

# The Ranch Review

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## Riata Ranch HOA 2009 Pool Schedule

*The 2009 Season began Saturday, May 2, 2009.*

The pool will be open when lifeguards are on duty during the following hours.

### DAYS:

Weekends in May:..... May 2,3,9,16,23,24,25,30,31

Daily: .....June 4 through August 24

Weekends in August: ..... August 22,23,29,30

Weekends in September: .....September 5,6,7

### POOL HOURS:

**Monday:** ..... **Closed**

Tuesday - Saturday ..... 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

Sunday ..... 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Monday, May 25 ( Memorial Day ..... 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

Monday, Sept. 7 ( Labor Day ) ..... 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

The pool will be open Mondays, if a holiday, and closed the Tuesday after instead.

**HOURS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE**



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## Cypress N Houston Road Work

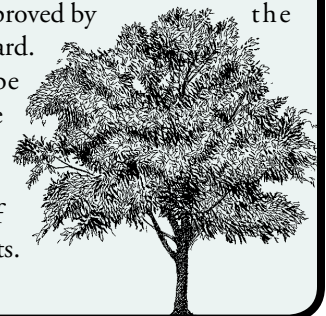
We have been informed by the HCMUD #196 engineer that the pre-construction meeting for Cypress-N-Houston was held Wed. 6-10-09. Per that meeting, road work will begin to complete Cypress-N-Houston thru to Queenston on Monday 6-22-09. The contract calls for work to be completed within 60 days after start.

There will be stop signs on Riata Ranch Blvd. and no stop signs on Cypress-N-Houston. Traffic on Cypress-N-Houston will have the right of way.

As we learn more, we will keep everyone posted.

## The Park

Contract documents have been signed for the parking lot that will be going in between the backstop and the grove of trees. The utility work should begin soon, then the surfacing, striping, etc. There will be a sidewalk put in that will tie that parking lot to the existing sidewalk that runs between the trees and the tennis courts. The plans for enlarging the playground, adding new equipment and a covered structure are out for bid. The MUD District handles all of this, but all work being done was approved by the previous HOA board. The MUD will be meeting with the new board for additional input and approval of more improvements.



# Riata Ranch

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Cy-Woods High.....281-213-1800  
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Do you have an idea or suggestion for the newsletter? Want to submit a photo, article, or both? It's easy!! Email the editor at editor@riataranch.net. Articles for the newsletter are finalized on the 10th of the preceding month. So if you get your ideas in before the deadline, you should see them in the very next month's newsletter.

We are glad to hear all of the positive feedback and we intend to continue to improving the look and feel of the newsletter according to what you tell us. So get as involved as you like! We look forward to hearing from you.

## Riata Ranch Homeowners Meetings

The Riata Ranch HOA Board of Directors encourages all homeowners to participate in the monthly board meetings. The meeting is held on the last Tuesday of every month. If you are interested in participating please contact SCS management in order to add your topic to the meeting agenda.

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### Crocodile Dock–VBS (Completed K–Completed 5th grade)

*June 15-19, 9 a.m.-12:00 p.m.*

Don’t miss Crocodile Dock where fearless kids shine God’s light! At Crocodile your kids will...

- Become part of the Bible story- diving in with their hearts, minds, and emotions
- Enjoy music they’ll keep singing long after your VBS is over
- Discover how to see God at work in their world with God Sightings-so thei faith grows strong!
- So hop on a flat-bottom boat and drift on lazy, hazy waters under the tall cypress trees—until the big adventure begins!

### Starlight Stations (Completed K–Completed 5th Grade)

*Thursdays, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.*

Join Sprocket McCracken, the Director of Starlight Station, as he learns many ways to be a servant leader. Each session includes games and relays, crafts, snack, and so much more! Strap in and hold on

for an out-of-this-world experience at Starlight Station. Sign up for one week or join us for all six.

- Session 1: June 25
- Session 2: July 16
- Session 3: July 23
- Session 4: July 30
- Session 5: August 6
- Session 6: August 13

Cost: \$10 per session (includes cool T-shirt at your first session!)

### JUMP (completed 5th grade)

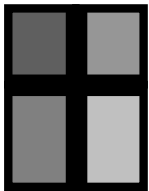
*Friday Nights, 5-9 p.m.*

*June 8 & 22, July 6 & 20, August 10*

Friday nights will never be the same again! These four hours will be packed with more than you can handle: Awesome lessons focus on a relevant topic related to a scary, gross, or weird Bible story and include a daring activity (like eating daring treats)! Great games and hang out time! Field trips to cool places around town! AND 5th graders get to shadow youth students who’ve ‘been there-done that’ and are ready to share the REAL truth about the mysteries of middle school! We want you to pack the place by bringing lots of friends.

Cost: \$10

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### Summer Schedule

During the summer months, we will be taking a break from our Sunday morning Sunday school classes, as well as our Wednesday Evening Worship. We will resume with these two programs in the Fall.



### Sundays at St. Aidan's

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You are invited to worship with us at our new church located at 13131 Fry Road, Cypress, TX 77433.

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For more information, please call 281-373-3203 or download a registration form at [www.staidanshouston.org](http://www.staidanshouston.org).

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## Dive In To Summer - (Continued from Page 3)

### **Mouse Trap: Internet Safety for Kids (completed K-5th grade)**

*Mondays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.*

*June 22- August 3*

Kids will learn how to stay safe on the internet. They will get the tools they need to recognize danger on the web, keep their information private, make Godly choices when they are online, and talk openly about their feelings concerning the internet.

Cost: \$25 (sibling discounts are available)

### **Soul Food: A Bible study to feed the soul (completed K-5th grade)**

*Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.*

*June 9- August 18 (except June 16)*

Soul Food is a series that will stir up your appetite for Godly goodies. Based on the theme verse of Isaiah 55:2 NLT, children will learn "where to get food that is good for the soul." Nourish your bodies and hearts as you learn the recipe to obey, trust, rely, share, listen, recognize, remember and feed from God's Word.

Cost: \$35 (sibling discounts available)

### **Women's Bible Studies**

#### **Restoring Margin to Overloaded Lives**

*Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.*

*June 9- August 18 (except June 16)*

Busyness. Stress. Overload. Do you find yourself struggling to handle the demands of day to day life in our modern times, much less finding availability in your life to fulfill God's purposes? Margin is the space between our self and our limits. This study focuses on regaining margin and reducing overload in your emotional life, physical life, time and finances, making you available to God to discover and respond to His daily call for you.

Cost: \$25

### **Can We Talk?**

*Monday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.*

*June 22- August 3*

Can a simple conversation change your life? IT CAN.

Can you think of a conversation that has the potential to transform your relationships, your marriage, your priorities, your passions, and even your purpose? Priscilla invites you to throw open the doors of communication with God in Can We Talk?, a Bible study unlike any you have ever experienced. Join us for life-changing conversations.

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**Beth Moore, Priscilla Shirer, Kay Arthur**

Monday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

June 22- August 3

Three Authors. Three Generations. Three Perspectives. One Bible Study.

David was anointed but he made mistakes. And though he was redeemed—still he grappled with the choices he made. But he was transformed—and we can be, too.

Cost: \$15

Summer events are located at 8350 Jones Road at The Foundry United Methodist Church. Register for any of these activities at foundrychurch.org or call 713.937.9388 for more information.

## Classified Ads

**Personal classifieds** (one time sell items, such as a used bike...)

run at no charge to Riata Ranch residents, limit 30 words, please e-mail [editor@riataranch.net](mailto:editor@riataranch.net).

**Business classifieds** (offering a service or product line for profit) are \$50, limit 40 words, please contact Peel, Inc. Sales @ 512-263-9181 or [advertising@PEELinc.com](mailto:advertising@PEELinc.com).

## Special Events

Teen night and the 4th of July bicycle parade have been canceled due to a lack of volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to spearhead these events, please contact the HOA thru the Contact Us page of this website. The HOA will do what it can to assist, but it is volunteers who make these events happen. Its alot of work.

## Special Events need Special People!

If you are looking for a way to get involved in our community, there is no better way that the Special Events Committee. If you have any questions please contact events@riataranch.net



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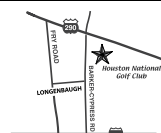
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Your completed form will need to be submitted to the Sheriff's Department 7 days prior to departure, or just call 713-221-6000.

## NOTICE: TO ALL DOGS

Woof, Woof, Bark, Ruff, Ruff, Woof, Woof, Wag!..... Wag!.....Wag! *Bark, Riata Ranch*

### Translated for dog caregivers:

Listen, you always have to wear your leash when you are in the park and trails.

Also, if you poop on the trail, have your caretaker scoop it up! *Thanks! Riata Ranch*

## Cypress Christian School Students Collect

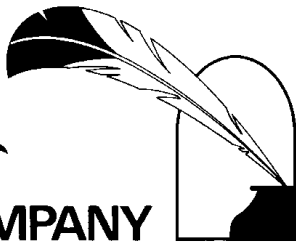


Elementary students at Cypress Christian School recently collected money for children who have cancer in the Houston area by donating "pennies for patients." Grades kindergarten through fifth grade raised a total of \$415.33, which was donated to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The organization raises money for children who have been diagnosed with several different kinds of cancer.



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### Sign Up for the Summer Bridge Program

Set July 13 through Aug. 6, this program is available for first-time college students who are on the threshold of being able to enroll in college-level courses. Free textbooks, mentoring, tutoring and support services as well as a \$400 stipend upon course completion are incorporated into the program to assist students in their transition into college. For program eligibility requirements and information, call Erin Smith at 281-290-3430 or go to [CyFair.LoneStar.edu/summerbridge](http://CyFair.LoneStar.edu/summerbridge).

### “High School Musical 2” on stage in July

Don't miss this new high energy show, an adaption of the Disney Channel's sequel to the wildly popular “High School Musical,” which follows the Wildcats from East High School into their summer months at Lava Springs Country Club. Reserved and group seating available. “High School Musical 2” will be performed in collaboration with Houston's Center Stage Theater July 17 through July 26. For ticket information, call 281-290-5201 or go to [CyFair.LoneStar.edu/boxoffice](http://CyFair.LoneStar.edu/boxoffice) or [www.houstonscenterstage.com](http://www.houstonscenterstage.com).

### “Milestones and Signposts” in the Bosque Gallery

Check out this exhibition of work by two talented Houston Area artists Chris Narum and Humberto Saenz whose content is connected by the investigation of the idea of the marginalization. The exhibition will be on display July 7 through July 23 in the Bosque Gallery with an opening reception at 4:30 p.m. and artist talk at 5 p.m. July 9. Go to [CyFair.LoneStar.edu/bosquegallery](http://CyFair.LoneStar.edu/bosquegallery) for gallery hours and information.

### Free New Student Orientations Set

Take a tour, learn about campus programs, meet with an advisor, choose a schedule and register for fall classes at LSC-CyFair's free new student orientations this summer. Three orientation sessions, including separate sessions for parents and family members, continue each Wednesday through August 19. For information, go to [CyFair.LoneStar.edu/orientation](http://CyFair.LoneStar.edu/orientation).

### L.I.F.E. Lessons in July

The Learning, Inspiration, Fellowship and Enrichment (L.I.F.E.) programs are free and held Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Lone

Star College-CyFair Branch Library (Room 131.) Programs in July include: Dance Salad video of eclectic mix of dancing July 1, stress and your health July 8, Nia “cardiovascular” dancing July 15, genealogical expedition July 22 and curry/korma cooking July 29 (held in HSC 105). Call the library at 281-290-3213 for L.I.F.E. program information or go online to [CyFair.LoneStar.edu/library](http://CyFair.LoneStar.edu/library).

### Summer Film Series and Art Exhibitions

The free Cinema WOW! Film Series, which includes an engaging discussion after the movie, continues with “Touch of Evil” July 8; “LA Confidential” July 14 (at LSC-Fairbanks Center) and “Bad Education” July 22. For information, go to [CyFair.LoneStar.edu/filmseries](http://CyFair.LoneStar.edu/filmseries).

Check out “Milestones and Signposts” July 7 through July 23 and “Confluence, Study Abroad 2009” Aug. 4 through Aug. 27 at the Bosque Gallery. Go to [CyFair.LoneStar.edu/bosquegallery](http://CyFair.LoneStar.edu/bosquegallery) for gallery hours and information.

### Discovery College continues through August

Registration for Lone Star College-CyFair's popular Discovery College summer camp for ages 6 to 15 is under way. The one-week summer sessions are fun and educational programs to develop skills in a friendly environment. Camps are offered at the Barker Cypress campus and the Fairbanks Center campus, Monday through Friday. For information, go to [cyfair.lonestar.edu/discoverycollege](http://cyfair.lonestar.edu/discoverycollege). For Barker Cypress camps only, call 832-482-1043 and for Fairbanks Center camps only, call 832-782-5038.

### Register for Fall and Pay Early For Free Tuition

Register and pay for fall credit courses before the close of business Monday, Aug. 3 and automatically be entered to win free tuition, IPOD Shuffle or \$300 book voucher. The grand prize covers payment of tuition and fees up to \$500 for credit classes at the Barker Cypress and Fairbanks Center campuses. Funds will be posted to the student's account. All winners will be notified and announced by Aug. 14. Call 281-290-3200 or 832-782-5000 for information; go online to [CyFair.LoneStar.edu](http://CyFair.LoneStar.edu); or visit one of our conveniently located campuses at 9191 Barker Cypress or 14955 Northwest Freeway.



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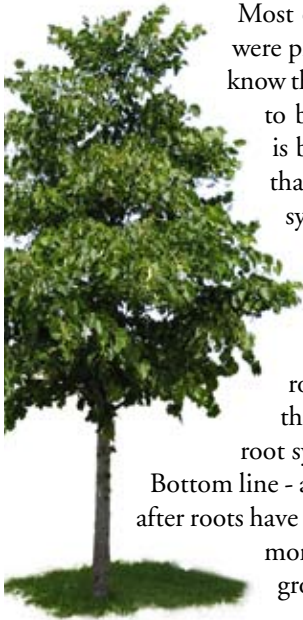
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Most of us have trees in our front yards that were provided by our home builders. Did you know that the stakes supporting these trees need to be removed within the first year? This is because stakes provide artificial support that replaces a supportive trunk and root system.

Movement of the trunk helps strengthen the tree by thickening it and giving it taper from bottom to top. Trunk movement also stimulates root growth. The artificial support from the stakes leaves tree trunks weak and their root systems less developed.

Bottom line - all staking material needs to be removed after roots have established. This can be as early as a few months, but should be no longer than one growing season.

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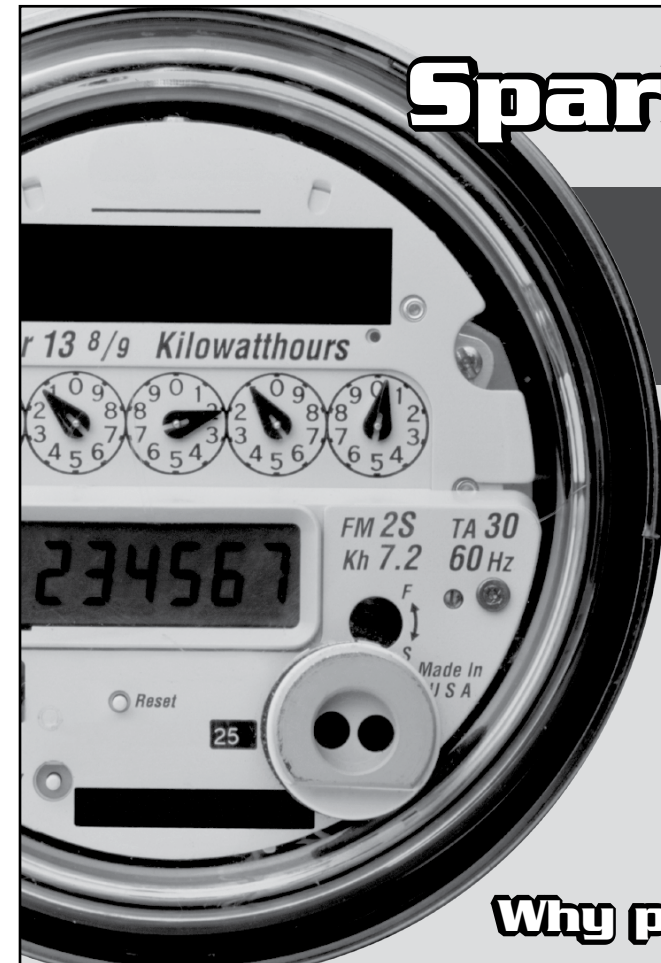
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## How to Google Smarter

*Submitted by Rich Keith*

In my work as a financial service professional I often help my clients find information which will guide their understanding. But with my background in computer science I'm just geeky enough to enjoy the finer points of searching online. Here then, are ways to improve your Google experience.

- **Check your stocks.** Take a deep breath, and then enter a ticker symbol to see a real-time quote. Try ORCL or LUV.
- **Include the word you need.** Google ignores common words and characters such as where, the, how, and other digits and letters which slow down your search without improving the results. (Google will indicate if a word has been excluded by displaying details on the results page below the search box.)
- **If a common word is essential** to getting the results you want, you can include it by putting a "+" sign in front of it. (Be sure to include a space before the "+" sign.) For example, here's how to ensure that Google includes the "IV" in a search for Star Wars, Episode IV: Star Wars Episode +IV
- **Convert currency and units.** Easy examples: "12 euros in dollars" or "12 tsp in tbsps" or "12 % of 93,755" for example.
- Get the synonyms too with synonym search. If you want to search not only for your search term but also for its synonyms, place the tilde sign (~) immediately in front of your search term. For example, suppose you want to search for food facts. Here's how to search for food facts and also get similar information on nutrition and cooking information: ~food ~facts.
- **Narrow by file type.** To find PowerPoints, Excel spreadsheets, or books scanned into PDFs, add "filetype:ppt" (or any other extension) to your query.
- **Search ranges.** Use two periods between two numbers, like "Wii \$200..\$300." Even dates work. Try "Earl Campbell 1970..1990"
- **Be prepared for flight delays.** Type in the airline, then your flight number, like "AA 1237."
- **Easy definitions.** To get the definition for a word, just type the word define: followed by the word. Include the colon and space, such as "define: annuity"
- **Find the right sources:** Add "site:edu" or "site:gov" to limit your search to school, org, or government domains. For example, "529 plan site:org." To target a specific web site, type, say, "annuity site:primerica.com."
- **Little known search operators.** This is neat: the asterisk (\*) can be used if you don't know exactly how to spell a word. For instance, "contagiou\*" will match all articles containing words that start in "contagiou." Give it a try, it's contagious. Other operators include the pipe code (|) which acts as the word "OR." For example, a search for "large cap|mid cap" will return search results for "large cap" OR "mid cap." You can also use the uppercase word OR. For example, here's how to search for a vacation in either Sedona or Flagstaff: "vacation Sedona OR Flagstaff"
- **Want a picture or a map?** Google can search for different media such as websites, images, videos, maps etc. Select the option above the input box. An easy way to refine your search is to select the "advanced search" option next to the input box.
- **Exact Phrases.** By default, Google searches for any of the terms you enter. To find a specific phrase, use double quotes (""). You will get different results for invest dollar cost average than you will for invest "dollar cost average".

Combine and see what happens. Now you have what you need to mix it up! I combined the stock search with the date range and it worked. To see information on Intel from 1968 (founding year) to 1978, type in "INTC 1968..1978". Now go and play with Google and see what you can find! Sources: Google, Wired.



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**Your donations of the following would be greatly appreciated:**

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- washable markers
- large & small packages manila paper
- large & small packages multi-colored construction paper

- pencil boxes/pouches
- scissors
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- Peanut butter & jelly
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- Powdered milk
- Toilet Paper/Paper towels



Donations can be made Monday through Wednesday from 10AM – 6PM and Thursday through Saturday from 10AM – 3PM For a description of the services and volunteer opportunities at Cypress Assistance Ministries please see our web site, [www.cypressassistance.org](http://www.cypressassistance.org).

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We have heard from residents that despite the downpour, the garage sale was a huge success. Thank you to all that came out in the rain to return your signs!

The next date set for the RR garage sale is September 26th, in order for this and any other future garage sales to proceed, we need volunteers to organize these events. It takes up to 45 days in order to plan certain advertising so work needs to be underway beginning August. Please contact the HOA thru the Contact Us page if you are interested in volunteering.

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## The American Business Woman's Association of Cy-Fair Express Network

**EVENT:** Cy-Fair Express Network  
**WHEN:** Thursday, July 23, 2009  
**TIME:** 11:30 am - 1:00 pm  
**WHERE:** Houston National Golf Club  
16500 Houston National Blvd  
Houston, TX. 77095  
(281)304-1400

### NETWORKING AND BUSINESS LUNCHEON

The American Business Women's Association Cy-Fair Express Network invites you to their monthly networking meeting and luncheon. Join us as

Marlene Lobberecht of Intellaskill shows us how to "Update Your Business Plan". Lots of fun, networking and giveaways. Bring plenty of business cards.

**Reservations:** Contact Anya Lucas 713-459-2331 or [anya@lucascarecare.com](mailto:anya@lucascarecare.com) Or go to [www.cyfen.org](http://www.cyfen.org) for more information. Please try to RSVP by Friday May 22, 2009.

CYFEN is an ABWA Express Networking organization providing opportunities to network with professionals in the Northwest Houston area, and offers professional development and educational advantages through ABWA. CYFEN meets the fourth Thursday of each month (except November and December), and visitors are always welcome. Contact Anya Lucas for more information.

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# Cypress-Fairbanks ISD VIPS

## Appreciation Luncheon

The Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District honored its school volunteers and business partners at an appreciation luncheon on May 21 at the Richard E. Berry Educational Support Center. The theme for the event was "VIPS & Cy-Fair I.S.D. – A Winning Combination" and the honorees were thanked by Associate Superintendent for Facilities, Planning & Community Relations, Pam Wells for providing the winning combination of tireless efforts and assistance in ensuring student success on campuses throughout the district during the past year. As Ms. Wells stated, the district couldn't possibly afford to pay anyone to perform all the work that volunteers do every day to support school children in our community.

Entertainment for the event was provided by students attending various schools in the district and by district and school staff. Pam Scott, CFISD Director of Partners in Education served as Mistress of Ceremonies.

### **THE DISTRICT WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING PARTIES FOR SERVING AS SPONSORS OF THE EVENT:**

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## Volunteer Awards



Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District honored its district and state volunteer and business partner award winners during a Volunteer Appreciation Month ceremony on April 30. The award winners were nominated by various schools in the district at which the volunteers and business partners donate their time and were anonymously judged by a panel of business partners and community members. These extraordinary men and women were first selected as our district award winners and then competed against others in their categories from large districts at the state level. The state award winners were recognized by the Texas Association of Partners in Education during their annual conference held in Austin at the State Awards Dinner on January 27.

### **THE AWARD WINNERS WERE AS FOLLOWS:**

Business Partnership for STEM: Pate Engineers, Inc.; Business Partnership Award for Career Education: CH2MHill Engineering – State Crystal Award Winner; Business Partnership Award of Academic Impact: Mustang Engineering, Founder's Legacy Program; Community Partnership Award for Academic Impact: Champions Sunrise Rotary Club/Pedaling to Success; Individual Partnership Award as a Role Model: Ms. Clariza Rath – State Crystal Award Winner; Individual Partnership Award for Wisdom: Mr. Don Bollwinkle – State Crystal Award Winner; Partnership Program Award for Innovation: Ms. Lisa Mayer, Cypress Creek Cougar Link (E-News).

The district congratulates these distinguished individuals and businesses for their awards and accomplishments and thanks them for their devoted service to the students who attend our schools. And to every volunteer in our district, we celebrate each of you for the service you provide our students and staff all throughout the year.

Pictures above from left: Pam Scott, CFISD Director of Partners in Education; Representative from Champions Sunrise Rotary Club; Clariza Rath; Lisa Mayer; Don Bollwinkle; Pam Wells, CFISD Associate Superintendent for Facilities, Planning & Community Relations.



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