

The LONGWOOD Letter

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News For The Residents of Longwood

GOLFING FORE ORPHANS

Have you ever wondered what it would take to make a difference in our world? One Longwood family asked themselves this same questions and that is how the "Golfing Fore Orphans" golf tournament came to be.

Since 2004, the Matranga family: Lisa, Alayna, Jackie, and Christian have traveled to Zambia, Africa with Family Legacy Missions to the Tree of Life Orphanage. This is a 130-acre community of homes for orphaned children that was designed to be a haven of hope and light. Family Legacy's vision is to build 12 Children's Villages throughout the country of Zambia to rescue orphans from abuse and poverty and bring holistic change to a nation with over 1 million orphans (more orphans per capita than any other nation on earth.)

The first village is miraculously being built out at this time. Americans across the country are joining with their neighbors, raising the funds for the homes one at a time. The Longwood project called, "Messiah House", will be house 48 out of 50 homes!

The children at the Tree of Life come from the most severe backgrounds of poverty, abuse and neglect. Some are HIV positive, while others come from child-headed households. All are in need of healing, comfort and a fresh-start. Children at the Tree of Life receive both the educational and spiritual development that will dramatically transform their future.

It has become the Matranga family's dream to raise enough money to build a house at Tree of Life that will accommodate 12 children and two house mothers. The cost for such a project is a staggering \$100,000 because of the expense of materials and their associated transportation costs.

On Thursday, May 23rd, Longwood Golf Course will host the Golfing Fore Orphans Golf Tournament to help raise money to fund the "Messiah House." The entry fee for the tournament is \$125 per player, which includes golf, cart fee, snacks, and dinner. There will also be door prize drawings, along with live and silent auctions. Auction items include a new set of golf clubs from Calloway Golf valued at over \$1,500 and official, signed Texans gear.

Sponsors and Auction contributors include TURN-KEY Specialists Inc, Sprint Pipeline Services, Joe Myers Ford, Joe Myers Toyota, Longwood Montessori, Locatelli's Pizza, Dickenson Interiors, Kroger's,



Calloway Golf, Cypress Vision, Jim Pruet's Gun Shop, and many more!

If you would like to be a part of this world changing event, as a player, corporate sponsor or by donating an item or service for the auction, please contact Lisa Matranga at llmatranga@comcast.net or call 832-875-3248. Corporate sponsors will be featured on our banners, posters, drink cart, major holes and recognized at the auction. Hole sponsors will have a sign on their assigned hole and will be recognized on posters and at our auction.

The Matranga family hopes to find 12 corporate sponsors, one for each orphan that will be able to move into the home upon completion.

All donations are tax-deductible

For more information about Family Legacy and The Tree of Life Orphanage please visit: <http://familylegacy.com> and click on the Tree of Life icon. To donate directly to the orphanage, click on: www.familylegacy.com/messiahhouse

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR LONGWOOD RESIDENTS

The Longwood Village Annual HOA Meeting and Election of Officers will be held on the evening of Thursday, March 28 at the Longwood Golf Club Pavilion. There will be refreshments and door prizes, yes we said door prizes. Come with a neighbor and meet new Longwood residents and have some fun. Many more details to follow.

The Annual Longwood Village Spring Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 20 from 8am to 4pm. This will be the only HOA-sponsored garage sale of the year, so mark your calendars, find some stuff to get rid of, and **MAKE SOME QUICK CASH.**



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CY-FAIR KIWANIS CLUB

Mark these dates on your calendar and come, join in the fun with the Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club: MAY 6 - annual Golf Tournament at the Hearthstone Country Club; and MAY 18 - the Kiwanis Kids Triathlon.

You do not have to be a Kiwanis member to play in or sponsor a team in the Golf Tournament. We welcome any who wish to participate. Businesses are encouraged to sponsor teams for their organization. It's good publicity to have your clients know you support activates that return the money to the community through projects that support our youth and others in need. Play will be at the Hearthstone Country Club. Call for more information.

The Kiwanis Kids Triathlon will be one of only 6 triathlon City-wide events this year and will be held at Langham Creek YWCA. Events include swimming, running, and bicycling and begin at 8 a.m. Registration information will be given out at the schools and can be found on in the newspaper and community newsletters. All children 6 years through 12 years of age are invited to participate.

The Cy-Lakes Key Club was chartered in February by the Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club, sponsor. Congratulations to these outstanding students. They have a charter membership of 169 students!

Attention, graduating seniors! It's time to get your applications in for Kiwanis college scholarships. Information should be available from your sponsors by the time this newsletter is published. We look forward

to rewarding the outstanding service and academic achievements of our Key Club members.

Wouldn't you like to be a part of this organization that assists in these activities that promote good citizenship and leadership in our youth? Come join us at the CY-FAIR KIWANIS CLUB and be a part of sponsoring children's activities, such as the Triathlon. CHILDREN PRIORITY ONE is the motto of Kiwanis Clubs worldwide. The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club sponsors nine Key Clubs in the Cy-Fair Schools; Girl Scout, Boy Scout, and Sea Scout troops and activities; provides scholarships to outstanding Key Club members in our district; provides assistance to Cypress Assistance Ministries and Bear Creek Ministries; the Houston Food Bank; and many other nonprofit organizations.

Membership is open to persons of good character who adhere to the standards of good conduct in their community and believe in and subscribe to the objects of Kiwanis International. If you would like to know more about Kiwanis and the programs it promotes, we invite you to be our guest at one of our monthly meetings. The Cy-Fair Kiwanis meet at Hearthstone Country Club on the first, second, and third Tuesday of each month at 12:15 for lunch and informative programs. For more information, call Peggy Presnell at 281-304-7127; John Carroll at 281-463-0373 or George Crowl at 832-467-1998.

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Cheryl Campbell will share hiring tips and time-savers at CYFEN's Feb. 28 meeting. Learn how to find qualified candidates when "Seeking the Right Fit" of staff for your business at the Cy-Fair Express Network (CYFEN) luncheon Feb. 28. This month's speaker, Cheryl Campbell, president and owner of TPI Staffing, Inc., will help business owners with tips on hiring staff as well as how to utilize a staffing company to simplify life and save time in the selection process to find qualified candidates.

Serving the staffing industry for 25 years and an advocate of women-owned businesses and women's education, Campbell has been the recipient to many recognitions, including Top 50 Woman-Owned Texas firms. All are welcome to attend the monthly meetings of CYFEN, which are held the fourth Thursdays at the Sterling Country Club, 16500 Houston National Blvd. This month's meeting begins with networking at 11 a.m. followed with a prompt 11:30 a.m. start of the program. Bring business cards for networking. The meeting cost is \$25 with advanced reservations made by the Thursday prior to the meeting and \$30 at the door. For information on CYFEN, which is part of the American Business Women's Association, go to www.CYFEN.org.

ABOUT CYFEN

The Cy-Fair Express Network's vision is to be a community and national leader for the support of professional women by providing a nurturing environment for business development, networking, education and mentoring. Our members have opportunities to pursue excellence and achieve both local and national recognition.

ABOUT ABWA

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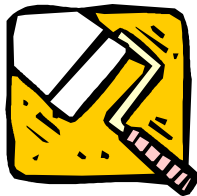
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Alzheimer's and Dementia Worship Service / Support Group

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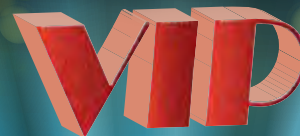
During this time we would invite the caregivers to attend worship service or a small group of their choosing.

We would also welcome those from other local churches to consider dropping off their family member for this service. They could then return to their home church for worship.

We are also considering facilitating an Alzheimer's Support Group for caregivers that would meet during the week.

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American Cancer Society Events

MARCH 6th

American Cancer Society Cy Fair RELAY FOR LIFE Team Captains Meeting 6:30pm at North Cypress Medical Center Hospital Cafeteria

MARCH 27th

American Cancer Society Cy Fair RELAY FOR LIFE Team Captains Meeting 6:30pm at North Cypress Medical Center Hospital Cafeteria

APRIL 4th

BLUEWATER Seafood Restaurant located at Hwy 290/FM 1960 and American Cancer Society RELY FOR LIFE team to fight cancer. A portion of ALL dining this day AND night will be given back to the American Cancer Society.

APRIL 10th

American Cancer Society Cy Fair RELAY FOR LIFE Team Captains Meeting 6:30pm at North Cypress Medical Center Hospital Cafeteria

APRIL 14th

American Cancer Society Cy Fair RELAY FOR LIFE ROCK Concert at BFE Rock Club located at 11528 Jones Road. A portion of all proceeds will be given back to the American Cancer Society

APRIL 17th

American Cancer Society Cy Fair RELAY FOR LIFE Team Captains Meeting 6:30pm at North Cypress Medical Center Hospital Cafeteria

APRIL 24th

American Cancer Society Cy Fair RELAY FOR LIFE Team Bank Night Meeting 6:30pm at North Cypress Medical Center Hospital Cafeteria

APRIL 27th

American Cancer Society Cy Fair RELAY FOR LIFE BIG EVENT starting at 7pm until 7am at CY- FALLS High School located 9811 Huffmeister Rd. Houston TX 77095



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