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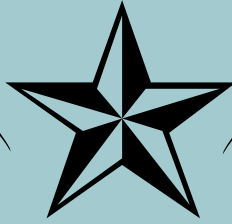
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Do you take great photos? Would you like to see your photo published? We are looking for great cover photos for upcoming issues of the Ranch Record.

- Requirements for submission:
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We'd love to have something that pertains to this time of the year in some way, such as a majestic sunset, a Thanksgiving gathering or just a nice Fall photo. Our November issue submittal deadline is October 7th and photos should be submitted electronically by the deadline date to Sharon Adams at sharon@steinerranchhoa.org.

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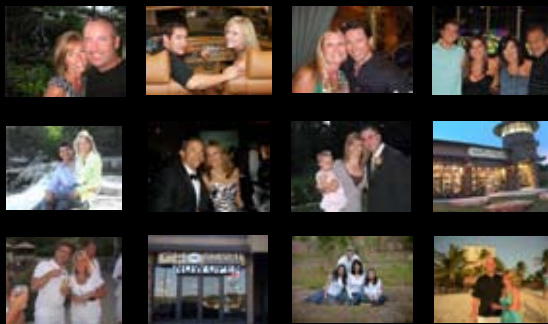
Welcome, newcomers to Steiner Ranch! If you have recently purchased a home here, you will receive an invitation to the Newcomer Orientation held on Thursday, October 7th at 7:00pm in the Towne Square Community Center at 12550 Country Trails Lane. You will have the opportunity to become better acquainted with your new community, as well as with other new homeowners. A brief presentation will be given on the history of Steiner Ranch, the organization of the homeowners associations, the homeowner committees, the assessment rates, and community rules and regulations. A representative from the developer, Taylor Woodrow Communities/Steiner Ranch, Ltd., will be available to answer questions about the future development plans for Steiner Ranch. Light refreshments will be served.

Not able to attend? We have scheduled one more this year, so plan to come to a future orientation on December 2nd.

Have you lived here a while and never attended an orientation? Do you want to know more about Steiner Ranch? We would love to have you come and join us.

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A treat is in store for the moms of Steiner Ranch! Bestselling author, Jane Porter, is coming to chat with you, drink some margaritas and sign copies of her latest novel, *She's Gone Country*. Known for her book *Flirting with Forty*, which was made into a Lifetime movie with Heather Locklear, Porter's other known novels, *Mrs. Perfect* and *Odd Mom Out*, are currently being considered for TV pilots as well.

She's Gone Country is a story about Shey Darcy, a 39-year-old mom and former top model who led a charmed life in New York City with a handsome photographer husband until the day he announced he'd fallen in love with someone else. Left to pick up the pieces of her once happy world, Shey moves home to Texas with her three sons. Life on the family ranch, however, brings with it a whole new host of dramas starting with differences of opinion with her mother, her overprotective brothers and daily battles with her three sons who are also struggling to find themselves. Add to the mix Shey's ex-crush, Dane Kelly, a national bullriding champ, and she's got her hands full. It doesn't take long before Shey realizes that in order to reinvent herself, she must let go of an uncertain future and a broken past, to find happiness—and maybe love—in the present.

Come on down to the Towne Square Community Center at 7:30pm on Friday, October 15 to meet and visit with Jane while enjoying some girly time with wine, margaritas and appetizers. Jane will chat a little bit about what it's like to be a mom of three and a professional author, she'll sign some books and visit with you and your friends.

To RSVP to this exclusive Steiner Ranch event, please email farrellkh@verizon.net. See you at the Ranch with Jane Porter!

2010 Steiner Ranch Social Events

Oct 8-10 - Scrapbooking
Marathon

Oct 15 - Mom's Night
on the Ranch

Oct 17 - Pumpkin Patch

Oct 31 - Halloween Event

Nov 6 - Camping on the
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Nov 13 - Holiday Sales Event
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The merchants and businesses of Steiner Ranch held the third annual Steiner Ranch Concert in the Park on Saturday, August 21st, which brought out approximately 5000 local residents to enjoy time with friends and neighbors.

The featured band was Red Alert, a local 80's cover band that played well into the evening, as well as the Vandegrift High School Viper Marching Band, the cheer squad and the Legacies Dance Team. The Vipers opened the event with an awesome performance that they worked on during the Summer months. Additional performances were giving by the 26-Music Rock Camp students and the crowd enjoyed martial arts demonstrations by local studios.

Throughout the event, participants were able to enjoy many activities for the entire family including face painting, wall climbing, jumping on inflatables and a huge Slip-N-Slide down a hill, which was provided and operated by Gene Arant.

We'd like to thank the Steiner Ranch Community for coming out for this event and making it the largest and most anticipated event of the year!



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Come to the John Simpson Park on Sunday, October 17th from Noon – 5:00pm and pick-out your Halloween Pumpkin!

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Admission to the event is FREE! Pre-registration is not required.

We need help! If you are you a Girl Scout, Boy Scout, member of the National Junior Honor Society or National Honor Society, then this would be a great way to earn "service points". If you can help run one of the games or help with the craft activity, please contact Sharon Adams, Community Coordinator at sharon@steinerranchhoa.org.

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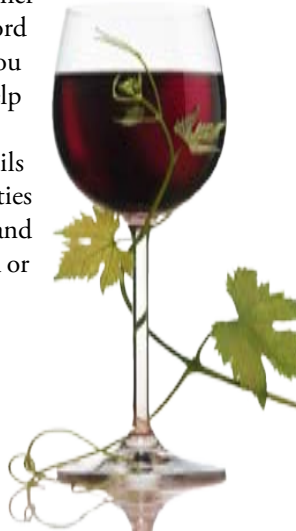
Autumn has arrived, and with it a series of activities for the "Young at Heart". The first event of the season is a Wine and Cheese Social on October 16th Sign up at www.steinerranchhoa.org. Meet friends ... old and new ... around a warming fire on the patio of the Bella Mar Community Center while sampling a variety of wine and cheeses.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 14th when Young at Heart will be having their next event, a "Southern Louisiana Fish Fry"!

Young at Heart is a group of Steiner Ranch couples and singles, generally with no children living at home. Although most activities are planned with Steiner Ranch's more mature residents in mind, people of all ages are very welcome! Our activities provide wonderful opportunities to meet other people with common interests. Some events involve large groups and take place in a public room while other groups are smaller and are held in someone's home. Some are occasional, while others meet regularly.

Among the activities the Young at Heart offers are Book Club, Bridge and a Ladies Group. The Ladies Group plans visits to local attractions in the Austin area. A Hiking/Walking group is being formed and is looking for a leader. If you'd like to join the Bridge group, please contact Nancy Harger at n_harger@yahoo.com or Ellen Kendrick at ellenken@sbcglobal.net. For information about the Book Club, please contact Melinda Pyle at melindapyle@att.net. To learn more about the Ladies group and their upcoming activities, please contact Judy Murff at judymurff@gmail.com. A group is planning a regular Game Night (board games, cards, etc.); details will be coming soon! Watch for information about other groups and activities in the Ranch Record and on the Steiner Ranch website. If you have an idea for a group and want to help organize it, please contact us.

Anyone who wants to receive emails about upcoming Young at Heart activities should send their name, phone number and email address to cherylburnaw@aol.com or dottie.thoms@gmail.com.



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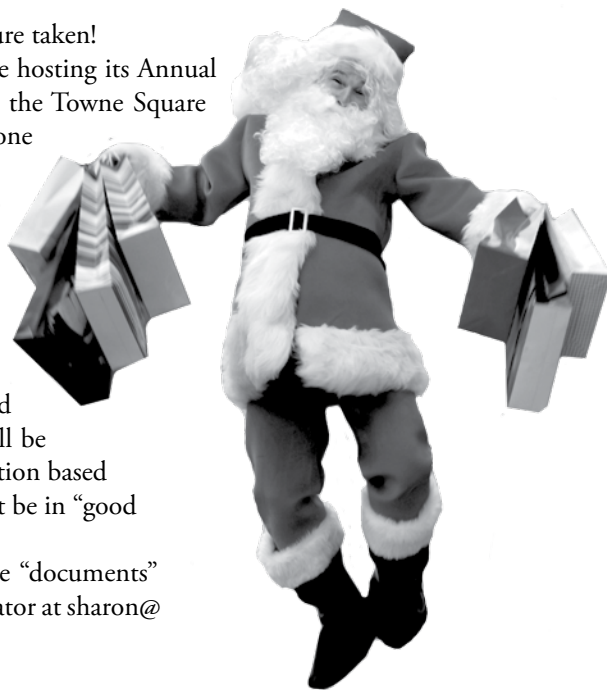
Enjoy Holiday Shopping and visit Santa!

Santa Claus will be here for you to tell him what you want and get your picture taken!

To get you in the Holiday spirit, the Steiner Ranch Social Committee will be hosting its Annual Holiday Sales event on Saturday, November 13th from 10:00am - 2:00pm at the Towne Square Community Center. You can come and get all of your Holiday shopping done without ever leaving Steiner Ranch.

Want to be a Vendor? Do you make fabulous jewelry? Are you an artist? Do you have a home based business or service? Then become a vendor and show Steiner Ranch what you can offer. Check with Sharon Adams at the Association Office to see if applications are still being accepted. Three areas are dedicated for vendor space. Vendor spaces inside the Community Center are available at a fee of \$60.00 and spaces outside in the covered pavilion & uncovered veranda are \$40.00. (Heaters are provided). Spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration fees must be paid to reserve your space, and no refunds will be made after November 1st. Steiner Ranch reserves the right to deny any application based on content or similarities to/duplication of products or services. Residents must be in "good standing" with the Association.

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When: Saturday November 6th

6:00pm

Where: Towne Square Community Fields

Texas Rib King will be serving up BBQ with all the fixens for you to enjoy! You can either purchase this dinner by November 1st for \$10 each (\$12 after November 1st) or you can bring your own picnic dinner for you and your kids. Register for this event by November 1st. Register on-line or you can download a registration form at www.steinerranchhoa.org.

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Trails Update

The HOA has purchased and installed signs which direct hikers to stay on the trails. A resident has removed some of these signs. This is your money being wasted. Your trails continue to show the problems of safety and erosion due to short-cutting and rogue trails. If you see these problems be sure to stay off these areas and allow them to re-vegetate. With the big rains the plants have grown up. Remember you can always stomp down or cut off big plants which encroach on the approved trail. DIY trail maintenance: If you see a branch hanging over the trail where it could be hazardous, just bring a hand saw on your next trip and cut it off. Note that any other cutting is never allowed in the greenbelts. Only your HOA is allowed to make trail repairs or reroutes - see below.

Want to enjoy the wonderful fall weather with the family? How about a guided hike in some of the most pristine wild areas around town? Sign up for the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve Hike and Lecture Series along with your family. Visit <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/water/wildland/bcphikelectureseries.htm> to register.

Is your favorite trail in need of repair or in need of better sign




locations? If you see a problem on the trails, call the HOA at 266-7553 or visit <http://www.steinerranchhoa.org> under "Report A Problem." Be specific about the location on the trail, the problem you see, your ideas for a solution, and your contact information.

Construction of any kind is not allowed on the greenbelts or along trails. Your HOA dollars are wasted paying for labor to remove structures such as forts, and the responsible parties are subject to fines. If you see any construction, take a picture and contact the HOA.

Recently a resident was injured when he fell against one of the T-posts which have been installed in some of our older trails. Please be careful around these T-posts as we work to remove them from the trail system.

Only the HOA is authorized to create trails in Steiner Ranch. Unfortunately, someone has been cutting down trees in our greenbelt trying to make rogue trail. These are not authorized trails and are actually dangerous routes. We don't wish to spend your HOA money trying to close and re-vegetate rogue trails. Instead, we want to hear from those who want new trails because we are actively looking at

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routes within Steiner to expand our trail system. Would you like to help us plan new trails? Contact your trails committee to get involved at 632-0162 or come to the next Trails Committee meeting on Wednesday Oct. 6 at 7:30PM at Bella Mar. All residents are welcome to attend. A trail signage project team is now forming: We are designing a system of labels for our trail sign posts. To get connected and volunteer your design skills, contact the trails committee at (512) 632-0162.

If you see any rogue trail cutting or dangerous activity, including motorcycles anywhere on the trails or in the parks, take a picture and call the Travis County Sheriff West Command at (512) 854-9728 and the HOA. Remember, your trails are private and are for your use, and your accompanied guests' use only.

**BY RICH KEITH,
TRAILS COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON**

FALL POOL HOURS

The pool hours for all of the swimming pools in Steiner Ranch will remain the same as our Summer Schedule until the water becomes cold enough to turn on the heater at the Bella Mar Lap pool.

BELLA MAR

Closed Monday until 2:00pm

Lap Pool: Tue-Sun
5:30am – 10:00pm

Master's Swim Program –

Wed. & Friday 5:30am – 6:45am;
Sunday 6:30am – 7:45am

VHS Swimming -

Monday & Wed. 6:30am - 9:00am
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
7:10am – 9:15am

Lap lanes will be available to lap swimmers during these sessions.

***Please note that the Bella Mar pool will have reduced hours once the temperature of the Lap Pool warrants the need to turn the heater on and cover the pool.*

TOWNE SQUARE

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Tuesday – Sunday 8:00am – 10:00pm
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SHOOTING STARS RECAP



Now that school is in full swing and summer vacations have been taken, we would like to congratulate all of our Shooting Stars swimmers on a successful four week session. At the last day of practice on August 12th, all swimmers got a chance to race Head Coach and Olympian Brendan Hansen which put a big smile on their faces. An even bigger smile appeared when each swimmer got a chance to have their picture taken with Coach Brendan while wearing his 2008 Beijing Olympic Gold Medal. Swimmers ended their practice with getting medals of their own and enjoying cookies and lemonade. We would like to thank our coaching staff who spent each day in the heat and sun, teaching and perfecting the strokes of all swimmers.

Coaching Staff for Shooting Stars 2010:

- Head Coach: Brendan Hansen
- Assistant Coaches: Sam Naccarato, Karl Dedow, Mary Onderick, Tom Gerken, Thomas Fisher
- Volunteer Assistants: Gretta Smith, Cierra Jacobsen, Karina Batek

If you are interested in knowing more about the programs offered by the Steiner Stars, please visit www.steinerstars.org.

2011 registration information should be posted in February.

Swimming Program for Adults

Will Continue this Fall/Winter

Come join the Masters Swim Program! The workouts are adjusted for everyone from beginners all the way to advanced -- no swim experience needed!! No intimidation allowed!! If you can swim one length of the pool, then you are ready to join in on the fun. Currently, we have "newbies" who haven't ever participated in organized adult swim classes, new and experienced triathletes who want to improve the swim part of their triathlons, and experienced master's swimmers looking to enjoy an organized swim workout. Regardless of your skill level, you will find a lane with swimmers who match your ability and enthusiasm.

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Our swim schedule is as follows:

Wed. and Fri. at 5:30 a.m. until 6:45 a.m.

Sun. at 6:30 a.m. until 7:45 a.m.

\$30 per month for Residents

Come on and give it a try! It's easy to sign up:

1. You must be 18 yrs. and older.
2. Join U. S. Masters Swimming! To be eligible to compete in masters' meets, to get a great magazine, and for HOA insurance purposes, go to the United States Masters swimming website, www.usms.org/reg and join our team Red Giants Masters swimming. You can print your card immediately and take a copy to the HOA office.
3. Fill out the Program Registration form at the HOA office, provide a copy your USMS card and submit payment!

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Steiner Ranch History Corner

The First Woman on the Chisholm Trail

Did you know that the old Chisholm Trail ran right through Williamson County on its way to the stockyards in Abilene, Kansas? It took several months to drive the beef cattle up to market. When a family took this long, slow trip sometimes they were so exhausted they would spend the winter in Kansas.

This was the case with Hattie Standefer, who was the first woman to travel the Chisholm Trail. Hattie was not a native Texan. Her parents came from Cherokee County, Alabama in 1846. They settled in what now is Cedar Park on the prairie, where their possessions were meager. For example, Hattie wrote that their kitchen consisted of a skillet and a metal spoon. Her mother ground corn by shelling it on a large rock and driving the family horse over it until it had been ground into powder.

Hattie met her future husband at a dance where young people came from miles around. She was attracted to George W. Cluck, a young man whom she found full of fun and "very nice." She was married at 17 and they made their home in Williamson County. Soon George was readying his cattle for market. When it was time to go to Abilene, Kansas, Hattie and the children went with him. Their

group was large with sixteen ranchers, Mr. and Mrs. Cluck, their children, the trail drivers and two big herd of cattle. They went along slowly, crossing creeks and dealing with bandits. Indians were not a problem: they paid with cattle for passage through Indian lands.

When finally arriving in Kansas, Mr. Cluck made a profit on his herd. During the winter he bought two more herds and sold them also at a profit. Their dream was to buy a home in Texas. In the spring they traveled back home and bought 320 acres at the head of Running Brushy Creek. The land had a spring and a quarry. They built a log cabin and then later a larger home. Eight more children were born to the couple after they returned to Texas. Mrs. Cluck later became the postmistress at a salary of three to four dollars a month. Ultimately the family acquired more than a thousand acres of land. The name "Running Brushy" was changed to "Cedar Park" when a railroad was built through in 1876. The old Chisholm Trail and stagecoach road became paved highways. Mrs. Cluck died in 1938 at the age of 92. Source: A Legend Collection, Fact and Fantasy, 2ed, Anderson Mill Gardeners Inc. 2008. For more information contact RKeith@primerica.com Rich Keith at (512) 632-0162.

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Saturday, October 16th

8:00am – 4:00pm

Bella Mar Community Center

\$75 (includes breakfast & lunch)

Space is limited so please RSVP: Ayesha Venkatroa-Holcombe at 512-940-1510 or keepfitwithyoga@msn.com

American Red Cross Babysitter Training Course

October 16th

Look for more classes in 2011

9:00am – 4:00pm

\$45 per person

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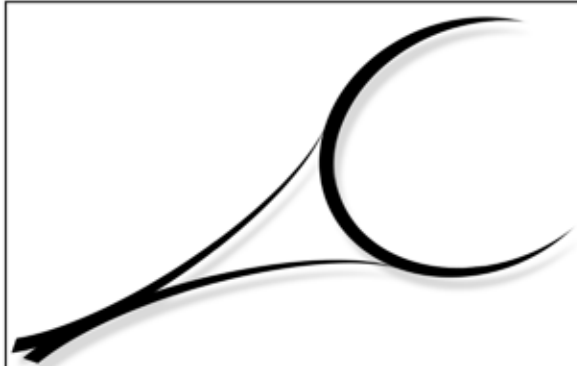
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- Have your door keys ready; carry them in your pockets, not buried in a purse.



SKATE PARK SURVEY

Information is being gathered on homeowner interest for a skate park in the Steiner Ranch community. In considering the construction and maintenance of such a facility, the SRMA would appreciate the residents' views. If you have an opinion about a community skate park in the Steiner Ranch, let your voice be heard! Visit <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SupportaSkateparkinSteinerRanch> and answer a short survey. Your time, interest and support are important!!



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Workshop Series

Check out the October workshop line up!

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OCTOBER 12TH - WOMEN & FINANCE, by Rich Keith - As our financial success continues to grow, so do our financial responsibilities. But for many women, meeting these financial responsibilities can be a far greater challenge than it is for men. We explore the challenges and the opportunities that are unique to women so you can create a financial road map that covers key areas of your life. With such a roadmap you can make better financial decisions.

7:00pm BMCC

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OCTOBER 14TH - INVESTING IN FORECLOSURE PROPERTIES, by Craig Smyser - The first in a series of investing in real estate workshops, this one will focus on investing in foreclosure properties. It will cover REOs, bank foreclosure sales, and sheriff


foreclosure sales. We'll discuss the differences between them, which might be best for a given investment objective, and how to finance them. This is not an infomercial, it isn't a get-rich-quick scheme, and there will be no peddling of books or videos.

7:00pm TSCC

RSVP helpful, but not required 512-735-7200 or Craig@RealEstateInAustin.com


OCTOBER 14TH - LEAVE THE AGING TO WINE & CHEESE, by Kristi Green. Did you know that 80% of your skin's aged appearance is caused by the sun, not the passage of time? Have you ever wondered about skincare "buzz" words - like collagen, elasticity, renewal, post-acne marks, wrinkles, large pores and more? Join us to increase your anti-aging and general skincare knowledge with tips from Write your Skin A Prescription for Change, the latest book from Drs. Katie Rodan & Kathy Fields, the dermatologists who created Proactiv® Solution. Receive a demonstration of a new anti-aging product just launched this October & all over the beauty magazines! Also, learn the extent of your sun damage and how to reverse it with a custom sun damage assessment. Workshop with

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OCTOBER 26TH - HOW TO SURVIVE THE HOLIDAYS & BOOST YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM!

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7:00pm BMCC

RSVP: Patty Yambay and Catherine Slezak 512-914-7711

OCTOBER 29TH - MARGARITAS AND MAKEOVERS

-Enjoy a fun girl's night out with your girlfriends while you all receive a complimentary Metro Chic makeover, just in time for the new Fall Season! The trend for fall is bold - come have some fun trying out the season's trendiest colors!

7:00pm BMCC

RSVP: Patty Yambay 512-914-7711 or Catherine Slezak 512-914-7711 to receive a free gift too!

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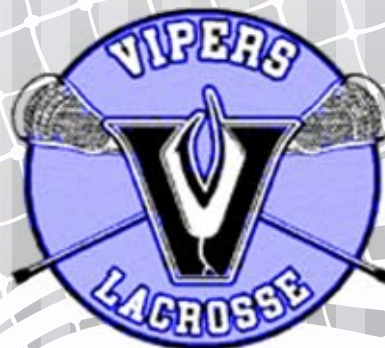
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Submitted by Carmen Tucker

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Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. Through fun, informal and educational experiences, girls can discover their potential, connect with others and take action to make the world a better place. Girl Scouts provides a wide variety of experiences for interests such as the arts, science, technology, nature, athletics, community service, health, leadership and more. To learn more or to register, contact Carmen Tucker at CarmenT@gscctx.org or (512) 490-2360. Discover Girl Scouts online at www.gscctx.org.

Pack 203

Welcome all Steiner Ranch Boys!!

Grades 1st-5th

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Contact Julie Stephens for more information at jstephens@austin.rr.com.

Steiner TechNet Wants You!

Submitted by David Dyke

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Steiner With Out Kids Social Group (SWOK)

Submitted by Paula Kaisner

Did you know there is a social group in Steiner called Steiner w/o Kids (SWOK). We have been established since January 2006 and have had many couples join who've made new friendships. Whether you've never had kids or you have grown children, you are welcome to join this fun social group. We get together once a month at someone's home in Steiner for food and drinks along with making new friends and/or enjoying old friends! It's a great way to meet other couples and form new relationships with people who also don't have children at home. For more information please email Paula Kaisner at paula@kaisner.org

Are you a member of a community group or organization here in Steiner? Email the information about your group to steinerranch@peelinc.com and it will be included in each issue. Feel free to submit post event write-ups and photos.



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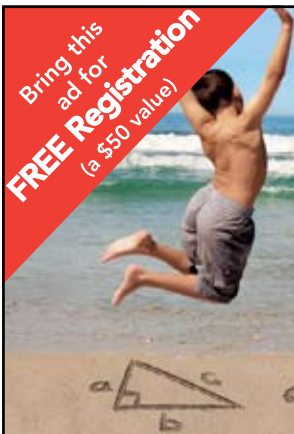
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
TSCC – Towne Square Community Center BMCC – Bella Mar Community Center JSCC – John Simpson Community Center					1	2
3 6:00pm – Chess Club (TSCC)	4 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	5 6:30pm – Facility Committee Meeting (TSCC)	6 7:30pm – Trails Committee Meeting (BMCC)	7 7:00pm – New Owner Orientation (TSCC) 	8 6:00pm – Scrap-a-Thon (TSCC)	9 All Day Scrap-a-Thon (TSCC)
10 Scrap-a-Thon (TSCC) 6:00pm – Chess Club (TSCC)	11 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	12 6:30pm – Social Committee Meeting (TSCC) 7:00pm – Women & Finance (BMCC)	13	14 7:00pm – Investing in Foreclosure Properties (TSCC) 7:30pm – See the Light Skin Care Workshop (BMCC) 	15 7:30pm – Mom's Night Out on the Ranch with Author Jane Porter (TSCC)	16 8:00am – 4:00pm – Yoga Retreat (BMCC) 9:00am – 4:00p – Babysitting Class (TSCC) 7:00pm – Young at Heart Wine Tasting (BMCC)
17 12:00pm – 5:00pm – Pumpkin Patch (JS Park) 6:00pm – Chess Club (TSCC)	18 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	19	20	21 	22	23
24 6:00pm – Chess Club (TSCC)	25 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	26 3:30pm – SRMA Board of Directors Meeting 6:00pm – How To Survive The Holidays & Boost Your Immune System (TSCC) 7:00pm – Look 10 Years Younger (BMCC)	27	28 6:00pm – SRROA Board of Directors Meeting (TSCC) 	29 7:00pm – Make Over's and Margaritas (BMCC)	30
31 3:00pm – 5:00pm – Halloween Event (TS Park)						



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 6:30pm – Facility Committee Meeting (TSCC)	3 2:00pm – 9:00pm – VHS Swim Team “How Tough Am I Swim Marathon” (BM Lap Pool)	4 	5	6 6:00pm – Camping on the Ranch (TS Fields)
7 6:00pm – Chess Club (TSCC)	8 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	9 6:30pm – Social Committee Meeting (TSCC) 7:00pm – Estate Planning and Long Term Care (BMCC)	10	11 7:00pm – Make Over’s and Margaritas (TSCC) 7:30pm – Trails Committee Meeting (BMCC) 	12	13 8:00am – 5:00pm – World Cup Soccer (BM & TS Fields) 10:00am – 2:00pm – Holiday Sales Event & Santa Photos (TSCC/Pav)
14 Young at Heart – Fish Fry (Lake Club) 6:00pm – Chess Club (TSCC)	15 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	16 7:00pm – Skin Care for the Holidays (BMCC) 7:00pm – Real Estate Investing (TSCC)	17	18 6:00pm – SRROA Board of Directors Meeting (TSCC) 	19	20
21 6:00pm – Chess Club (TSCC)	22 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	23	24	25 Happy Thanksgiving Association Office Closed 	26 Association Office Closed	27
28 6:00pm – Chess Club (TSCC)	29 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	30 3:30pm – SRMA Board of Directors Meeting				

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2. Include any addendum forms such as for a pool or deck
3. Include a scaled drawing showing plan and elevation views of the proposed improvements, modifications or alterations. Submittals must include samples depicting the proposed materials and colors to be used.
4. A lot survey (which the owner receives at closing) indicating the location of proposed improvements, and any applicable easements, setbacks, and elevation differences on lot.
5. Deposit check in the amount of \$500

You must submit for ANY changes to the outside of your home including fences, decks, landscaping designs, pools, playscapes, etc.

All of these forms can be found on-line at www.steinerranchhoa.org. Please fill free to contact the Associations Architectural Coordinator, Brandi Moegelin if you have any questions at 266-7553 or brandi@steinerranchhoa.org.

Compliance Corner Spotlight: Trash Cans

Have you received a letter from the Homeowners Association about your trash can? To clear up one of the most common violations this time of year, the rule of thumb to remember about trash cans is simple;

Trash containers must be removed from the street and returned to their enclosed structures and NOT visible from the street before nightfall on trash collection day.

Do you have a neighbor who continues to leave their trash can out for days after trash day? Then let us know! You can report the violation by simply going to our website, www.steinerranchhoa.org and click on the "Report a Problem" link. Anonymous reports will not be acted on, so please leave all requested information.

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Since reclaimed water is used for non-drinking uses, a separate set of distribution pipelines has been built to deliver reclaimed water from the Steiner Ranch Wastewater Recycling Plant to the University of Texas Golf Club and the Steiner Ranch Homeowner's Association. The approximate amount of potable water saved is 200-400 thousand gallons per day.

Reclaimed water is easily identified by the purple sprinkler heads and by signs in all common areas. If you have questions about the use of reclaimed water, please contact Water District #17 at 512-266-1111.

I Didn't Know...

When the Steiner Ranch HOA puts on an event, activity or program...we hear, "I didn't know about this" all the time. Well, the best way to receive the latest information about what's going on in Steiner Ranch is to sign up for our email alerts.

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From the Association Office

NOTICE:

John Simpson Pool Renovations

The John Simpson Pool will be undergoing major renovations during the Fall and Winter, and the Pool area will be closed beginning in October until the renovations are complete.

First phase of renovations will include a much anticipated Toddler Splash Pad, which will replace the baby pool that was covered this past summer. The Splash Pad will be approximately 20ft. X 50 ft. and will include water spouts, a "climb on" water turtle and a fun spray toy.



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FROM the PTA PRESIDENT

Welcome back, Stallions!

Steiner Ranch Elementary PTA is excited and ready for another outstanding year. We certainly dreamed big last year. Through Operation: Dream Big, PTA collaborated with teachers, the administration, Leander ISD and our members to spend well over \$25,000 in technology and educational resources to benefit our children's education. Communication improved among SRE PTA, our families and the community through school and local newsletters, weekly email updates and website improvements. Students loved seeing their dads and father figures helping out at our school through the newly launched WATCH D.O.G.S. program.

Working alongside sister PTAs in our area, we furthered our child advocacy mission by generating interest in and awareness of local elections. The newly formed Vandegrift PTA Ladder sponsored a Candidates Forum where parents examined the candidates running for Leander ISD's Board of Trustees. SRE PTA also adopted the Legislative Action Committee and SRE Chess Club under its "umbrella" of operations and programs. Let's not forget the return of our spring carnival! Spring Fling Family Event was a huge success, building a strong relationship between Stallion families and community businesses and groups. These are only the highlights of 2009-2010. If we can count on your continued support and involvement, this year will be no less amazing!

What is our theme for 2010-2011? Join me as we make maximum impact on Steiner Ranch Elementary this year through our programs, events, volunteerism and fundraising! Please review SRE PTA's packet of information, Maximum Impact 2010-2011, included in your student's first Wednesday Folder. There are many ways to maximize your impact on your child's education this year: (1) volunteer in the classroom; (2) get involved with a PTA event or program; (3) participate in our traditional fundraisers; and/or (4) make a 100% tax-deductible charitable donation to SRE PTA. Unlike public funds which are shared among schools in the district, direct donations to SRE PTA are solely used for the benefit of our students, teachers and the school. Whether you decide to volunteer, fundraise and/or donate, please accept SRE PTA's sincere gratitude for your commitment to our school and our children.

Join SRE PTA this year. Make new friends, join the excitement and get involved. We invite you to share your talents, skills and gifts with us. You won't regret it. Your kids won't forget it. Saddle-up Stallions and prepare for "Maximum Impact" this year!

Jean Wong

FROM the PRINCIPAL

Dear Steiner Ranch Parents,

Welcome Back to Steiner!!! This 2010-2011 school year will be THE BEST yet! The teachers, staff and I met the week of August 16-19, and not only bonded but were able

to grow professionally! We are ready for the school year, prepared to deliver a challenging curriculum, and are committed to helping all of our students grow and learn, while fostering an enthusiasm and excitement for learning! As we start a new school year, I would like to give you a few reminders:

Please have your child at school ON TIME...students should be in their class/seat at 7:45.

Thank you again for your help in making this year THE BEST! I look forward to working with each and every one of you and your child(ren)!

See you at school!

Susan Fambrough, Principal

RECYCLING at SRE

Did you know you can help raise money for the Environmental programs at SRE by bringing your aluminum cans, empty ink cartridges and old cell phones? All of your donations turn into money we use to fund our Environmental Programs such as the Stallion Wildflower Stomp, the Outdoor Classroom and Earth Day activities.

Remember, if you have any old cell phones in the junk drawer that the kids are no longer playing with, please send them to school and drop them into the box by the cafeteria. In addition, the school gets money for your paper recycling. Bring it by and drop it in the big green and yellow Abitibi containers that are located by the front parent pick-up.

Jennifer Martin

Environmental Chairperson

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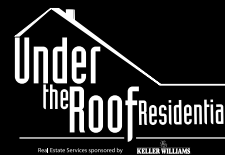
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PTA POSITIONS: 3 Openings Left!

Team PTA is ready to launch the school year but we are still incomplete without you. Do not be afraid of holding a title. You will have great guidance and support from your predecessors. Contact Jean Wong, jeanwong1021@gmail.com or 266-7741, ASAP, if you are interested in any of these positions.

1. Fall Carnival Chair—Our Silent Auction & State Fair is the largest fundraiser of the year. This fun family event will be held on Friday, October 15th. We are in great need of an enthusiastic, organized person who loves to interact with people and manage events. Framework is in place. Work has begun. You will have plenty of experienced support.

2. Spanish Program Coordinator - Our only language program at SRE is volunteer run. The work is concentrated at beginning of year. This coordinator shares about training, class assignments and campus

resources available for their use. Ability to speak Spanish is not a prerequisite.

3. Corporate Matching Coordinator (New Position!)—SRE PTA is a registered Section 501(c)(3) non-profit organization under the United States Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. § 501(c)). Corporations often have a charitable donation matching program for employees. This is an untapped resource that parents can utilize to support their child's school. Not only is an employee's donation tax deductible, but SRE parents (grandparents, friends, etc.) who participate can be certain that 100% of their donation (and the corporation's) will benefit our great school. Please help SRE PTA tap into this valuable resource. We can use your help!

SPIRIT WEAR

Guess what?.....SRE has some fun new items as well as new shirt designs for this year's Spirit Wear Friday!

You can pick up an order form in the cafeteria. There will also be opportunities

to buy Spirit Wear at all our major school events. Remember to show your Stallion Spirit by wearing your SRE Spirit Wear on Fridays! All proceeds benefit your SRE PTA.

Please contact Emily York at emilybeermayork@yahoo.com if you have questions.

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

Hi! My name is Tami Heagney, and I will be helping out in the Outdoor Classroom (our school garden in the back of our school) this 2010-2011 year. Many of you may not be aware that it was a local boy scout group, as well as many SRE parent volunteers, who planted trees and put in our planter boxes and the picnic tables, to name a few of the items that were given to us. This year, I plan on spending my Thursday or Friday afternoons out there tidying up and pulling weeds. If you would like to come out and help one day or more a month to keep our

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beautiful garden growing strong, any help or garden supply donations will be much appreciated.

The teachers use this garden throughout the year to teach our children about the outdoors, thus the name "Outdoor Classroom." Most classes will go out to the garden at least one day a year to plant seeds, stomp wildflower seeds, observe insects, do some observations and journaling, spot butterflies or ladybugs... and even let their classroom butterflies free out there. It is a hands on educational experience and a great deal of fun too! Sometimes, parents are even able to visit the Outdoor Classroom with their child's class and see firsthand the learning that goes on! Let's pass on a legacy for next year... and the many years to come for our kids and for our community. Besides, it is a peaceful place to be for 15 minutes or so. We'll see you there!

Tami Heagney, Outdoor Classroom

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STALLION STOMP

Our annual event will occur this year on Friday Oct. 1st. During the Stallion Stomp, the students will have a hands on opportunity to help improve the condition of the land around our campus and make it look beautiful!! Show your school pride and help us throw out some soil and seeds!!

If you are interested, please sign up on the PTA volunteer website or contact Kara Nicholas at cknicholas@sbcglobal.net.

TOGETHER WE CAN

Calling all artists!

The 2010-2011 PTA Reflections theme is "Together we can...". All students are encouraged to submit work they create based on this theme. Only new pieces of work inspired by the theme will be accepted. Submissions are accepted in the following categories:

Film production - Photography

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Visual art - Literature

This program is designed to enhance and foster an individual students' creative process, thus each submission must be the original work of one student only and adults may not alter the creative integrity of a student's work.

Judging will be completed based on student age and category. Technique is not necessarily merited over the ability to clearly reflect the theme. A student's explanation of the work is an integral part of each submission.

Please visit www.txpta.org/programs/reflections for specific guidelines and for an entry form.

Work is to be turned into the front office at SRE by November 5th. If you have any questions please contact Emily McElmurry at emcclmurry@austin.rr.com.

LAC (Legislative Action Committee)

My name is Guy Heagney. I am the 2010-2011 LAC (Legislative Action Committee) Chair for Steiner Ranch Elementary. In this

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role, I will primarily be bringing awareness to legislative activity taking place within the Leander school district, the county, state, and federal government that may impact the students and parents of SRE. I will convey information and decisions from the school board throughout the year with hopes to promote a better communication between our school and LISD. There will be items that we can voice our opinion on, topics of interest, and voting issues that will undoubtedly arise throughout the year. I am looking forward to this new PTA position and to raising the awareness of legislative activity within our community.

As the LAC Chair for Steiner Ranch Elementary, I am interested in growing the LAC into a group who can work together and share information gathered from the district meetings (meetings will be attended on a rotation basis and info shared within the committee and then conveyed to our school and parents). Committees already exist at Laura Bush Elementary and River Ridge Elementary, and they are growing! We are excited to meet up with their legislative action committees and build a voice for all of Steiner Ranch within the Leander Independent School District.

Thank you for your time. If you are interested in working with us in this SRE LAC group, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Guy Heagney

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STALLION STAMPEDE

is Ready to Run!

Stallion Stampede is an after-school running club at Steiner Ranch Elementary School, administered by parent volunteers and supported by the PTA. Children meet most Thursdays right after school, starting on October 7. Children will run or walk as many laps on the playground as time allows from 2:45 – 3:15.

Go to the Leander ISD website and register to be a volunteer! <https://volunteer.leanderisd.org>. Go to the Steiner Ranch Elementary PTA website, select "Committees" and then "Stallion Stampede" <http://steiner.my-pta.org>. Download & print out the 2 page registration form. Complete the form & return to the office by Thursday, September 30, 2010. Stallion Stampede after-school running starts on Thursday, October 7, 2010. For more information, please contact Julie Ballengee, jballengee@hotmail.com.

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JOIN the PTA TODAY!!!

SRE PTA is a great way to get involved in your child's school. Don't forget that your membership in the PTA entitles you to a copy of the SRE PTA Membership Directory. For any questions, please contact Kathy Mills at Kathy.mills01@gmail.com.

SRE Silent Auction and State Fair

Friday, October 15, 2010

All students and their families are cordially invited to attend and participate in SRE PTA's annual fall family night, known as the SRE Silent Auction and State Fair. The SRE Silent Auction and State Fair has become SRE PTA's largest fundraiser, with the money raised providing amazing support for SRE students and faculty.

This enormous affair will take place Friday, October 15, 2010 from 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. on the SRE campus. You will enjoy food, games, a cakewalk, inflatables and other activities all in keeping with the State Fair theme. There is no entry fee and the majority of the games and activities are free. Your family can enjoy a fun evening with carnival food and loads of entertainment without breaking the bank!

This year's Silent Auction will be on a smaller scale, our primary focus will be the Class Baskets. In order to encourage school-wide participation, we ask each class at SRE to participate in the Silent

Auction. The class parents will select a theme for its "Class Basket" and then request donations that compliment the theme. These items will be packaged, wrapped and prettied up for auction night by our Silent Auction team.

You may be asking yourself, how can I help or get involved? There are many ways. We really need you on our subcommittees! Help us plan/coordinate indoor games, outdoor activities, food/concessions, the cake walk and corporate sponsorship/auction items. Interested in serving on the State Fair Committee? Contact, Laura Stiehl at lstiehl@austin.rr.com to find out where we need your talents.

We will be asking students and their families to donate an item for their "Class Basket", as well as drink donations for the event. Event volunteers will be needed and all classes will be assigned a particular activity or game to manage during the event. More information will be posted on the PTA website as the event gets closer. We are also looking for local businesses and individuals who would like to be a sponsor or auction donor, please contact Laura at lstiehl@austin.rr.com for more information. Lastly, please mark your calendars and join us for a wonderful evening supporting SRE. We even hope you will consider making a bid or two to help us raise money for the best school in all of Texas....Steiner Ranch Elementary!

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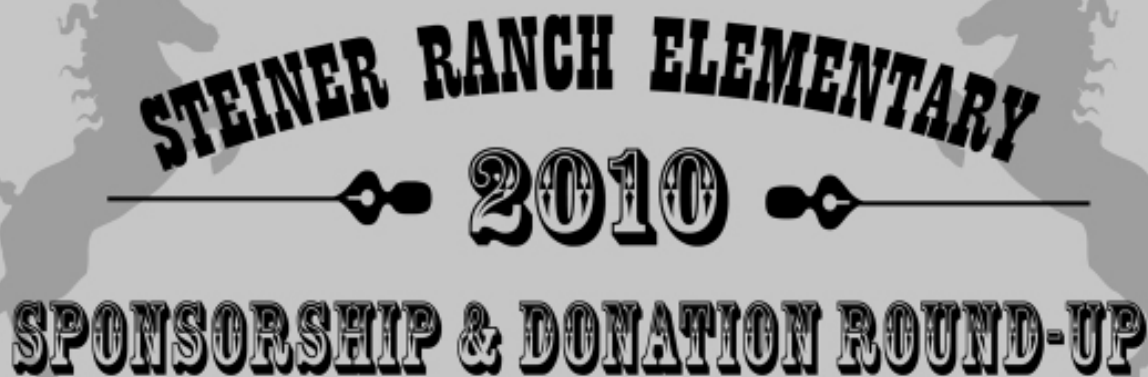
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STEINER RANCH ELEMENTARY 2010 SPONSORSHIP & DONATION ROUND-UP

- ★ The Silent Auction and State Fair has traditionally been Steiner Ranch Elementary PTA's largest fundraising event of the year. SRE PTA appreciates the relationships we have with our community groups and local businesses. Your continued generosity and support helps to provide the school, its teachers and our children with the latest in technology and equipment, advanced curriculums, educational tools, continuing education programs and capital improvements.

★ ★ This year our **SILENT AUCTION AND STATE FAIR** will be held on ★ ★
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- ★ Please consider showing your support by sponsoring a carnival activity through a direct monetary donation to SRE PTA and/or by donating items for the silent auction. SRE PTA is a registered Section 501(c)(3) non-profit organization under the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 501(c). Monetary donations to SRE PTA are 100% tax-deductible. Likewise, the value of each auction item donated is tax-deductible. All sponsors and donors can be confident that 100% of their donation (in cash or in kind) will be used for the benefit of our great school.

SRE PTA and our Stallion families, educators and students alike, appreciate our local businesses and community groups for their continued commitment, support and generosity each year. Thank you.

Questions? Jean Wong, PTA President,
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Sponsorship Opportunities

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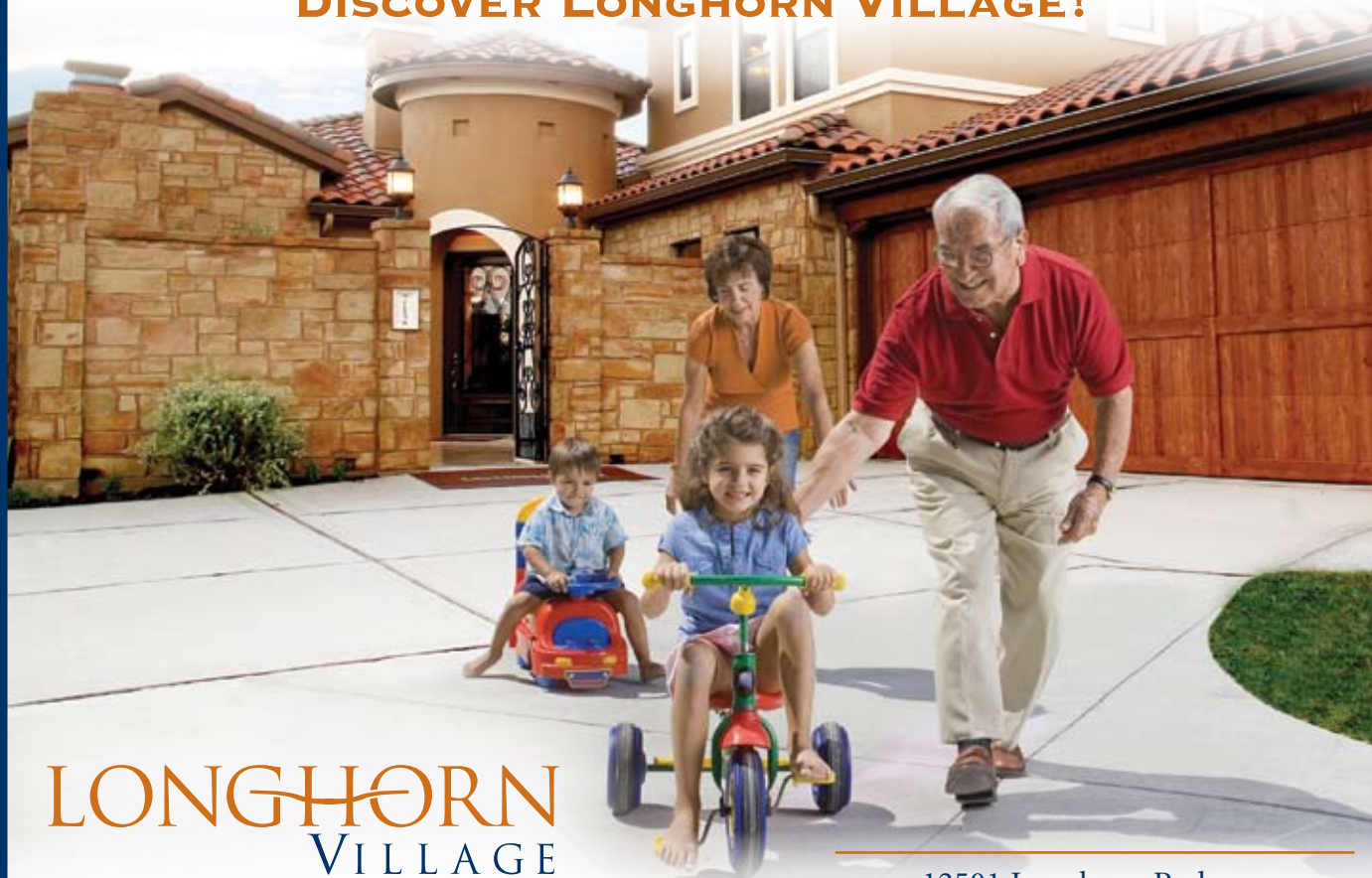
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SPONSORSHIP & DONATION ROUND-UP

Sponsorship Opportunities Continued

If you are a small business or group, sponsorship of a major carnival activity is quite feasible. Any amount donated towards the Silent Auction and State Fair can be pooled with other businesses' or groups' donations to share sponsorship of a particular activity.

Auction Items Donations

As in years past, the SRE PTA will host the Silent Auction in conjunction with the State Fair carnival. Hundreds of families attend this event and proceeds from the purchase of auction items are used for the benefit of our school. Your donation will be nicely displayed, as will any promotional information provided by you, consistent with donorship levels.

Sponsor/Donor Information and Receipt Form

Please use the Sponsor/Donor Information and Receipt Form when submitting sponsorship checks and/or items for the auction.

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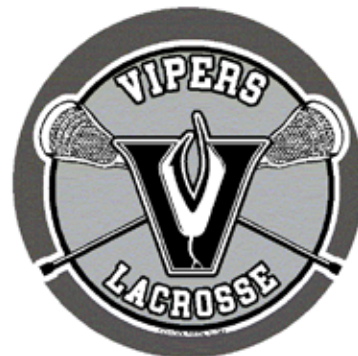
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RiverRidge PTA

Submitted by Anu Reddy

RiverRidge PTA is looking forward to hosting its First Annual Fall Festival on October 15th, 2010 from 5:30-8:30pm. It will be a fun-filled family event attended by 500 Steiner families. Proceeds will be used to benefit students and teacher grants that desperately need to be in place. We would love for all families to come and support the school and enjoy all the wonderful activities including a live band, jumpy houses, hayride, face painting and a petting zoo. Families can fill up their bellies on delicious food from Chisolm Trails BBQ, Pizza, Big Top Hot Dogs, Kona Ice, Kettle King Corn and more.

RiverRidge PTA is extremely grateful for the continue generosity and support from local community groups businesses. If any group/business in the Four Points area is interested in showing support by sponsoring a festival activity, please contact us at areddytx@gmail.com or 968-6913.

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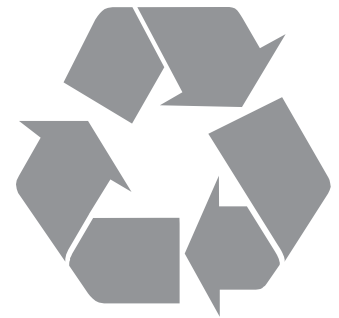
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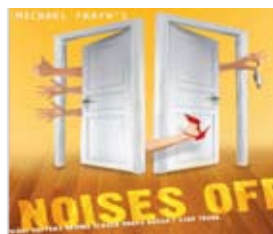
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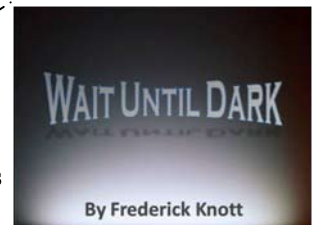
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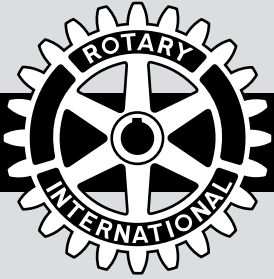
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Five Business Networking Groups in the Area

Are you looking to grow your business in 2010? If so, you might be interested in a few of the business networking groups in the area. These are a few to choose from:

STEINER RANCH REFERRALS BNI GROUP

Meetings are on Thursday mornings from 8:00am to 9:30am at Thai Harmony in Steiner Ranch. Visitors are welcome! If you are interested in visiting a meeting please contact Elicia Rudberg at eliciarudberg@gmail.com for more information or visit www.BNIAustin.com.

FOUR POINTS BNI

Meetings are on Wednesday at lunch from 11:30am to 1:00pm at the River Place Country Club. Visitors are welcome! If you are interested in visiting a meeting please contact Amy Oehler at amy.oehler@unitedlendingusa.com or visit www.BNIAustin.com.

FOUR POINTS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Four Points Chamber of Commerce provides networking opportunities at social gatherings, luncheons with guest speakers and activities. The Chamber brings businesses together along highway 620 from Hudson Bend to Anderson Mill and Ranch Road 2222 from Jester to Volente. Four Points Chamber supports business growth in the community where we live, work and play. In less than 6 months Four Points Chamber of Commerce exceeded its first year membership goals and continues

to grow! For information about participating in upcoming events or membership benefits visit www.fourpointschamber.com or call (512) 551-0390. Membership inquiries may also be sent directly to membership@FourPointsChamber.com.

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Congressman Lamar Smith Delivers the Keynote Address at Four Points Business Expo

Getting the 3rd quarter off to a vibrant start, Four Points Chamber of Commerce launches the first Four Points Business Expo and Networking Reception, Tuesday, October 19 from 4:00 – 7:00 pm. Highlighting this new community evening event is an address given by Texas Congressman, Lamar Smith. Community businesses support this free evening with refreshments including hors d'oeuvres and beverages at the River Place Country Club, 4207 River Place Boulevard in Austin. This is a unique opportunity to get to know neighbors and businesses in the community where we live, work and play and hear from our Texas Congressman.

Congressman Smith recently hosted two small business forums for constituents in San Antonio and Austin. These forums are part of a nationwide initiative called America Speaking Out, which is designed to start an honest conversation between Americans and their representatives. "I want to hear from my constituents, who have valuable experience and a personal perspective on what policy makers in Washington can do to foster a healthy economic environment for small businesses," said Smith

Congressman Lamar Smith, a senior member of the Texas Congressional Delegation,

has been named one of the 100 most influential people in Washington by the National Journal and one of the nation's top "influencers and innovators" by Fast Company Magazine, which serves the technology industry. Congressman Smith is the Ranking Republican Member of the Judiciary Committee.

Now closing in on 100 members strong and growing, the Four Points Chamber of Commerce brings businesses together along highway 620 from Hudson Bend and Mansfield Dam to Anderson Mill and along Ranch Road 2222 from Jester to Volente to support business growth in the community. For more information about the benefits of joining or participating in these upcoming events visit www.fourpointschamber.com or call (512) 551-0390. Membership inquiries may also be sent directly to membership@FourPointsChamber.com.



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Yes, and of course this is the essence of what investors wish to do, namely buy low and sell high. But what is an actual practice which will force you to do it? After all, putting money into the market when the market is down can give a person a queasy feeling. Yet it is that very behavior which investors need to cultivate if they are ever to sell high. Enter value averaging (also known as dollar value averaging). VA refines the practice of dollar-cost averaging, which is more widely known. Either technique helps you reduce risk because you buy shares at a variety of prices throughout the year instead of buying all the shares at a single price. When prices are dear, you buy fewer and when they go on sale you buy more.

VA is good because you start with a goal in mind of how much you can invest and an expected rate of return. Example: You wish to accumulate \$450,000 over the next 20 years. If you figure you can earn an annualized 8 percent, then you would need to put away about \$820

per month. You can then chart your progress month by month towards that goal. Now let's look at the "value" part of value averaging. Assume at the end of the first year, instead of having the \$9,840 you should have to be on track toward your goal, a downturn in the markets leaves you with just \$9,500.

That would mean that the next month, instead of investing your usual \$820, you would invest an additional \$340 to bring your portfolio's value to where it should have been to remain on track toward your goal. In fact, you would go through this process each month. In months where you fall behind, you would add to the amount you invest each month. And in months where your returns are higher than expected and your portfolio's value gets beyond where it needs to be, you would scale back your monthly investment, or even possibly end up selling some shares and removing money. The VA discipline forces you to buy when low and buy less (or sell) when high. While it's not perfect the approach makes sense for many families. The biggest benefit to VA is that it provides a reason and a discipline for saving. Most families are not saving enough to cover their future needs. Source: Michael Edleson, Harvard Business School; CNN; The Intelligent Asset Allocator by William Bernstein. - **Submitted by Rich Keith**



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~Elicia Rudberg



LTCL Hosts Halloween Events for the Whole Family!



Dinosaur Rowan and mom Rebecca participated in the 2009 Pumpkin Parade at Lake Travis Community Library. This year's annual event will take place on Wednesday, October 27 at 10:30 a.m.

LTCL favorite storyteller Bernadette Nason returns the library on Thursday, October 14 at 3:30 p.m. to entertain us with Halloween stories. This award-winning actress and comedienne does more than simply recite a story – she truly performs and engages young people.

“My objective is to offer theatrical pieces that challenge modern audiences to embrace and understand the human spirit while being completely entertained,” said Nason.

English storyteller Nason tours the U.S. with programs of fabulous traditional stories, adapted from the folklore of cultures from all over the world. Combining creative drama with traditional storytelling, she entertains young people while reminding them of the lessons contained in every classic story. Her Halloween story time is a favorite every year.

Later in the month, the annual Pumpkin Parade will take place on Wednesday, October 27 at 10:30 a.m. Meet at the library to sing Halloween songs and read spooky stories, then trick or treat around the shopping center in a Halloween parade. All ages are invited to attend and, of course, costumes are encouraged!

“Last year, some of my favorite costumes were Yoda, a one-eyed pirate, a ladybug, Spiderman, and Rowan the dinosaur” said Lake Travis Community Library Director Morgan McMillian. “I can’t wait to see what costumes show up this year! This is one of our most popular events of the year.”

Four weekly storytimes, five book clubs, the craft club, knitting club, memoir writing group, computer help, and genealogy group continue in October. Please contact the library at www.laketravislibrary.org and (512) 263-2885 for more information on any of these events. We look forward to seeing you at the library!

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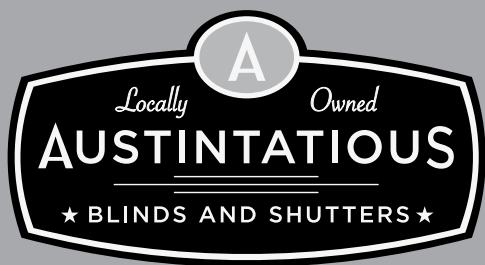
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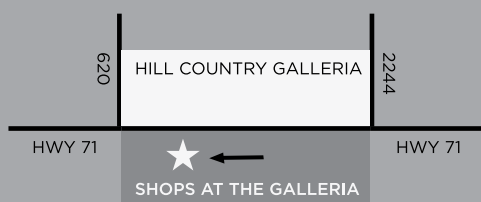
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HALLOWEEN

Boo! What are you going to be for Halloween? Sometimes, it can be fun to dress up as a group. Maybe your brothers, sisters, friends - or even parents - will want to join in the fun. Here are some costume ideas for groups of two or more.

- sun and moon
- winter, spring, summer, and fall
- salt and pepper shakers
- a toothbrush and a tube of toothpaste
- cop and robber
- doctor and patient
- veterinarian and animal (dog, cat, or bunny)
- fireman and fire dog (dalmatian)
- fisherman and fish
- squirrel and nut
- teacher and student
- pilgrim and Indian (or turkey!)
- prince and princess (or king and queen)
- cowboy and horse (or cowboy and cowgirl)
- dog and bone (Arf! Arf!)
- Santa and elf (or Mrs. Claus)
- macaroni and cheese
- Flopsy, Mopsy, and Cottontail (from Peter Rabbit)
- Dorothy, the Tin Man, the Scarecrow, the Lion, and Toto (from the Wizard of Oz)
- Sonny and Cher (ask your parents!)
- vampire and bat
- burger and fries
- peanut butter and jelly
- three blind mice
- three little bears
- three little pigs

And no matter what you dress up as, please be safe while you're haunting the neighborhood!



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