

### **2010 Spring Recruiting Drive**

The Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department will host a series of recruiting open houses at three of our fire stations this month to educate and inform those interested in joining one of the largest volunteer fire departments in the nation.

The volunteer fire service was started in this country by Ben Franklin. For more than 250 years the volunteer fire service has continued this tradition of "neighbors helping neighbors". But over the past two decades the number of volunteer firefighters nationally has decreased by around 8%. The Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department has almost 400 volunteers today. The Cy-Fair VFD provides community based fire, EMS, and rescue services for 156 sq miles of Northwest Harris County using 12 fire stations. We provide all the necessary training and equipment needed. We have members from all walks of life including doctors, lawyers, bankers, realtors, career firefighters, teachers, mechanics, welders, nurses, and stay at home parents. The only requirements are to have your high school diploma or GED, be 18 yrs old, and pass a drug and background check. The volunteers of the Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department save the tax payers of our area over \$28 million each year.

For anyone interested in volunteering there are a number of reasons to join:

• The satisfaction of helping others in your community especially when they are in need



- To gain experience and education in a wide variety of topics including - firefighting, emergency medical services, hazardous materials, fire codes, sprinkler systems and alarm systems
- Meet and work with others in your community, gain a sense of camaraderie with others by working together

Whatever your age or physical abilities there is something you can do at your local fire house to help out! While firefighters are needed, there are many other jobs where you could help:

- Drivers and pump operators are essential to all emergency operations (you can't get there without a driver!)
- Support personnel at the scene to move hoses, get equipment, etc.
- EMS personnel are needed for both first responders and ambulances
- Fire prevention teachers, people to help with truck maintenance and fire station maintenance are also needed.

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#### American Business Women's Association Cy-Fair Express Network (CYFEN)

Event:	Cy-Fair Express Network
	Monthly Networking
	Luncheon
When:	May 27, 2010
Time:	11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Where:	Houston National Golf
	Club
	16500 Houston National
	Blvd
	Houston, TX. 77095

#### Networking and Business Luncheon

Cy-Fair Express Network invites you to their monthly meeting and luncheon. Lots of fun, networking, and giveaways. Bring plenty of business cards. Please make reservations by May 21 to Anya Lucas @ (713)459-2331 or anya@lucascarcare.com. More information @ www.cyfen.org.

Our mission is to bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support, and national recognition.

## **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

#### **EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

EMERGENCY	
Fire	
Ambulance	
Harris County Sheriff	713-221-6000
Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Dept. Bus. Office	281-550-6663

#### AREA HOSPITALS

Cy-Fair Medical Center	281-897-3300
North Cypress Medical Center	. 281-477-0830
Willowbrook Methodist	. 281-477-1000

#### SCHOOLS

Cy-Fair ISD	
Warner Elementary School	
Spillane Middle School	
Cy Woods High School	
Cy Fair High School	

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#### 2010 Recruiting Drive - (Continued from Cover Page)

- IT personnel to assist with our computers, network, website, and printers
- Help with fundraising and other fire company functions

Please attend one of our open houses and find out how you can help out at your local fire station. If you cannot make one of the dates please call us at 281-550-6663 to speak with a Public Information Officer.

# *Recruiting Open House Dates and Locations:*

- Sun May 23 at 6 pm Station 2 11210 Tower Oaks Blvd, Houston TX 77065 (near Jones Rd and FM 1960)
- Mon May 24 at 7 pm Station 5 16035 Aspenglen North, Houston TX 77084 (Off Hwy 6 just north of Clay Rd)
- Wed May 26 at 7 pm Station 10 11310 Steeplecrest, Houston TX 77065 (near West Rd and Jones RD)



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### Annual 12th Russian Children's Folk Festival 2010

Happy Families has been sponsoring orphaned children to participate in our Russian Children's Folk Festival since 1981! We plan to bring 15-20 children ages 6-12 from orphanages in the Kaliningrad region with their chaperones to Houston, TX in June 2010. The children will be staying with host families for 2 weeks.

School age children are one of the most deprived groups of Russian orphans. They have few chances for a bright future in Russia. The festival gives them a unique opportunity to see a different world outside of their orphanages.

These annual events have found much attention from the media, including coverage on ABC's Good Morning America and New York Times and many more. See details at www.happyfamilies.org. What are the requirements to bring a child? Happy Families needs to raise about \$2,000 to bring each participant. This covers airfare, transportation in Russia, passports, visas, medical insurance, translation and coordination. We are asking for your support and participation in this project. Please contact us for additional information on how you can help. Sincerely,

Svetlana Startz Director, Russian Children's Festival Svetlana@happyfamilies.org 281-871-8008

Trinh Le, Ph.D. Parent Volunteer trinhtole@hotmail.com 281-304-4361

# **Cy-Fair Storm**

The 2002 Cy-Fair Storm is looking for 2 - 3 solid players to complete our roster. We practice 3 times a week at

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We will meet the 1st Monday of each month at IHOP on Hwy 290 (Next to CVS on Fry Road) between 5:30 am and 8:00 am.

Come by have a cup of coffee and get the latest events and happenings in the Industry. If you have any questions please feel free to email me at Kevin.Kays@sbcglobal.net

# The Daughters of the American Revolution

Elisha Roberts Chapter, NSDAR meets every third Thursday at Meson 1910 Mexican Restaurant on Mason Rd. The Daughters of the American Revolution is open to any woman 18 years or older who can prove direct lineage to an ancestor who fought in the American Revolution or provided patriot service. Our new chapter is looking for members. If you are interested in joining, please stop by and say hello...meetings start at 7 pm. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me: Laura Neal at lizardsareicky@ sbcglobal.net or 281-256-3545.

# TCF

#### The Cooper Foundation A Non-Profit Organization for grieving families

The Cooper Foundation is looking for volunteer facilitators to assist with peer support groups for grieving children and teens. No special skills are required, all training is provided. The volunteer time commitment is three hours, every other week, during the school year.

The next training sessions will be held on April 20th and May 4th, from 6:00pm - 9:00pm. You must attend both sessions. For more information, please e-mail Jaine@thecooperfoundation.org, or visit our web-site at www.Thecooperfoundation.org.

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### Houston Premium Outlets® Begins Construction For Expansion Upscale Outlet Center to Expand to 145 Stores

Just over two years after its successful opening, Houston Premium Outlets<sup>®</sup> has started construction on a major expansion. The center's Phase II expansion will bring the total number of stores at the center to 145 designer and name-brand outlet stores, adding 114,000 square feet of gross leasable area (GLA) bringing the center to 541,000 square feet. New stores will be open in time for the Holiday 2010 shopping season. More than 25 new stores will be added including Saks Fifth Avenue Off 5th which will become the center's largest store, A/X Armani Exchange, Esprit, J.Crew, Joe's Jeans, Lacoste, Talbots and many others to be announced at a later date. Houston Premium Outlets is part of the Premium Outlets portfolio of outlet centers owned by Simon Property Group.

With 120 stores, Houston Premium Outlets offers savvy shoppers upscale outlet shopping, with an impressive collection of brands including Adidas, Ann Taylor, BCBG Max Azria, Brooks Brothers, Burberry, Calphalon Kitchen Outlet, Coach, Cole Haan, Elie Tahari, Juicy Couture, Kate Spade, Kenneth Cole, Le Creuset, Michael Kors, Nike, Tag Heuer, Tommy Hilfiger, True Religion and more. With everyday savings of 25 to 65 percent, this outdoor center has quickly become a shopping destination for fashion and value-conscious shoppers.

Houston Premium Outlets offers discerning shoppers an impressive variety of merchandise including designer apparel for women, men and children, shoes, fashion accessories, high quality leather goods, housewares, gifts and more. The single level outdoor village has a southwest architectural and creates a pleasant, upscale atmosphere for shoppers. While pedestrian courtyards are outdoors, there is sufficient coverage to provide all-weather shopping comfort. Individual outlet stores are reminiscent of boutiques found in the finest shopping districts of the world.

"We are pleased to be expanding Houston Premium Outlets not only to fulfill merchant demand for space, but also to satisfy shoppers' desire to have an even greater selection of brands at impressive savings," said Michele Rothstein, Senior Vice President - Marketing for Premium Outlets, the outlet division of Simon Property Group. In addition to the more than 500 jobs being created during construction, this expansion will add over 250 new retail jobs

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#### Houston Premium Outlets - (Continued from Page 6)

to the community. "We are thrilled that our center is providing not only great outlet shopping but is also supporting the community by creating new jobs and assisting in the overall economic growth for the area. The expansion of the center will enable us to enhance these benefits."

The center has a centrally located food court, and offers a wide range of customer services including an Information Center providing area and merchant information, stroller and wheelchair rentals, gift cards and ATMs. The center offers special benefits to tours and groups. An online VIP Shopper Club offers members added savings with no fee to join. Members can enter the online VIP Lounge and download exclusive savings offers from merchants, coupon book vouchers – worth hundreds of dollars of additional savings, find shopping tips and more.

Houston Premium Outlets is conveniently located off of U.S. Highway 290 between Mason Road and Fairfield Place in Cypress, TX. Information about Houston Premium Outlets is available online at www. premiumoutlets.com/houston.





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Whether you are sending your first Aggie off to College Station or your last, we invite you to join us this year and be a part of this special group of women! Plan to attend one of the informal mixers held in neighborhoods across the Northwest Harris County area this summer. Our annual Howdy Party will be on Tuesday, August 10th at the Houston Distributing Company conveniently located near Willowbrook Mall at the corner of 7100 High Life Drive and Cutten Road.

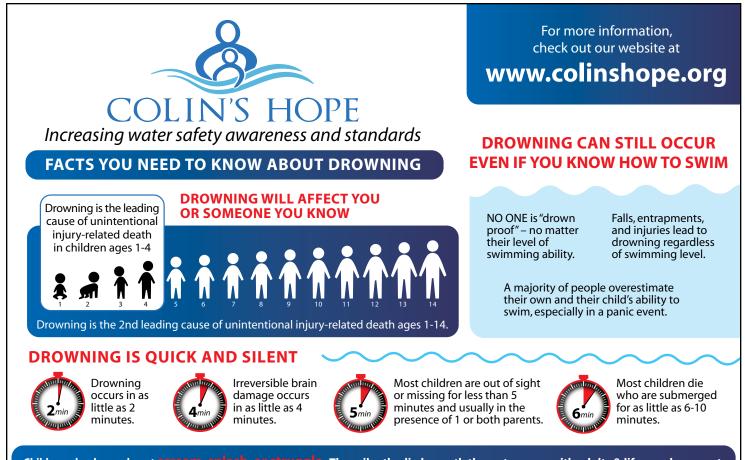
Please check our website at www. nwhcaggiemoms.org for a list of dates and locations or contact Vickie Hamley at 713-466-4494 for more information. We look forward to meeting all our Aggie Moms!



#### H-E-B Cypress Market is Recognized as a B.E.S.T. Business by the Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District

The Cy-Fair ISD and the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce are pleased to announce that H-E-B Cypress Market has received the B.E.S.T. Business recognition for their ongoing relationship with the school district. H-E-B was spotlighted at the February 16th Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce General Membership Luncheon for their dedication to supporting the educational goals of students and staff of the district.

They are actively involved as a participant in campus and district events such as Bus Buddies, Junior Achievement, the CFISD Livestock Show and Sale and serving on district advisory boards and campus and district committees.



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# **May Texas Events**

- 15—HOUSTON: Birding Walk & Talk Begins at 8:30 a.m. Sheldon Lake State Park. 281/456-2800 ext. 222
- 15—HOUSTON: Houston Masterworks Chorus World-class orchestra and singers present The Brahms Requiem at 7:30 p.m. Morris Cultural Arts Center Houston Baptist University. www. houstonmasterworks.org 713/529-8900
- **15—NEEDVILLE:** Junior Angler Education Workshop Learn the basics of fishing through hands-on instruction. Brazos Bend State Park. 979/553-5124
- 15—PORT ARTHUR: Cajun Celebration Includes bands and dancing. Jefferson County Singles Club. 409/983-5118
- **15—VICTORIA:** Market Day Special Events Area Riverside Park. www.victoriatx.org 361/485-3200
- 15-16—HOUSTON: Houston Scottish Highland Games & Celtic Festival This event helps foster an interest in the culture and heritage of Scotland and preserve Scottish and Celtic traditions. Farm & Ranch Club. www.houston highlandgames.com 713/871-0061
- 15-16—ORANGE: Texas Cajun Heritage Festival & Speckled Trout USA Fishing Tournament Features live Cajun bands, Cajun foods, Cajun arts & crafts, dancing, carnival and trout tournament. 1000 Simmons Drive. www.orangetexas.org 409/883-1011
- **15-16—PORT ARANSAS:** Anglers on Wheels This fishing tournament is for families and friends of physically challenged individuals. Woody's Sport Center. www.ditwtexas.org 210/254-2310
- **15-17—PORT ARANSAS:** Songwriters Showcase/Art Festival Arts & crafts booths are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday. Local singers/songwriters perform on Monday evening. Tarpon Inn Courtyard. www.thetarponinn.com 361/749-7334

- 16—HOUSTON: Annual GTO Car Show Features more than 75 muscle cars on display and competition. Cars of all sorts show up — from GTOs and Corvettes, to Malibus, Firebirds and classics from the 1920s. Traders Village. www.tradersvillage.com 281/890-5500
- 16—LA PORTE: 20th Annual Monumental Bug Bash All makes and models of VWs are welcome. San Jacinto State Park. www.bayarea vwclub.com 832/205-2300
- 16—NEEDVILLE: Sunday Morning Birding Hikes Begins at 8 a.m. Brazos Bend State Park. 979/553-5124
- **21-Jun. 20—HOUSTON:** Mrs. Mannerly Alley Theatre. 713/228-9341
- **21-Jul. 3—VICTORIA:** Exhibit: Maurice Robert's Photography Traffic Report Nave Museum. www.victorialregionalmuseum. com 361/575-8227
- 22—LAKE JACKSON: Brazosport Symphony Orchestra Concert Begins at 7:30 p.m. The Clarion. www.clarion.brazosport.edu 979/230-3658
- **22-23—HOUSTON:** Ninth Annual Country Roots Music Festival Takes the audience back to the roots of "real" country, with two afternoons of juke box covers and original tunes reminiscent of the honky tonk days. Traders Village. www.tradersvillage.com 281/890-5500
- **22-23—ROCKPORT:** Festival of Wines Texas Maritime Museum. www.texasmaritimemuseum.org 361/729-1271
- 23—CORPUS CHRISTI: Cathedral's Silver Anniversary Gala Concert Features members of the Cathedral Music Ministry and the Cathedral Festival Orchestra. Begins at 6 p.m. Corpus Christi Cathedral. 361/888-7444

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- **25—SAN BENITO**: San Benito High School Conjunto Band Concerts Enjoy the traditional sounds of Conjunto music by San Benito's young musicians at 6:30 p.m. W.H. Heavin Amphitheater. 956/361-3804 ext. 302
- 27, 29-30—HOUSTON: Pecos Houston Ballet. Wortham Theater Center. www.houstonballet.org 713/523-6300
- **29—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND:** Memorial Weekend Fireworks Begins at 9:15 p.m. Between Marlin & Red Snapper Street on Laguna Madre Bay. 956/761-6433
- **29-30—CORPUS CHRISTI:** Art in the Gardens Includes art & craft items by local artisans for sale. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. South Texas Botanical Gardens and Nature Center. www.stxbot. org 361/852-2100
- **29-30—PORT ARTHUR:** S.A.L.T. Fishing Rodeo Enjoy a fishing tournament inshore and offshore with a children's category. Pleasure Island. 409/963-0433

**29-30—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND:** SPI Beach Volleyball Tournament Boomerang Billy's at Surf Motel. 956/761-3005

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meeting for Cypress on the second Thursday of each month.

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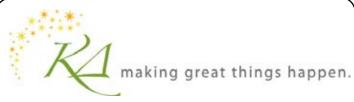
For more information, please call 281-373-9337.



### We the People of Cypress/Waller 9/12 Project Group

NEXT MEETING: Second Thursday of each month

Location: IHOP Restaurant on Hwy 290 @ Rosehill For more information, please call Kerry LaLonde at 281-373-9337.



### Attention Kappa Delta Sisters ...

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# - Kids Stuff-

## Section for Kids with news, puzzles, games and more! Why Exercise Is Cool

Kids exercise all the time without even thinking of it. Just being active, like when you run around outside or play kickball at school, is a kind of exercise. What else counts as exercise? Playing sports, dancing, doing push-ups, and even reaching down to touch your toes.

When you exercise, you're helping build a strong body that will be able to move around and do all the stuff you need it to do.Try to be active every day and your body will thank you later!

### EXERCISE MAKES YOUR HEART HAPPY

You may know that your heart is a muscle. It works hard, pumping blood every day of your life. You can help this important muscle get stronger by doing aerobic (say: airo-bik) exercise.

Aerobic means "with air," so aerobic exercise is a kind of activity that requires oxygen. When you breathe, you take in oxygen, and, if you're doing aerobic exercise, you may notice you're breathing faster than normal.Aerobic activity can get your heart pumping, make you sweaty, and quicken your breathing.

When you give your heart this kind of workout on a regular basis, your heart will get even better at its main job — delivering oxygen (in the form of oxygen-carrying blood cells) to all parts of your body.

So you want to do some aerobic exercise right now? Try swimming, basketball, ice or roller hockey, jogging (or walking quickly), inline skating, soccer, cross-country skiing, biking, or rowing. And don't forget that skipping, jumping rope, and playing hopscotch are aerobic activities, too!

#### EXERCISE STRENGTHENS MUSCLES

Another kind of exercise can help make your muscles stronger. Did you ever do a push-up or swing across the monkey bars at the playground? Those are exercises that can build strength. By using your muscles to do powerful things, you can make them stronger. For older teens and adults, this kind of workout can make muscles bigger, too.

Here are some exercises and activities to build strong muscles:

- push-ups
- pull-ups
- tug-of-war
- rowing
- running
- inline skating
- bike riding

## EXERCISE MAKES YOU FLEXIBLE

Can you touch your toes easily without yelling ouch? Most kids are pretty flexible, which means that they can bend and stretch their bodies without much trouble. This kind of exercise often feels really good, like when you take a big stretch in the morning after waking up. Being flexible is having "full range of motion," which means you can move your arms and legs freely without feeling tightness or pain.

It's easy to find things to do for good flexibility:

- tumbling and gymnasticsyoga
- dancing, especially ballet
- martial arts
- simple stretches, such as touching your toes or side stretches

### EXERCISE KEEPS THE BALANCE

Food gives your body fuel in the form of calories, which are a kind of energy. Your body needs a certain amount of calories every day just to function, breathe, walk around, and do all the basic stuff. But if you're active, your body needs an extra measure of calories or energy. If you're not very active, your body won't need as many calories.

Whatever your calorie need is, if you eat enough to meet that need, your body weight will stay about the same. If you eat more calories than your body needs, it may be stored as excess fat.

### EXERCISE MAKES YOU FEEL GOOD

It feels good to have a strong, flexible body that can do all the activities you enjoy — like running, jumping, and playing with your friends. It's also fun to be good at something, like scoring a basket, hitting a home run, or perfecting a dive.

But you may not know that exercising can actually put you in a better mood. When you exercise, your brain releases a chemical called endorphins (say: en-dor-funz), which may make you feel happier. It's just another reason why exercise is cool!

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\$276,000\$350,000	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
\$231,000\$275,000	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	0	0	0
\$201,000\$230,000	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0
\$200,000 and below	0	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	3	0
Total	3	3	3	3	2	4	4	1	3	1
Highest \$/sq ft	\$85.34	\$96.37	\$112.57	\$80.11	\$93.18	\$95.07	\$145.25	\$84.70	\$74.26	\$85.00

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