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Bridgeland Veterans Valentine's Gala

Submitted by Kay Burkhalter, Secretary to The Bridgeland Community Supports Veterans, Inc.

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A newsletter for Bridgeland residents.

The Times is a monthly newsletter mailed to all Bridgeland residents. Each newsletter is filled with valuable information about the community, local area activities, school information and more.

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Networking 11a.m.; Luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m.

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Costs \$25 with advanced reservations; \$30 at the door

Houston, Texas (December 7, 2016) Rita is an attorney who has practiced corporate law for over 30 years representing large publicly held corporations, individual entrepreneurs, small corporations, and venture capitalists. Her experience includes entity formation, private placements, stock and asset sales, mergers and acquisitions, spinoffs, tender offers, and capital formation. Rita began her legal practice at Vinson Elkins and worked for two other law firms before retiring in 2013. She currently is a counselor with SCORE, an affiliate of the Small Business Administration, providing free business advice and mentoring to start ups, entrepreneurs and small businesses.



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Submitted By Kay Burkhalter, Program Coordinator for the Bridgeland Leadership Class 2017

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one held once a month on the fourth Thursday of the month @ 6:45pm at the Activity Center beginning in January 2017, and that you agree to do a 20 hour Bridgeland service project in 2017. An application form is below or you can fill it out online by logging into your <http://www.bridgelandlife.com/> account and selecting Contact Us, E-Forms, Leadership Application.

Be sure to get your application in early. Please return to Rachel Johnson, Activity Director at the Lakeland Office or give to Kay Burkhalter via an e-mail attachment at kayburkhalter@sbcglobal.net. You will be notified by January 10, 2017 if you have been accepted.

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Application for the Bridgeland Leadership Class of 2017

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Cat On A Hot Tin Roof By Tennessee Williams
Thursday, January 26th 7:00 PM
Friday, January 27th 7:00 PM
Saturday, January 28th 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM
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Sixth Annual Fashion with Passion Raises Almost \$60,000



Class of 2017 Fundraises for the Jordan Merecka Caring Heart Fund and the Travis Chaffin Memorial Scholarship Fund

On Thursday, November 3rd, Celebrating Soul Cypress, soon to be rebranded to “Deep Cypress Neighbors,” hosted its sixth annual Fashion with Passion Event at the Enchanted Cypress Ballroom. Students of Class of 2017 from Cy Fair High School, Cy Woods High

School and Cypress Christian School, who served as the models began their fundraising journey eight months prior to this event by participating in the Cypress Challenge, #17DaysOfKindness. The challenge required each model to commit to 1 act of kindness per day in order to raise awareness for the programs of Celebrating Soul Cypress, such as changing a flat tire or preparing snack bags for the homeless.

This year, the event raised almost \$60,000, which benefits individuals and families who have experienced financial setbacks due to traumatic experiences. Additionally, the event’s proceeds go toward the Travis Chaffin Memorial Scholarship Fund for youth who demonstrate a strong character and heart for philanthropy.

Over 300 community members participate in this event each year. At the event, the Jordan Merecka Caring Heart Award is presented recognizing the individuals who have experienced a traumatic situation and turned it into something positive, providing inspiration to their fellow community members. The recipients of this year’s Jordan Merecka Caring Heart Award were Clyde and Melinda Gordon of Abby’s Gift.

In addition, some local Cypress boutiques were in attendance at the event. Participants included: Anything Bling in Vintage, Muzzies, Al’s Formalwear, Damsels & Blokes Salon, Chelsea B Cosmetics, and Dillard’s Men’s Department.

Next year’s Fashion with Passion event will be held in November 2017.

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Computerized job search and resume preparation and printing are also available.



Cypress Springs FFA Booster Club Mother's Day Market and Craft Show April 22-23, 2017.

Cypress Springs FFA Booster Club presents Mother's Day Market and Craft Show April 22-23, 2017 at the Telge Exhibit Center located at 11206 Telge Road Cypress, TX 77429. Join us in celebrating Mom for some shopping, great food and entertainment. Shop handmade crafts, jewelry, clothing, skincare and much more! Vendors include Tupperware, Scentsy, LuLaRoe, Origami Owl, Park Lane Jewelry and more! This is our annual fundraiser and proceeds from booth sales benefit the students of Cypress Springs FFA to assist with continuing education, scholarships and state convention costs. For information on how to become a vendor for this event, please contact Elizabeth Ordonez at cy_springsffa@yahoo.com.

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The Cypress Texas Tea Party meets every three weeks on Saturday

Noon until 2:00 PM at:

Spring Creek BBQ
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A schedule of our meetings and confirmed speakers can be found at our website, www.cypresstexasteaparty.org

AHFC Junior Hurricanes (JHSL) Registration Now For Spring 2017 Open

The Junior Hurricanes Soccer League (JHSL) is led by professional United States Soccer Federation (USSF) licensed staff and is designed for boys & girls who want to play and have fun in a safe and developmentally appropriate environment. The JHSL program is being offered at multiple locations and in conjunction with CFSA at the Schiel Road Complex. To learn more about each location and to register please visit www.albionhurricanes.org.

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- 1 cup picked basil leaves
- Salt and black pepper. to taste



Directions:

In a large saucepan and a little oil, caramelize the onions, ginger and sugar. Add the tomatoes and bring to a simmer. Season with salt and pepper. Add the stock and simmer on low heat until very soft, at least 20 minutes. Add the basil and puree. Check for seasoning.

Prep Time: 10 minutes Cooking Time: 40 minutes Difficulty: Easy

FINDING RESOLUTION

I am a goal-oriented, list-making individual. It's how I'm wired, and it has helped me be productive and successful in many ways. However, being goal-oriented doesn't always work so well when building relationships. What if the other individual doesn't have the same goals as you do?

This has been the case many times in my life, and my tendency was to bulldoze over them with my lack of concern for their goals. My goals were better, more thought out, more important, etc. What does that do to this relationship that I valued to work on so much? It completely undermines the whole thing! So, how did I learn to stop this destructive pattern in my relationships? Horses!

How many of you have tried to get an animal that weighs over 1000 pounds to meet your personal goals? It's not easy. Yes, it is possible to force them to do many things, but can you catch them easily the next day? Do they really want to have a relationship with you after you have met said goals? Mine didn't.

Mine ran away and fought many things I tried to "teach". What did it take for me to listen to the horse's thought on our relationship? An unplanned dismount is the nicest way I've heard it phrased. When a horse goes to bucking, it is pretty clear it doesn't respect your leadership. A wise man once asked me what happened before that buck. I answered, "Lots of little things that I ignored, actually."

I'm too old to ignore those little signals anymore. It hurts to hit the ground with that kind of force! As I've learned to listen to horses better, it has also helped me to listen to people better. Have you ever asked a friend what they want to receive out of the relationship you have? Do they have needs that aren't being met? If they aren't treated respectfully and valued, they may not stick around.

Setting goals is still helpful, especially in helping me think of the steps to help myself achieve them. I just want to make sure I am not ruining relationships along the way. So, my goal setting looks different now as I make sure it includes the friends I value the most.

These are a few of my relational goal ideas for the next year. They are all oriented toward preventing those blow ups, like my horse gave me, with one of my friends or husband.

Be a better friend by:

1. When feeling annoyed or offended- stopping to question why and if it is really that important?
2. Plan monthly dates to build relationships.
3. Check in with my friends to find out their needs, before they ask!
4. Be more available by being less BUSY- say no to more things, so I can say yes to important ones.
5. LISTEN better- friends are giving you early signs of needs, but we are distracted with our own.

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OPEN SPRING 2017



Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club

The Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club will celebrate its 30th Anniversary Season by hosting its annual free Registration/Orientation breakfast on Saturday, February 4th, 2017, for all boys and girls who are interested in joining for the 2017 track season. The breakfast starts promptly at 8:30 AM at the Cypress Creek Christian Community Center Forum located at 6823 Cypresswood Dr., Spring, TX, 77379.

The event is an opportunity for youth athletes to register for the 2017 spring/summer track season, and to meet the Northwest Flyers coaches, staff, and other new and returning athletes. The event will be highlighted by a special presentation from a member of the USA Track & Field Olympic organization (USATF). All athletes and parents who wish to join the Northwest Flyers must attend the orientation.

The Northwest Flyers Track Club is a youth (ages 6 -18) track club, affiliated with USA Track & Field (USATF), that provides a full program of sanctioned "track" events such as sprints, hurdles, middle distance, distance and relays, and sanctioned "field" events

such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, shot put, discus and javelin.

For additional information on the Northwest Flyers Track Club, please visit the team website at <http://www.northwestflyers.org>; contact Linette Roach at linette.roach@sbcglobal.net; or "Like" the club on Facebook.



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Jack and Jill of America Associates Plan “Puttin’ on the Ritz” Charity Gala

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“Puttin’ on the Ritz” will benefit the Jack and Jill of America Foundation, which supports education, literacy, scientific and charitable projects that benefit children. Tickets are \$65 per person. To purchase tickets, please contact Shirley Carter, at 281-222-7765 or sjmcarter@att.net.

Jack and Jill of America, Inc. is a non-profit family organization which is dedicated to nurturing future leaders by supporting children through leadership development, volunteer service, philanthropic giving and civic duty. More information about the organization can be found at www.jackandjillinc.org.

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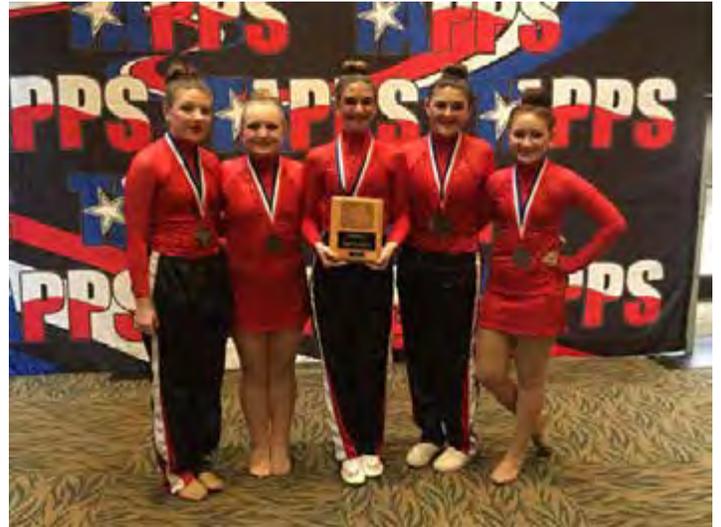
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Director Chris Gibson presents this classic story of two mismatched friends with a clever twist: alternating casts (one starring female roommates and one featuring male roommates). The male version is the basis for the launch of the 1968 movie, *The Odd Couple*, which became a franchise name on television in the late 60s and 70s. The female version is staged 20 years later in 1985, and follows the same story line as the male version.

“While Neil Simon’s *Odd Couple* is a staple of American theatre, his counterpart female version (which takes place twenty years later, in 1985) is an underrated gem and this is a rare opportunity to see them both produced in repertory,” said Gibson.

The genius in this staging is comparing the characters each night and how similar they are to each other, but separated by 20 years and, oh yes, opposite sexes.

Gibson continues, “We have assembled TWO incredibly funny, powerhouse casts and rehearsals have been hilarious. Personally, I’m having a blast exploring the differences in these two plays, not only between the sexes, but also of these two radically different time periods. Of course, what both plays have in common is Simon’s unmatched wit. He is truly one of this country’s greatest theatrical comedians, and his work stands the tests of time.”

This talented cast consists of Stageworks favorites; Nora Hahn (Olive), Rachel Landon (Florence), Megan Nix (Sylvie), Laura Renfroe (Mickey), Kiara Steelhammer (Vera/Cecily), Mark Mendelsohn (Oscar), Patrick Barton (Felix), Sam Martinez (Speed), and Justin Finch (Roy/Jesus). And often spotted behind the light board, Ron Putterman is joining us onstage as Murray. We are excited to welcome Chaney Moore (Renee/Gwen) and Mauel Abascal (Vinnie/Manolo) to the Garza Mainstage. The gender bending production team is led by Chris Gibson (Director), Michael Montgomery (Artistic Director), David Dean (Sound Design), Ron Putterman (Lighting Design), Barbara Terry (Costume Design) and Kate Selby (Stage Manager).

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- Sunday, Jan. 29th at 3:00 p.m. (Male Cast)
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- Sunday, Feb. 5th at 3:00 p.m. (Female Cast)
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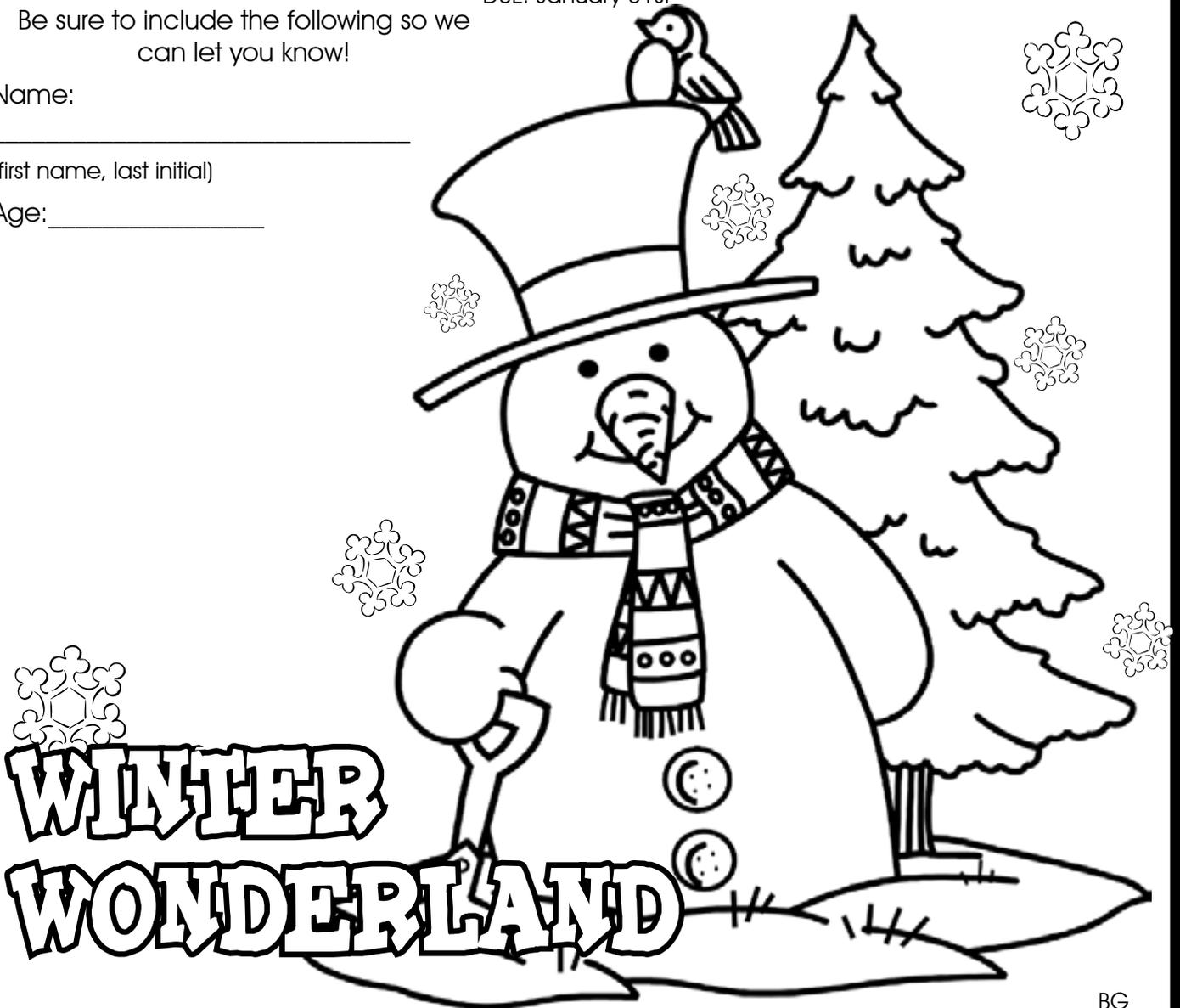
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