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JILL BOTT REFLECTS ON GARDEN CLUB'S HISTORY

During this season of wonderful Lakeway community milestones, the Lakeway Garden Club is celebrating its own 25+ anniversary! Co-Founder Jill Bott, tells of a small group of friends who gathered together to exchange gardening tips and plants just over 25 years ago. The Club was organized under the umbrella of the Women's Club of Greater Lakeway as one of its first special interest groups. Jill describes those early meetings as very informal. "No minutes or photographs exist of those early meetings which were held in the homes of members. We had so much fun just learning from each other." Jill said she never imagined that the club would grow so large.

"Obviously the success of any organization such as this develops from a strong leadership base. Much credit should go to our co-founders, Jill Bott and Mary Ellis Glover and to all our former board members who have served so faithfully over the years. They truly are the foundation of this Club and our inspiration as well," added Carlisle Pearson, current chairman of the Club.

"We discovered the 25th anniversary date while reviewing past club activities," stated Pearson. From a modest beginning of 8-10 members, the Club has now grown to 136 members. Other than the size of the Club, not much has really changed. The Club still enjoys sharing gardening tips and some members bring plants to exchange from time to time. "We also have wonderful field trips to special gardens around the Austin area and we



offer a variety of outstanding programs and speakers of interest to the group. This year, we focused on gardening in drought conditions with programs on native and drought tolerant plants. One of our most interesting events was a presentation on collecting rain water," Pearson reflected.

The Club's community service project, caring for the Hamilton Greenbelt Gardens, has been active for over 16 years. Members volunteer on workdays to help maintain the gardens and replant as needed. Garden club members have volunteered their time and energy to this project over many years, even before the dedication of the Chapel of the Four Seasons in May of 1994.

"I am so happy that the club has flourished through the years. The friends I made at those meetings were very special," said Bott. "The Club has meant so much to many of us and it provided a great service to the community as well. I feel very lucky to have been a part of it."



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Around Lakeway

LAKEWAY TO HOST DOUBLE CELEBRATION:

"Red, White, Blue and Golden"

On Independence Day, Thursday, July 4th

Submitted by Shelly Ansbach, Publicity Chair

Come one, come all, and join us for what promises to be the best Independence Day celebration ever. Our theme this year is "Red, White, Blue and Golden," celebrating both the thirty-eight annual July 4th parade and pageant and Lakeway's 50th Anniversary, Thursday, July 4th. What a wonderful day it promises to be!

This year we are fortunate to have one of our own Lakeway residents leading the parade as Grand Marshal, former Mayor Gerry Astorino, who will give the keynote address at the Pageant of Flags.

The parade begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Live Oak Driving Range on Lakeway Drive and ends at Cross Creek Drive adjacent to the Lakeway Activity Center. The July 4th parade features Joyce Botta as Lady Liberty, Danny Esposito as Uncle Sam, the Wells Fargo Stagecoach and the Silver Thistle Bagpipers. Priscilla Bangs will serve as head judge of the parade entries.

"All creative entries, from floats, bands and golf carts, to walkers and vehicles are welcome to participate in our traditional Lakeway parade," said Parade Chair, Paula Crawley. If you have questions please contact Crawley at (512) 261-1938 or email at paulacrawley63@gmail.com. Entry forms are available at City Hall, and in the Lake Travis View.

The Pageant of Flags follows the parade at 10:30 a.m. at the Activity Center on Cross Creek, where you will meet Grand Marshal, Gerry Astorino. The Activity Center will sponsor a free continental breakfast, including coffee donated by Java Dive, donuts and juice. Entertainment will be provided by the Lake Travis Fiddlers, the Wildflowers and Dottie's Follies. Additionally, parade entries will be judged according to categories and the winners will be announced at the pageant. One entry will win Best of Parade.

You would be well advised to arrive at the Activity Center on time, as seats are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For all you swimmers out there, the Lakeway Swim Center will open from 12 p.m. to 9 p.m. at a reduced price of \$3 per person.

The evening's entertainment begins with an old-fashioned block party at 7 p.m. at streets surrounding the Lakeway Swim Center. Back by popular demand is 'Duck Soup' playing your favorite rock n' roll, country, jazzy blues and more. So grab your partner and dance the night away under the marquee tents, complete with lighting, a dance floor, tables and chairs. Bring extra chairs if you have them.

And don't forget those good eats. Concession stands include Boss Hogs Kitchen (BBQ), Phatso's Cheesesteaks, and Kona Ice Austin. The swim center concessions will also be open.

Activities for children include a super slide, rock climbing wall, laser tag and video games.

July 4th Committee Chair, Andra Dearing, is working hard to



coordinate this event. "I'm so honored to chair Lakeway's Fourth of July celebration again this year. It is a joy to serve alongside so many wonderful volunteers each year, and it has been through their dedicated efforts over the years that Lakeway has enjoyed such a rich heritage of patriotism and servant hood."

For more information, visit the city website at www.lakeway-tx.gov or contact the Parks and Recreation office at (512) 314-7530.

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Grand Marshal Chosen to Lead Lakeway's Red, White, Blue and Golden Celebrations

He is highly regarded by friends and co-workers as a man with a sharp intellect, savvy, well educated, has a profound sense of morals and ethics, business acumen, and is always in control—qualities that have served him well in his 24 years of military service, as a member of the Lakeway City Council, the Lakeway Civic Corporation, and as former Lakeway Mayor.

As a young boy, this year's Grand Marshal, Gerry Astorino, felt a spirit of adventure and passion for the sea, a calling that lead him to enroll in the Maine Maritime Academy. He graduated in 1958 with a bachelor's degree in nautical science as an ensign and licensed as a Merchant Marine Officer.

Upon graduation, he was ordered to active duty, which marked the beginning of his 24-year career in the Navy. He attended the U.S. Navy Post Graduate School where he earned a bachelor's of arts in comparative government in 1969, and attended the NATO Defense College with a diploma in European Economy in 1977. Three years later he earned a master's in education at Boston University in 1980.

Among his sea duty assignments, he served as commanding officer of the USS Kalmia (ATA 184), an auxiliary fleet tug assigned to the Pacific fleet in World War II and beyond, and the USS Myles C. Fox (DD829).



He also had a command a shore as commanding officer of the U.S. Navy Recruiting District in St. Louis.

The USS Myles C. Fox (DD-829) was a Gearing-class destroyer in the United States Navy during World War II and the years following. During his tour of duty on the destroyer Astorino said he "participated in extensive high tempo combat operations in the Vietnam war, including Aircraft Carrier Escort and Support, Naval Gunfire Support of troops ashore, and over 200 missions into hostile waters, including Haiphong Harbor."

During the Vietnam War, Operation Linebacker, (as it was known), was the title of a U.S. Air Force and U.S. Navy interdiction campaign conducted against the Democratic Republic of North Vietnam from May 23 to October 1972.

It's purpose was to halt or slow the transportation of supplies and materials for the Nguyen Hue Offensive (known in the West as the Easter Offensive), an invasion of the Republic of Vietnam (South Vietnam) by forces of the People's Army of Vietnam (PAVN) that had been launched on March 30th. Linebacker was the first continuous bombing effort conducted against North Vietnam since the bombing halt instituted by President Lyndon B. Johnson in November 1968.

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Astorino was awarded the prestigious Bronze Star with Combat V for his distinguished combat service in Vietnam.

Other military awards include the Joint Services Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal with Gold Star in lieu of second award, Combat Action Ribbon, National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 4 additional campaign stars, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Korea) and the Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Notable among his shore assignments are his service as a Chairman of the Department of Seamanship and Tactics at the U.S. Naval Academy in St Louis where he taught leadership and management to 1st classman from 1972 to 1973; from 1980-1983 he was appointed assistant professor of Naval Science at Villanova University. And he taught organizational development to MBA candidates at the George Mason University Graduate School of Business from 1984 to 1985.

After retiring from active naval service, he entered the corporate world, where he rose from small branch manager to president of national accounts division in companies that specialized in physical security for business, residential, government and consular customers.

Astorino and his wife Joan moved to Lakeway in 1994, where he actively became involved in the community. He served on the Zoning and Planning Commission in 1997; and was a city councilmember from 1998 to 2002. At the urging of former Mayor Charles Edwards, he ran for and won the office of Lakeway Mayor.

"At the end of my second term in office (as Mayor), I recruited Gerry for the office of Mayor because he had been on the council with me. I knew he was very dedicated to work for the good of the city--and he did," Edwards explained.

"We had major tasks before us and we got bond elections passed to build a new city hall, a justice center and relocate the public works facility from its urban location to its present location on Serene Hills. It was Astorino's responsibility to get the plans executed and built. He was responsible for bringing it all to fruition. And he did. It was a daunting task because lots of people didn't want it."

Edwards said that Astorino, together with Dave Benson, who was the City Manager at that time, worked together on the planning of the above three projects, and planned the construction of the Heritage Center too. The Historical Society, who owned 2 acres of land that the Heritage Center now sits on, was part of Lakeway, but was not funded by the City.

Under Astorino's term as Mayor, a decision was made to build the Heritage Center with the help of the Historical Society who donated the 2 acres of land and \$120,000. The Historical Society and the Heritage Commission joined together. Gerry and Joan Astorino have been happily married for 53 years, and have two children, a daughter who lives in Lakeway and a son who lives in California.

Come on out and meet Lakeway's Grand Marshal, Gerry Astorino, at the July 4th Pageant at 10:30 a.m. at the Activity Center.

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Lakeway Associates of Seton celebrated a joyous numerical coincidence when the group presented a check on May 2 for an even \$30,000 to representatives from Seton Shoal Creek Hospital and The Seton Fund. At the same event, Lakeway Associates kicked off its 30th anniversary year. The volunteer organization, based in Lakeway, raised the net \$30,000 over the past fiscal year from membership dues and special events like the group's annual Seton Tea and Gala. Accepting on behalf of The Seton Fund were Alan Isaacson, vice president and COO of Seton Shoal Creek Hospital; Sister Gertrude Levy, community ambassador; Lucie Taylor, director of development; and Taylor Fry, director of annual giving. In Isaacson's address to the 32 gathered for lunch at The Hills, he remarked that the Shoal Creek psychiatric facility is seeing a larger number of patients each year, and the number of patients without means to pay is growing.

"Mental health is one of the most poorly funded areas of healthcare. Our goal is to generate ideas and solutions to meet increasing demands. Without the help of Lakeway Associates, many things like the transformation of our physical plant would not be possible," Isaacson said.

"Our donations don't pay the bills but help make better things happen," said Kim Nearburg, outgoing Lakeway Associates president. She added that this year's proceeds would fund a variety of projects to improve therapeutic recreation and music activities for all patients, especially children and teens. For more than 30 years, Seton Shoal Creek Hospital has treated patients of all ages

who experience emotional and substance-abuse difficulties. Inpatient services include intensive psychiatric stabilization for emotional crises, depression and drug/alcohol dependence. Outpatient services are offered to individuals who require less intensive treatment. Past donations from Lakeway Associates were used to refurbish the hospital's lobby, relocate an upstairs admittance area, and create outdoor recreational space.

"The funds raised by Lakeway Associates make a significant difference in the lives of our patients," Isaacson said. Nearburg expressed her thanks to outgoing Lakeway Associates board members Barbara Bembry, first vice president and Gala chair; Sally Barto, Gala co-chair; Cindy Kotrady and Barbara Beebe, Tea co-chairs; Carol Sawin, programs chair; Beth Maher, membership chair; Jean Hennagin, secretary/treasurer; and Pat Evans, publicity chair. Bembry will take the helm as president for the coming year, while Barto steps up as first vice president and Gala chair. Hennagin will chair the Tea. Lakeway Associates was founded in 1983 by Lakeway residents Mary Kolb and Anna Grayum. At that time, Kolb was an employee at Shoal Creek Hospital, while Grayum was a volunteer. At the May 2 luncheon, Grayum described some of the group's early fundraising efforts, such as golf tournaments, cookbooks, garage sales and Las Vegas nights. Today's organization has well over 100 members. To join, please send a check for \$20 made out to Lakeway Associates of Seton, and mail to Kim Nearburg, 710 Dragon, Lakeway, 78734. Please indicate "Dues" on the check and include your contact information and e-mail address.



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Adapting the history of our community to music was challenging task handled very adeptly by Director Ernie Clay and her staff of musical assistants, costume designers, choreographers, backstage personnel, and many others. While the opening number, "The Lakeway Breeze," was written by cast member Nick Renneker for the show, all that followed were well known favorites from noted artists like the Beatles, Leslie Gore, the Four Seasons, Peter, Paul and Mary, and songs from Broadway shows and Hollywood.

Audiences were quick to join in on many songs - and to jump to their feet when Lee Greenwood's "Proud to be an American" was introduced. Wilson Smith did an amazing job as the narrator, and many kudos were received by the program scriptwriters.

The Sing Alongers will be back again on December 8th when they present their Christmas program in support of the Green Santa project here in the Lake Travis area.



Pictured below are Perry Smith, Art Brecher, and Jeff Alt as they are the Four Seasons accompanying Frankie Valli (Mike Hahn) in Walk Like A Man. This number brought the house down.



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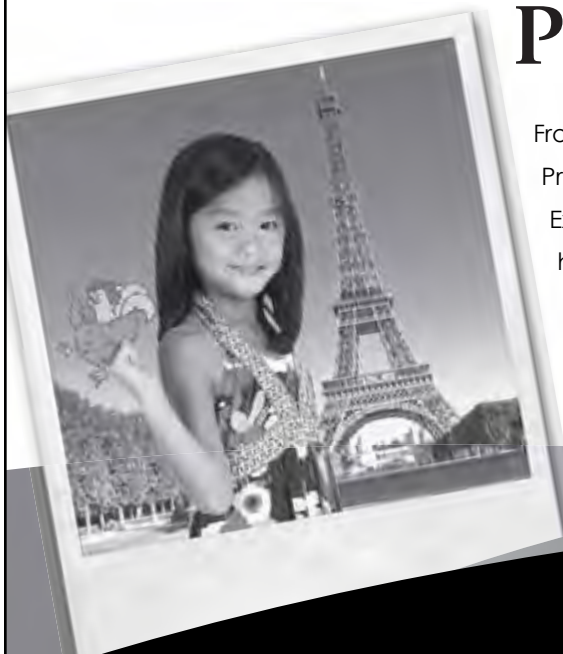
This is a free event (donations to the band are encouraged). There is a large dance floor and plenty of tables. You may bring your own refreshments, if desired, as none are provided. There are no reservations—doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Kent Dugan's 17-piece orchestra, The Republic of Texas Band, features well known singers (and Lakeway residents) David Cummings and Lisa Clark. This band consistently appeals to dancers of many generations. Expect to hear a wide variety of favorite tunes with fresh arrangements.

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Carpool LAC 12:30 \$7 gas tip

MON JUNE 10TH: Eat first at Fore 6:00pm Happy Hour
then Games Mah Jong @ Fore 6:30pm. Call Diane Smith
512.261.6497

WED JUNE 12TH: Lunch Bunch Rivera Bistro, Shops at the
Galleria, Car pool from LAC at 11:15a. (\$1/ea gas tip) RSVP
by May 1st Call Judy Prim 512.608.6853

MON JUNE 17TH: Tour Blue Bell Creamery, Brenham TX.
Eat at BT Longhorn, 205 S Baylor (979.421.6700) \$4 tour +
230 miles RT = \$15 gas tip ea Call Jacquie Banks 512.638.0484

TUES JUNE 18TH: Learn how to start composting in
Lakeway featuring Rosina Newton. Free to members @ LAC
6:30-7:30pm

FRI JUNE 21ST: eat first and then Games Bridge &
Dominoes @ LAC 7pm. Eat at Pao's , 5:15pm. Call Jo Kirk
512.261.7703 or Eat at Shades (16410 Stewart Rd), 5:00pm.
Call Phyllis Ligon 512.261.6960

WED JUNE 26TH: Dining Out Gumbo's, Shops at the
Galleria: Car pool LAC 5:00p (\$1/ea gas tip) Call Mary
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Hall of Fame in Waco and overnight there at the Hilton (both
are near the lake and I-35) then travel to the Bush Museum
the next day. If we have 20 for Bush Museum, cost is \$9 ea;
otherwise \$13 ea. RSVP Jacquie June 21st.

MONTHLY REMINDERS:

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IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD...

Lynn S. Auerbach, a Massachusetts Clinical Psychologist, specializing in trauma in families, had a life-long dream to assist those in need in Africa. In 2004, she ventured by herself to live and work in Uganda. She saw the complexity of people's lives and developed simple solutions to help. In 2005, Lynn founded the Connect Africa Foundation-- unique in that the connection between the donor and the African recipient is never broken. Lynn resides in Jogo, a village outside of the capital, Kampala, for 6 months during the year. A Ugandan, Kalule Charles, is co-Director. The continuing efforts of Kalule Charles and Lynn Auerbach exemplify the ancient African proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child".

Two missions drive the work that is taking place in Jogo: providing resources to villagers to become self-sufficient through independent business ownership and educating and developing the future leadership of the country. Connect Africa is strengthening the capacity of families by providing educational support to children and business loans to their families. An apartment complex has been constructed and rented by Ugandans. The income is earmarked for the education fund. Expansion plans include building a Community Center, a guest house, and a library. The Community Center is a special place where families and students gather, support each other, and learn new skills.

Lakeway residents, Rita and Jerry Hietpas, sponsor one of the students and have recently visited Uganda. Their positive experiences with this effective organization have prompted them to host Ms. Auerbach the week of June 9. She will speak to churches, social organizations, and at-home parties. For more information, please contact them at 512-261-3930.



Wildfire Awareness Town Hall Event

Wednesday, June 26th, 6:30 p.m., Lakeway City Hall

A wildfire awareness town hall meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 26th at the Lakeway City Hall. Representatives from the Texas A&M Forest Service and Lake Travis Fire Rescue will present their assessment of wildfire risks to our community and share ideas on how best to prepare ourselves for and mitigate such risks, under the auspices of the Firewise Communities/USA® Program. All interested and concerned residents are encouraged to attend, as this will provide an opportunity to join the efforts of, and indeed help prioritize actions of, the Lakeway Firewise® Program.

About the Firewise Communities/USA® Program: Brush, grass and forest fires don't have to be disasters. The national Firewise Communities program promotes local solutions to wildfire safety by encouraging homeowners, community leaders, firefighters, and



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others to jointly develop and execute action plans that protect people and property from wildfire. See www.firewise.org for information on the Firewise Communities program. Because community participation is key to the success of the program, the Lakeway Wildfire Steering Committee is seeking committed residents and stakeholders who are willing to be members of the various Firewise® Committees, and thus to help implement and shepherd Lakeway's incipient Firewise® program. This Town Hall meeting therefore is designed to offer the community an opportunity to: (i) learn more about the

Firewise® program; (ii) have input to the action planning process; and (iii) sign up for volunteer opportunities.

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Lupine Lane

On May 31, 2013, Lupine Lane broke ground on their new school and creative enrichment center in Rough Hollow. As the kids in pink and yellow construction hats watched in excitement, the golden shovels turned the first scoops of earth at 1001 Highlands Boulevard. In the small holes, the children planted the fruit trees that they have nurtured at the Lupine Lane Cottage during the 2012-2013 school year. As the kids grow older, they will return to Lupine Lane to care for the trees, then enjoy the shade and fruit the trees offer. It was a joyous, yet simple act that symbolizes how an idea the size of a seed can in fact be nurtured and grown into a wonderful, blossoming reality for the benefit and enjoyment of many.

The road to the groundbreaking was long, but meaningful. Lupine Lane was established in July 2008 and began with a class at the Lakeway Activity Center called Tasty Tuesday. The summer cooking class was a success. Lupine Lane's founder, Lauren Boyle, rediscovered her passion for creating and educating in the first moments of that class after spending the two previous years travelling. As a child, Lauren enjoyed spending any money she earned at the teacher store and using the supplies to set up classrooms in her New Jersey basement. Teaching seemed to be the right fit for her, however, after fieldwork in education courses during college, Lauren found that teaching in the public school system seemed like a daunting maze. She felt her entrepreneurial spirit tug, and there was no turning back. After the first summer's success, Lupine Lane began offering mommy and me classes and after school classes in Austin, Lakeway and Round Rock community centers. For 2 1/2 years, Lauren and her boyfriend, Carl Cates, packed up Lauren's silver Jeep full of ingredients for cooking classes, odds and ends for art projects and instruments for music, and set out to set everything up, teach, inspire and create, then take it all back down. Rinse and repeat. It was not ideal, but it was a start. And, they were doing it. Themselves. One day, during an Absolutely Art class at the Lakeway Activity Center, a friend and mother of one of the children spoke with Lauren about an international school that their family was opening in Lakeway. Both she and Lauren knew that Lupine Lane could somehow be involved.

In July 2010, surrounded by mountains of boxes, Lauren and Carl met with the owners of Abercorn International School to begin the after school program. In the school's first year, there was tremendous growth, yet there were some vacant rooms. While packing up one evening, Lauren and Carl looked around the bright, airy, large and perhaps most importantly, empty classrooms. The next afternoon, they approached the school about leasing one of the rooms. Everyone was excited; Lupine Lane would have a home and the programs would introduce curious children and parents to Abercorn. It was a match. In January 2011, Lauren and Carl created a space that they could call their own. After 2 1/2 years of using the Jeep, Lauren's parents' garage and extra room, just about wherever they could find, as home base, they could finally get in the car with a wallet and keys and head to work. It was freeing and grounding at the same time. They were finally able to fully manifest this philosophy they had worked diligently to create. And it went well. So well in fact, while planning their first full-fledged summer camp in 2011, Lauren decided that she would explore opening a preschool. It seemed to be a logical progression and everything Lupine Lane had done up until that point supplied all of the necessary components.

Since Lupine Lane was still within Abercorn, the program was first titled

Mother's Day Out. Lauren and Carl secured all of the licensure, developed a curriculum and embarked on a supremely wonderful first year. Vowing not to exceed 8 children that year, they developed a healthy waiting list. With that in mind, midyear, Lauren decided to explore securing an SBA loan to build a school and creative enrichment center. After compiling all of the necessary documentation, which could rival the Encyclopedia Britannica, and meeting with the most genuine and inspiring banker in all of Texas, Lauren secured an SBA loan, which would allow her to design and build a school. At that point, it became a tremendously complex ropes course. Having never dealt with architects, civil engineers, developers, loan processors, etcetera, it seemed as though each turn was another incredible learning experience. Thankfully, most everyone Lauren encountered was eager to patiently listen, decipher information and explain which direction to proceed. It was not always accurate advice, but there were always many lessons learned, nonetheless. After retiring, Lauren plans to write a book on how to build a school, to make the road a bit easier for those in the future. Although admittedly, someone who would be likely to go forward with this may be doing so with a naïve sense of courage. And, if the great intentions are there, perhaps they should remain naïve, so as to remain enthusiastic.

In the midst of the loan and design process, Lupine Lane outgrew its initial home at Abercorn. With little to no rental space that satisfied the needs of the school available, in true Lupine Lane fashion, Lauren and Carl secured a 3000 square foot modular home, which is now known as "the Lupine Lane Cottage". Given city restrictions, they found one of the only locations that would allow for the Cottage in the time frame needed before school began. They made it happen. The Cottage arrived on August 15, 2012 in three parts and without electricity, water or a floor covering the 3000 square feet. Contractors, teachers and family members set to work to get everything in place for orientation on August 30. In 14 days, the Cottage was set up and transformed into the most magical early childhood environment imaginable and is only more special now because of the wonderful children, teachers and families who come through its doors every day.

As Lupine Lane embarks on its next phase, we plan to do so with each previous step in the forefront of our minds and hearts. As when teaching children, it is vital to emphasize the importance of each step in a process. Whether the process is creating a sculpture, cooking pasta from scratch, a complex math equation or an imaginative backyard game, each step has value and importance. There is, at the very least, one thing that can be learned from each turn, hill or scenic view. And, it's important to take time to fully enjoy each learning experience, so it can be shared, perhaps in a new way, to inspire and ignite passions within others.

This summer, Lupine Lane will be offering a bevy of camps at the Cottage, for children 2.5-5 and 6-11. We are also enrolling for preschool and Kindergarten for the 2013-14 school year. Please come visit our site on Highlands Boulevard as our new school takes shape. You can also come by our Cottage, 3595 RR 620 S, either for camps or for a tour. We would love to share what we do with your family. To everyone trying to accomplish something, remember, with a will, there is truly a way. It simply takes an idea—a seed. With nurturing, the seed will grow into something wonderful that many will enjoy.

LTEF Prize Patrol Awards \$227,920 in Grant Funding

May 10th was a special day for schools and teachers across the Lake Travis Independent School District. Armed with big checks to highlight the total each campus received in grant funding, directors from the Lake Travis Education Foundation visited all LTISD campuses to officially award more than \$227,000 in total grants. Across the district, schools received funding for reading, math, social studies, and science programs, along with physical education, fine arts, character education, and technology. A total of \$205,000 was granted on a per-student basis, allowing every campus to receive an equitable amount based on enrollment. The district was awarded an additional \$22,920 by LTEF for iPad funding.

The Prize Patrol day is fun for the volunteer directors of LTEF, who have worked hard all year raising the majority of the money through special events such as the annual Gala and "Fore" the Kids Golf Tournament. Giving it away, and seeing how their work impacts the students of the Lake Travis ISD, makes it all worth it.

"With the rapid growth in our district, grant awards from LTEF are even more critical to meeting the expanding needs of our teachers," explained LTEF Grant Chair Julie Flores. "Increased donations from our community would allow us to award even more grants to meet these needs. When you witness firsthand the difference these grants make for our students and teachers, you truly understand the key role LTEF plays in the district."

The directors of the Lake Travis Education Foundation encourage all members of the community to make a direct impact on the future of children throughout the Lake Travis Independent School District by partnering with LTEF. Established in 1985, the Foundation has supported LTISD schools and students with over \$3 million in grants and scholarships. For further details and a complete listing of awards, visit www.LakeTravisEducationFoundation.org.



Lake Travis Education Foundation Prize Patrol members present a check to Lake Travis ISD representatives for grant funding for all campuses.

LTHS AP Art Student Awarded Local Scholarship

Friday afternoon, May 17, at the Blues Day Studio owned by Eric and Janet Sims, a reception was held for the Lake Travis High School AP Art Student Exhibition. The Sims donated the gallery space for the students to showcase their work. The Waterloo Watercolor Group President, Donna Overly, presented a \$100 scholarship to senior Ava Mallett for her water media painting "Functionally Disorganized."



Left to right: Juror Rae Andrews, Principal Kimberly Brents, Ava Mallett, Amber Kyle Forgey, Janet Sopp-Sims, and Donna Overly.

Rae Andrews, long time member of the WWG and art teacher who has juried many shows, selected Ms. Mallett's painting for its design and proportion as well as the use of the white paper which is frequently overlooked with watercolor. Rae enjoyed the overall high quality of the student work and praised teacher, Amber Kyle Forgey, for her efforts in preparing her students for their art careers. The Blues Day Studio, located at 900 RR620, is open M-Sat from 12-6:30pm.

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APRIL 17 - ACE OF THE MONTH (YAUPON)

KAREN VAUGHAN *ACE*

1st Flight:

1st Place - Cheryl Whaling
2nd Place - Becky Lanier (Tie Brake)

2nd Flight:

1st Place - Dottie Fedro
2nd Place - Deane Willis

3rd Flight:

1st Place - Nancy Gregor
2nd Place - Joyce Johnson

50 and Under - Cheryl Whaling - 47

55 and Under - Karen Vaughan - 51, Sandy Walsh - 51, Dottie Fedro - 51, Deane Willis - 52, Loren Buchhorn - 54, Becky Lanier - 54, Holly McElroy - 55, Barbara Roberts 55

Low Putts - Deane Willis - 15

Birdies - Colleen Devere - #15

(All other play for April was cancelled due to weather.)

MAY 1ST - ACE OF THE MONTH (LIVE OAK)

BECKY LANIER *ACE*

1st Flight:

1st Place - Mary Land
2nd Place - Kay Beck

2nd Flight:

1st Place - Deane Willis
2nd Place - Diane Jones

3rd Flight:

1st Place - Margaret Myers
2nd Place - Diane Gorsha

50 and Under - Becky Lanier - 46, Dottie Fedro - 48, Mary Land - 48, Kay Beck - 50, Deane Willis - 50

55 and Under - Sandy Walsh - 51, Diane Jones - 52, Julia Youngblood - 52, Alice Spanjersberg - 53, Carlene Denman - 55, Nancy Wells - 55

Chip Ins - Diane Gorsha - #10

Low Putts - Diane Jones - 13

Submitted by Carol Bosse, Secretary



18 HOLERS

APRIL 17: ACE OF THE MONTH, LIVE OAK

Ace of the Month is our own wonderful Jean Lockhart, 68!!!!!!

1st Flight:

1st Place: Marlene Massa, 70
2nd Place: Sandee Phillips, 72

2nd Flight:

1st Place: Betsy Frost, 73
2nd Place: Mary Conley, 73

Low Putts: 32, Patti Lasswell & Margaret Reese

Chip Ins: #9 Sharon Rogers

APRIL 24: NO PLAY - THE WEATHER WON

MAY 1: MEMBER/GUEST TOURNAMENT, YAUPON

Sandee Phillips and her committee planned a beautiful tournament. Thanks to each of you for your hard work.

1st Flight:

1st Gross: Lynda Meyer/Karla Willis, 76
1st Net: Patti Lasswell/Judi Anderson, 58
2nd Net: Beverly Reid/Kathy McCoy, 59

2nd Flight:

1st Gross: Karina Williams/Cathi Duncan, 80
1st Net: Lynda Jones/Sally Wolstrommer, 63
2nd Net: Diane Tomlinson/Suzy Moore, 65

3rd Flight:

1st Gross: Margaret Reese/Debbie Grant, 83
1st Net: Pat Huskinson/Karen Vaughan, 62
2nd Net: Carol Novak/Alice Pawelek, 62

CTP: Sarah Hohner, Cathi Duncan, Linda Wells

Strait Drive: Barbara Poth, Jody McMahon, Sandy Nees

MAY 8: ACE OF THE MONTH, YAUPON

Ace of the Month is Sharon Rogers, 66

1st Flight:

1st Place: Diane Tomlinson, 67
2nd Place: Neisy McDonough, 67
3rd Place: Lynda Meyer, 70

2nd Flight:

1st Place: Sandra Nees, 68
2nd Place: Sandee Phillips, 69
3rd Place: Karla Castriotta, 73

3rd Flight:

1st Place: Pat Huskinson, 69
2nd Place: Tere McKenna, 71
3rd Place: Mary Conley, 71

Low Putts: Neisy McDonough, 30

Chip-ins: #4 Sarah Hohner, Jean Lockhart & June Moore, #13 Carol Novak, #16 Lynda Meyer, #17 Neisy McDonough

Submitted By Paula Crawley, Publicity Chair



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Calling All Artists

The Lake Travis area is rich in talented artists, but a bit short on easily accessible places to display their work for the community. The new Lake Travis Community Library now offers artists and art enthusiasts one more such facility. The library is launching a Rotating Art Program, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, to give artists space to show and sell their work. "Not only is this a great opportunity for artists, but our patrons will also be able to interact with the artists and get acquainted with a wide variety of media and techniques, from oils and collages to watercolors and photography," said Library Director Morgan McMillian. Individual artists or artist groups who apply to the program in April will be considered for exhibit space in the subsequent months. "We hope to have the first exhibit in June and welcome new artists to display their work," said Diane Taylor, Chair of the Committee. The Committee, which also includes Joyce Botta and Valerie Liebl, will review the applications and select exhibitors based on guidelines in the Rotating Art Exhibit Policy recently adopted by the Library District Board. Artists can pick up copies of the policy and application forms at the Circulation Desk at the library, located at 1938 Lohmans Crossing or by visiting www.laketravislibrary.org. "The new library is architecturally interesting, and its contemporary interior and pleasing color scheme will be a perfect backdrop for artists to showcase their work and talent," said Janet Wright, Chair of the Lakeway Arts Committee. "The community and its artists are so fortunate to have this new library in our area."

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Lack of Advance Planning Causes Constant Low Lake Levels

Deborah S. Gernes, WCID 17

From April 11 to the end of May, LCRA is releasing water from the Highland Lakes for the endangered Blue Sucker fish. Environmental releases such as this are often times met with the natural "run of the river" flows, but in severe drought conditions such as we are in now, there are little or no inflows, so the water must be provided from the storage in Lakes Travis and Buchanan.

Environmental flows are vitally important and must be maintained. These flows are a firm water requirement which LCRA is aware of and must account for in their Water Management Plan. Because of the continuing extreme drought conditions and because of LCRA's large water releases from the Highland Lakes storage for agriculture in 2011 despite the hottest summer in history and despite predictions of continuing drought, Lake Travis was drawn down to a low level of 626 ft msl in November of 2011. The lakes have never recovered, and are at a critically low level even now. (The lowest level recorded in the 1950s drought was 614ft msl.) These low levels cause the lakes to hover at a continual state of emergency year round and are a danger to municipal water supplies critical to the health and safety of residents, schools, hospitals and businesses.

Water District 17 and all other water utilities have had their customers on mandatory outdoor use restrictions for two years.

Utilities are concerned because the level of Lake Travis is currently below 628 ft msl (38%), the combined storage in Lakes Travis and Buchanan is only 782,000 acre feet (39%), and the hot season has not yet even started. The required environmental releases are now causing Lake Travis to fall at 6 inches per week and combined storage to fall at 10 acre feet per week. The result of these releases will be that in a few weeks, the lakes will be down to 750,000 acre feet, which is the trigger point for stage 3 drought conditions which will require water utilities to cut customers back to once per week outdoor watering.

LCRA held a firm water customer meeting to discuss mandatory curtailment which will be ordered when the lakes get down to 600,000 acre feet of storage. LCRA is now predicting this curtailment will happen in mid-summer if there is no significant rainfall. Mandatory curtailment is a formal term which requires a 20 percent cutback from 2011 actual water usage rates. In order to achieve this high percentage reduction, it may be necessary for utilities to cut off all outdoor use with the exception of tree watering.

Unless there is some rainfall soon, residents need to be prepared for extreme cutbacks in outdoor water usage this summer.

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