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## **Proposed Fifteen-Year Capital Improvement Plan**

### *Public Meetings – January 24 and February 7, 2012*

The City of Lakeway will be holding public meetings on January 24 and February 7, 2012, on the proposed Fifteen-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Lakeway residents are invited to attend one or both meetings to learn about the current list of projects and to help staff identify additional projects that are needed.

The CIP is a process by which the City designs a multi-year plan for major capital expenditures such as new buildings and facilities or major infrastructure projects. It represents the City's plan for physical development, and identifies the planned funding sources for design and construction. The plan is reviewed regularly to reflect changing priorities and provides an ongoing framework for identifying capital requirements, scheduling projects over a period of years, coordinating related projects, and identifying future fiscal impacts.

The CIP is an ever-changing process, and it is expected that projects will be changed, added to, and deleted from the plan as the fifteen-year timeline moves forward. The current list of projects included in the CIP reflects known priorities in the areas of parks and recreation, facilities, drainage, streets, sidewalks, transportation, and public safety.

The process of finalizing the CIP will begin with citizen input meetings. City staff will hold meetings on January 24 and February 7, 2012, at 7 pm. Each meeting will include opportunities for public dialogue along with a presentation

covering the current list of projects, how the finalization process will work, and results of the city's 2011 online survey.

For questions regarding the proposed CIP or the upcoming meetings, please contact Chessie Blanchard at 512-314-7527, [chessieblanchard@lakeway-tx.gov](mailto:chessieblanchard@lakeway-tx.gov).

Following is a summary of the 18 proposed CIP projects. For a complete description of each project, and a breakdown of the Estimate of Probable Costs associated with individual projects, visit the City of Lakeway website at: [WWW.LAKEWAY-TX.GOV](http://WWW.LAKEWAY-TX.GOV).

#### **PARK PROJECTS**

1. Expansion of Hamilton Greenbelt parking and addition of restroom facilities (\$94,512)
2. Rehabilitation of the Dragon Park restrooms to make them handicap accessible/compliant (\$10,560)
3. Bridge at Highland Trails to span the convergence of three small canyons (\$88,435)
4. Foot Bridge and Trail over Hurst Creek at Justice Center (\$69,300)
5. New Bathhouse at City Park to accommodate the daily usage of the park (\$92,330)
6. Addition of Restroom at Canyon Land Trail (\$60,911)

#### **ROAD PROJECTS**

7. Improvements of Irrigation System and Landscape on Lakeway Boulevard East (\$208,929)
8. Addition of Concrete Walking

Trail on Lakeway Boulevard West (\$543,000)

9. Extension of New Walking Trail on Lakeway Boulevard East – Phase 1 (\$292,228)
10. Boardwalk and New Walking Trail Extension on Lakeway Boulevard East – Phase 2 (\$222,156)
11. Rehabilitation/Replacement of deteriorating Brooks Hollow Drive (\$187,400)
12. Replacement of damaged Culverts on Rolling Green (\$374,913)
13. Overlay of Lohmans Crossing Road to repair deteriorating pavement (\$841,992)

#### **FACILITY PROJECTS**

14. Construction of New Police Building to accommodate the departments projected growth over the next 10 years and to address the security issues (\$6,783,320)
15. Public Works Expansion to more effectively use the space (\$28,223)
16. Renovation of Municipal Court Building to accommodate the departments projected growth over the next 10 years and to address the security issues (\$363,275)
17. Construction of New Parks and Recreation Building to accommodate the departments projected growth over the next 10 years (\$1,626,751)
18. Construction of New Animal Holding Shelter (\$512,160)

# Around Lakeway

## LAKEWAY CITY HALL ART GALLERY

*Johnnie Fields Watercolor Painting Exhibit*

*February 14 – March 3, 2012*



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Watercolor paintings by Johnnie Fields will be on display at the Lakeway City Hall Art Gallery from February 14th through March 3rd. The exhibit may be viewed during regular City Hall office hours; Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The Art Gallery is off the main lobby of City Hall, 1102 Lohmans Crossing.

Johnnie Fields grew up in Austin. He attended the University of Texas and received a Bachelor of Architecture degree in 1951. He worked in Austin until 1955, and then

moved to Odessa, Texas and was one of the founders of Peters and Fields Architects.

While studying Architecture at the University of Texas, art was a yearly requirement. Johnnie fell in love with watercolor after only two semesters. And, for the last 25 years, he has devoted time to painting, workshops, teaching and showing his work. Because of his love for architecture and his fascination with order and arrangement, most of his paintings involve old buildings in a landscape setting

--- many of the subjects are of places where he has traveled.

Several years ago, Johnnie began teaching watercolor at the Lakeway Activity Center, and he quickly discovered how much he enjoys seeing others learn and develop as artists.

One of the nicest honors he received in his painting career was when The Permian Basin Art Museum asked him to do a one-man show.



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## THE WOMEN'S CLUB OF GREATER LAKEWAY PRESENTS

### *Margaret Kilgo At February Meeting*

The Women's Club of Greater Lakeway meeting and luncheon will take place Monday, February 27th in the Rio Grande Ballroom of the Lakeway Resort and Spa. Coffee will be served at 9:30am with the meeting beginning at 10:00am.

Margaret Kilgo has been a highly successful educational consultant conducting workshops for thousands of teachers and administrators and hundreds of school districts in Texas and the nation for 15 years. During this time she has conducted over 30,000 hours of in-depth research focusing on the relationship between national and state curriculum standards and national and state standardized assessments and holds 70 Federal ID copyrights for intellectual property rights based on her research findings. Margaret is a member of the 5-member national standards committee led by David Coleman, a Rhodes Scholar and President of Student Achievement Partners, New York City and funded by the Melinda and Bill Gates Education Foundation to develop a new set of national anchor standards in reading and writing, grades K-12. In March 2010 these newly developed standards, the "Common Core State Standards" (CCSS) were adopted by forty-six State Governors as the new national standards for literacy (reading and writing). Some of her research

findings were included in the new national reading standards. Mrs. Kilgo has been a Consulting author for McGraw-Hill Publishing Company, New York City, for Secondary Mathematics program 2007, Macmillan/McGraw-Hill Elementary Mathematics program 2008-2009, and Macmillan/McGraw-Hill Elementary Reading program, 2009-2010. She recently signed a contract to be a program author with McGraw-Hill Publishing Company for the writing of a new national reading program designed to implement the new national standards in reading and writing.

This enriching meeting is free and open to all Greater Lakeway residents. To make luncheon reservations or for more information about the meeting call Karen Morter 261-4489 or Linda Goodwin 263-1274 or go to [www.lakewaywomensclub.com](http://www.lakewaywomensclub.com).



*Margaret Kilgo*

  
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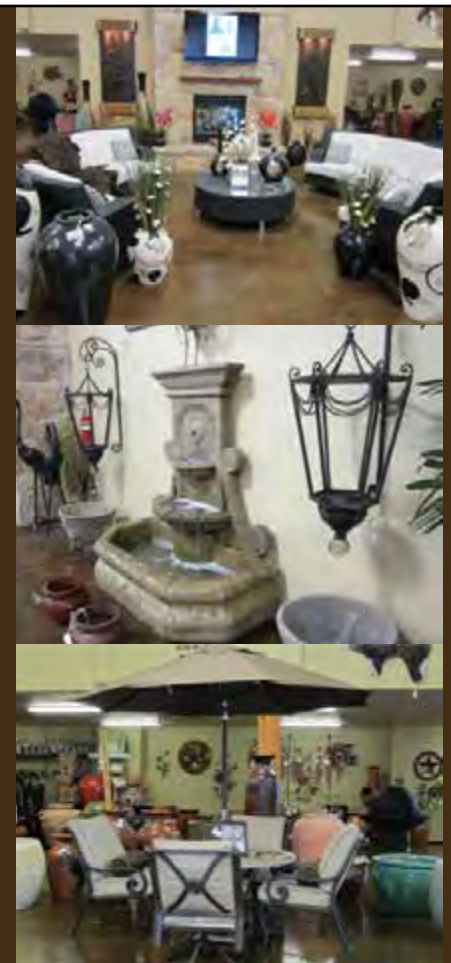
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#### DEC 21: BEAT THE CHAMPION, YAUPON

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1st Place: Patti Lasswell, 64  
2nd Place: Karina Williams, 71  
Low Putts: Patti Lasswell, 26  
Chip Ins: #15 Sarah Hohner

#### DEC 28: INDIVIDUAL GROSS & NET, LIVE OAK

1st Flight: 1st Gross: Paula Crawley, 91  
 1st Net: CiCi Ely, 75  
 2nd Net: Patti Lasswell, 76  
2nd Flight: 1st Gross: Karina Williams, 103  
 1st Net: Marie Rush, 69  
 2nd Net: Ann Flinn, 81  
Low Putts: Karla Castiotta, 30  
Chip Ins: #6 Sarah Hohner, #9 Patti Lasswell,  
 #11 Karla Castiotta

#### JAN 4: ACE OF THE YEAR, LIVE OAK

Congratulations to our Ace of the Year, Sarah Hohner – go Mighty Mouse! Great job Maxie Scott, who made it to the last hole for a second place finish. Thank you Sandee Phillips for planning the tournament.

#### JAN 11: ACE OF THE MONTH, YAUPON

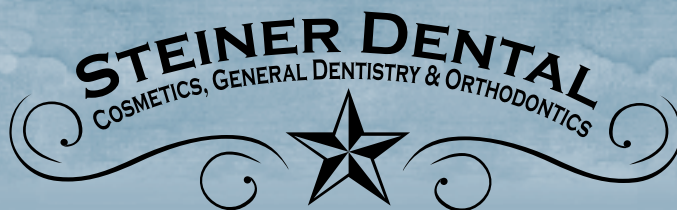
Ace of the Month is Diane Tomlinson, 69  
 Welcome to our new member, Lynda Jones.

1st Flight: 1st Place: CiCi Ely, 72  
 2nd Place: Paula Crawley, 74  
2nd Flight: 1st Place: Wendy Gaertner, 74  
 2nd Place: Marsha Kish, 74  
3rd Flight: 1st Place: Jane Froeschle, 72  
 2nd Place: Lynda Jones, 72  
Low Putts: Marsha Kish, 27  
Chip Ins: #5 Jane Froeschle, #9 Betsy Frost,  
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McCombs School  
*A Look at American Energy Policy*

### FEBRUARY 8, 2012

Hank Carter  
LTHS Football Coach

### FEBRUARY 15, 2012

Hans Boas, UT Professor  
*Linguists work with remaining  
speakers of dying languages to  
preserve cultural memories*

### FEBRUARY 22, 2012

Nelun Fernando  
UT Professor  
*Drought in Texas: factors governing the  
intensity of the 2011 drought*

### FEBRUARY 29, 2012

Michael Granof  
McCombs School  
*How to Solve the U.S. Fiscal Crisis*

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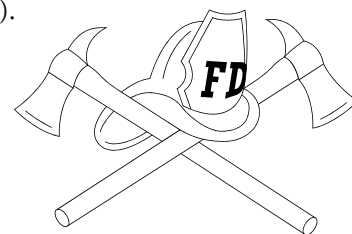
It is our pleasure to announce the formation of the Lake Travis Fire Rescue (LTFR) Community Foundation. The mission of the Foundation is to provide non-essential funding to Travis County ESD No. 6 and to support and recognize our outstanding LTFR firefighters and staff.

The intent of the Foundation is for individuals (or local businesses) to affiliate with a circle organized around their closest fire station. There will be a governing Board made up of volunteer representatives elected from each of the five organized neighborhood circles. (See diagram attached)

We plan to schedule a casual get together where questions can be answered and neighbors will have the opportunity to meet and greet. If you are interested and would like to be part of this community effort, please send contact info to Cindy Taylor at (communityfoundation@ltfr.org).

Ideally contact info will include:

Name  
Email Address  
Phone  
Physical Address  
Closest Fire Station



Additionally, the LTFR Community Foundation is now set up to take donations through the Austin Community Foundation, a 501c(3), Non-Profit. So if you can help out with a donation and/or your time as a Foundation volunteer it would be much appreciated.

Checks can be made out and sent to:

Austin Community Foundation  
4315 Guadalupe Street Suite 300  
Austin, TX 78751

(be sure to write LTFR COMMUNITY FOUNDATION in the memo line)

Contributions can also be made online thru their website, simply follow this link:

[https://www.austincommunityfoundation.org/?nd=donate\\_detail&donation\\_id=2514&return\\_nd=donate](https://www.austincommunityfoundation.org/?nd=donate_detail&donation_id=2514&return_nd=donate)

We look forward to your support to help make this initiative a success!

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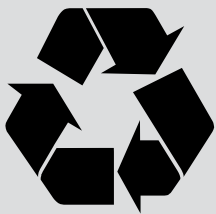
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The group will carpool from Lakeway to the ranch which takes about one hour of driving time. The 3 1/2 hour tour begins at 9:00 AM. Tour transportation is provided by the ranch in the form of a flatbed trailer with benches and cover and a steep two steps up. There will be some hiking over rough terrain during the tour. Unfortunately, this tour is not recommended for physically challenged individuals or young children.

The cost of the tour is \$15 pp. The deadline for registration is March 8, 2012 with no refunds after that date. However, if your reservation can be filled, your check will be returned. We will form a waiting list as needed. Contact Carlisle Pearson at [carlislep@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carlislep@sbcglobal.net) or call 261-4891, for more information about the tour.

You may make a reservation by sending a check payable to: Friends of the Parks with a note Ranch Tour and mail to Carlisle Pearson, 136 Clubhouse Drive, Lakeway, TX 78734. Please include the name, address, email address and phone number for each person attending.

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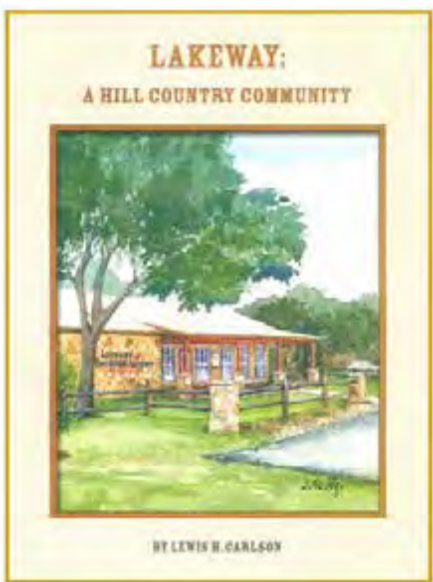
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Despite such humble beginnings, Lakeway developed into a multifaceted community of some 14,000 inhabitants, abetted by the tireless efforts of countless volunteers. Also unique were Lakeway's picturesque greenbelts, canyonlands, nature parks, walking trails, and, of course, Lake Travis. Lewis H. Carlson's *Lakeway: A Hill Country Community* chronicles this story in both text and more than 100 photographs and paintings. Also included are chapters on historical western Travis County and the German- and Anglo-Americans who began settling the area after the Civil War.

*Lakeway: A Hill Country Community* is available at the Lakeway Activity Center, Lakeway City Hall, Points of Origin, and, soon, Barnes & Noble.

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**FEBRUARY 2:** *Take 5*, is known for rich vocal harmonies, stylish arrangements, and distinctive stage presence. Their tunes come from Broadway, and songs made popular by pop stars such as the Righteous Brothers, Carole King and James Taylor. The quintet of singers have excellent piano accompaniment by Kay Rivers Kidd.

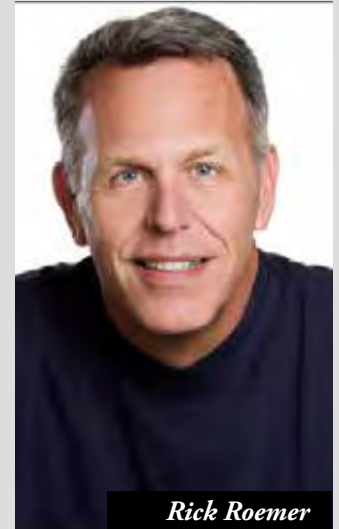
**FEBRUARY 9:** *Music of the Theatre*. This program will feature **Rick Roemer**. He is Professor of Theatre at Southwestern University and a member of the Austin Playhouse Acting Company. He will be joined by Southwestern theatre students.

**FEBRUARY 16:** *The Second Line Jazz Band* was well received in Lakeway last year. They have performed in concerts sponsored by the Austin Traditional Jazz Society. Their leader, trombone player and vocalist Scott Bailey, lives in Georgetown, TX. The band's name comes from the quintessential New Orleans art form, said to be like having a jazz funeral without a body.

**FEBRUARY 23:** *Red Young, piano, & Silvie Rider, vocals*, will present their first class cabaret show. Red has recorded with Marcia Ball and toured the world with Eric Burdon. He is very active in the Austin music scene at venues like the Elephant Room. Silvie was born and raised in Switzerland. She became a music teacher and performer in festivals all over Europe. After marrying Red, she moved to Austin and continues performing in the U.S.



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# Around Lakeway

## Lakeway Associates of Seton Development Board Announces The Seton Gala



The Lakeway Associates of Seton presents its annual "SETON GALA" fundraiser, which is a home tour and cocktail party in the private residence of Beau Theriot. Located high above Lake Travis along Comanche Trail and affectionately known as Villa del Sol, Beau is opening his home to the benefit of Seton Shoal Creek Psychiatric Hospital in Austin.

Beau has owned The OASIS restaurant on Lake Travis since 1982. Oasis, Texas has since evolved from his initial investment into a village of retail shops, an office building, and three restaurants, among his many endeavors.

The event is scheduled for Sunday, March 25th at 6:00pm. In addition to a tour of Villa Del Sol, there will be a Silent Auction, Entertainment by "Bahama Billy," Catering by The OASIS, and complimentary Valet Parking.

For reservations checks should be made out to Lakeway Associates of Seton in the amount of \$100 per person and mailed to The Seton Fund, 1201 West 38th St., Austin, TX 78705. If attendance is not possible, donations are most welcome.

The proceeds from the event benefit Seton Shoal Creek Psychiatric Hospital in Austin, which is the only acute care psychiatric hospital in Central Texas that treats children, teens and adults. The hospital offers both in-patient and outpatient programs for people struggling with mental disorders, chemical dependency, detoxification, emotional and/or behavioral problems.

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The City of Lakeway's monthly Big Band Bash is continuing to draw dancers and listeners. On Monday February 13, from 8 to 10 pm, the Big Band Bash will take place at the Lakeway Activity Center, 105 Cross Creek, tel. 261-1010. This free event (donations to the band will be encouraged) offers a large dance floor, with both theatre and table seating. Attendees may bring their own refreshments, if desired, as none will be provided. There are no reservations—doors will open at 7:30 p.m.

Well known singers, David Cummings and Lisa Clark, are featured with The Republic of Texas Band. It is a 17- piece band, conducted by Kent Dugan. This band consistently draws crowds of dancers of many generations. Expect to hear favorite tunes (with fresh arrangements) from the big band era, including songs made famous by crooners such as Frank Sinatra, Bobby Darin, Dean Martin, Ella Fitzgerald and Billie Holiday.

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# Business Section

## Lakeway/Lake Travis Rotary Club



*Lakeway/Lake Travis Rotary Club Presents a \$1,600.00 DAP Grant to Brenda McCall with Dream a Dream Therapeutic Horsemanship (DADTH) - Photo taken by Phil Walthall*

Lake Travis Rotary Club presented Brenda McCall, President of the Dream a Dream Therapeutic Horsemanship (DADTH) with a 2011 - 2012 Rotary District Assistance Program (DAP) local humanitarian grant, in the amount of \$1,600.00. The DAP Grant is a matching grant to be used for qualified local humanitarian programs.

DADTH offers therapeutic riding programs for children and adults with physical, mental and emotional disabilities. DADTH encourages and helps provide hope, healing, therapy and love by helping the special need individuals build self-confidence, living skills and improve their quality of life. The DADTH riding program has locations in the Lake Travis area, Spicewood and in Leander.

On hand to award the DAP Grant to Brenda are Rotarian Club President Wally El-Hitamy and Rotarian volunteer members Ginny Jellison, Gary Weldon, Sharon Hanson, Dr. Pete Edquist.

Pictured are Rotarians Sharon Hanson, Gary Weldon, Ginny Jellison, Lakeway/Lake Travis Rotary Club President Wally El-Hitamy, and Brenda McCall, Dream a Dream Therapeutic Horsemanship President.

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In January 2011, he was selected by his colleagues to serve as the Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee.

Established in 1813, the House Judiciary Committee is the second oldest standing committee in Congress. In the last Congress over one thousand bills and resolutions were referred to the Judiciary Committee on such subjects as terrorism, crime, immigration, bankruptcy, civil liberties, constitutional amendments, and patents and copyrights. Lamar Smith is the first Republican Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee from Texas.

In 2011, Congressman Smith was named Policymaker of the Year by POLITICO for his work on patent reform legislation. His bill, the America Invents Act, was the only major tech legislation signed into law in 2011. He was one of only two House members to receive this honor.

Congressman Smith also serves on both the Homeland Security Committee, which considers legislation involving the war on terror, and the Committee on Science, Space,

and Technology, which has jurisdiction over renewable energy policies, research and science education, technology and innovation, and America's space program.

Congressman Smith is a former Chairman of the Ethics Committee and a former member of the Budget Committee. During his time on the Budget Committee, Congress achieved the first balanced budget in over twenty years and he established himself as a fiscal conservative focused on reining in excessive government spending.

Congressman Smith founded both the Media Fairness Caucus and the Reclaim American Jobs Caucus, which are active Congressional organizations.

A 5th generation Texan and a native of San Antonio, Congressman Smith graduated from Yale University and Southern Methodist University School of Law. Before his election to the House of Representatives, he practiced law, managed a family ranch and began his public service as a Texas state representative and Bexar County Commissioner. He and his wife, Beth, have an adult daughter and son.

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# Business Section

## Eight Business Networking Groups in the Area

Are you looking to grow your business in 2012? 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 Tuesday mornings from 8:00am to 9:30am at Hill Country Pasta House. Visitors are welcome! If you are interested please contact Elicia Rudberg at [eliciarudberg@gmail.com](mailto:eliciarudberg@gmail.com) for more information or visit [www.BNIAustin.com](http://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 please contact Kelly Troy at [kelly@troyinsgroup.com](mailto:kelly@troyinsgroup.com) or visit [www.BNIAustin.com](http://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

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### A BUSINESS REFERRAL GROUP MADE FUN!

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### YOUR LOCAL CITY

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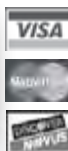
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*Eight Business Networking Groups - (Continued from Page 22)*

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### **A+ REFERRALS BY THE LAKE BNI (LAKEWAY)**

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# News You Can Use

## GIRL SCOUTS CELEBRATE THEIR CENTENNIAL WITH THE YEAR OF THE GIRL



Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low assembled 18 girls from Savannah, Georgia, on March 12, 1912, for a local Girl Scout meeting. She believed that all girls should be given the opportunity to develop physically, mentally, and spiritually. With the goal of bringing girls out of isolated home environments and into community service and the open air, Girl Scouts hiked, played basketball, went on camping trips, learned how to tell time by the stars, and studied first aid.

Within a few years, Daisy's dream for a girl-centered organization was realized. Today, Girl Scouts marks its 100 year Anniversary and has declared 2012 the Year of the Girl: a celebration of girls, recognition of their leadership potential, and a commitment to creating a coalition of like-minded organizations and individuals in support of

balanced leadership in the workplace and in communities across the country.

For the past century, Girl Scouts has been the premier leadership organization for girls. With more than 50 million alumnae, the impact and role of Girl Scouts in this country and Texas is undeniable and far reaching.

*Did you know?*

- 80% of women business owners were Girl Scouts
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**Girl Scouts-** (Continued from Page 24)

barriers of class and ethnicity, guiding out of principle rather than pride, actively seeking out the work that needs to be done in the world and bringing boundless energy and enthusiasm to each challenge.

Girl Scouts of Central Texas strives to create an environment where girls can discover themselves and their values; a place where they can connect with others, push boundaries and test limits; a place where they can develop their leadership potential and take action; a place that will serve as the launch pad for a successful life.

Girl Scouts of Central Texas provides girls a myriad of programs—from Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) based learning experiences to educational travel programs (Destinations) for teen girls who might not otherwise experience life in other cultures. These opportunities are available to all girls, from all socio-economic backgrounds, including girls living in shelters, in housing projects, girls who have been incarcerated and girls whose mothers are incarcerated.

During the centennial year there will be a myriad of activities. Beginning with Cookie sales in January, these activities include a Capitol Sing-along (March 12th), a Camporee (April), a Leadership Conference (August), an interactive exhibit at the Texas State Fair (September-October) and culminates in a candlelit vigil in December to mark the beginning of the next 100 years. All present and former Girls Scouts are invited to attend.

The Girl Scout mission continues to be: build girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. It is a movement that has been developing leaders for 100 years and will continue for 100 more.

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You are invited to join us for a fun and exciting Mardi Gras celebration filled with premier wines, single malt scotches, delicious cuisine from local restaurants, funky jazz music on the veranda and complimentary Mardi Gras beads - all included in the ticket price - as well as live and silent auctions with unique and tempting items. Don your masks and costumes (if you dare), and join the fun – all for a good cause!

Tickets are \$55 in advance (\$65 at the door). 100% of funds raised benefit Dell Children's Medical Center and are directed to The Texas Child Study Center, the mental health program at DCMC.

For more information or to purchase tickets online go to [DellChildrensCircleofFriends.org](http://DellChildrensCircleofFriends.org) (listed under "upcoming events") or contact Elliott Weir, Chairman NWA COF, at [eweir@austin.rr.com](mailto:eweir@austin.rr.com) or 922-2231.

## **RALLY FOR THE CURE**

### *Breast Cancer Awareness & Tennis Event*

Breast Cancer Awareness and Tennis Event, Rally For The Cure, benefiting Susan G Komen non-profit will take place on Saturday February 4 from 9-Noon at the Barton Creek Country Club. Andy Roddick and the University of Texas Girls Tennis Team will be providing exhibition matches and teaching clinics for the whole family. Light breakfast and prizes for all who attend!! 25\$. To RSVP, please call 512/329-4008 by February 3, 2012.

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