmoil in El Salvador was quite moving! Here is a snippet of that essay.

*"As a child of immigrant parents, despite the hecticness of everyday life, the emphasis on education has always been constant in my life. Both of my parents, Central American immigrants, had instilled in me important values and have ingrained the vitality of getting an education. They always utter the same phrase to me daily "dale duro", which in Spanish means to give it your all. My parents have always instilled the virtue of hard work to my brother and I. Without regard to the consequences, my parents will do anything and everything for my education and my success.*

*My parents like many immigrants before them, came to the US in search of a better future, not only for themselves but for their families. My mother exemplifies courage. How may you ask? She came to this country alone, with no one to receive her, with no family, and without speaking the language, and with no money in her pockets. Her original plan was to save enough money to buy a house in Guatemala and go back; fortunately for me, she's been in America for 32 years. By staying in America, she was able to help her 7 siblings to pursue their education or come to America to pursue their dreams."*

And there is more, a truly remarkable young man in our midst looking to some day be a surgeon!



## Birthdays, Anniversaries, Events!

### Exchange Birthdays!

*Happy Birthday to you!*



**Irfan Motiwala (9/12).**

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





## Events!

**Service to Seniors - September 16th at 10:30 AM**, Landmark Community Center, Missouri City. Cookie says it is fun! So please come help serve our seniors!

**Ruthann Mefford** invited us to **Voices for Children breakfast on 9/22 at the Marriott Hotel in Town Center from 7 AM - 8:30 AM**. No charge to attend.

**NOW HERE IS SOME FUN! 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.

**Exceptional Rodeo at OD Tucker Arena - September 30th at 10 AM**. This is to help disabled children and adults participate in rodeo events.

**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.

**BBQ Fundraising - October 15th. Thad Olive** has a few people who have signed up to be part of the BBQ cooking team. There will be chicken and sausages cooked and it will be happening somewhere in Sugar Land. Be on the lookout for more information.

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

**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](#)

**Wings over Houston - October 29th - 30** at Ellington Field. All Day, pick Sat. or Sun. shift. **FUN!**

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

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**.

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

**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.

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## Events!

**Kareem Heshmat** invited residents and HOA representatives to join the City of Sugar Land staff for a coffee chat to discuss your ideas and learn more about City initiatives focused on neighborhood beautification and reinvestment, such as the SL4B Joint Capital Improvement Program, the Residential Reinvestment ALL-IN initiative pilot program research, and more.

There are two time slots to visit city staff on Monday, **September 26<sup>th</sup>**. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided. This link takes readers directly to the brief 5-question survey about homeowners' upcoming improvement projects. The results will help guide staff: <https://form.jotform.com/222484515722152>



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