



# Exchange Hotline

**Exchange Club of  
Sugar Land Newsletter**  
Sept 1st, 2021

**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,**

**As we kick off the month of September and the new school year, we are preparing to recognize our first Student of the Month. Our first Student of the Month is from Clements High School. His name is Anuradha Nigam and we will recognize him at our September 1st meeting.**

**Additionally, September is Baby Safety Month and National Suicide Prevention Month. It would be nice for us to develop a service or educational project to bring awareness to one, or both, of these causes. This month is a great opportunity for us to meet one of our goals by generating a new service project.**

**We have a training outline and video for a Shaken Baby Syndrome presentation, or we could bring awareness to the dangers of social media bullying and the impact bullying has on youth suicides. If you would like to help organize an activity this month, please let me know.**

**Serve with Honor,**

**Rick Bell**

**President**



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# Birthdays, Anniversaries, Events

## Happy Exchange Birthdays!



**John Heinemann 8/2, Darla Farmer 8/3, Shirley Brown 8/4, Lydia Bourg 8/5, Colleen Migl 8/6, Richard Peffley 8/9, Chelsea Nguyen 8/14, Naushad Kermally 8/18, Jeff Dodson 8/22, Larry Street 8/22, Ruthanne Mefford 8/31, Rick Bell 8/31**

## Exchange Anniversaries! None to report

**Bruce Smith**, announced to save the date for our **Fort Bend Fair Parade - Give a Kid a Flag to Wave**. The event will take place on **Friday, September 24, 2021**. We will be giving more details as we get closer to the event.

**Colleen Migl** is scheduling an **Exchange cruise to Cozumel!** Please calendar **January 13, 2022**, at 3:30 p.m. through January 17, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. We will be providing you with more details as we get closer to the date of the trip. If you have any questions, please email Colleen at [cmigl@kcq-lawfirm.com](mailto:cmigl@kcq-lawfirm.com).

**Doug Earle** announced the need for volunteers to help the **Meals on Wheels program**. If you have the ability to serve in that area, please reach out to Doug so he can give you the details on how to volunteer. [dougesltx@gmail.com](mailto:dougesltx@gmail.com)

**Brooke Thompson** announced a great fundraising opportunity for the club, as well as an opportunity to view a very informative film entitled **Rescue from the Philippines**. The cost of the movie is \$20.00, but the money is being donated 100% back to the club by the film's producer who will be our guest speaker at our **September 8th meeting**. The link for the trailer to the film is <https://vimeo.com/156333404>.



**Suzanne Whatley** requested everyone to save the date for the Firefighters Ball, which will be held on September 11, 2021. Contact Suzanne at [Suzanne@swhatley.com](mailto:Suzanne@swhatley.com) for further info.

**Lori Bisewski** and **Suzanne** need us to provide 20-25 desserts for the Sugar Land Inaugural Firefighters Ball. Many of you signed up to either donate, buy, or make desserts for the event. The event will be held on September 11, 2021. If you are making the dessert please remember to print out the recipe and baking instructions and include them with the dessert. Desserts may be dropped off at Lori Bisewski's house, 730 Chevy Chase Circle, Sugar Land on **Friday, September 10, 2021, between 4-6 pm** or on **Saturday, September 11, 2021, between 10 am and noon**.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** Colleen Migl has reserved the Chuy's restaurant back room for 5:30 pm on **Friday, September 17th**.



The **103rd National Exchange Club Convention** will be held in Memphis, September 8-11, 2021. If you want to go, register at (<https://events.eply.com/Exchanges103rdNationalConvention3362601/signin>). For hotel rooms at the Peabody contact Carlos Perez, [carlos@carlosmyrealtor.com](mailto:carlos@carlosmyrealtor.com).



**Ruthanne Mefford needs everyone to VOTE!!!** The Child Advocacy Center/CASA has an opportunity to win \$25,000.00 if they get into the top 20 of the State Farm Neighborhood Assist Contest. It is very simple to vote and you may cast up to ten votes per day. The link to vote is <https://www.neighborhoodassist.com/entry/2038989>. Please spread the word to family and friends to vote for our local child advocacy center. It is a national contest so we need every vote we can get!

# Proclamation!



**Jim Kij awarded Ray Wathen with a Proclamation from Tracey Edwards our National President, for his long time dedicated service to Exchange! Ray was an original Charter member of the Exchange Club of Sugar Land and also the second club President! It was nice for some of the newer members to get to know Ray and hear one of his delightful "poems". Letter is only an example to see for newer members! Not the one Ray received.**

## **I Was Blessed By You By Ray Wathen.**



I had an opportunity, just the other day, to speak to folks with whom I've shared, life's journey along the way.

And part of what they asked me was,

To tell them something true. Something they didn't know about me - I said "I've been blessed by you."

We see each other regularly, when we come here each week, or when we gather for a cause, to give help that others seek.

And through these brief encounters, I've been blessed by you, by all the things for others, that I've seen you say and do.

We've put shoes on children who dance with pure delight. We've taught the joy of family love, when parenting's done right.

We've taken flags to give away, to honor those who've given more, to protect our cherished freedoms, from tyranny's dark door.

In all our joined endeavors, you've given me something, too. Because of you, my life is rich - I've been blessed by you.

I'm blessed by the joy of sharing, some thankless task we do. That when multiplied, brings blessings, to others whose need is true.

I'm blessed by your hug and smile, your wishes for a great day. As you greet me for the first time, or send me on my way.

So many times you didn't know, that I was in personal pain. You didn't know your words or smile,

Put me back on top again.

So someday when I see the light, that is the face of God, and confirm His love and amazing grace, I won't really find it odd.

To feel not only His great love, but to know yours is there, too. And to know I felt it all along, as I was blessed by you.

January 25, 2006



# A brief history of Exchange

Jim Kij gave a brief lesson on the history of the National Exchange Club!



## Slide 1- 1911 Beginnings.

- The first Exchange Club is founded in Detroit, Michigan, on March 27 by Charles A. Berkey.

## Slide 2- 1928 Aviation

- Aviation is adopted as a national project. Exchange begins promoting aviation and marking buildings with giant “arrows” to aid aviators.

## Slide 3- 1930 Logo

- The official Exchange Club Emblem is adopted.



## Another historical moment! **Dodson's Parade!**



**Jeff Dodson turns 60!!** It's a tradition in the Dodson family to make a really big birthday deal for family members over the years. This one was no different except for a very nice surprise of a **Dodson Parade!** Many friends and neighbors including Exchangites **Rick Bell, Paul Barnett, Carlos Perez** drove by in decorated cars, blowing horns and some dropped off birthday cards and gifts as they drove by.

Jeff's sister directed traffic and they had about 25 cars come through. Jeff's wife Beth and his daughters had things planned all day for him, a breakfast feast at home, ending with a dinner party at Flying Saucer pizza!

**Happy Birthday Jeff, from all of us in Exchange!**



# David Lanagan took some great breakfast pictures!

David always takes great pictures for Exchange Club. He even did a video at our recent Breakfast meeting to support Cookie Joe; as every Wednesday she has her breast cancer treatment. Everyone at the breakfast meeting was routing her on with **"Go Cookie Joe! Go Cookie Joe! Go Cookie Joe!"** You can find it on our Facebook Exchange Club page! Thanks for all you do David to inspire us to be so positive about things!





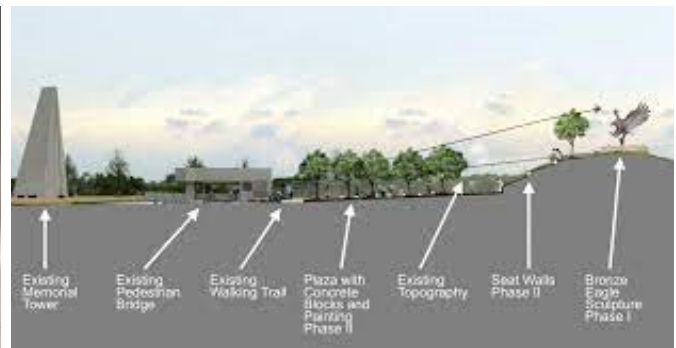
# Speaker Series



**Pictured with Rick Bell President of Exchange Club, Daphne McKinney** was our speaker on Aug 25th at our breakfast meeting! She is an organizational strategic planning professional for the City of Sugar Land. Daphne specializes in turning visions into action. She also serves as the city's liaison to the Sugar Land Legacy Foundation, a non-profit dedicated to improving the City of Sugar Land's parks, cultural arts, and civic facilities.

Daphne shared updates on the current and upcoming projects at **Memorial Park**. The City of Sugar Land and the Legacy Foundation are teaming up to build two new areas in the park named **"Eagle Plaza"** and **"Welcome Home."**

Memorial Park had 4 planned projects in its inception. Two projects are now completed which are **Entry** and **Paver Flags** and **Veterans Tower** and **Eagle Plaza** almost finished. **Welcome Home** project 4 is not completed which Daphne discussed in more detail



with us.



## Sugar Land MEMORIAL PARK



### EAGLE PLAZA

We are completing a gathering space surrounding the beautiful eagle - one that honors the great sacrifices made for our freedom.

We have met 90% of our \$202,000 goal, but \$25,000 is still needed to complete the project.

### WELCOME HOME

Through art, this project aims to tell the stories of real Sugar Land military families welcoming home their loved ones from active service. It will feature a series of bronze family groups inspired by the stories that are submitted by our residents.

Find the link to submit stories and donations by visiting the website below and clicking this icon:

### BRICK PAVERS

Engrave a brick, honor a hero. Bricks are \$250 and are placed near the landmark tower. Funds go to great Memorial Park projects like these.

[www.sugarlandlegacy.org/donate](http://www.sugarlandlegacy.org/donate)

### CONTACT US

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[www.sugarlandLegacy.org](http://www.sugarlandLegacy.org) for more information.

If you know a local military family that would like to be considered for a bronze statue memorializing "Coming Home," or if you would like to help donate to one or both of the projects, please contact Daphne McKinney at [dmckinney@sugarlandtx.gov](mailto:dmckinney@sugarlandtx.gov) or cell 281.275.2762.

# Time to order Exchange logoed shirts!

**Morris Lasrus** brought sample men and women shirts for us to look at with our Exchange Logo at our last Breakfast meeting on 08/25/2021. There is still time to order! Morris will bring the shirts again to next weeks meeting on September 1st!



Ladies



Ladies



Ladies



Men



Men



Men



Men/Ladies?



Men/Ladies?



Sorry for the late notice if you are just now seeing this. But Morris can still help you with additional orders after Sept. 3rd.

## “Rick’s Corner”/Get to know your Members!

Have you ever wanted to be on stage? Just ask our first candidate **Camille Crow-Edwards** one of our new members who volunteered to be first! She also does the “scrap book” for Exchange Club!

- Where did you grow up and what extracurricular activities were you involved in out side of school?

**Camille-** I grew up in Houston, TX. I was involved in volley ball, softball, basketball through Junior High, High School, and College!

- Tell us about your best vacation and what made it so nice?

**Camille-** I have 4 children and with my Husband we went to Hawaii and visited every island together ! Spent time with children snorkeling on every Island!

- If you had a complete day off from work and personal responsibilities, what would you choose to do with your day?

**Camille-** I don’t like to be bored, can’t sleep, so I would work on my scrap books!

- What do you do for a living and what do you find most gratifying about your job?

**Camille-** I own Business Spirit Promotional Products, Printing and Wearables as well as an estate sale company called 2nd Legacy. I love most about these jobs is meeting new people and doing new things every day!





## **“Rick’s Corner”/Get to know your Members!**

- If you had to pick one thing that breaks your heart the most, what would it be?

**Camille**— I am concerned and passionate about helping veterans that need to be taken care of and also helping children that have been abused.

- If you were stranded on an island for one month and could choose three people to be with you, who would you choose?

**Camille**- I would be with my father, grandfather and Jesus.

**It’s great knowing more about you Camille!  
And we’re so glad you joined Exchange!**

## **Achievable Goals!**

1. We will grow our club by netting at least twelve additional members;
2. We will engage in at least one new service project for each pillar of Exchange (Youth, Americanism, Community Service, and the Prevention of Child Abuse);
3. We will build two new traditional clubs and at least two Excel or Junior Excel clubs;
4. We will sponsor a homeless veteran through Veterans Matter;
5. We will assist the Escape Club in becoming Operational again; and
6. Finally, we will net at least \$200,000.00 in revenue from fundraising efforts.

**Just a reminder! We can do it! Serve with Honor!**



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