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## Breaking News...

Legend Oaks 2 has a new Association Manager from RealManage. Her name is Jodie Walker, and she can be reached via the same RealManage Customer Service number: 512.219.1927. At press time, the transition was still in process, so look for more information about Jodie in future editions. Wanda Stevens is still our Assistant Manager.

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Our Recreation Committee has planned an Easter Egg Hunt for Saturday, April 3rd, at 10am in the park at the corner of Convict Hill & Escarpment. Bring the kids (or don't ;) and meet your neighbors!

*See you there!*

## *Is Effective Meetings an Oxymoron?*

*by Maura Thomas*

It doesn't have to be, although that seems to be status quo in larger companies these days, and sometimes even in smaller ones. Here are some things to consider to make meetings at your organization more effective.

Ask yourself if it's appropriate to have a meeting, or if there are other means available to solve the problem. A good question is "what's the GOAL of the meeting?" Fill in this blank: At the end of the meeting we will have \_\_\_\_\_." It's true that although people try every day, email is NOT the place for a group discussion. This just leads to bunches of emails for everyone involved to wade through, much of which is a waste of time. There are many web applications that are useful for gathering input from a team. If you're trying to find a convenient time to do something, consider a site like TimeWizard or WhenIsGood. If you are trying to collect input, take a look at Google Forms, which will drop the results into a spreadsheet in Google Docs for you, or Survey Monkey, which has a free option and a paid subscription.

As the meeting planner, after answering the question about the goal of the meeting, the next rule of an effective meeting is to have an agenda. Consider putting time limits, or at least guidelines, on each topic, and assigning a timekeeper and minute-taker at the meeting. Also, the minutes should be published, preferably in the body of an email, not as an attachment (it increases the likelihood that they will get read, or at least skimmed). This gives an opportunity to take a discussion off-line if necessary, keeps everyone on-track, and collects all the ideas and comments that come out of the meeting.

If you are a leader in your organization, consider whether the company culture allows people to "opt-out" of a meeting, or if it's just expected that everyone will attend who is invited. Allowing for an option gives employees control over their workday, which is an essential factor in job satisfaction. As an attendee, make sure you understand what part you will be expected to play in the meeting, and whether or not it is useful to your current objectives. Invitations to meetings that have no agenda and haven't addressed the goal should be considered carefully. These have the potential to be a huge time sink.

The effectiveness of every meeting depends, lastly, on three critical questions posed at the end, and recorded in the minutes:

1. WHAT'S the next action?

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## Legendary Times Stork Report

The Stork Visits Jumano Lane Again!

Jonas Andrew Dietsch presented himself to the world on Tuesday, February 23rd, at 2:56pm.

6 pounds 11oz, 20.5",  
10 fingers, 10 toes.

Mom and baby are doing well.

Baby Jonas was welcomed by Mom Patty, Dad Vince, and Big Brother Erik Dietsch



### Effective Meetings- (Continued from Cover Page)

2. WHO is responsible?
3. WHEN is the due date?

Having these questions and answers recorded in the minutes creates accountability through publicity. It's much easier to miss a deadline when no one knows you have it. When it's a public deadline, people are much more likely to meet it.

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Austin Newcomers is a social organization dedicated to introducing residents to the Austin Community and giving them the opportunity to meet and make new friends. Join us at our monthly luncheon as well as take the opportunity to learn about and become involved in many of the varied fun Interest groups.

**TIME: 11:00 AM Social - 12 Noon Luncheon**

**DATE: April 21, 2010**

*(Reservations required by Thursday, April 15th)*

**LOCATION: Green Pastures Restaurant  
811 W Live Oak Street, Austin, 78704**

**LUNCHEON COST: \$20 per person**

**For Luncheon Reservations email:**

**LuncheonDirector@AustinNewcomers.com**

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*For other Newcomers information visit*

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**APRIL PROGRAM: Jed Cecil - Art of Whistling**

Centuries ago, when an orchestra was short an instrument, they called in a trained whistler to whistle the part of that instrument. That art of whistling is seeing a revival, and we will have with us, Jed Ceci such a trained whistler. He'll tell us stories about whistling, and as he said, he'll whistle for his lunch. What a fascinating program this will be!

Jed began to study piano at age four, viola at eleven, orchestral conducting at fifteen, and went on to study at the Juilliard School. There followed a "long and winding road encompassing diverse careers," one as Executive Director of the Abilene Philharmonic Orchestra.

His performances have included Nashville's "Woman's Musicale," and the BACHanalia Festival for the last five years. The Cape Cod Repertory Theater has used Jed's recordings. In March, Jed will be back in Nashville, performing with the Nashville Symphony Orchestra. He made his "Austin art whistling debut" at the University of Texas Lamp program last year.

This will be such an unusual and delightful program.

Please join us!

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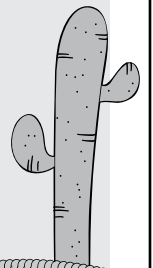
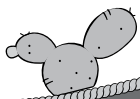
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### BOOK SIGNING - *Saturday, April 3*

Nathan Jensen signs his new children's book, *Rattlesnake Rules*, 1 to 3 p.m. and Jerry Wehrmund signs *Soil—More than Just Dirt*, 1 to 4 p.m.

### SECOND ANNUAL WILDFLOWER CENTER

EGG HUNT - *Easter Sunday, April 4, Noon to 1 p.m.*

### SPRING PLANT SALE & GARDENING FESTIVAL *April 9 - 11*

Members' Sale, 1 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 9. Public Sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 10 and 11



### JEAN ANDREWS LECTURE

*Wednesday, April 14*

*In the auditorium, 7 p.m.*

### BOOK SIGNING IN THE STORE -

*Saturday, April 17*

Jan Wrede signs *Trees, Shrubs & Vines of the Texas Hill Country* noon to 3 p.m.

### NATIVE PLANT SPRING SYMPOSIUM: THE STATE OF TEXAS TREES

*Saturday, April 24*

This one-day meeting will focus on urban native tree programs, state conservation initiatives and individual species. Sponsored by the Native Plant Society of Texas and the Wildflower Center. Register at [www.wildflower.org](http://www.wildflower.org).

### EARTH DAY WEEKEND - *Saturday, April 24*

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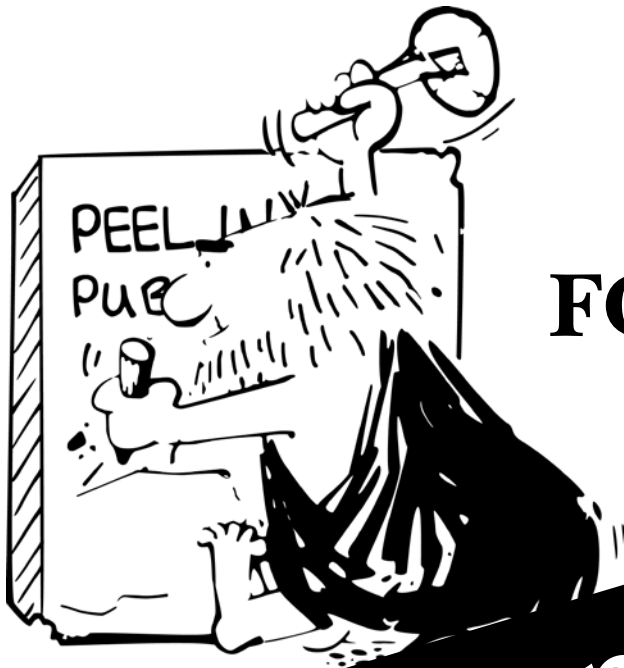
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