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## Santa's Toy Drive A Big Success



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On Friday, December 12th Santa Claus arrived at our clubhouse to have his picture taken with our children. He also came to pick up many gifts donated for children who would not have otherwise gotten a Christmas gift. A big THANK YOU to our many residents who so generously donated to this most worthy cause.

The weather was great, and a full moon was shining as lots of children showed up to decorate the Christmas tree, and have their picture taken on Santa's knee. There was tree decorating, storytelling, coloring, kid's crafts and a hayride around the neighborhood to see our beautiful Christmas decorations.

Thanks go to Jerry Dunaway who played Santa and to Melissa Hunzeker who took the

photos. Thanks also to Georgia Shotwell (hostess and server), Toby Ellis (photo registrar), Chuck and Amanda Lyons (hayride line up), David and Stephanie King (hayride drive), Grace Craven and Elizabeth Tobin (crafts table) and Eleanor Tiney (storyteller). A special thanks to the tireless team who arranged, set up and cleaned up after our party: Deborah Dunaway, Rosa Clay, Angela Hammond, Adrienne Sills, Shelina Nagji, Jylan Malloy, Wendy Craven, Chelsea Parker and Friedel Liptay. Also to William and Lorena Gomez for donating the Santa Claus suit to the Social Committee for the party. Most of all thanks to all our residents for their Christmas decorations that made this event so enjoyable!

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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## TRAFFIC SAFETY SURVEY

An important survey was sent to residents in December requesting input to enable the decision to be made on how we can best improve safety in the community and protect our children. This is a number one priority on the Community Association Board's action list, and your vote is important. THERE IS STILL TIME for homeowners to register their recommendations, and a copy of the survey is included in this newsletter. The decision will be made in January, so if you haven't yet returned the form please do so as soon as possible so that action can be taken to reduce speeding in the neighborhood. Please also remind your visitors that the strict speed limit in Lakes on Eldridge is 25 mph! Call AMI at 713-932-1122 if help is needed in returning the survey. Thank you.



## Holiday Lights Decoration Winners

Our community never looked better than it did as all the Christmas decorations made driving around the neighborhood a special treat. Congratulations to the following winners of the decorating contest:

Auburn Shores:	12107 Auburn Shores
Bay Meadows:	5511 Chase Harbor
Bristol Banks:	5310 Bristol Banks Ct (Winner, Category 3)
Bristol Waters:	5110 Indian Shores Lane
Crescent Banks:	12906 Island Falls Ct.
Crescent Bay:	12527 Still Harbor
Crescent Cove:	A TIE! (And winners of Category 2)
	12922 Lake Center Run
	12923 Lake Center Run
Crystal Falls:	12331 Lake Shore Ridge
Eagle Bend:	12614 Wilbury Park
Eagle Cove:	12506 Cherry Creek Bend
Eden Springs:	5627 Ivory Mist
Indigo Falls:	12219 Summerland Ridge (Winner, Category 1)
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## Lakes on Eldridge Owner Survey on Traffic Enforcement

Over the past months and years there have been incidences of drivers in LOE speeding, running stop signs without slowing, and even passing school buses with flashing red lights. Reckless or inattentive driving has resulted in accidents where light poles, bollards, and trees have been destroyed. A car has even driven into a lake. The Board is very concerned about these incidents and the safety of our residents, particularly our children. Addressing this issue has been, and continues to be, one of the Board's top priorities.

At this year's annual meeting of members, several suggestions and the overall impact on Lakes on Eldridge were discussed. These suggestions ranged from more stop signs to speed bumps to having a vehicle mounted radar patrol of the neighborhood. Although several residents felt very strongly about the need for speed bumps and possibly more stop signs, the majority of residents in attendance were not in favor of either option. A vehicle patrol (with radar gun) and the associated assessment increase was overwhelmingly favored. Although the Board had a quorum, they felt it appropriate to obtain broader input from throughout the community.

Stop Signs: Additional stop signs could be added to various intersections and at the entrance to the Beach Club. The total cost would depend on the number of signs ultimately installed. Funding for stop signs would likely come out of the reserve fund.

Speed Bumps: Speed bumps have been proposed for various locations along Lake Center Run and Lake Shore Ridge to force speeders to slow down. Again, total cost would depend on the number of speed bumps that would be installed, but an initial number would likely be around ten.

Patrol Service: LOE can engage the services of a uniformed patrol including a vehicle and a radar gun. Based on the patrol's identification of violators the Board has the authority to fine them. It is believed that this option would be effective in reducing traffic violations without resorting to speed bumps and additional stop signs. The patrol could also assist with gate issues and serve in an on-call capacity for any incidents that arise. Cost would depend upon how many 8 hour shifts were patrolled (cost of a single shift includes the cost of the vehicle and equipment. The first shift would cost approximately \$50,000 yearly and additional shifts would add approximately \$35,000 each).

Other: Other options have been discussed by the Board, including installation of high resolution security cameras and a second gatehouse at the east Tanner entrance. At this time, the Board does not consider these to be viable options due to very high cost and difficulties in implementing.

Please indicate your first choice below on how Lakes on Eldridge should best respond to traffic enforcement problems within the neighborhood and return the bottom portion to AMI as soon as possible. YOUR INPUT IS VERY IMPORTANT and the Board will make its decision based on your response to this survey. Please feel free to provide additional input by contacting AMI.

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ACTION (Check one box only)		APPROXIMATE COST
<input type="checkbox"/>	Do nothing	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Add more stops signs	\$250.00 each installed (one time cost of \$2,500)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Add speed bumps	\$25,000 for 10 (\$33 one-time assessment)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Engage Patrol Service with Radar	\$85,000 annually for two shifts (assessment increase of approximately \$110 annually)

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## NOTES FROM THE DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

The board of directors of Lakes on Eldridge Community Association met on December 16, 2008. The following is a summary of what was discussed:

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

On motions duly made the following officers were elected:

- |                     |                       |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| • President         | Bronson Clay          |
| • Vice President    | Carlton Thorpe        |
| • Secretary         | Clive Gardner         |
| • Treasurer         | Cory Hammond          |
| • Director at Large | Heather von Sternberg |

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Statements: The Board reviewed the financial statements for the month ended November 30, 2008. The Association had cash balances of \$136,711 in the Operating Fund and \$286,687 in the Replacement Fund. Operating income for the 11 months ended November 30, 2008 was \$897,667, Operating Expenses were \$896,236 and the Surplus was \$1,431. The financial statements were accepted.

Collections: The Board reviewed current delinquent accounts. Legal counsel had collected \$2,310 during November 2008 from delinquent owners and the Board asked the managing agent for clarification on three accounts and to check for closing papers on one account. Total delinquent accounts in the amount of \$19,990 as of November 30, 2008 were approximately half the amount that was owed a year earlier.

2007 Audit: On a motion duly made the Board approved the 2007 draft audit report and executed the representation letter from O'Neal & Holmes. The managing agent was to so notify the auditor. The managing agent distributed a history of all the audits since 2000 that showed the largest expense categories were being well controlled.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Architectural Control: It was reported that all was quiet during November and that no applications had been made.

Access Control: The proposed gate attendant procedures have been revised. In addition, a list of duties that would be assigned to a security patrol, if instituted, has been drawn up for review. He also

reported that, other than the main resident entry gate being out of commission for a few days, access control issues were significantly reduced from prior months. The managing agent was asked to arrange a meeting between the Committee and the head of operations with ISSC to finalize revised gate attendant responsibilities.

Parks & Pool: A new carpet was ordered for the Beach Club and installation was scheduled for Thursday, December 18, 2008 and following installation instructions for cleaning of spills were to be prominently posted in the kitchen.

The carpet contractor was to be consulted for cleaning instructions and proper supply of carpet cleaner was to be established in the kitchen.

Landscape: Extensive landscaping work was completed in late November and early December as summarized below.

- Installation of annuals in highest visibility areas. We used 90 flats this year compared to 220 in the past. This will reduce our future landscaping costs.
- Installation of perennials to replace annuals at entrances to the majority of sub-areas. The areas where we did not install any perennials have very nice liriopie (long ornamental grass).
- Rework of the Beach Club. We transplanted a number of plants into the left side of the beach club to fill in obvious holes. We also added both annuals and perennials, including at the entrance.
- Addition of a new bed at the entrance to the subdivision. Now we have bright pink roses, plumbago and yellow lantana.
- Transplanted liriopie into all bare spots where we have visible ornamental fencing. The existing liriopie will also be a lot healthier now that it has been thinned.
- Reworked the Summer Falls bed in front of the lake. This was especially challenging because it is very hard to find colorful plants that stay very short so the view of the lake is still the focal point.
- Replaced all the hollies that had died this year and previous years. This was warranty work.
- Installed mulch and fertilizer with the new plants. Previously our plants haven't looked very good because they didn't get much nutrition.

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## Social Committee Brown Bag Lunch

All interested residents are invited to join us at 12 pm on the 1st Wednesday of each month in the clubhouse to discuss upcoming social events. Just bring your lunch, drink of your choice and meet some of your fun loving neighbors. For more information contact Deborah Dunaway at 713-983-9651.

## SUGGESTION BOX

Have you ever wanted to make a suggestion to the LOE Board of Directors but don't know how to go about it? Well, they have now made it very easy and convenient for you. The Board has placed a SUGGESTION BOX in the Member Section of the LOE website, [www.lakesoneldridge.com](http://www.lakesoneldridge.com). Please type in any suggestions for the Board to review and discuss. This Suggestion Box goes directly to the Board members and after such discussion; one of the members will be in contact with you. Please note that you may be called upon to be a part of the solution to the suggestion you make.

## Notes from December Board - (Continued from page 6)

There were two incidents of landscaping being damaged. In one case plants were pulled out of the ground. The landscaper was able to reinstall those plants. In the other case, crepe myrtle trees were broken off. These trees were cut back, but may have to be replaced in the spring. Residents are asked to please respect all community property.

Social/Events: The Board discussed and agreed that the Christmas party held on December 12 was a complete success and was well-attended.

## MANAGEMENT REPORT

2009 Insurance: The Board reviewed the 2009 insurance summary. The total premium of \$17,612 was essentially unchanged from 2008.

Deed Restrictions: The Board reviewed the deed restrictions at November 14, 2008 and instructed the managing agent accordingly. The managing agent reported that he was following up on 116 items.

## SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors was scheduled to be held at 6:30 p.m. on January 20, 2009.

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## - ACC Corner -

### Replacing Trees and Shrubs

This month, the Architectural Control Committee reviews the requirements for trees and hedge rows. Hurricane Ike recently toppled some trees, but over the years disease, insects, and other causes have also taken their toll. Homeowners are responsible for maintaining and replacing (when necessary) the trees and shrubs on their properties, including trees and shrubs outside of wood fences on corner lots.

The LOE Architectural Guidelines specify that homeowners have two trees in their front yard, one of which must be a Live Oak. Lakefront lots are also required to have two trees in the back yard, but they do not have to be Live Oaks. In addition to the front yard requirements, corner lots are required to have five ornamental trees along the side street and a hedge row of shrubs outside of the wood fence.

The minimum height for new front-yard trees is 10 feet, minimum branch spread is 60 inches, and minimum trunk caliper measured 6 inches above grade is 4 inches. New side-street trees should be at least 15 gallon container size at planting.

In some instances, variances may be granted by the ACC in locations where adjacent trees or shrubs have matured and filled in gaps. If you have any question as to whether or not you need to replace a tree or shrub on your lot, please do not hesitate to contact the ACC through our management company, AMI (contact info at the front of this newsletter).

Landscape design criteria are covered in Section 5 of the Architectural Guidelines. A list of acceptable trees and shrubs is included in Section 5.9. The Guidelines are available for download in the resident section of the website. You may access the resident site through the public site at [www.lakesoneldridge.net](http://www.lakesoneldridge.net).



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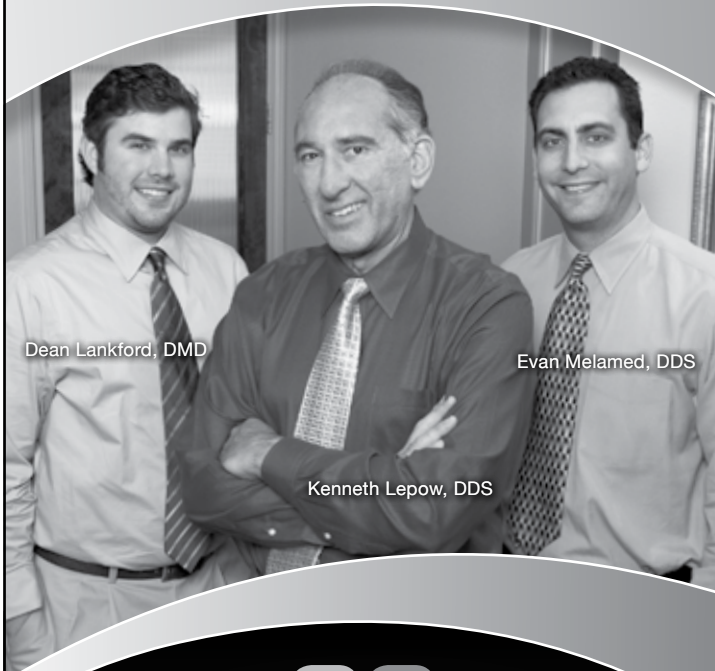
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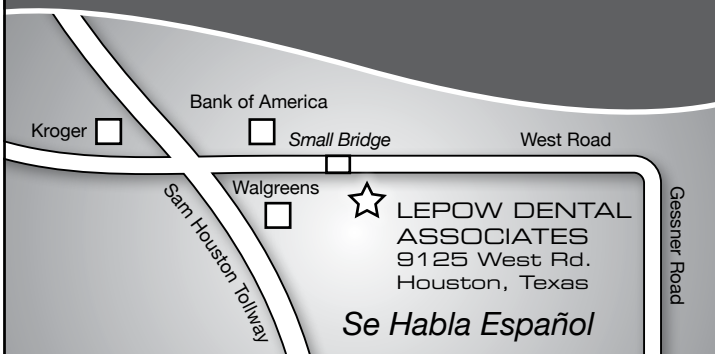
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## Landscaping Changes



You have probably noticed extensive landscaping work that was completed in late November and early December. The Beach Club and the bed in front of the lake at Summer Falls we both redone to incorporate new color and new permanent shrubs. We also installed a new bed inside the gate on Lakes on Eldridge Blvd. This year we planted significantly more perennials which will reduce our future years landscaping cost while maintaining an attractive appearance.

A significant amount of liriopse was transplanted to fill in bare

spots where we have ornamental fencing and in beds around the subdivision. Jasmine was trimmed and transplanted into areas where previous plants had died. Hollies along our brick fences were installed in areas where they have died in previous years. We have also installed mulch and organic fertilizer to aid the health of our plants. We will continue to use more organic materials and carefully control our use of irrigation to provide a beautiful and environmentally friendly landscape.



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## 2009...Your New Year's Resolution...

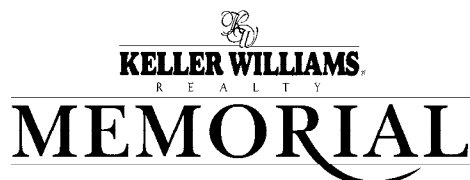
The New Year is here, I will stop biting my nails. This year, I will stop eating chocolate. This year, I will quit smoking.

Do any of these New Year's resolutions sound familiar? More than likely, many of us have created New Year's resolutions. But how many of us have actually STUCK to our resolutions? Year after year, it is the same old thing...resolutions are made, and then quickly broken. Sure, anyone can make a New Year's resolution, but the hard part is actually sticking to those resolutions. There are many different ways to stick to those resolutions for the New Year. Some of the helpful ways of keeping your resolutions are to : write your resolutions down, tell a friend your resolutions, look for help with the resolution, remind yourself, keep positive thoughts, don't set your standards too high, plan everything out, create realistic goals, achieve those goals slowly, and to keep yourself flexible with the resolution.

One of the greatest ways to achieve your New Year's resolutions is to write them all down! This sounds simple enough, but it truly helps. Write down why you want a particular resolution. Do you want to loose weight so you can fit into a good looking swimsuit come the summertime? If so, keep a journal of your daily progress towards achieving that goal. A journal of your progress towards your goal is a great way to keep on track.

Telling a friend about your New Year's resolution is another way to keep on track. A close friend that will support you and motivate you towards your resolution is a great way to keep your eye on your goal. It is believed that the more people you tell about your resolutions, the better your chances are towards achieving your goals. Your friends ca check up on you and make sure that you are keeping good on your resolutions.

There are many resources available to help you towards your goal. Are you looking to quit smoking? There are many web sites, support groups, as well as literature, that can be available to you. With libraries, organizations, and counselors, there are many various resources available for you so you do not have to achieve your goals all alone.



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## LOE BOOK CLUB

Bok club usually meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M. Join us for a little wine or coffee, some snacks, and stimulating discussion. We will again be meeting in various members' homes, so call or e-mail Celeste Fritz, 713-896-6942, cfritztx@comcast.net for additional information.

January 26 – *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski. Born mute, speaking only in sign, Edgar Sawtelle leads an idyllic life with his parents on their farm in remote northern Wisconsin. For generations, the Sawtelles have raised and trained a fictional breed of dog whose thoughtful companionship is epitomized by Almondine, Edgar's lifelong friend and ally. But with the unexpected return of Claude, Edgar's paternal uncle, turmoil consumes the Sawtelles' once peaceful home. When Edgar's father dies suddenly, Claude insinuates himself into the life of the farm-and into Edgar's mother's affections. Grief-stricken and bewildered, Edgar tries to prove Claude played a role in his father's death, but his plan backfires -- spectacularly. Forced to flee into the vast wilderness lying beyond the farm, Edgar comes of age in the wild, fighting for his survival and that of the three yearling dogs who follow him. But his need to face his father's murderer and his devotion to the Sawtelle dogs turn Edgar ever homeward.

Coming up:

February 23rd - *The Lace Reader* by Brunonia Barry.

March 23rd – *East of Eden* by John Steinbeck

April 27th – *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer & Annie Barrows



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## Flying Eagles

Clay Road Baptist School is proud to announce our "Flying Eagles" for the first quarter of the school year. Like a traditional honor roll based on academics, "Flying Eagles" is an honor roll based on character. Students are selected based on qualities like patience, kindness, work ethic, spiritual growth, respectfulness, study skills, consideration of others and joyfulness. We are especially pleased to recognize the following students;

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1 <sup>st</sup>	Olivia Einnarsson Connor Panto	5 <sup>th</sup>	Mary-Kate Scurlock Hope Tang
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Natalie Morel Carter Joutraw	6 <sup>th</sup>	Kirsten Binkley Cody Parcus
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jonathan Loeb	7 <sup>th</sup>	Beau Powell
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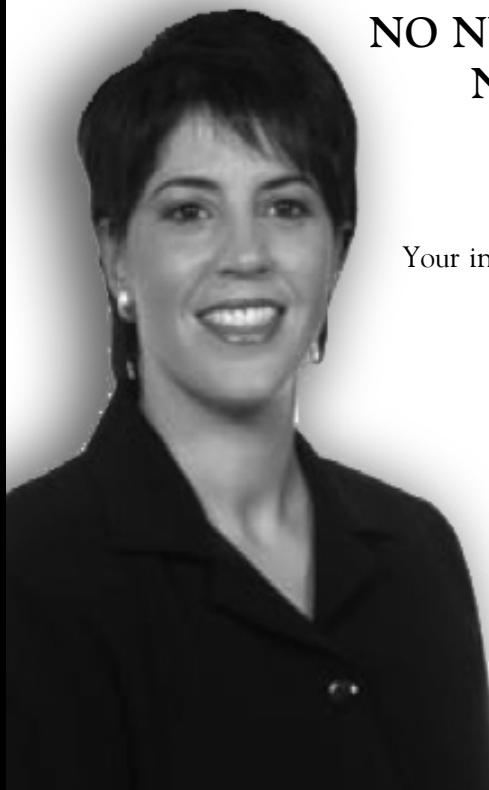
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## Stitch & Chat

### HELPING YOU GET STARTED

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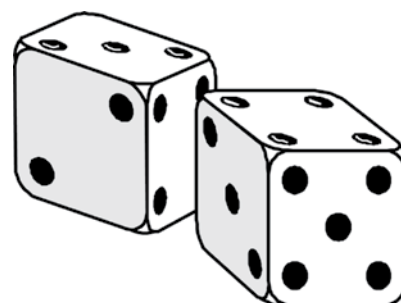
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## ATTENTION! ATTENTION! BUNCO JUNKIES!

This year we are playing "Bunco" from 12 noon until 2 pm once a month on the 1st Thursday of each month at the LOE Beach Clubhouse.

We need twelve players each month to have these tables. The first 12 people to sign up will make up our core group. We will need substitutes for those people who will not be able to play each month.

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Mr. Gaithe, CAM's representative, spoke to students at elementary chapel November 19. He explained to the students that CAM's food pantry was low (due to needs caused by Hurricane Ike) and that they did not have even one turkey to give to the 200 families that needed them. Because of the generosity of Cypress Christian school families, CAM was able to meet the needs of those families. Afterward, some of the fourth and fifth grade boys helped Mr. Gaithe load two trucks of food and toiletry items donated by school families. A third truck was sent to Kroger and loaded with 134 turkeys that had been purchased by the faculty and staff.

CAM was overwhelmed by the school's generosity. Mr. Gaithe, through tears, asked the school staff to personally thank everyone for the outpouring of generosity.

The relationship between Cypress Christian School and CAM began many years ago and continues to this day. The school has partnered to help meet the needs of families in crisis due to illness, job loss or other circumstances.

Cypress Christian School is an accredited K-12 Christian school and is located at 11123 Cypress N. Houston Road at Jones Road. For more information on the school and its ministry, call 281 469-7745 or visit the website at [www.cypresschristian.org](http://www.cypresschristian.org).

## LOE BIBLE STUDY

The Bible study group gathers at 9:15 am on Tuesdays for coffee and fellowship. The discussion lesson begins around 9:30 and ends at 11:30. On the first Tuesday of each month we go out to lunch. Send your name address and telephone number to [sableggett@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sableggett@sbcglobal.net) to register. If you don't use email, call Stephanie at 713-560-0042. Hope to see you there!

## MOTHERWISE

The MotherWise group meets every other Monday at the Beach Club beginning at 7:00 pm. The meetings begin with prayer and the presentation of the study segment, followed by small group prayer time for those who wish to participate, and concludes with social time and refreshments. The MotherWise meetings are a wonderful way to meet other mothers in our neighborhood, gain some spiritual enrichment, and support one another in prayer.

The leaders of the MotherWise group are Kathy Prusak (713-937-7707) and Elizabeth Tobin (832-467-1369). Please feel free to contact us for further information about MotherWise and the 2009 schedule. We hope to see you at the Beach Club!

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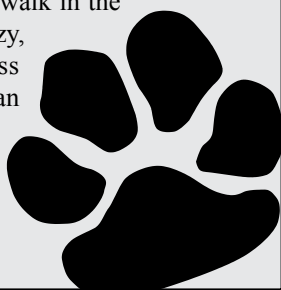
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## Light, Lean, & Healthy in the New Year

New Year's resolutions for healthier eating do not have to mean boring and tasteless meals. My tortilla soup is bursting with flavor but very little fat! Veggies are sautéed in pecan oil, which is lower in saturated fat than olive oil. Add green chiles, some herbs and spices, finish with oven-baked tortilla strips and you've got a soul-satisfying soup in minutes.

## Molly's Tortilla Soup

Serves 4-6

1 Small	Onion, diced
3	Roma tomatoes, seeded and diced
	Pecan Oil *
1 4-oz can	Diced green chiles
1 10-oz can	Rotel tomatoes
2 Tbsp	Minced fresh cilantro
¾ Tsp	Ground cumin
¾ Tsp	Dried leaf oregano
4 Cups	Chicken or vegetable broth
	Oven-baked tortilla strips or chips**
	Salt and pepper to taste

Sauté onion and tomatoes in small amount of pecan oil in a saucepan until onion is almost translucent. (\*Go to [www.pecanoil.com](http://www.pecanoil.com) for more information and retailers) Add green chiles and Rotel. Stir in cilantro, cumin, oregano, and chicken broth. Simmer for 10 minutes. Adjust seasonings if needed. Add cooked diced chicken or prepared taco meat to make more substantial. To serve: Place tortilla strips in bottom of bowl. Ladle soup over. Garnish with diced avocado, light sour cream, reduced-fat cheddar cheese.

\*\*To prepare tortilla strips, preheat oven to 375°. Cut soft corn tortillas into thin strips. Place in a single layer on baking sheet (lightly spray with olive oil if desired) and bake in oven 10 minutes, or until crisp, stirring if needed.

Enjoy!  
Molly

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## US Olympian to Speak at Northwest Flyers Registration Breakfast on February 7, 2009

The Northwest Flyers Track Club will host its annual free information / registration breakfast on February 7, 2009 for all boys and girls and their parents interested in joining for the 2009 season. The breakfast starts at 8:30AM at the Cypress Creek Christian Community Center Forum located at 6823 Cypresswood Dr., Spring, TX, 77379.

The breakfast is the annual opportunity for youth athletes to register for the 2009 summer track season, and to meet the Northwest Flyers coaches and 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 team.

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

relays and sanctioned "field" events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, discus, shot put and javelin. The Northwest Flyers has approximately 195 members, boys and girls. The club was founded 21 years ago by Olympic gold medalist Fred Newhouse to foster the development of youth track & field in the Northwest Houston area.

The Northwest Flyers is a member of the "Win with Integrity" program, a partnership between USATF and the American College of Sports Medicine. "Win with Integrity" brings elite track & field athletes and school-aged kids together to promote healthy lifestyles, keeping active, and living with integrity through the sport of track & field.

For additional information on The Northwest Flyers Track Club, please visit the team website at <http://www.northwestflyers.org> or contact Linette Roach at (281) 587-8442 or [linette.roach@sbcglobal.net](mailto:linette.roach@sbcglobal.net).

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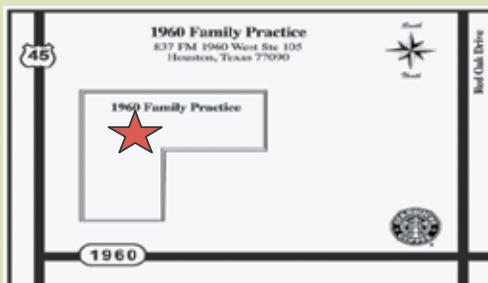
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You do not need to be a parent or family member of a student to become a team member. You can become a global volunteer – a generous, concerned resident of the community who wants to help children reach their full academic potential. No specialized knowledge or training is necessary. We do ask that team members be willing to work on a consistent, weekly schedule so that the students receive the utmost benefit from their work.

We have tutoring opportunities available in several schools throughout the district and can schedule a time that is convenient for you. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Kim Nash (kfnash1@sbcglobal.net or 281-550-2685) or the CFISD Partners in Education Office (Pamela.scott@cfisd.net or 281-894-3950).

### **Cy-Fair ISD & Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS): A Winning Combination January / February 2009 Upcoming Events**

#### **1/7 - CFISD VIPS Pie Mentor Training**

Richard E. Berry Educational Support Center, 8877 Barker Cypress, 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Training for individuals committed to serve as a role model and friend to CFISD students. Register with the CFISD PIE office at [vipsrsvp@cfisd.net](mailto:vipsrsvp@cfisd.net) and include the date and name of this training, your name and phone number.

#### **1/13 - CFISD VIPS Sooper Puppy Training**

Richard E. Berry Educational Support Center, 8877 Barker Cypress, 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Training for individuals interested in presenting the Sooper Puppy series to first graders about dealing with life lessons, facing dilemmas

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#### **1/15 - CFISD VIPS General Meeting**

Richard E. Berry Educational Support Center, 8877 Barker Cypress, 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Open to all CFISD school staff, volunteers, parents and community members. Get the latest information on what is happening in CFISD and enjoy the opportunity to network with fellow volunteers

#### **1/21 - CFISD VIPS Pie Mentor Training**

Richard E. Berry Educational Support Center, 8877 Barker Cypress, 6:00 p.m. – 8 p.m.

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#### **1/27 - CFISD JA VIPS Training**

Richard E. Berry Educational Support Center, 8877 Barker Cypress, 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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#### **1/29 - VIPS Multicultural Meeting**

Richard E. Berry Educational Support Center, 8877 Barker Cypress, 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Open to all CFISD school staff, volunteers, parents and community members. The purpose of the CFISD Multicultural Committee is to raise the level of cultural understanding and respect by sharing information with the CFISD community to encourage cultural sensitivity and parental involvement to strengthen student success. Register with the CFISD PIE office at [vipsrsvp@cfisd.net](mailto:vipsrsvp@cfisd.net) and include the date and name of this meeting, your name and phone number.

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Open to all CFISD school staff, volunteers, and parents. Learn how to present a TEKS based science lesson to 4th. grade students at your school. Students will learn about the importance of our bay and waterways and what measures can be taken to protect this life-giving estuary. Register with the CFISD PIE office at [vipsrsvp@cfisd.net](mailto:vipsrsvp@cfisd.net) and include the date and name of this training, your name and phone number.

### 2/19 - CFISD VIPS General Meeting

Richard E. Berry Educational Support Center, 8877 Barker Cypress,  
9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Open to all CFISD school staff, volunteers, parents and community members. Get the latest information on what is happening in CFISD and enjoy the opportunity to network with fellow volunteers and share best practices. No RSVP is needed for this meeting.

If you are interested in becoming part of the winning combination at Cy-Fair schools as a volunteer, and making a difference, or would like more information, please contact Pam Scott, Partners in Education Director at 281-894-3950.

## PLEASE NOTE

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Kendrell is outgoing, cheerful and makes friends easily. She enjoys running and doing typical "girl" things. She is engaging and talkative. Kendrell may present as a tough girl, but her foster parents report that underneath her tough exterior, Kendrell has a big and generous heart.

Jonathan is a happy, easy-going child. He is active and enjoys sports and drawing. He is smart and can watch someone doing something and it will only take him a few tries to be able to do it himself.

These children very much want to be adopted together and would contribute significantly to the happiness of a family. Jonathan would benefit from a positive male role model that will spend time doing mutually enjoyable activities. Kendrell would thrive in a home that allows her to be a teenager while guiding her in becoming a mature young woman.

If you would like more information on becoming an adoptive parent, please contact the Adoption Coalition of Texas at 512-301-2825 or [info@adopttexas.org](mailto:info@adopttexas.org). For more information about Kendrell and Jonathan, please contact: Grace Lindgren, LMSW, Adoption Coalition of Texas/Wendy's Wonderful Kids Recruiter, [Gracelindgren@adopttexas.org](mailto:Gracelindgren@adopttexas.org), 512-687-3209.

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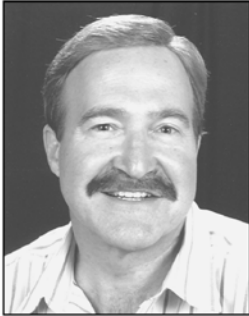
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