



# EXCHANGE

NOON EXCHANGE CLUB OF GARLAND, TX

## NOONER NEWS

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Angela McKee, Editor



### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, Jim Bookhout

The newsletter has a new Editor, Angela McKee. She has stepped up and taken this over from me and I am VERY appreciative!

As Exchangites you were made to make a difference. You've got a deep-rooted drive to give back, and you've made it your mission to leave the world better than you found it. You're dedicated and determined. You're passionate and persistent.

Please remember that we need to fulfill our obligations and complete the task that we commit to. Our fellow Exchangites count on us! Let's all insure that we do the jobs we said we would do.

Speakers for our meetings have become a problem. If you can help with this task please do so. There are all kinds of large businesses who would welcome the opportunity to come speak. A list is available on the Chamber web site. I have a long list of possible speakers for anyone's use. Local book authors want to come present to us. The possibilities are really limitless in Garland. We have 246,020 possible speakers, estimated currently. The club just needs your help in calling and scheduling them to come talk. If you have any ideas or can help make contacts please let our President Elect, Steve Stanley know.

On February 14th we met at Brookdale Senior Living Center and distributed roses and candy to the residents. They greatly appreciated our service to Seniors. Rosie has been sending the Garland Texan articles about the club and they are being published. We had a very interesting speaker, Darrin Montena, who stepped up for us at the last minute this past week. He is the Student Retention & Recovery Specialist for GISD. His stories were very interesting. I am hoping we can get him back at a later date as he had a lot more to tell.

Our Nominating Committee has started working on the next year's officers. If you would like to serve in any role please let one of the Nominating Committee members know, they are: Charlie Freeman, Chairman, Sheri Eddleman, Patrick Roffino and myself.

Members, Thank you for your service!

UNITY FOR SERVICE  
Jim Bookhout

**Founded in Detroit, Michigan  
on March 27, 1911**



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THE NATIONAL EXCHANGE CLUB

Riddle: What can be seen in the middle of 'April' and 'March', but can't be seen in the beginning or end of either one? (Answer on page 5)

## HISTORY MINUTE:



**Did you know that St. Patrick wasn't Irish? He was born in England and captured at age 16 by Irish slave traders. He spent 6 years in captivity tending sheep before returning to his homeland where he studied religion for many years before returning to Ireland as an ordained priest. There are many legends associated with his persona including the belief that he created the Celtic cross by embedding the pagan circle of light onto the cross to help him convert pagans to Christianity. Later writings mention his use of the Shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity. St. Patrick died on March 17, 460 A.D. but was never formally canonized as a saint.**

### ***Club Meetings***

**Wednesdays,  
12 – 1 P.M.**

**Ernesto's Fine  
Mexican**

1518 NW Hwy,  
Garland, TX

### **Officers**

#### **President**

Jim Bookhout

#### **President Elect**

Steve Stanley

#### **Past President**

Javier Solis

#### **Secretary**

Rosie Neely

#### **Treasurer**

Jody Krizan

#### **Board**

Doug Burnside

Wes Oliver

Sheri Eddleman

Jim Griffin

Charlie Freeman

Diana Wickman



**February  
7th**

Patty  
Granville  
with  
President  
Jim  
Bookhout

Our Newest Member - Zak Thomas

**Inducted February 7, 2024**



## February 19<sup>th</sup> President's Day

Flags posted at the Garland Animal Shelter



## February 21<sup>st</sup>

Student of the Month

**Sadra Mohammad Amien**  
from Naaman Forest High School



Speaker **Darin Montena**,  
Head of GISD Attendance  
with President **Jim Bookhout**

On *Valentine's Day*, Club members spent time with the residents of **Brookhaven Senior Living Center** and presented them with gifts of roses and candy. Tony Rorie, from Men and Ladies of Honor, was the special speaker.

Happy  
Valentine's  
Day



**Thomas Zack – March 1**

**Jim Bookhout – March 5**

**Patrick Roffino – March 17**

**April Smith – March 17**

**MiMi Koehler**

**Charles Freeman – March 20**

**Shirley Piacquadio – March 29**

**Jody Krizan – March 29**

# TRIVIA TIME!



In which book of the Bible is the word “EASTER” first mentioned?

Yes, it’s a trick question. Trying to determine the origin of the word “Easter” involves Latin terms, German derivatives, and theoretical speculation, and yet pedants readily agree: nobody really knows. Instead we’ll explore the provenance of the Easter bunny and why he delivers eggs.

In the 13<sup>th</sup> century, the church decided there were not nearly enough rules so they forbade Christians to eat eggs the week before Easter. Chickens, however, were apparently uninformed of this regulation and continued their daily practice of laying eggs. Not wanting the eggs to go to waste, people began to decorate and give them as gifts, eventually presenting them in ornate woven baskets made to look like nests. We can thank the imaginative Germans in the 1700’s for the idea that the Easter bunny lays, decorates, and hides eggs for good children to find on Resurrection Sunday. In Switzerland, the ubiquitous cuckoo bird, not a rabbit, brings Easter eggs. Australians the employ a Bilby, a less-attractive, snout-nosed cousin of the rabbit.

## February 28<sup>th</sup>

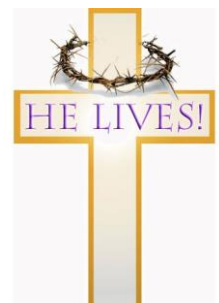
**Pastor Troy DeFeo** is presented with a \$2,000 donation from Noon Exchange for Joseph’s House



- March 1 – National Pig Day
- March 6 – National Dentist’s Day
- March 10 – Daylight Savings Day
- March 13 – National Good Samaritan Day
- March 14 – Good Samaritan Day
- March 17 – St Patrick’s Day
- March 20 – Spring Equinox
- March 27 – Manatee Appreciation Day

## MARCH 31 – EASTER SUNDAY

Also, National Tater Day



Answer to Riddle - The letter “R”