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## JANUARY NWHC AGGIE MOM'S CLUB MEETING

With Guest Speaker Jackie Sherrill

Please join the NWHC Aggie Moms as they welcome, Jackie Sherrill, former head coach and athletic director at Texas A&M University to their January meeting. Jackie Sherrill will be discussing his book, No Experience Required, written by Caleb Pirtle III. This book was written in collaboration with the 12th Man Kickoff Team Foundation comprised of over 80 former players and founded in 2007. Come hear a truly inspirational story in which the 12th Man Kickoff Team brought Texas A&M fans and players together to win 3 consecutive Southwest Conference titles. The 12th Man Kickoff Team Foundation currently works to provide scholarships for students with financial needs and encourages students to follow their dreams.

The Aggie Mom's Club meeting will be held Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at the Houston Distribution Center conveniently located near Willowbrook Mall at the corner of Cutten Road and 7100 High Life Drive. Please come enjoy refreshments provided at 7 pm and learn about valuable information regarding student activities, scholarships, the Aggie Boutique, door prizes, and more. Help support our outstanding Aggie students!

The Aggie Mom's Club is accepting Scholarship Applications for the 2010-2011 school year. Applications must be postmarked no later than Feb. 7, 2010. Last year 8 scholarships totaling \$8,750 were awarded to area students.

For more information, check out our website at www. nwhcaggiemoms.com.

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December 28, 1:00

#### Christmas Break Service Project for Cy Fair Students

Cypress Cares has received more thank you notes from the troops who have received packages. Visit our website, www.cypress-cares.org to view the troop responses, as well as more current information about upcoming events, donation ideas and more.





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\* We are establishing our Committees for 2009 and need resident volunteers! If you are interested in participating with us, please contact us at www.windermerelakes.net for more details. This is a great way to meet your fellow neighbors and to help make our Windermere Lakes community a better place to live.

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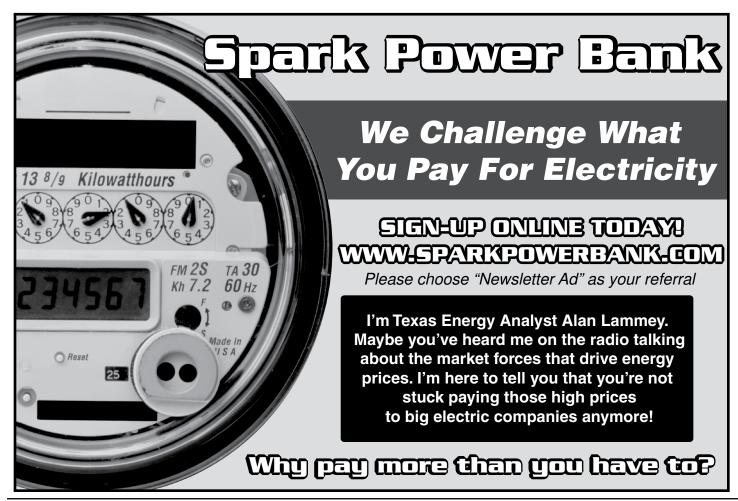




This winner's landscaping was great and impressed members of our committee as the selection for Windermere's 'Yard of the Month". The homeowner receives a \$25 Gift Card from Home Depot, bragging rights to the honor AND our WL Yard of the Month sign remains in their yard during the month. Our thanks go out to those that care about their homes and keep their lawns maintained. Thank you for helping make our neighborhood more beautiful in spite of the heat.

We appreciate the time and participation by our judging volunteers during this selection process!

Sreehari Gorantla, Landscape Committee



## Lone Star College - Cy Fair Perspective

#### HOLIDAY PERFORMANCES ON STAGE

This holiday in the Main Stage Theatre are "A Taffeta Christmas" set Dec. 3 through Dec. 13 and the free String Orchestra concert "Collage" set Dec. 7. For tickets and information call 281-290-5201or go to LoneStar.edu/boxoffice.

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

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 December include: learning about the Texas Rangers Dec. 2, tips for permanent weight loss, Dec. 9 and creating a holiday wreath Dec. 16. Programs will resume Jan. 13, 2010. Call the library at 281-290-3213 for L.I.F.E. program information or go online to LoneStar.edu.

#### HOLIDAY HAPPENING WITH A.L.L.

Celebrate the season with music, food and friends at the Dec. 10 Holiday Happening with LSC-CyFair's Academy for Lifelong Learning (A.L.L.) This event will be held at 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at Heritage Lodge at Towne Lake. A.L.L. is designed for adults age 50 and better. For information, send an e-mail to LSCCFCE@lonestar.edu or call 281-290-3460.

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### Tips for Teaching Children about Table Manners

Submitted by Rebecca Beavers

Teaching your children table manners may sound old fashioned, but it never goes out of style. Having good manners shows your respect for other people, and it's more than saying "please" and "thank you." It's about helping your children develop habits and behaviors that will help them relate to adults and other children in a positive way. "To make your family mealtime time special and relaxing, slow down, sit and talk with your children and expect good behavior. You will be pleasantly surprised at how much easier and enjoyable it will become," said Dr. Mary Zurn, vice president of education for Primrose Schools. "This is important because children with good manners often find it easier to make friends and get along with others at school and at home."

#### Dr. Zurn offers five table manners tips to get parents started:

1. Start early: Don't wait until you think your child is "old enough" to learn polite behavior. Just as children learn to crawl before they learn to walk, they also learn manners in stages. Even infants watch parents for rules of expected behavior. Very young children can learn to sign key phrases such as "please" or "thank you" and then transition to the spoken words around age two. By age three, children should be able to stay seated at mealtime if you sit down with them.

- 2. Give specific feedback: Children learn best when they receive specific feedback about their behavior which is far more effective than generic praise. For example, instead of saying, "Good job," you can say, "I'm so glad you set the table."
- 3. Encourage polite conversation: Children as young as two can learn to engage in polite conversation at the dinner table with the right kind of guidance. As you are at the table eating together, show them how to take turns listening, talking, and asking questions.
- 4. Set a good example: Make sure your words and actions match. Children watch parents all the time for behavior clues. For example, if you want your child to eat broccoli because it's a healthy food choice, you will need to let them see you enjoy eating it as well.
- 5. Create a routine: Children learn best from consistency because it helps them know what to expect. Start with the repetition of a few simple steps such as putting a napkin in your lap when you sit down. Create a routine that is easy for them to repeat and remember. For more tips from Dr. Zurn and a list of book suggestions on teaching your children table manners, visit www. Dr.ZandMe.com.





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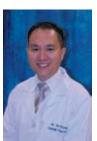
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Dr. Annie Hoang joined our practice in August of 2009. She graduated from Texas A & M University and finished her training in Family Practice at Texas Tech University. She is board certified in Family Medicine and has been providing comprehensive care for adults and children with compassion and kindness for the past 10 years. She welcomes all new patients to her practice.

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- Picante sauce

#### Directions

Mix the cream cheese, ham, and picante sauce together. Spread on tortillas and roll up. Refrigerate several hours, then slice.





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Same Kind of Different as Me by Ron Hall and Denver Moore

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Denver, an illiterate and homeless African American man from Louisiana has suffered at the hands of many throughout his life but through it all become a true messenger for God. The book begins with Denver recounting his heartbreaking life—from the back breaking work of picking cotton to seeing the people he loved most in the world disappear. The book so graphically reveals the gut wrenching life of a boy who wants for almost nothing, but is treated terribly.

Ron is a self-made millionaire whose heart was open to being guided by God, at the hands of his wife Deborah. Deborah—a person so filled with faith—heard God speak to her and conveyed these very specific and detailed visions to Ron (including seeing Denver's face even though they had not met him yet) and together, they became an integral part of a community of homeless people in Forth Worth, Texas. And this is where Ron's and Denver's lives intersected and forever changed.

The writing is relatable and each personality (the book alternates between Ron's and Denver's voices) is clearly unique and endearing. For example Ron, who worked on this grandpa's farm during summers writes of the land, "...the land is miserable, cursed with soil that may well be the original inspiration for cement."

The book addresses a question that all of us have asked, "Why did God let that happen?" It challenges faith in a very personal way. The book also encourages each of us to believe that God has a purpose for us, even if it isn't clear at this moment.

Same Kind of Different as Me demonstrates that the human spirit is fragile while at the same time immensely strong. It shows how trust, prayer and unconditional love can bring out amazing change and a life long friendship.

The book ended with a wonderful reminder, "...everybody's different...We're all just regular folks walkin down the road God done set in front of us...this earth ain't no final restin' place. So in a way, we is all homeless—just workin our way toward home."

Feel free to comment on this review, your thoughts on the book or suggest a book for me to review on my blog: http://brittsbuzz.blogspot.com.



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