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FORTY AND FABULOUS

A life-changing weekend! 2 days and 39 Miles, the time and distance, the Avon walkers cover in a week-end. Last year, our team raised close to \$7000 and walked a whole weekend along with thousands of other people in the AVON WALK FOR BREAST CANCER. The experience is so overwhelming and rewarding for me personally that I decided to walk again this year with my team "Forty and Fabulous". As the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer Houston - 2012 was my 1st Walk, it was always exciting! Despite a

monsoon on Friday (ok, it wasn't really a monsoon, but it was one heck of a rain/thunder/lightening/hail storm!) which led to a muddy start on Saturday morning, it was a sunny and gorgeous weekend for walking.

On Saturday, after our inspiring Opening Ceremony, we headed out on the route and met some amazing people. I also met many other survivors and families of survivors. We walked together for a while and shared our survival stories. People from all walks of life, from all over the country, who come together for one weekend, for one goal. We all have personal reasons for getting involved – but this walk we dedicate to our close friend who was diagnosed recently with breast cancer. Fortunately, it was found at a very early stage.

We like to balance the seriousness of what we are doing with lots of celebration, inspiration, hugging, laughing and fun. Since 2012 was our 10th birthday year, we treated all of our Walkers and Crew to special pink cupcakes after dinner. They were a hit — I even saw a walker hoarding one in her pocket on the route Sunday morning!

Speaking of Sunday, the Closing Ceremony is one of the best parts of the weekend. This is where we give away the funds raised by our



participants (\$2 million raised just this weekend in Houston!). The beneficiaries on stage represent some of the best cancer centers and community organizations in Texas that are helping people get the breast cancer care they need and who are driving cutting edge research to help put an end to this disease. University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, one of the leading cancer research and care centers in the world, was one of those beneficiaries, receiving two grants. Learn more about the other beneficiaries »

On September 28-29 I'll spend the weekend walking, along with my team and thousands of other people, in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. Our goal is to collectively raise least \$5400 in donations to the cause. we will be spending the next few months training, fundraising, and preparing for the event. I'm very excited about doing it again this year because I know it will make a real difference to the millions of people affected by breast cancer. Sincerely, hoping and praying for a world free of Breast Cancer. I would really appreciate it if you would, please reach out and donate to this movement on behalf of my team, by going to this link: http://info.avonfoundation.org/site/TR/Walk/SanFrancisco?team_id=112301&pg=team&fr_id=2230

Please check in to see if your company matches your contribution. Thank you very much for all your help and support.

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Forty and Fabulous Team, with Ranjisha Bhat and Rekha Nair
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On April 21st, 2013, the CyFair A&M Club will host its first Muster from 2:30-6 PM at Sterling Country Club at Houston National Golf Course. A social gathering prior to the program will commence at approximately 2:30 PM, and the CyFair A&M Club cordially invites Aggies of all ages to come, gather, and get to know other Ags in the community before the program begins.

The tradition of Muster begins in 1883. Aggies gathered together on June 26, 1883 to live over again their college days, the victories and defeats won and lost upon the drill field and in the classroom. By April 21, 1903, this annual gathering evolved into a celebration

of Texas' Independence on San Jacinto Day. These early meetings included field games and banquets for Aggies to reflect and celebrate their memories of Aggieland. 'Let every alumni answer a roll call' wrote the former students. It was not until 1922, however, that April 21 became the official day of events for all Aggies, thus, the annual tradition of Muster was born. The March 1923 Texas Aggie urged, 'If there is an A&M man in one-hundred miles of you, you are expected to get together, eat a little, and live over the days you spent at the A&M College of Texas. Muster is celebrated in more than four-hundred places world wide, with the largest ceremony on the Texas A&M campus in College Station. The ceremony brings together more Aggies, worldwide, on one occasion than any other event.

Other upcoming events for the club include the Maroon and White Game Watching Party on April 13th and our first annual charity golf tournament on May 17th, with all proceeds going to benefit scholarships to CyFair area students seeking to attend Texas A&M University. For more info, please visit www.cyfairags.org



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Cy-Fair Republican Women

The Cy-Fair Republican Women's monthly meeting will be held at 10:30am on Tuesday, April 9 at Carraba's Italian Grill in Copperfield.

This month's presentation will feature Jerry Patterson, Texas Land Commissioner. His presentation will include information on current issues that affect the Houston and Cy-Fair areas.

April is also our annual membership drive month! Dues are pro-rated for the year and are less than \$30!

Please join us for an informative meeting! You can join us for lunch for \$15, or just come and listen, have coffee or tea for \$3. Visit the Cy-Fair Republican Women's website at www.cfrw.net to RSVP and reserve your seat today!



Elisha Roberts Chapter

The wonderful ladies of the Elisha Roberts Chapter, NSDAR, extend an invitation to any female, 18 years or older, who can prove direct lineal descent from someone who either fought in or provided aid during the American Revolution. We are a family oriented group of ladies who promote patriotism, education and historic preservation. Our motto is God, Home and Country. If this sounds like you, please come and join us for a meeting. We meet the third Thursday of each month, September through May, at the Backyard Grill, located at 9453 Jones Road. Our next meeting will be on April 18, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. For more information, please contact the chapter Regent, Cheryl Partney at cpart86@comcast.net or by phone at 832-654-0306.

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Spring Festival promises to be a huge celebration for community and family with a number of new and exciting activities this year. New booths will include a Zip Line, Foam Pit, Dance Lessons, and the Texas Speedway. There will be two stages with a variety of live entertainment, including JJ Worthen on the Outdoor Stage sponsored by InterLinc Mortgage Services, LLC. Admission and parking are free, and children's all-day event passes are only \$15 each.

"All of the dollars raised at Spring Festival enable us to provide a great Home for our 88 children along with supporting 13 young adults in college or trade school," said George O'Neal, Director of Donor and Public Relations. "This year is going to be our largest and most exciting Spring Festival ever with many new additions to the fun and enjoyment that surround this event."

Located 35 miles northwest of downtown Houston, Spring Festival is a great way for families to spend the day "on the ranch".

DATE:

Saturday, May 4th, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

TIMES:

Live Auction: Noon

Silent Auction: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Lunch: Served 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

PRICES:

BBQ, Chicken Tacos, or Hamburger/Hot Dog Adult Plate: \$8.00

Kid's Plate: \$6:00

FOR KIDS:

All-Day Kids' Activity Passes: \$15.00

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Northwest Flyers Track Club

The Northwest Flyers Track Club will host an orientation/registration session for all middle and high school athletes and their parents interested in joining for the 2013 season. The event will be held on Friday, April 12th, from 7:00 – 8:30 PM in the small commons at Cypress Creek High School, 9815 Grant Rd., Houston.

The Northwest Flyers is a youth (ages 6 -18) track organization, affiliated with USA Track & Field. The club provides a full program of “track” events such as sprints, hurdles, middle distance, distance and relays, and “field” events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, discus, shot put and javelin. It is an excellent “off-season” program for young athletes who currently compete on their middle school or high school track teams.

The club was founded 26 years ago by Olympic gold medalist Fred Newhouse to foster the development of youth track & field in the northwest Houston area. Last year, the Northwest Flyers sent 106 young athletes to compete at U.S. Junior Olympics National Championships in Baltimore, Maryland and Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Visit the team website at <http://www.northwestflyers.org> for registration forms and information prior to the session, or contact Linette Roach at (281) 587-8442, or linette.roach@sbcglobal.net.

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The Brandon McDermott Band heads to Cypress Saloon on April 20th.

From Galveston to Amarillo to College Station and now coming to the Cypress area, the Brandon McDermott Band has been bringing their exciting brand of Texas country music to stages all across the Lone Star State. The Brandon McDermott Band started in College Station, TX when McDermott, a graduate of Texas A&M University, began writing songs and playing at open mics. After moving back to his hometown of Galveston and playing some solo acoustic shows, he met up with island musicians Kevin Anderson (lead guitar, harmonica, vocals), Clark Duhon (bass) and Broc Adams (drums, vocals), to form the rest of the band. It didn't take long for audiences to take notice and start filling up local venues to watch them play. "I think people come out to our shows because we play fun music that they can identify with. We're not trying to change the world with the songs we write. We just play songs that are fun to drink beer and dance to," McDermott says. "I'm pretty sure our brand of music could best be described as a river of invaluable information spoken at just the right temperature for skinny dipping," jokes the band. While the Brandon McDermott Band got their start on Galveston island and has developed a very loyal following there, they have fans all over the state and by no means do they limit their appearances to south of the causeway. The band has made their presence known in the Houston music scene and beyond, and has been sharing the stage with some of Texas music's biggest names such

as the Josh Abbott Band, Reckless Kelly, Aaron Watson, Brandon Rhyder, Honeybrowne and Bri Bagwell.

With the release of their first album, "Mile Marker Zero," the Brandon McDermott Band has really made their mark on the Texas/Red Dirt music scene. "There is a definitive honesty to the songs on the record... a 'been there, done that, why do you think I'm drinking?' quality" that most people can relate to. The album, which is available on iTunes and Amazon, does a great job at capturing the energy and enthusiasm the band brings to their live shows. Currently the band is gearing up to return to the studio to begin recording their second album. On April 20th, The Brandon McDermott Band will be rolling into the Cyfair area for the first time to bring their brand of Texas/Red Dirt Music to the exciting Cypress Saloon. Their live shows have drawn impressive reviews from country music publications and industry people alike; and promises to be chock-full of fun energetic music that is guaranteed to make all in attendance have a heck of a time and asking for more. So mark your calendars, call your friends, put those boots on and make plans to be at the Cypress Saloon on April 20th for the first of hopefully many more visits from the Brandon McDermott Band. You won't be disappointed.

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The Kiwanis Kids Triathlon will be one of only 6 triathlon City-wide events this year and will be held at Langham Creek YWCA. Events include swimming, running, and bicycling and begin at 8 a.m. Registration information will be given out at the schools and can be found in the newspaper and community newsletters. All children 6 years through 12 years of age are invited to participate.

The Cy-Lakes Key Club was chartered in February by the Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club, sponsor. Congratulations to these outstanding students. They have a charter membership of 169 students!

Attention, graduating seniors! It's time to get your applications in for Kiwanis college scholarships. Information should be available from your sponsors by the time this newsletter is published. We look forward to rewarding the outstanding service and academic achievements of our Key Club members.

Wouldn't you like to be a part of this organization that assists in these activities that promote good citizenship and leadership in our youth? We invite you to a complimentary lunch to hear more about the children's activities we sponsor. The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club sponsors nine Key Clubs in the Cy-Fair Schools; Girl Scout, Boy Scout, and Sea Scout troops and activities; we provide scholarships to outstanding Key Club members in our district; and support other family oriented groups such as Cypress Assistance Ministries and Bear Creek Ministries; the Houston Food Bank; and many other nonprofit organizations. CHILDREN PRIORITY ONE is the motto of Kiwanis Clubs worldwide.

Membership is open to persons of good character who adhere to the standards of good conduct in their community and believe in and subscribe to the objects of Kiwanis International. If you would like to know more about Kiwanis and the programs it promotes, we invite you to be our guest at one of our monthly meetings. The Cy-Fair Kiwanis meet at Hearthstone Country Club on the first, second, and third Tuesday of each month at 12:15 for lunch and informative programs. For more information, call Peggy Presnell at 281-304-7127; John Carroll at 281-463-0373 or George Crowl at 832-467-1998.

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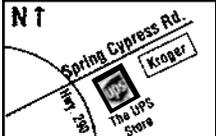
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APRIL 14th - American Cancer Society Cy Fair RELAY FOR LIFE ROCK Concert at BFE Rock Club located at 11528 Jones Road. A portion of all proceeds will be given back to the American Cancer Society

APRIL 17th - American Cancer Society Cy Fair RELAY FOR LIFE Team Captains Meeting 6:30pm at North Cypress Medical Center Hospital Cafeteria

APRIL 24th - American Cancer Society Cy Fair RELAY FOR LIFE Team Bank Night Meeting 6:30pm at North Cypress Medical Center Hospital Cafeteria

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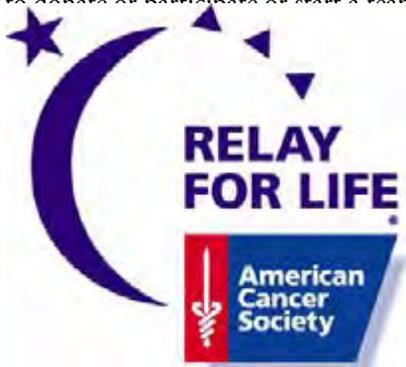
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Cost: \$30

Swim Team Important Dates

New Member Try-Out: April 19th from 4:30 to 6:30
Practice Begins: April 23rd
Practice Meet: May 5th
First Dual Meet: May 18th

Practice Times

April/May @ FAC or Central Park

Sharks 3:30 to 4:45
Flounders 4:30 to 5:15
Eels 5:00 to 5:45
Squids 5:30 to 6:30
Rays 6:15 to 7:15

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Squids 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM
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Playgrounds



 **What's a Sprayground?**

More and more cities are opening spraygrounds, which are water playgrounds. At a sprayground, kids can shoot each other with water cannons and get sprayed by dozens of water jets that squirt from different colored nozzles and hoses.



Do you have a favorite playground? Maybe it's a new wooden one that has lots of tall towers and passageways. Or maybe your favorite is an old-fashioned playground with swings and a seesaw. Playgrounds are fun places for kids because there's so much to do and other kids to have fun with. But sometimes kids get hurt at playgrounds. That's no fun, so here are 10 ways to keep safe:

1. Take a grown-up. As kids get bigger, they like doing things on their own. Going to the playground shouldn't be one of them, though. Grown-ups come in handy because they might spot problems at the playground, they can help you down if you get in a tight spot, and they can help if you happen to get hurt.

2. Take a good look around. If the playground has lots of trash, such as broken glass, or the equipment looks broken, don't play there.

3. Keep your size in mind. Many playgrounds have some equipment that's for little kids (like 2- to 5-year-olds) and other equipment that's meant for older kids. Use the equipment that's right for your age. If you squeeze yourself onto a swing for toddlers, you might get stuck. Likewise, if your little brother or sister starts climbing something meant for older kids, guide him or her to the little kid stuff.

4. Don't go too high. Many playgrounds have tall stuff to play on, such as towers or open passageways between equipment. Don't climb higher than you feel comfortable, and feel free to ask your grown-up if you need help getting down. Never climb up the outside of equipment, or hoist yourself up on the roof. The view might be cool, but it's a long way down.

5. Look out below. The best playgrounds put down special surfacing material, such as mulch, wood chips, sand, gravel, or rubber matting. These surfaces can help soften a fall, but that doesn't mean you won't get hurt, especially if you tumble from a high spot.

6. Swing safely. Kids often get hurt at the playground because they get hit by someone on a swing. If you're swinging, watch out for people who

might be getting too close. And if you're walking around the playground, don't get too close to the swingers.

7. Use your head. Sometimes you'll see kids going headfirst down the slide or maybe two or three kids will get on a piece of equipment that's only meant for one. Or some kids might start goofing around and trying to push each other off a swing or off of a high spot. If your grown-up sees you doing this, he or she will probably say, "Knock it off. Someone's going to get hurt." It's true, so try to use the playground equipment properly. And if you get stuck, or don't know how to get down from something, call your grown-up over so he or she can help you down.

8. Report problems. If you see graffiti (when people write or paint on stuff), a broken swing, or find any other problems while you're playing, tell your grown-up. He or she can report the problem so it can be fixed.

9. Clean up. If you bring a drink or snack to the playground, clean up your trash before you leave. When you do, the park will look nice when the next kid comes along to play and you will have shown that you're a good playground citizen.

10. Have a great time! How can you make a good time at the playground even better? Bring a friend and only complain a little when it's time to leave.

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\$451,000--\$499,999	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
\$351,000--\$450,999	9	5	8	2	5	4	5	3	2	4
\$276,000--\$350,999	6	6	6	7	7	4	8	1	3	4
\$231,000--\$275,999	3	4	5	3	3	1	3	4	1	2
\$201,000--\$230,999	4	7	2	2	1	0	4	4	2	1
\$200,999 and below	1	1	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
Total	24	24	24	14	19	10	20	15	8	11
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