



# Exchange Hotline

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## The Exchange Club of Sugar Land

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### Weekly Meetings

Wednesdays, 7:00 a.m.

Sweetwater Country Club  
Palm Royale Blvd.  
Sugar Land, Texas

### Officers 2015-2016

President:  
Carlos Perez

President Elect:  
Rod White

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## ECSL President Carlos Perez



### President's Message:

Three years ago, I was sitting on the board of directors without ever imagining that I would be a club president any time soon. Then in 2015 Kevin took me under his wing and kept telling me, "You are going to be fine." I thought about it for a while. I thought about my family and my community, then I said to myself, "Why did I say yes? What do I know about running an organization of this size? Why do I want to work with so many stubborn people?" Then I said, "Thank you Lord. I can see this is exactly what you want me to do. And if this is your will, I will make it a way."

This is going to be the theme for the year. "Be Thankful and Keep Smiling" because we have been blessed with so much. We live in the best country anyone can live in, in the best state, the best county. We need to stop for a moment and be thankful, thankful for everything we have.

Membership growth, membership retention, and brand recognition will be the focuses of this year. This is where every one of you come into play. We must involve and develop our new members so they can lead in the future and allow them to bring new ideas. We must push ourselves out of our comfort zone.

We must also pay attention to our own. I encourage everyone to sit at different tables every Wednesday or invite someone new to join yours. Go that extra mile to say hello to the new guests. Have lunch or dinner with other club members. Call or email members who are not attending regularly. I would like to see a year that The Exchange Club of Sugar Land is no longer the best kept secret in Ft. Bend. We are the biggest club in this county, we do a lot for this county, now we need to do a lot for us.

Unless each and every one of you decide to step up and participate, our goals will not be met. You guys make me smile every Wednesday morning, for that I am thankful.  
Keep smiling!

Carlos





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So many people to thank for a wonderful Inauguration Banquet - Kevin Barker, Charlie Braun, Jim Kij, Rod White, Greg Oelfke, Sue Lockwood, Margo Pasko, Morris Lasris, Nora Sim, Don Burns, Clinton Chapman, Jim Hudnall, Vernon Hunt, Matt Jackson, Greg Kramer, The Pullens, Mike Reichek and Susan Schwartz. I am thankful for all of you, Carlos





# Book of Golden Deeds



**B.L. Wylie** was honored with **The Book of Golden Deeds Award** for starting a Therapeutic Skating Program in Sugar Land that has now been adopted by the US Figure Skating Association nationwide. B.L. teaches children and adults with special needs to ice skate! She was nominated by Exchangite **Lori Bisewski**. Sugar Land Councilman **Harish Jajoo** read a proclamation honoring B.L. from Mayor Jimmy Thompson. Watch B.L.'s heartwarming video at <http://usfsa.org/programs?id=84117>



**Dennis Parmer, Executive Director** of the **Sugar Land Heritage Foundation** spoke about the current plans for the Heritage Foundation to have an exhibit at the Children's Discovery Museum in Sugar Land so that the history of Sugar Land can be shared with children and their families. <http://slheritage.org/>

**Roger Dautz** and **Doug Earle** accepted a check for \$2,500 for the **First Tee of Greater Houston**. This non-profit is dedicated to impacting the lives of young people in the Greater Houston area by providing learning facilities and educational programs that build character, instill life-enhancing values and promote healthy choices through the game of golf. <http://www.thefirstteegreaterhouston.org/>



## Welcome New Members!

Past ECSL President **Norma Reyna** rejoined Exchange sponsored by Ron Norsworthy. Sorayya Jamshidi was sponsored by Sumana Nutalapati. Please encourage these new members to get involved in Exchange activities.

## Upcoming Events

### The National Exchange Conference July 13-17 at Hyatt Regency Houston

The Exchange Club of Sugar Land will be hosting the Hospitality Suite Friday July 15, 2016. We need Exchangites to volunteer to assist with serving food drinks. It is a great time to meet Exchangites from around the country. This is our convention, here in Houston. There are many areas in which you can help. For more information please contact **District President Mike Reich**



**Barbeque Dinner** catered by Witt's Pit for Exchangites who purchased tickets at Spaghetti Dinner Live Auction will be held on July 20, 2016 at 5:30 pm. **Noah's Place** 16555 Creek Bend Dr., Sugar Land, TX. Wine and beer included. Sue Sanchez [sweetsue@windstream.net](mailto:sweetsue@windstream.net)

