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NOON EXCHANGE CLUB OF GARLAND, TX

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Club Meetings

- 1st Wednesday at, [IHOP](#) 5175 George Bush Frwy, 7:30 to 8:30 am
- 2nd Wednesday at [GRCTC](#), Naaman Forest H.S., Noon to 1 pm
- 3rd & 4th Wednesdays at [OLIVE GARDEN](#), Olive Garden, 13771 LBJ Frwy, Noon - 1 pm

Officers

President - Stephen Stanley
President Elect - Javier Solis
Past President - Jim Bookhout
Secretary - Angela McKee
Treasurer - Jody Krizan

Board

Doug Burnside
Sheri Eddleman
Charlie Freeman
Colleen Harpe

Message from the President, Stephen Stanley



Happy Holidays to all the Visitors, Supporters and Members of the Noon Exchange Club of Garland! As Texans and Americans we have so much to be thankful for in our lives. We've made it past our National Elections and a new President will be sworn in on January 20th and many of our State Leaders will be sworn back into office on or before January 14th.

On December 4, we will host our annual "Children's Christmas Party" at the GISD's Curtis Culwell Center. We're giving 367 kids from all 47 of the GISD's elementary schools a Christmas they otherwise would not have. The Noon Exchange Club would like to give a big shout out to this year's list of Corporate and Club Member Partners.

- 5+ Walmart Area Superstores & Neighborhood Markets
- Tyrese Maxey Foundation
- Encore Recyclers
- Planet Ford 635
- The Abigail Parker Memorial Fund
- Samuel Group of Companies
- Elite Hospice of Texas
- Sheri & Luther Eddleman – Ebby Halliday Realtors
- Doug & Adrienne Burnside

The Christmas party and other programs throughout the year are made possible by these great local companies and club members. This Tuesday we'll have a gift wrapping party where, with the assistance of North Garland & Lakeview Centennial High School drill teams and many Club members, we'll wrap some 3,500 gifts. If you haven't had the opportunity to attend this event, please come out and help us get ready for the Party on Wednesday!

Once we finish up this kid's party we all start preparing for the combined Exchange Club/Garland Crime Stoppers Christmas Party on Saturday, December 14th at Yvonne Divine's new home! Then two weeks later many of us will be traveling to be with our families or they will be coming to us to celebrate the most special time of the year, Christmas.

With that, Happy Holidays and a Very Merry Christmas to All!!!

Stephen W. Stanley

President 2024-2025

Kara Solis 12/9
Brad Namdar 12/30



December 3 - Christmas Gift wrapping at N Garland HS

December 4 – Children's Christmas Party @ CCC

December 9 - BOARD MEETING and National Pastry Day

December 11 - Olive Garden Proudly We Hail

December 14 - **Christmas Party** at Yvonne Divine's house, 6 pm

December 15 - National Wear Your Pearls Day

December 18 - Olive Garden - You Make a Difference

December 21 - Winter Solstice

December 23 to January 6 - NO SCHOOL FOR GISD

December 25 - **CHRISTMAS!** Also, Jesus' Birthday

December 26 - Boxing Day

December 28 - National Call a Friend Day

November 11th – Veteran's Day Flag Retirement Ceremony



President Elect Javier Solis,
Members Rene Granado and
Darrin Montena



November 13th Meeting at [GRCTC](#)

This month the students treated us to flavorful Asian Cuisine



President Stephen Stanley and President Elect Javier Solis present the Proudly We Hail award to Phil Gilbreath, namesake of the GRCTC

President Stanley presents award to Students of the Month from N Garland High School



President Stanley
presents the award for
the Unsung Hero



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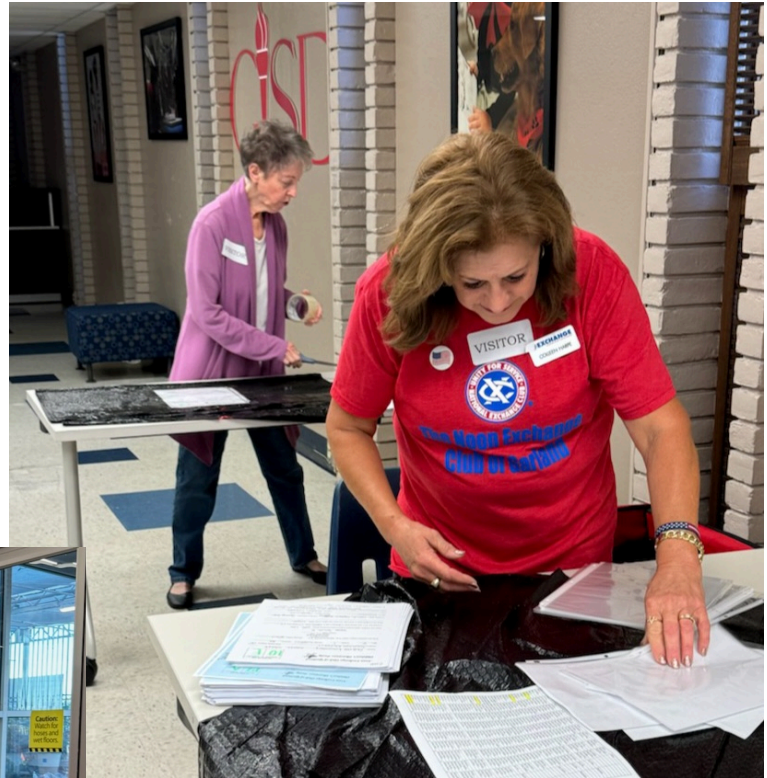
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Christmas riddle for Kids - Why did the snowman buy a bag of carrots?
He wanted to pick his nose.

Children's Christmas Party Preparations

Lots of Preparation—Yvonne Divine and Colleen Harpe



Javier Solis, Colleen Harpe, and Meighan Hilton take a much needed break!

North Garland Mam'selles help with Walmart Shopping





Sheri Eddleman and Stephen Stanley shopping for students at N Garland Walmart



December Board Meeting Change

Monday, December 9th at 6 pm.

GISD Student Services Center, 720 Stadium Drive.

Drinks and sandwiches will be provided by Doug Burnside at 5:30 before the meeting. You will receive an email with last month's minutes and agenda before the meeting. Please let President Stanley know if you have something you want added to the agenda.



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The **Winter Solstice** marks the day with the shortest period of daylight and the longest night of the year (in the Northern Hemisphere), all thanks to the tilt of the earth.

In many cultures, the day is a day of feasting and celebration

After this day you'll see gradually

shorter nights and longer days,

which means you can look forward to the emergence of spring.

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Boxing Day is held every December 26th in many countries, notably Great Britain. It started as a day to give gifts to the household staff of Britain's upper classes but the day has morphed into a sort of shopping holiday of its own. In fact, it's one of the most popular days to return Christmas gifts. Boxing Day began around 1833 and it gave the wealthy a chance to repay their servants and village tradespeople with small gift boxes filled with trinkets or coins as a show of appreciation for their service. Apparently, they couldn't do it on Christmas Day.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Rene Grenado

Rene joined Noon Exchange Club this year. He is proud to be (not just identify as) a 61-year-old American Christian male. He has 4 adult children and 4 grandkids. He is single but has been dating a very nice lady for a few years now. After more than 34 years with the Garland Police Department, Rene retired in 2023. He is also a member of the Garland Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association and the City of Garland Community Multicultural Commission. When he can, he also volunteers at several GISD schools.

Rene says, “I was born a poor brown child.” (See the opening to Steve Martin’s movie “The Jerk”.) He is originally from Dallas and moved to Garland in 1977 where he graduated from Lakeview Centennial High School. He attended the University of Texas in Austin and studied chemistry but he dropped out during his Jr/Sr year. He needed a job and had no experience. Rene joined the Garland Police Department in 1988 and says he “was utterly blessed and led by God my entire career.” He worked patrol, background investigations, front desk, telephone reporting unit, undercover narcotics, and served over 23 years as a School Resource Officer which he dearly loved. Rene has been an integral part of the Garland community for 2 generations. In addition to all his other commitments, he worked security for Good Shepherd Catholic Church and American Pawn for over 20 years.

God has connected Rene to many people and entities to fulfill His will through service to the community. It’s his prayer that God continues to use him to serve.



TRIVIA

- The **Wire Fox Terrier** has won the **Best in Show Title 15 times** at the **National Dog Show** (which airs on Thanksgiving Day) – **more than any other breed.**
- **Morton, Illinois** is considered the **Pumpkin Capital** of the U.S.
- There were 102 passengers aboard the **Mayflower**.
- America’s **first Thanksgiving** was in 1789 when President George Washington declared November 26th a Day of National Thanksgiving.
- The **busiest travel time** in the USA is not at Thanksgiving. According to AAA, it is the week between Christmas and New Year’s Day.
- It wasn’t mentioned in the musical but **Alexander Hamilton** once said, “No citizen of the U.S. shall refrain from turkey on Thanksgiving Day”