

# THE TIMES



## New Club Charter Granted to Cypress Ranch Key Club

Cypress, Texas – July 2, 2009 – A new Key Club has been chartered by Kiwanis International at one of Cy-Fair's newest high schools, Cypress Ranch. The new school club of 238 members has been meeting since the school's opening in August 2008 and made formal application for a charter in January 2009. The official Club Charter was presented to Key Club President Aliah Kelly at the club's first annual banquet held on May 21. The charter presentation was made by Bob Presnell, President of the Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club, and Peggy Presnell, who serves as Kiwanis Sponsor for the new Key Club.

Members attending the banquet were presented with membership items including their membership cards and pins. New officers for the 2009-10 school year were installed by Madhumita Govindu, a Cy-Fair High School student who serves as Lt. Governor of Division 3N of Key Club. Miss Govindu oversees the Katy and CFISD Key Clubs for the Texas-Oklahoma District of Key Club.

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**Cypress Ranch  
Key Club**



*Picture of Bob Presnell, Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club President,  
and Aliah Kelly, Cypress Ranch Key Club President*

## Year-Round TX Terrapins Swim Team (TTST)

### *Announces Open Registration Days for Competitive Training*

The Texas Terrapins Swim Team (TTST) will have Pre-Registration for the 2009 / 2010 year-round swim season on Wednesday, August 19th & Friday, August 21st from 5:15 PM – 7:30 PM @ Lakeside Pool in Fairfield. Open Registration for the 2009 / 2010 year-round swim season will be on Wednesday, August 26th from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM @ Lakeside Pool in Fairfield. For directions to the pool, please visit our website at [www.texasterrapins.com](http://www.texasterrapins.com) and click on pool locations. Registration forms are on our website and can be completed out ahead of time!

TTST has accomplished some great things this past year such as almost doubling our team size. We went from a peak season of 80 swimmers to a peak season of 155 and we are continuing to grow while keeping our family atmosphere. All of our swimmers improved tremendously throughout the year and topped the charts during summer league as most of them were invited to Ponderosa and Red, White, and Blue Invitationals where they were ribbon and medal winners. One of our swimmers, Sydney Stanford, won high point at Ponderosa for the 7/8 year old girls! Just before summer league started, we also

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attended short course T.A.G.S. and will be attending long course T.A.G.S. later this summer as well. We invite you to join our growing team and find out why we are a stroke above the rest.

## 290 Cypress Business Networking Group

The 290 Cypress Business Networking Group meets every Thursday morning at 7:30 am at Newk's Express Café located at Hwy 290 and Spring Cypress in the Kroger Shopping Center near the Cinemark Theater. The group is open to all business owners and professionals who want to increase their exposure to the residents of Cypress and the surrounding areas. There is no cost to attend the meeting. If you would like more information, please call Ken Parker at 281-384-1562. Visit our new website at 290Cypress.com

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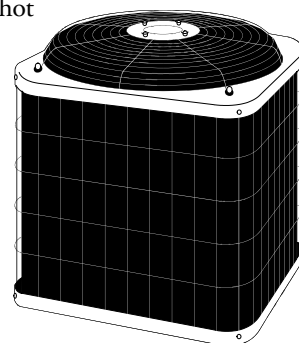
Submitted by Robert Lee

Over the previous six months there has been more discussion on Air Conditioning efficiency and home efficiency than any other time in recent years! Since manufacturers, local utilities and the Federal Government are offering rebates people have a better understanding of SEER and EER (efficiency ratings) of air conditioners. Overall this is a good thing, but it only addresses half of the problem!

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Have you spent good money on a new system but still have hot spots, cold spots or uncomfortable rooms; or maybe you haven't seen your energy bills reduced? Are you thinking about taking advantage of the Federal Rebate by purchasing new high efficient equipment? If your answer is yes to any of these questions then please think about the whole system! Efficient new equipment on old, inefficient ducts is a recipe for discomfort, or worse, failure!

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### More HELP for PETS

When a pet is lost, finding the pet means that time is of the essence. It takes time to create, print and distribute flyers. The flyers are many times illegible because of wind or rain. I certainly do not fault the pet owner because I have done this myself.

Frustrated, I thought there has to be a better way. So that is why we created Cypress Lost Pet Alert.com. The idea is to very quickly get the word out through an e-mail alert to as many neighbors as possible plus post the picture and information about the pet on the website under the specific neighborhood.

Once the email alert goes out to the specific neighborhood, many, many neighbors are now aware. If they happen to forward the email to their friends who have not signed up, it could mean hundreds of your neighbors are already alerted and are keeping their eyes open for your lost pet.

Cypress Lost Pet Alert.com is on-call 7 days a week from sun up to sun down and is FREE. We are glad to work with any informal email chains. The whole idea is to find lost pets quick for the good neighbors in Fairfield and surrounding areas.

Regards,  
RB Cox

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### BEAR IS STILL MISSING! PLEASE HELP

Our dog, Bear, is still lost somewhere in Fairfield. He went missing near Autumn Park on Monday, 5/5/09, night. He is an Australian Shepherd, and his body is black, his chest is white and he has some brown markings on his face and paws. My three-year-old misses him very much.

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Registration continues through Aug. 22 for fall semester. Register for online, weekend, evening or distance learning courses by phone, 281-290-3200 or 832-782-5000; online to [LoneStar.edu/cyfair](http://LoneStar.edu/cyfair); or in person at one of our conveniently located campuses at 9191 Barker Cypress or 14955 Northwest Freeway. Week day classes begin Aug. 24 with weekend classes beginning Aug. 28-30.

### "CONFLUENCE, STUDY ABROAD 2009" IN THE BOSQUE GALLERY

Check out this showcase of student installations and photography taken during this summer's study abroad trips to Italy and China. The exhibition will be on display Aug. 4 through Aug. 27 in the Bosque Gallery with a closing reception at 4:30 p.m. Aug. 27. Go to [LoneStar.edu/bosquegallery](http://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 [LoneStar.edu/orientation](http://LoneStar.edu/orientation).

### L.I.F.E. LESSONS IN AUGUST

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 August include: unveiling the Chip Hosek Collection of American Art Aug. 5, preventing arthritis Aug. 12, the science and art of perfume making Aug. 19 and new application on Google Aug. 26. Call the library at 281-290-3213 for L.I.F.E. program information or go online to [LoneStar.edu](http://LoneStar.edu).

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### Attention Kappa Delta Sisters ...

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Team Captains who raise the most money for the Bridgeland Team and Team Captains who recruits the most walkers will be entered for a grand prize.

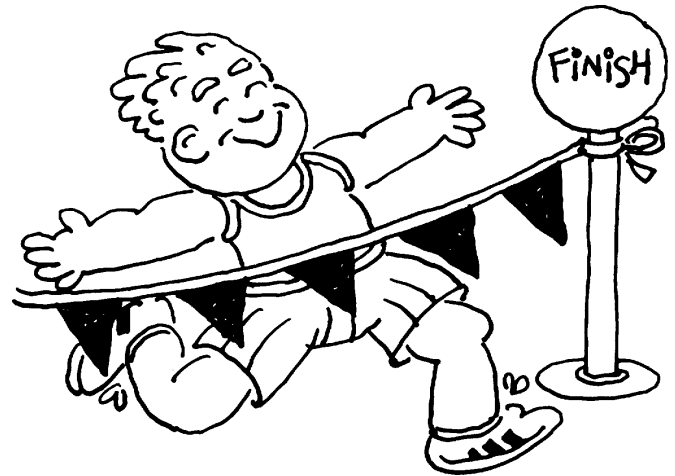
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Please join us on Thursday, August 20th @ 7:00 pm in the Commons area at Cy-Woods High School for our 1st 2009-2010 WRAP General Board meeting. For more information on WRAP, please visit our website at [cywoodswrap.org](http://cywoodswrap.org) or contact us via email at [cywoodswrap@hotmail.com](mailto:cywoodswrap@hotmail.com). We look forward to seeing you on August 20th.

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Commander William "Bill" Shaffer of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2427 and its Ladies Auxiliary announces the kick-off of the years "Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Essay Competition." These competitions are designed to give local students the opportunity to earn Scholarships and savings bonds toward their education. Students from public, private, and parochial schools are encouraged to participate, as well as students in home study programs.

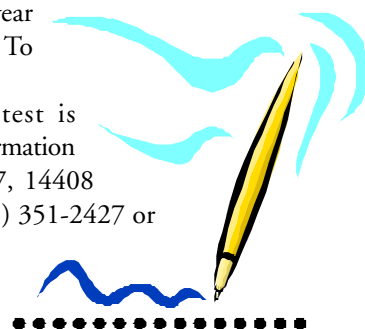
Students begin competing at the local Post level, Post winners advance to the District level, District winners then compete in the State competition. The State winners compete for more than 2.5 million in scholarships and savings bonds.

The Voice of Democracy contest is open to Students in grades 9 – 12 who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school, and those in a home study program in the United States, its territories and possessions; or in an overseas U.S. Military/civilian dependent school. Foreign exchange students, students age 20 or over and

previous Voice of Democracy first place winners are ineligible. The theme for the year is, "Does American Still Have Heroes?"

The Patriot's Pen Contest is opened to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students enrolled in public, private or parochial schools in the US, its territories or its possessions. Home-schooled students are also eligible. Dependents of U.S. of military or civilian personnel in overseas schools can participate too. Foreign exchange students and former winners that placed in the National finals are excluded from the contest. The theme for this year is, "When Is The Right Time To Honor Our Military Heroes?"

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## The Road of Uncertainty

By Mindy Ferguson

As I traveled along a remote road on my way to speak at a women's retreat, my GPS suddenly began an annoying repetition of the phrase, "lost satellite". After a few minutes, I picked up my cell phone to call for directions. No service. I found myself on an unfamiliar country road in East Texas, with no cell phone and a GPS that appeared to be as disoriented as I was.

Uneasy, I pulled over onto the side of the road, took a deep breath, reviewed my map and prayed. I studied the map and located a road that I remembered passing a few miles earlier. I estimated my location and eased back onto the road, following the map with my finger as I drove. Needless to say, I was grateful to discover a sign with the retreat center's logo and an arrow, indicating the turn was ahead.

Thinking back on my experience, it occurred to me that our journey through life often presents us with circumstances that make us feel as disoriented and uneasy as I felt that day when I was lost on an unfamiliar country road without cell service. It also occurred to me that our response to life's uncertainties should be the same as mine was that day on the road —Pause, Ponder, Pray, and then Proceed.

### Pause

When faced with uncertainty, we need to take some time to quiet ourselves before the Lord. Psalm 46 assures us, God is our refuge

and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Be still and know that I am God (vs. 1,10a NIV).

Regardless how lost or helpless we may feel, God is our refuge and our strength and He is always available to help us. We can rest in the truth that He knows every detail of our circumstances and He is never disoriented. It's important to "be still" in order to hear His voice and sense His presence.

### Ponder

Next, we need to take the time to gather information, reflect, and regroup. When conflict arose in the early church between Jewish and Gentile believers, the apostles took time to ponder the issues before deciding how to proceed. Acts 15:6 says, the apostles and elders met to consider this question (NIV). When we are unsure how to proceed, we need to gather information and ponder the facts.

### Pray

Prayer is crucial. Through prayer, we can come before the Lord with the facts of a situation and earnestly seek His guidance. James 1:5 assures us, If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him (NIV). We can count on God to listen and to grant us the

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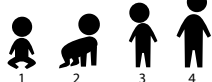


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## *The Road-* (Continued from Pg 14)

wisdom that we need to move forward in His will.

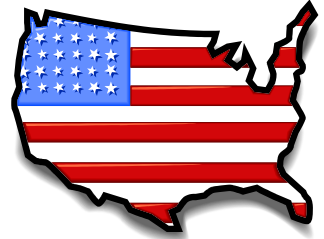
### **Proceed**

Finally, after we have patiently paused, diligently pondered and earnestly prayed, it is time to act. You may step out cautiously, just as I did that day on the unfamiliar country road, but we can count on the truth of Exodus 15:13, which says, In your unfailing love you will lead the people you have redeemed (NIV). God loves us abundantly and although our circumstances can be frightening, we can trust that our God will lead us as He works out everything in conformity with the purpose of His will (Ephesians 1:11 NIV).

Are you facing uncertainty on an unfamiliar road? Pause... Ponder... Pray... and then Proceed. Our God faithfully leads the people He has redeemed!

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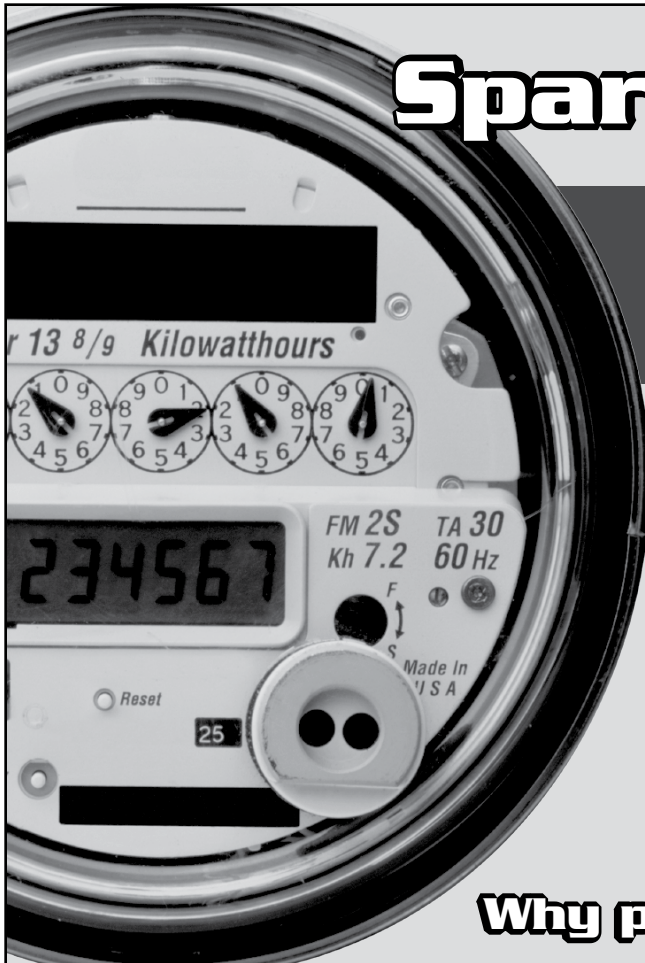
- I believe in God and He is the Center of my Life.
- The family is sacred. My spouse and I are the ultimate authority, not the government.
- I have a right to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, but there is no guarantee of equal results.
- I work hard for what I have and I will share it with who I want to. Government cannot force me to be charitable.
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\$451,000--\$499,999	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
\$351,000--\$450,000	3	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	1
\$276,000--\$350,000	1	3	5	7	4	0	3	3	3	2
\$231,000--\$275,000	0	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	2
\$201,000--\$230,000	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2
\$200,000 and below	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
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