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CCHOA ANNUAL MEETING

The Circle C Homeowners Association will hold its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, March 5th at 6:30pm at the Circle C Community Center, 7817 La Crosse Ave. In order to

CCHOA Annual Meeting Wed., March 5, 2014 6:30pm Circle C Community Center 7817 La Crosse Avenue Check-in @ 6:00pm

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call the meeting to order and conduct business, we need a 10% quorum. You will find the ballot and proxy on the back of your February 2014 Assessment. If you cannot attend the

meeting, PLEASE either assign your proxy to a neighbor or fill out a Quorum Proxy (available online) so that it counts

toward the quorum. There will be a Board Election with two open board seats to be filled.

Submitted by Karen Hibpshman, CCHOA Manager

The association's annual meeting is the best opportunity for you to learn about this year's events and get caught up on everything happening in your community. Here are a few agenda items and meeting activities you won't want to miss:

- Meet board members and HOA staff.
- Get an update on all current and future scheduled projects.
- Review the proposed budget, and hear the association treasurer explain how your assessments are being used and reserves are being invested.
- Be an active community resident and attend the annual meeting. Come introduce yourself to the board, the manager and your neighbors and find a wealth of information about your community!

CANDIDATE FORUM FEBRUARY 11

The Nominating Committee will host a Candidate Forum on February 11, 2014 at 6:30pm at the Community Center. We have 5 owners that have submitted their Candidate Questionnaire for the two open board seats. If you would like to review the Candidate Questionnaires, those can be found on the Circle C website at www.circleranch.info.

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The Circle C Ranch newsletter is mailed monthly to all Circle C Ranch 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.

If you have an article of interest to the community please submit to <u>ashley@circlecranch.info</u> by the 10th of the month. The newsletter can also be viewed online at www.circlecranch.info.

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HOA ANNOUNCEMENTS SUBMITTED BY KAR EN HIBPSHMAN, HOA MANAGER

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The 1st half year assessments will be mailed February 1 and are due March 1. Please be sure to mail checks to:

CCHOA PO BOX 163541 Austin, TX 78716

Payments will NOT be accepted at the HOA Office, please do not place them in the drop box outside the office. Please do not staple your check to your invoice. Please do not post date your check. If you have a question regarding your assessment, please contact the accounting office at 451-9901.

IMPORTANT DATES

February 1: First ½ Annual Assessment Invoiced
February 11: Candidate Forum
March 1: First ½ Annual Assessment Due
March 5: Annual Meeting

CIRCLE C HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION WINS AWARDS OF DISTINCTION

Each year the Community Associations Institute of Austin sponsors awards for outstanding community homeowners associations in the Austin area. The awards are presented at the Annual Gala. With several hundred association members, the awards provide the opportunity for outstanding HOA work to be recognized.

Karen Hibpshman, Manager of the Circle C Homeowners Association submitted the CCHOA for two awards last fall shortly after her arrival as our new manager. On December 6, 2013, Karen and CCHOA Board member Natalie Placer McClure attended the CAI gala and were presented Awards of Distinction for Green Community Trendsetter and Communication Innovation for the CCHOA's efforts in these two areas.

The Communication Innovation Award recognizes communities that utilize websites, newsletters, social media, phone/text notification and other forms of communication to keep residents informed of all of the many activities of the association. At Circle C, the CCHOA communications are handled by a team of experts, including, Karen Hibpshman, CCHOA Manager, Gale Foster, the CCHOA Assistant Manager, Robert Bardeleben who assists with putting all announcements up on the marquee boards throughout the neighborhood, and Ashley Gladden, the Circle C Community Center Coordinator who heads up the newsletter, and email announcements that are distributed to everyone who signs up to be on our email. The CCHOA also thanks the former manager, Denise Nordstrom, for putting systems in place that allowed the CCHOA to communicate with numerous homeowners in a friendly and efficient way.

The Green Trendsetter Award recognizes a community's efforts to support the environment by wisely using both natural and financial resources to promote conservation, reduce our carbon footprint, and implement procedures that are beneficial to humans and the environment. The CCHOA Board of Directors has long supported the Green Community Model, developed by Susan Hoover and Circle C Landscape as an environmentally sound model for standard operating procedures on the commons areas of the CCHOA. The Architectural Control Committee, consisting of residents Trent Rush, A.E. Martin and Laura Sherman also developed guidelines for the Front Yard Water Wise landscapes that are allowed in Circle C front yards with approval from the ACC. These guidelines and procedures emphasize water conservation, limited use of pesticides and herbicides, appropriate native and drought tolerant plantings, tree diversity and limited use of turf to implement landscape designs that are environmentally appropriate for the Central Texas area.



HOLIDAY LIGHTS & DECORATIONS REMINDER

If you haven't already, please take down all of your holiday lighting and decorations per the rules in the governing documents (lights and decorations should be removed by January 15th). Thank you for your cooperation.

HAVE YOU RECEIVED A DEED RESTRICTION NOTICE?

As reported in each month's newsletter, the HOA staff drivers at least two sections of the neighborhood per month to note violations of the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions. These commonly include: front yard landscape maintenance (mowing, edging, free of weeds), home maintenance (paint, screens, siding) and recreational vehicles (boats, RV's, trailers) parked in the

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driveway. The HOA is required by state law to notify owners in writing via certified mail and allow for the homeowner to request a hearing before the board of directors. If you receive a letter, please contact us at the HOA office and let us know your individual situation. We would like to work with you to bring your home into compliance. If you would like to report a violation, you can do so via our website at www.circlecranch.info.

CITY OF AUSTIN WASTEWATER AVERAGING

Wastewater Averaging runs from mid-November 2013 through mid-March 2014. The information below has been pulled from the City of Austin website. For helpful links on how to calculate your wastewater average, to find your 2014 schedule and view frequently asked questions, log onto: <u>http://www.austintexas.gov/department/wastewater-averaging</u>.

What comes in generally must go out. The Austin Water Utility calculates wastewater costs on the amount of water you use during three winter billing periods (months). Since very little outside water is used during these months, it is a good measure of the volume flowing through your wastewater system. Now is the time to conserve.

For more information on wastewater averaging refer to the link above.



HIDEYOUR GARBAGE CAN & RECYCLE BIN!

We are continuing to receive many complaints from residents about owners who are storing their garbage can and recycle bin in view from the street. Garbage cans and recycle bins should be hidden from view – either behind your fence, in

your garage or behind shrubbery. The vast majority of homeowners are able to hide their cans out of view, please do YOUR part to keep Circle C a beautiful place to live.

SAFETY AWARENESS

Unfortunately some of you have been victim of vandalism and/or theft this past year so we wanted to ask everyone to be as proactive as possible to deter crime in Circle C. The City of Austin Police Department has these suggestions for deterring vandalism and theft from your property:

1. Install a deadbolt lock.

Deadbolts are usually locked with a key from the outside and a thumb turn on the inside. The cylinder should be pick resistant. Lock your doors every time you leave the house, even if you're leaving for just a few minutes during the day. The most popular times for residential burglaries are weekday daylight hours. In over 1/3 of burglaries, there is no forcible entry – someone forgot to lock the doors.

2. Install solid doors.

Outside doors should be metal or solid hardwood and at least 1 ³/₄ inches thick. Frames must be made of equally strong material and each door must fit its frame securely.

3. Keep garage doors closed and locked.

4. Secure sliding doors and windows.

Cut a broom handle to the length of the bottom track so that the window or door will not slide open when forced. Also, drill one hole through both casings and sliding window and insert a nail or pin.

5. Secure sash windows.

To prevent wooden sash windows from being pried open.

drill a downward sloping hole into the top of the bottom window through and into the bottom of the top window and insert a pin or nail. To prevent aluminum sash windows from being broken



into, purchase a track lock that blocks the window track.

6. Mark your property.

Mark your valuables with an engraver. Marking your property serves as a deterrent to would-be burglars and it helps police in identifying and returning stolen property. Make a property identification list. Put warning stickers on doors and windows.

7. Purchase a burglar alarm.

A home alarm system can be a very effective burglary deterrent and fit into many people's needs. Remember to test your system monthly.

8. Leave a light on.

When leaving on trips, leave a light on in the bathroom. In the bedroom, attach a lamp and radio to a 24-hour electric times set to go on at dusk and off at your bedtime. Close bedroom drapes or blinds.

9. Use proper exterior lighting.

Place a light over every door. Double cones lights on each corner of the house will also light up windows.

10. Work together with your neighbors.

When you are going to be away, tell trusted neighbors and ask them to watch your property. Have neighbors maintain your yard. When on vacation, have someone cut grass. Shrubbery should not hide neighbors' view of windows or doors. Have someone pick up newspapers and mail. Tell neighbors to call police if they notice anything suspicious.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2014 CIRCLE C HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

WWW.CIRCLECRANCH.INFO								
JAN 1 New Year Holiday, HOA Office Closed								
JAN 15	Holiday Lights/Décor must be removed.							
FEB 1	First ½ year assessment mailed, due Mar. 1st **Ballot & Proxy to be printed on back of assessment							
FEB 11	Board of Directors Candidate Forum 6:30pm -8:30pm							
MAR	Board of Directors Annual Report in March newsletter							
MAR 5	Annual Meeting, Community Center 6:30pm-9:30pm							
APR 12	Community Wide Garage Sale 8:00am-5:00pm							
APR 18	Good Friday, HOA Office Closed							
APR 19	Easter Egg Hunt, Pool Plaza @ Escarpment 9:30am-11:00am							
MAY 26	Memorial Day, HOA Office Closed							
JUL 1	Second ½ year assessment mailed, due August 1st							
JUL 4	Fourth of July Community Parade, Pool Plaza @ Escarpment 9:00am-11:00am							
JUL 4	HOA Office closed							
SEPT 1	Labor Day, HOA Office closed							
OCT 18	1st Annual Pumpkin Derby Time TBD							
NOV 27 & 28	Thanksgiving, HOA Office Closed							
TBD	Children's Holiday Party, Location TBD Time TBD (entry is one new unwrapped toy per child)							
TBD	Adult Holiday Party, Circle C Community Center Time TBD							
DEC 24-26	Christmas Break, HOA Office Closed							
Board of Directors Meetings , Last Wednesday of every month, 6:00 pm at the Circle C Community Center. Swim Center Events , please see website, www.circlecranch.info ** <i>All dates are subject to change</i>								

CIRCLE C-SWIM CENTER

Submitted by Sarah Humphrey

NEW RESIDENT INFORMATION FORMS!

We hope you have all had a safe and enjoyable winter break! During these past few weeks the office has been making some improvements that will better our membership/registration system here at the Swim Center. After narrowing our criteria we discovered a new system that not only has all the necessary features to streamline our processes, but also the ability for residents to log into their Aquatics Account online to change contact information and register, and pay for programs. We have since decided to implement this system and will need updated information. In this newsletter you will find a Resident Information Form. This form will need to be returned to the Swim Center for processing before we can issue new pool cards. The earlier your form is submitted the faster we can issue your cards. As summer approaches the wait for paperwork and pool cards will increase severely. We are aware that this is something many residents have done recently this year but we greatly appreciate your understanding and cooperation while we make this transition.

SWIM CENTER COMPETITION POOL RENOVATION UPDATE

The Swim Center pool renovation project is progressing. As demolition and preparation work began on the pool it became apparent that the pool was going to need more work than originally planned. This is not uncommon once a major project begins and demolition starts. Until all is exposed it is really difficult to tell what needs to be done. The pool had been re-plastered and re-tiled two times in the last 25 years and the plaster layers were really thick. The top layer of plaster was separating from the other layers. The original plans were to put another layer of plaster on top of the existing layers but due to the separating top layer this would not work. It became necessary to remove all layers of plaster and tile so that a good bond with the new plaster could be accomplished. We have a plaster company that is committed to giving us a great finished product and this is the number one reason we secured this company for the renovation. This necessary additional work has caused a delay in the estimated completion date of the renovation. The new estimated re-open date of the Swim Center is Monday, March 3, 2014. We are sorry for any inconvenience this delay may cause. Please know that your CCHOA is committed to providing the cleanest and safest amenities possible and we try to do this with limited interruption of daily routines.

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News You Can Use

CIRCLE C LANDSCAPE Submitted by Susan Hoover

Here at Circle C, we start off the New Year with many winter landscape tasks. Despite the big freeze, there is still a lot to do in January and February. You will see the Circle C Landscape crew trimming back all of the perennials and grasses that line the commons areas. The first run through in January gets everything that has died out on top and most of the native grasses. The second prune will occur in mid to late February. At this time, we will do "renovation pruning" for any of our evergreen shrubs that need a good pruning. They will look bare and low after the pruning, however, the spring growth season will allow them to grow new wood and new leaves while keeping the shrubs a manageable size and preventing them from getting too leggy.

We also prune the roses and crape myrtles in the late winter. This is not "crape murder" where we lob off the tops of the trees. For crape myrtle pruning, we get the suckers from the bottoms of the trees, take out any lateral growing branches and cut back the previous blooms. We prune everything that is about as wide as a pencil, and consequently, we will expect a lot of blooms in late spring. What we don't prune in the winter: Texas Mountain Laurels!!! These and a few other plants are early spring bloomers and they get their pruning after blooming. So, this is a good time to clean up your plants, and give them nice haircuts for spring. There are a number of online resources if you need instructions on how to prune, and they are worth reading before you get out there with your shears.

You might wonder what exactly grows when we have been experiencing this 16-20 degree Arctic cold? Well, there are always the weeds!!!! There is a weed for every season, and every condition. Common at this time of year are thistle weeds (hand pull those babies) and clover. For your yard, keep on top of them and they won't give you any trouble. So, on the warmer days

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NEWS FROM THE PARK WEST HOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Submitted by Fran Greve

BEST WISHES TO ALL FOR A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS 2014!

ANNUAL MEETING

The Park West HOA annual meeting will be held on Wednesday Feb. 12, 2014 at the Circle C Community Center at 7 PM. Sign in will begin at 6:40 PM. Please plan to attend. Your comments, recommendations and suggestions help us in serving the community and your attendance ensures a quorum necessary to conduct the meeting.

NEWS

We are presently working to develop a list of management services that will be included in a Request for Proposals to be sent to prospective management companies. It is our goal to have the best services for Park West at the best price and a competitive process will help to ensure that is provided. Our present management company, Goodwin Management, will be included in the group that is requested to submit a proposal.

UPDATE

Previously it was reported that the board was seeking professional help in developing 3 plans for homeowners who wish to make substantial changes to their front yards. These plans would serve as guides to the homeowner for the changes. Yarrow Landscaping has been chosen to provide this service after evaluating competitive proposals submitted by landscaping companies who responded to our request to submit proposals. In addition, Yarrow has also offered some services to the individual

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homeowners. Additional information will be available in a few weeks. We will keep you posted.

REMINDERS

Front Yards - With spring just around the corner, any homeowner planning to make substantial changes to their front yard needs to submit their plan to Circle C Architectural Committee FIRST. When it is approved by Circle C, then it must be submitted to the Park West Board of Directors. Approval must be obtained from BOTH.

Parking - As a courtesy to our disabled neighbors, please be sure that a parked vehicle in your driveway does not impede the sidewalk so that residents in wheelchairs or using walkers or canes can use the sidewalk without having to move into the street.

Annual Meeting – plan to come. See you there!

we have during the winter, take a few minutes and do a little maintenance and you won't be overwhelmed in the Spring.

We are still under Stage 2 Water Conservation restrictions with watering limited to one day per week. At Circle C, we have had most of the water off all winter, watering only when needed on new trees and vegetation. This time of year we generally need about one inch of rain per month. If you have recently moved into a new home and have new trees, give them a good watering about twice a month during the cold winter.

You might be wondering about all of the stores pushing early fertilization for your lawn. We recommend that you hold back until the grass has come out of dormancy, usually after you have had to mow it one or two times. Otherwise, the fertilizer just runs off and is not absorbed. We generally start fertilizing mid to late April!!!!!

So, on these sunny days that alternate with freezing cold, it is still a good idea to get out in the landscape and do some necessary tasks.

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I'm often asked by my Circle C clients which months are the "best" months to market their homes to get the most showings, offers and \$money\$ for their properties. Sales are generally strong year-round in Circle C because it is a highly desirable neighborhood with plenty of new and resale homes of all sizes and prices. However, the spring and summer are the strongest months starting in mid-February and continuing through September. This is the time when large families purchase homes to have their kids in school by the fall semester. Young couples with infants or no children usually buy from September through December so there is no competition from the larger families and they can close by the holidays, just in time to have the grandparents come see their new baby. January is "tax time" and February is typically the slowest month in real estate so most real estate companies have their conventions during this month. Then the cycle starts all over again. Homes are sold on a "case by case" basis in Circle C with the buyers comparing them to one another based on the area, street, upgrades, home-site, trees, greenbelts, cul-de-sacs, outside masonry, size, age, builder and floor-plan. As of January 9th, 2014 there are only 25 total listings in all of Circle C Ranch! With the super-hot home sales forecast for this year, this will certainly spur buyers into home shopping earlier in the year. They will try to beat the spring rush and take advantage of recently reduced interest rates. This drives the price up on some resale and new homes because of a lack of supply. Interest rates remain attractive, hovering around the 4.375%-4.5% level on a 30 year mortgage, non-jumbo financing (not over \$417,000. loan amount). The lack of listings supply and the level of interest rates mean one thing to Circle C sellers. Now is the time to list! If you have been considering moving up to a larger home or perhaps down-sizing to a smaller home, please allow me to provide you with a no- obligation, free, accurate, comprehensive market analysis and explain our move-up and move-down plans that save you money. The Squires Team is so confident in their sales ability and knowledge of the market in Circle C Ranch that we offer a \$cash-back\$ guarantee! If we can't sell your home in 60 days and another agent lists and sells it for more, we will pay you the difference in \$cash!\$ Call John for an easy appointment to provide you with a free, no-obligation, accurate market analysis on your valuable Circle C property. Thanks, John Squires



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11625 Georgian Oaks-John's listing- <u>"SOLD!"</u> over

<u>"JUST LISTED!</u>" John's listing- 2070 Hawthorne Loop—Rimrock's "hi-end", custom home section. Absolutely stunning, 3250 sq. ft. (tax records) 1-story, tumbled sandstone mix, backing to permanent greenbelt with panoramic views. 4 large bedrooms w/BIG closets, 4 full baths with granite/ Travertine counters and hi-end hardware. Big, *separate* office with 12' ceilings too! 9,10,11,12' ceilings throughout the home. HUGE family room with stone fireplace, granite shelves, built-in niches', cabinets, shelves. Granite and stainless kitchen looks over the family room. Recessed lighting, mahogany hardwood floors, hard tile floors, rounded corners, arches—the list goes on. A wall of windows offers a fantastic view of the new, in-ground pool, outdoor living area, outdoor fireplace, grill, T.V. and sandstone bar surrounded by palm trees. Entire back yard is surrounded by wrought-iron fencing, so it's great for pets and kids too! This is an awesome opportunity at \$539,000. Yes, \$539,000! Call John if you would like a private tour of this amazing property. (512) 970-1970



10430 Snapdragon—John's listing <u>-"SOLD!"</u> over Christmas holidays, \$339,000. list price.



10309 Snapdragon-John's listing-"SOLD!" over Christmas holidays. This home is a perfect example of how I can guide you in the right direction as far as staging and remodeling your home, so that it may sell for the maximum sales price possible in the marketplace. This home was in horrible dis-repair and extremely dated with original filthy carpet and sheet vinyl flooring through the entire house. Wallpaper was in every room, kitchen, bathrooms, game room, etc. The outside of the home had wood rot, needed paint front and back, interior paint, Formica counters, worn out, sun-faded deck, etc. I had the home's exterior painted and some of the interior, as needed to cover wallpaper and mis-matched paint. I had 18" travertine porcelain tile installed in the bathrooms, kitchen and utility rooms, replacing sheet vinyl. (I found it for 99 cents a foot!) I had granite counters installed with stainless deep tub sinks. I had the deck repaired, re-stained, arbor built and sun-screen installed. New lights, hardware and carpeting finished the job. Neutral almond paint and colorful paint for the kitchen. The entire home was cleaned and the lawn mowed by my crew. I made the seller back her *original* \$17,000. remodeling investment <u>PLUS another \$32,000</u>. I made this seller \$1.88 for each \$1.00 she spent. I can do the same for you if your property needs it and my service is <u>free</u>. You just pay my super-reasonable contractors. I did this to 15 of my client's homes in 2013 and they all sold wonderfully. List with me and I'll fix it for free!



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News You Can Use

Submitted by Jackie Rollins

No matter what the weather may be, the backyard of Park West residents Svetlana and Sergei Petrov is always a picture of beauty and enjoyment.



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By USPTA/PTR Master Professional Fernando Velasco





How To Execute The One Handed Backhand Lob

In previous newsletters, I offered tips on how to hit the forehand groundstroke, the two-handed backhand, the one-handed backhand, the forehand volley, the two handed backhand volley, the serve, the forehand half-volley, the one-handed backhand volley, the overhead "smash", the forehand service return, the backhand service return, the forehand high volley approach shot, the two handed high volley approach shot, the one-handed high volley approach shot, the forehand lob, and the two-handed backhand lob.

In this issue, I will offer instructions on how to execute the One-Handed Backhand Lob. This shot is used when a player is forced to retrieve a ball that is hit deep to the backhand side of the player, and the opponent is either charging to the net or staying far back. The player hitting the lob is looking for "air time" to regain balance and court space. This ball should be hit high enough so the players at the net cannot reach and "slam" the ball down, or force the opponent at the base line to retrieve back. In the illustrations, Ceci Griffis, a Member of the Grey Rock Tennis Club, shows the proper technique to execute this stroke.

Step 1: The Back Swing: When Ceci is forced deep into the backhand side and realizes that she has to hit a defensive lob, she pivots

to the left and gets her racket back early. Notice that the head of the racket is low and her left hand is on the throat of the racket. Her eyes are focused on the path of the ball and her weight is on her left foot.

Step 2: The Point of Contact: Ceci is now ready to hit the ball. Her eyes are now focused on the point of contact and the face of the racket is tilted at a 45 degree angle in order to create height and depth on her lob. Her goal is to keep her head still and not start looking up to her opponent or to the other side of the court. She has released her left hand from the racket and is keeping good balance with both arms to keep the center of gravity in front of her right foot.

Step 3: The Follow Through: The success of a deep lob is the follow through. Ceci's right knuckles are leading the stroke and her left arm is pulling back to keep her balanced. Her should is lifting the racket above her head. Her right hand controls the path of the ball, and the left arm keeps her from turning her hip too early

Step 4: The Shuffle Back: Once Ceci finishes the stroke, her goal is to either move forward toward the net top to hit an overhead, or to shuffle back to the middle of the court in order to drive the next ball back to the opponent. In this caption, she moved back to the center of the court waiting for the opponent's shot to come back.

Look in the next Newsletter for: How to execute "The Forehand Drop Shot"

CONGRATULATIONS TRI-LEVEL GREY CLUB TEAM



The Grey Rock Tri Level Tennis Team won the City division and qualified to participate in the Texas Championships being held in Houston on February 7-9, 2014. Players on the team are: Shelly Foreman, Marie Martin, Julie Asbra, Lisa Laird, Linda Henson, Shannon Bailey (non-membert), and Gina Hughes. Not pictured" Michele Haggerty, Ceci Griffis and Colleen Dial (non-member). Good luck

8th Annual Clayton Fun Run & Carnival

Submitted by Carol O'Brien

The 8th Annual Clayton Elementary Fun Run & Carnival is April 5th from 2-6 pm and this year's event is going to ROCK! Along with the run, children can participate in the carnival, which includes a petting zoo, pony rides, rock wall, quad jump, bouncy houses, carnival games and much, much more. There will also be food, entertainment and a silent auction, so mark your calendars and plan to attend!

The PTA is currently soliciting support for this awesome event from local businesses. With advertising exposure to over 900 students and 3,000 parents and supporters, the Fun Run is a great sponsorship opportunity. Donations will support the school's focus on science, technology and literacy. Sponsorship packages start at only \$100 with great incentives for each level. If you would like more information on sponsoring this rockin' event, please contact Christie Behrens (president@claytoncardinals.org) or visit our website at www.claytoncardinals.org!



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For more information about Moms In Prayer International, visit www.MomsInPrayer.org.

GMS Dance Booster Club Garage Sale

Submitted by Anna Ginsberg

One of the many great things about Gorzycki Middle School is its award winning dance program. Starting in the sixth grade, students may elect to take dance as a PE credit. At the end of the year, they may audition for one of the seventh and eighth grade dance teams : Tiger Drill, Tiger Dancers or Tigerettes. For the past five years, all three teams have won numerous awards at local and state competitions. Some expenses are paid by parents, but the GMS Dance Booster Club tries to cover as many expenses as possible through workshops for younger children in the community, the school Valentine's Day Dance and other events. The dance team's next fundraiser is a garage sale to be held March 29th in the parking lot of the Urgent Care Center at 5000 W. Slaughter Lane near the Wendy's. The sale starts at 7:00 and will go on until about 1:00, so please stop by, shop for bargains and help out your local dance team.



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American Association of University Women

More than seventy members and guests attended the ninetieth anniversary luncheon of the Austin Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) at the Austin Woman's Club in November. Pam Wolfe and Judy Reinhart, both past Branch presidents, planned the program. Several Branch members were overheard wishing that we met at the Woman's Club all the time! The vintage items arranged on mirrors as centerpieces inspired conversations filled with memories and a few history lessons for the benefit of younger members. Pam's PowerPoint about the history of the Branch was fun as well as informative to those fairly new to the Branch.

Meetings of the branch are held approximately monthly during the year. The website has information about the organization, including its history, mission, and activities. See http://austin-tx.aauw.net/.

Submitted by Anita Knight



Past presidents attending the 90th anniversary luncheon. *Rear* - Nancy Myers, Elizabeth Newell, Judy Reinhart, Pam Wolfe *Front* – Janie Maldanado, Kay Goodwin, Brenda Scholin, Ines Garcia

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North	S	127	ŝ	125	\$	128	\$	137	ŝ	148	7.75%	3.80%
On The Park	S	111	\$	105	\$	109	\$	117	\$	127	8.51%	3.37%
Wildflower	\$	124	\$	125	\$	128	\$	127	\$	140	10.25%	3.03%
Park West	5	137	\$	126	\$	135	\$	141	\$	159	12.23%	3.68%
Vintage Place	\$	98	\$	112	\$	102	\$	115	\$	116	1.13%	4.25%
Hielscher	S	115	\$	117	\$	118	\$	125	\$	138	10.22%	4.67%
West	\$	112	\$	114	\$	115	\$	122	\$	133	9.02%	4.34%
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Muirfield	\$	123	\$	125	\$	124	\$	133	\$	149	12.11%	4.88%
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Alta Mira	5	120	\$	119	\$	122	\$	129	\$	138	7 29%	3.59%
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Enclave Estates	\$	97			\$	113	\$	125	\$	162	30.18%	13.81%
Avana-Esquel			1		\$	136	\$	139	\$	153	10.00%	6.36%
Barstow Village							-		\$	169	N/A	N/A
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Greyrock Ridge							-		\$	172	N/A	N/A
Circle C Ranch Total	\$	115	\$	116	\$	119	\$	125	\$	137	9,59%	4.48%
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