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The *Tribune* is mailed monthly to all Cypress Creek Lake residents. Residents, community groups, churches, etc. are welcome to submit information about their organizations in the newsletter. Personal news for the Stork Report, Teenage Job Seekers, recipes, special celebrations, and birthday announcements are also welcome.

To submit an article for consideration please email it to *cypresscreeklakes@peelinc.com*. The deadline is the 9th of the month prior to the issue.





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Travel the World Without Leaving Your Hometown By Heather Wells

Who hasn't dreamed about walking among the Egyptian pyramids, or soaking in the sun on a beach in Spain, or wandering along the Great Wall of China? Every parent wants to give their children a taste of the world, but the economic reality of international air travel for a family, not to mention hotels, passports and food, makes it tough for most of us to consider except in our daydreams. There is a way to give your children the world – without leaving your living room. How? Host a foreign exchange student from a country you've always admired! Fascinated by France? Curious about China? Intrigued by India? By welcoming an international student from one of these countries into your home, you instantly open a portal to a far off land.

"My husband and I have been hosting for the past three years and have enjoyed every minute of it!" said Vicki Odom, an Ayusa host mom from Pearland, Texas. "The various students we've had in our home have taught us a great deal about their home countries. The students also love learning about life in Texas and participate in a good deal on community service."

Foreign exchange students come from all over the world. Ayusa matches host families with students from more than 60 different countries. All high school foreign exchange students are fully insured, bring their own spending money, and are proficient in English – and all high school exchange programs are regulated by the U.S. Department of State.

"We welcome host families of all shapes and sizes – families with young children, families with no children, empty nesters whose children have left home, single parents and non-traditional families," says Connie Coutu, Regional Manager of Ayusa, a non-profit that promotes global learning and leadership through foreign exchange and study abroad opportunities for high school students. "The key requirements for a host family are to provide a safe and nurturing home environment, genuinely love children, and have a desire to learn more about a different culture."

Volunteer host families provide foreign exchange students a nurturing environment, three meals a day and a bedroom (either

private or shared with a host sibling of the same gender). Each host family and student is supported by a professionally trained community representative who works with the family and student for the entire program. All interested host families must pass a criminal background check and a home visit by an exchange organization. Interested host families are required to fill out an application, pass a background check and interview with a local exchange program representative in their homes. Once accepted to a program, host families can view profiles of students to find the right match for their family.

Ayusa is currently accepting applications for families to host an exchange student for the 2012–2013 school year. For more information about hosting a high school foreign exchange student, please contact Ayusa at 1.888.552.9872 or by visiting the website at www.ayusa.org.





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Cypress-Tomball Democrats Meeting Features Harris County Chairman

The next Cypress-Tomball Democrats monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, June 18th, 2013. It will be held at Rudy's Grill & Cantina, 11760 Grant Rd., Cypress, TX 77429, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

June's guest speaker will be Lane Lewis, who is the chairman of the Harris County Democratic Party. He will discuss 'Engage 365' which is the Harris County Democratic Party's new non-election season, civic engagement program, designed to keep Democrats active

and engaged in the community by taking part in civic-oriented, community service projects in communities and neighborhoods.

All are welcome to attend and to join this growing club, which meets on the third Tuesday of every month. For more information, visit the website at www.cytomdems.com or contact Glenn Etienne at cytomdems@yahoo.com.



The wonderful ladies of the Elisha Roberts Chapter, NSDAR, extend an invitation to any female, 18 years or older, who can prove direct lineal descent from someone who either fought in or provided aid during the American Revolution. We are a family oriented group of ladies who promote patriotism, education and historic preservation. Our motto is God, Home and Country. If this sounds like you, please come and join us for a meeting. We meet the third Thursday of each month, September through May, at the Backyard Grill, located at 9453 Jones Road. Our next meeting will be on September 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact the chapter Regent, Cheryl Partney at cpart86@comcast.net or by phone at 832-654-0306. We look forward to meeting you.

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It is time once again to register your soccer superstar for FSA Soccer. The Fairfield Sports Association offers a fantastic environment for your budding soccer player to develop their skills and grow their passion for the beautiful game. We offer soccer divisions for boys and girls ages 4 - 12. Our younger divisions (U5 & U6) play 3 v 3 soccer on small fields with no goal players. We gradually increase the size of the field and the number of players as the kids get older. Starting at age 7 (U8), players participate in an evaluation and are selected by their respective teams.

This soccer season, FSA soccer players will wear the XARA uniforms. The uniforms look GREAT, and the kids will really love them! Registration costs cover a complete uniform kit including game jersey, shorts, and socks. Registration for the U5 and U6 divisions is \$115. Registration for the U7 and older division is \$130. There are no additional fundraisers or sponsorships players or teams are responsible for during the season. Nonresidents of Fairfield do pay an additional \$25 non-resident fee.

All practices and games are played in Fairfield. Players in the U5, U6, and U7 divisions are all awarded participation trophies at the end of the season. In the older divisions, trophies are awarded for the divisional champions and runners-up. Additionally, the older divisions participate in a season ending tournament. In addition to our Fall League play, we offer Fairfield Freedom on Fridays evenings during the summer. This is an opportunity for any child to come play "street soccer" is an adult supervised

environment at no cost! Check the FSA Soccer webpage for more details.

FSA Soccer is also thrilled to announce we are bringing back our 2nd annual Kick-off Summer Soccer Camp! This camp is for boys and girls ages 6-10. The camp is scheduled for June 10th thru 13th from 9:00am until 11:00am. Professional trainers from the Challenge Soccer Club and the Texans Soccer Club will be working with FSA Soccer providing the training for the camp. The cost of the camp is only \$50! The camp will be held in Fairfield at our Robert's Fields facility near our Central Park Splash Pad. To register for either the camp or an exciting season of FSA soccer, visit the Fairfield Sports website at www.fairfieldsports.net. From the menu button, click the SOCCER link. Once at the Soccer page, click the MORE menu button and then click the REGISTRATION link.

IMPORTANT FSA SOCCER DATES:

FSA Kick-off Summer Soccer Camp registration: Open Now – June 8th FSA Kick-off Summer Soccer Camp: June 10th – June 13th FSA Soccer registration: May 31st – July 14th Player evaluations (ages 7 and older): July 22th – July 25th Practices begin: Week of July 29th Games begin: Weekend of August 24th

Please direct any questions about the FSA Soccer program to Scott Baehren, Commissioner – FSA Soccer at soccer@fairfield-sports.net



SPECTATOR Cypress Ranch Key Club Takes Top Prize at District Convention

The Cypress Ranch Key Club recently returned from the Texas-Oklahoma District Convention with arms full of trophies and awards. Twenty-nine members attended the convention in Dallas, where they attended leadership training workshops, taught a forum on fundraising and charity giving, and participated in several competitions. At the convention's Saturday night Awards Banquet, the club walked away with seven trophies, other recognitions, and was ranked as the #1 Best Key Club in the two-state district's prestigious "Top 25 Clubs". There are over 300 Key Clubs in Texas and Oklahoma, including nine clubs in Cy-Fair ISD. The club won the first place club trophy and also received the Best Club traveling cup that will remain at CypressRanch until next year's convention.

The club earned first place trophies for their scrapbook and Single Service Project for a pajama drive held in conjunction with Orange Leaf Frozen Yogurt. The scrapbook and Single Service Project binder move on to compete at the international level this summer at the Key Club International Convention in Washington, DC. First place trophies were also won for the District Governor's Project for Texas Children's Hospital and the club's Service Fair booth highlighting collection drives. The club's entry in the "A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words" contest won second place. Club President Hannah Bielefeldt received an Elimidallion medal in recognition of the club's support of and financial contributions to The Eliminate Project, a project seeking to end neonatal and maternal tetanus worldwide.

Four new patches were also added to the Key Club's banner following district convention. The club won patches for their participation in the district and district governor's projects and won patches for on-time reporting and for the club's outstanding website. The club's banner is displayed in the main hall of Cypress Ranch High School. Club members also participated in individual competitions at the convention. Members participated in essay writing, trivia contests and scholarship interviews. Club officers David Zhou and Marisa Kelly participated in the talent and Just Dance competitions, respectively. The Cypress Ranch Key Club with 710 members is currently ranked the largest Key Club in the world. There are 5,000 Key Clubs and over 260,000 members worldwide. Cypress Ranch Key Club members perform tens of thousands of service hours each year in Cypress and Houston. The success at the recent convention was the culmination of a very successful year of service to our community and the schools of Cy-Fair ISD.

For more information about the award-winning Cypress Ranch Key Club, please visit the club's website at www.ranchkey.com or email the Faculty Advisor Jennifer Hydes at jennifer.hydes@cfisd.net.



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