



# EXCHANGE

NOON EXCHANGE CLUB OF GARLAND, TX

## *Nooner News*

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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** - James Bookhout  
**Secretary** - Angela McKee  
**Treasurer** - Jody Krizan

### *Board*

Doug Burnside  
Charlie Freeman  
Sheri Eddleman  
Colleen Harpe  
Darren Montena  
Rene Grenado



### **Message From the President, Stephen Stanley**

Hope that everyone had a very Happy Valentines Day this year. A big thank you to all that came out to help make 60 of our Seniors at Country Club Brookdale Senior Living Center have a memorable Valentines Day. Thanks to Wes Oliver for coordinating the event again as well as for getting the roses and to Jim Bookhout for ordering the Chicken Cordon Bleu for our meal. We had 9 Club members join in to help set up and to spend time with the residents. Now for a shout out to Colleen Geedy for sticking around and doing a Valentine Day themed Bingo game with the residents from the assisted living building. Can't wait till next year!

Over the next two months we will hear from our last two high schools, Youth of the Month students. I believe everyone who has had the pleasure of being at our lunches this year to hear our students' essays would all agree, they have all knocked it out of the park! Our Scholarship Team will have a difficult job this year picking one or two scholarship recipients! Our Chair for ACE Student of the Year is working hard to bring us some great choices for our Ace of the Year. The last I heard he had about 6 candidates for us to review. I believe that all of our students have been winners.

March 29th we will be participating with the City of Garland's "Big Art Day" in downtown Garland. Additional details will be provided over the next couple of weeks and will need plenty of volunteers to assist with this program.

*Stephen W. Stanley*



## March Board Meeting

Monday, March 3rd at 6 pm at the [GISD Student Services Bldg](#)  
720 Stadium Drive.

Javier will be bringing food at 5:30 before the meeting.



## February 5th Breakfast at IHOP

Members **Stephen Stanley, Daphne Stanley, Darren Montena, Angela McKee, Patrick Roffino, and Javier Solis** met to discuss upcoming projects and speakers for Noon Exchange Club of Garland



Talk Exchange is the official podcast for the National Exchange Club. Each episode will bring a fun, fresh conversation with the NEC executive staff and guests. THANKS for listening!

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**March 1 - Zach Thomas**

**March 17 - Patrick Roffino and April Smith**

**March 20 - Charlie Freeman**

**March 29 - Jody Krizan**



February 12th Luncheon at [GRCTC](#)

**Youth of the Month**

Trenton Garrett and  
Monserrat Lopez from  
Naaman Forest High School



February 14th Valentine's Luncheon at [Brookdale Senior Center](#)



Members Rene Grenado, Sherri Eddleman, Javier Solis, Yvonne Divine, Stephen Stanley,



Daphne Stanley, Pat Roffino, Angela McKee, and Colleen Harpe (not pictured) celebrated Valentine's Day with the Senior citizens



March 1 - National Play Outside Day  
March 3 - National Anthem Day  
March 4 - National Sons Day  
March 5 - Ash Wednesday  
March 9 - Daylight Savings Time Begins  
(also National Get Over It Day)  
March 17 - **St. Patrick's Day**  
March 20 - National Goof Off Day (on a Thursday?!?)  
March 23 - National Puppy Day  
March 25 - National Medal of Honor Day  
March 28 - National Weed Day (not that kind of

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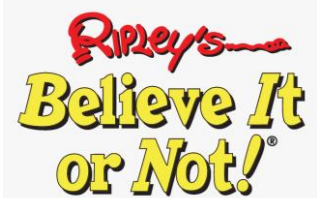
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## *O! Say can you see...?*



During the War of 1812, attorney and amateur poet Francis Scott Key was called upon to negotiate the release of Dr. William Beane, a prisoner on a British naval ship. In September 1814, Key traveled to Baltimore and secured Dr. Beane's release but British naval forces began shelling Baltimore so they were not allowed to leave the ship. The British navy then began bombarding nearby Ft. McHenry and for 25 hours, Key watched as the British ships fired more than 1,500 cannon shots at the fort during a severe thunderstorm. After a blaze of gunfire during the night of September 14, Major George Armistead's troops finally stopped the British forces. Armistead ordered a huge 42 by 30 ft. American flag to be raised over Ft. McHenry. As dawn broke, Key witnessed his country's flag proudly flying over the unvanquished fort and he began writing the poem "Defence of Fort M'Henry." A popular British drinking song was later chosen for the tune.

Over 100 years later, on November 3, 1929, Robert L. Ripley ran a panel in his syndicated cartoon stating "Believe It or Not, America has no national anthem." Americans were shocked and wrote **five million letters** to Congress demanding a national anthem. In March of 1931 Pres. Herbert Hoover signed an act proclaiming "The Star-Spangled Banner" as our country's official national anthem.

The logo for Ripley's Believe It or Not! featuring the name "Ripley's" in a red, cursive font, followed by "Believe It or Not!" in a large, bold, yellow font with a black outline.



*Why can't you borrow money from a Leprechaun?*

*Because they're always a little short.*



**February 12th Luncheon  
at Olive Garden**

**President Stephen Stanley presents the  
You Make a Difference Award to Officer  
Kastin Spencer of the Garland PD**

President Stephen Stanley with  
Christie Fuentes from the  
Garland Animal Shelter



## Mark your calendar for Exchange's 107th National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, July 9-12!



This National Convention exists for you: for the chance to celebrate, learn, and go home feeling inspired. We focus on providing meaningful speakers and great content, and you can also look forward to hearing from the three National Youth Scholarship recipients, a favorite highlight of every convention. Most importantly, all of you will be together!

The legendary [GALT HOUSE](#) overlooks the waterfront from the heart of downtown. On 4th & Main, the Galt House is where guests come to experience, immerse, and delight in Louisville's winning spirit. The "official hotel" of all that matters, The Galt House truly reflects Louisville's energy, excitement, and contemporary spirit. Learn about this ultimate lifestyle destination [HERE](#).

This year's keynote speaker is renowned transformational leadership speaker, mentor, and guide, [Marli Williams](#).

Don't forget to wear **green** on Tuesday, March 17

