



Exchange Hotline

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President's Message



Photo by Larry Pullen

The Exchange Club of Sugar Land held its first Spaghetti Supper in 1987, raising money for a fine cause even before our official charter was granted. The cause, to raise money for a murdered Sugar Land police officer, was a very serious undertaking. However, despite the fact that the event itself teetered on the brink of fiasco from start to finish, we did some good and had a lot of fun. You just can't avoid enjoying yourself when you are doing nice things for people who need your help.

Fast forward to Spaghetti 2007, our 20th Spaghetti Supper. Spaghetti has become quite a sophisticated operation, as has Santa's Exchange and most of our other programs of service. Why shouldn't they be? The work that we do is important. The people that we help really need it. This is serious business, isn't it? Aye, there's the rub.

Here's our challenge; to commit ourselves to doing serious business while having serious fun. If we can maintain that balance, we can keep levels of volunteerism high, keep meeting attendance strong, and be overwhelmed with guests. Our goal is to accept all of our differences and to cherish each other's strengths. The more serious we take ourselves, the bigger the stakes, the less we seem to be able to do well. We become less tolerant of other's idiosyncrasies. We become more easily offended. We demand participation instead of leading. Like the proverbial fist of sand, the tighter we squeeze, the more slips through our fingers. When we are having fun we can accomplish almost anything.

I have three goals as Interim President:

1. To make certain that people are having fun. Together we can achieve great things when there is joy in what we do. People volunteer because they want to help and make a difference. People volunteer through Exchange because they can "discharge the debt they owe to those of high and low estate" and feel great while doing it.
2. To bring back the word "no" to our Club's vocabulary. Exchange does not exist for the sole purpose of getting bigger every year. Each president does not have to add a new project of service. We do not need extra events around Santa's Exchange and Spaghetti. When we give ourselves, as a club, the grace to say no, we avoid diluting what it is that we do well.
3. To emphasize leadership. An all volunteer organization thrives through leadership and dies through management.

Spaghetti 2007, our 20th, is upon us. Paul DeMarsh will lead us well. Allow yourself to be led by Paul and we'll have a ball. Oh yes, by the way, we'll help a lot of deserving people.

Stewart Jacobson

Interim President

The Exchange Club of Sugar Land



A BIG THANK YOU to all who made Santa's Exchange a huge success.

We have another opportunity to help others by participating in our biggest fund raiser—Spaghetti Supper. The event will be held on February 23 at Fluor Corp. You can help by selling raffle tickets and obtaining auction items.

Photos by Mary Cook

Fundraisers make donations to local non-profit agencies possible. Checks were recently presented to Fort Bend Education Foundation, Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels and Child Advocates of Fort Bend.



ECSL donation to FBISD support group, 12.06.06



Fort Bend Senior Meals on Wheels \$1500



\$2000 to Child Advocates, 12.06.06

Honorary Chair Mayor David Wallace presented sponsor awards at the Sugar Land-In-A Box Celebration and Distribution Party held at the University of Houston – Sugar Land on Friday, December 1, 2006. The Sugar Land-In-A-Box game is a real estate trading game featuring the City of Sugar Land. This one-time fundraising project will provide on-going support for the youth education.

Major sponsors include Sterling McCall Lexus; Chick-fil-A - Sugar Land; Fort Bend Star; Fort Bend Focus and Fort Bend Business Journal; First Colony Mall; Fitts, Roberts & Co. P.C.; Southwest Water Company, ECO Resources, and Agua Services; Fluor Corporation; and Sugar Land Ice and Sports Center.



January Birthdays

Josie Trentacoste-Soto, Naren Patel, Ray Walthen, Scott Hancock, Brenda Robinson, Rich Tisch, Scott Perry, Carlos Perez, Bob Massey, Leon Brand, Will Hardee, Luckie Forman, Michael Schiff, Scott McClintic, Jean Davis, Alicia Marra, May Williams, Chris Connolly

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