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A Newsletter for Riata Ranch Residents

GIRL SCOUTS OF SAN JACINTO COUNCIL Copper Creek Meadows Community

Leader/Daughter weekend at Rocky River Ranch was a lot of fun for all those who attended! They were Happy Campers, and many of them have new silk screened T-shirts to say so! This was only one of the many crafts for girls and their moms during the weekend. The Dutch Oven Cook-off produced some delicious results, and the judging was a very serious business. So serious that sometimes it required an extra serving to make a decision!

There were swaps brought, and swaps made at the event, and lots of swapping going on. Campfires, singing, and Friendship Circles are all Girl Scout traditions at camp. Watching a deer bound across your path as you head to the barn for your horseback riding session is a memory that is sure to last. Great food, good friends, and a chance for leader moms and their daughters to have some special time together at camp make this an event we look forward to every year. Many thanks to Julie Mayer, Susan Bartos, and all those who helped!

Girl Scouts and their dads, or other special guys, will be getting together INDOORS. Instead of a dance and dress up clothes, they will be at the bowling alley for an afternoon of fun. We suspect the dads will enjoy NOT dressing up!

We are also planning a community bridging event, for troops that will be moving from one Scouting level to the next. Troops are already working on earning their Bridging patches, by teaching younger Scouts, and learning from older ones.

Some other events coming up in May are the Girl Scout Sleepover at the Skeeters stadium in Sugarland, and a Sing-Along with the Girl Scout Take Note Choir.

Cy-Fair East Region IV will be having a planning meeting to discuss ideas for the remainder of this year and to get a head start on next year for Cadette, Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts. Earn Your Global Action Award is an event for these older Girl Scouts.

Girl Scouts is starting a 7 week GS FIFA soccer program for girls in grades 4-8. Please contact Jo Anna Harris at 713-292-0337, or jharris@sjgs.org for more information. We will need coaches and

helpers as well as Girl Scout participants.

Troop 16369 reports that they spent a night at the Houston Museum of Science attending GEMS (Girl Scouts Exploring Math and Science) - and had a ball! They also threw a Valentines party for residents of Copperfield Estates, and drew smiles and sparkling eyes from their guests. Even more important, the troop works together as "sisters in Scouting".

Troop 13699 worked on their Bronze Award. They worked at Petco Unleashed's Spring block party in March, collecting supplies needed by animal shelters.

Junior Girl Scout troop has been working on a number of badges. They have earned the Girl Scout Way, Cookie CEO and Business Owner badges. They mentored Brownie Girl Scout troop 113002 at a Girl Scout Tea party, and showed the wonderful world of good manners and social etiquette. This helped the Junior Girl Scouts to earn the Social Butterfly Badge. They report that they have selected the "lightning crest" as their troop crest, worn on the badge sash or vest. They represented Japan at our World Thinking Day event.

Senior Girl Scout troop 16162 is doing a service project for the Cy-Hope Backpack program, collecting food donations. These food donations go home in backpacks for weekends and summer time with children who might otherwise go hungry. Many children in our area depend on school breakfast and lunch programs, and the backpacks make food available when these programs don't operate.

Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who help to make the world a better place. Girl Scouting is open to all girls ages 5 (must be in kindergarten) through 17 who are willing to accept the Girl Scout Promise and Law. Girls may join at any age, and no previous Scouting experience is required. Don't forget that many of our most exciting programs are open to older girls, and that older girls whose busy schedules may not allow for troop membership may participate as individually registered Girl Scouts.

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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.

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For more information, please contact Marlo Folwell (mfolwell65@gmail.com) or 713-854-9426. You may also contact Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council (www.gssjc.org) or call 713-292-0300.



2016 Scouting for Food Results

Scouting for Food is a project rooted in the very foundation of the Scouting movement and its dedication to do and implement the Scout Slogan, Do a Good Turn Daily. It is an ongoing annual program of the Boy Scouts of America, organized at a local level throughout the country, with one objective, to collect food for local food banks. Each year local Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, Venture Scout Crews and Sea Scout Ships in every District leave door hangers throughout their neighborhoods soliciting non-perishable food items. One week later Scouts return in the morning hours to pick up and deliver any food donations left on front porches to their local food banks. For the Big Cypress District this occurs annually in late January and donations are provided to Cypress Area Ministries (CAM), our local pantry.

The Big Cypress District of Sam Houston Area Council includes Scouting units in the Northwest area of the Cy-Fair ISD attendance zones of Harris County. This includes Cypress, Bridgeland and Fairfield. The Big Cypress District overall collected 22,168 lbs of food, translating to approximately \$37,686. CAM estimates, for the number of families they anticipate supporting, this will last from February til end August this year. Thank you to all those that placed a bag, large or small, on their front porch this February!

Cub Scout Pack 3, chartered thru the A. Robison Elementary PTO, has 45 boys, grades 1-5, who primarily attend A. Robison Elementary School. Pack 3 would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to the communities of Lakes of Rosehill, Cypress Mill Parks 1 & 2, Cypress Mill Estates, Cypress Ranch Estates and Cypress Village. With their help the 45 boys of Pack 3 checked the porches of over 2000 homes and collect a combined weight of 751.2 pounds of food to deliver to CAM. The boys enjoy finding these treasured bags of food left on porches, knowing they are doing something to help make a difference in someone's life. Be on the lookout next January for your door hanger and please consider leaving a few things out for the boys to collect, every little bit helps!!

Thank you again from the Cub Scouts of Pack 3 to everyone that contributed to the Scouting for Food movement!!



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Networking Methods to Help You Succeed

Luncheon Details
Thursday, May 26, 2016
Networking 11a.m.; Luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m.
Sterling Country Club, 16500 Houston National
Blvd., Houston, TX 77095
Costs \$25 with advanced reservations; \$30 at the
door



At the May 26 Cy-Fair Express Network Luncheon, our speaker, Kathryn Crawford Wheat will enthusiastically teach attendees her proven networking methods to those looking for answers on what makes networking really work. She teaches based on the principal, “Networking is simply starting a conversation with no destination in mind”.

Kathryn is a Professional Motivational Speaker, Networking Instructor, Blogger and Author of the book, *Networking: Naked & Unafraid*. She began her journey as an entrepreneur in 2007 with Home Staging. In 2010 she launched her own website, *Woman's InSite*. Then in 2014 she established Kathryn C. Wheat School of Real Estate. Kathryn enjoys spending time with family and friends, scuba diving, wine tasting, dancing, exercise, yoga, writing and musical theater. Some of the best things about Kathryn include her faith, courage, and fierce loyalty. Kathryn will inspire and encourage you to move forward and take the next step in your journey to success.

This month's CYFEN meeting begins with networking at 11 a.m. followed with a prompt 11:30 a.m. start of the program. Luncheons are held at the Sterling Country Club, 16500 Houston National Blvd.

About Cy-Fair Express Network (CYFEN)

Now over 50 members strong, Cy-Fair Express Network's vision is to be a community and national leader for the support of professional women by providing a nurturing environment for business development, networking, education and mentoring. Our members have opportunities to pursue excellence and achieve both local and national recognition. CYFEN is part of the national organization of American Business Women's Association (ABWA), for more information go to www.CYFEN.org.

About American Business Women's Association (ABWA)

Founded in 1949, ABWA provides business training and networking opportunities for women of diverse occupations and backgrounds. ABWA has dedicated 60 years to women's education, workplace skills and career development training. For more information, visit, www.abwa.org.

Cypress-Tomball Democrats May Meeting

The Cypress-Tomball Democrats monthly meeting for the month of May will be held on Tuesday, May 17th, 2016, at Rudy's Grill & Cantina, 11760 Grant Rd., Cypress, TX 77429, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mr. Gerry Birnberg, former Harris County Democratic Party Chairman, will be our Guest Speaker, he would be speaking on the “Strategies of building a strong Democratic electoral base” and the runoff elections.

Everybody is welcome to attend the meeting and to join this growing club, which meets on the third Tuesday of every month. The meetings foster great fellowship and feature informative guest speakers. For further information, visit the website www.cytomdems.com; contact Cris Hernandez at cytomdems@yahoo.com; Follow us on Facebook at Cypress- Tomball Democrats.

Shalom Cypress

Shalom Cypress was established in 2011 by local families seeking a Jewish presence in Northwest Houston. We are the closest synagogue within 25 miles of the nearest synagogue. Many thought that they were the only Jews in the Cypress area, but it turns out that they were wrong! Shalom Cypress has grown to more than 30 affiliated families.

I hope that everyone had a great Purim & Passover! In May, we will have our monthly Friday & Saturday services. Noah will be called to the Torah to become a Bar Mitzvah. Come join us for this celebration. In June, we are having a free BBQ to kick-off the summer. You can eat the best Kosher hamburgers & hotdogs right here in Cypress!

Shalom Cypress has many ongoing & active programs for people of all ages. Please visit our website at www.shalomcypress.org, e-mail us at info@shalomcypress.org, or call Ben Federman at 832-795-2002 to find out more details about the upcoming events.

FREE Hotdog Lunch

Sunday, May 29, 2016
11:30am-1:30pm
Lamkin Elementary School
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The Women Empowering Women Express Network (WEWEN) of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) invites professional women to attend its "Official Launch Luncheon" on May 4, 2016 at the Lone Star College-University Park West Dining Room, from 11:00AM to 1:00PM. Informal networking will take place from 11:00AM to 11:30AM, followed by a special presentation and lunch from 11:30AM to 1:00PM.

Susan Hodge, founder of Women Leading Together LLC and Adjunct Professor at the University of Houston Downtown College Of Business will present "Shedding the Shoulds". Learn how to identify and "shed" those unnecessary activities to free up your time for what is important, rid yourself of the guilt that burdens us when we buy into the "shoulds" of others, and stand firmly on YOUR view of what needs to be done.



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The Official Launch Luncheon is sponsored by University of Houston Downtown College of Business, Lone Star College-University Park, and the Cy-Fair Express Network. To register for this event and other WEWEN events, visit wewen.org or email communications@wewen.org.

About ABWA

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