



EXCHANGE

NOON EXCHANGE CLUB OF GARLAND, TX

NOONER NEWS

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Club Meetings

Wednesdays,
12 – 1 P.M.

**Ernesto's Fine
Mexican**

1518 NW Hwy,
Garland, TX

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jim Bookhout

January was an interesting month. We are having trouble finding students to apply for the ACE scholarships. If you know of any seniors that live in Garland who have had to overcome hurdles to graduate, please let Jim Griffin know. We have two \$2,500 for ACE awards.

In February, Wes Oliver is planning, for the Club, an event for Seniors. If you would like to help, please let him know.

Several of us have been working on getting speakers. If you have any ideas please let our President Elect, Steve Stanley, know. We need members help!

Our District Midwinter Xconference is coming up next weekend (Feb. 2nd & 3rd. in Kileen. It's not too late to register. The club will pay your registration, hotel and mileage. Please consider going and hear great speakers and socialize with other Exchangites from other clubs. It's always a lot of fun.

<https://texchange.clubexpress.com/>

Please remember our Vision

Exchange's Vision was developed, and the Mission Statement simplified in January 2015, to allow every Exchange Club member to take ownership and deliver a clear message to his/her community.

Vision: A strong America, safe communities, and unified people.
Mission: Exchange, inspiring communities to become better places to live.
Core Values: Family, Community, Country
Motto: Unity for Service

*** * * Don't miss our speaker Patty Granville on February 7th, 2024 * * ***



Diana Seigler and
President Jim Bookhout

January 10, 2024

Fabeha, Student of
the Month from Lakeview

January 17, 2024



Have you listened to Talk Exchange?

Talk Exchange, the official podcast of The National Exchange Club, is a wonderful tool to learn more about fundraising, networking, membership, and more.

This is a great opportunity to share information with prospective members and show them what Exchange is all about!

TALK
EXCHANGE
A Podcast of The National Exchange Club

HISTORY MINUTE:



Groundhog Day traces its origins back to the 15th century and the Christian celebration of Candlemas. On February 2nd, Christians would take their candles to the church to be blessed thinking this would bring blessings to their household for the remaining winter. When Germans learned of this tradition they introduced the thought that if a hedgehog saw his shadow on Candlemas Day there would be 6 more weeks of bad weather. Germans who later settled in the U.S. were unable to locate the humble hedgehog so they settled for the groundhog as their mascot. Groundhog Day first appeared in the newspaper in 1886 in Punxsutawney, PA. Many religions still celebrate Candlemas featuring an elegant procession of candles, not a giant squirrel.



Officer Wilson,
Lauren Christenson,
Pres. Jim Bookhout,
LeAnn Pols
& Dedra Johnson from the
Garland Police Department.

Noon exchange purchased
\$1,000 in gift cards to help the
homeless.

January 24, 2024



DID YOU KNOW?

Saint Valentine was a clergyman in the Roman Empire during the 3rd Century who ministered to persecuted Christians. He was born on 226 A.D., martyred in 269 A.D. and his body buried in Rome on February 14. There will probably be a test on this at the luncheon.



Playing LCR January 31st
at Outback Steakhouse

Daphne won a \$60 Gift Card donated by
Charlie Freeman



Robert Smith – February 6

Diana Wickman – February 8

February 1 – First Day of Black History Month. Also, National Baked Alaska Day

February 7 – Groundhog, or National Hedgehog Day

February 13 – Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday

February 14 – **Valentine's Day**. Also, Ash Wednesday, National Ferris Wheel Day, and a day when a lot of people realize what a poor shot Cupid really is.



February 19 – President's Day

February 21 – National Sticky Bun Day

February 28 – National Chocolate Souffle Day

February 29 – Leap Day. Also, National Toast Day

