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at the Hill Country Galleria

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May 3rd

Saturday Night Concert Series, 7pm-9pm - Amphitheater, featuring the Hot Texas Swing Band

May 8th

May Wine Walk 5pm-9pm - start at Twin Liquors

May 9th

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May 10th

Saturday Night Concert Series, 7pm-9pm - Amphitheater, featuring Slowtrain

May 17th

Saturday Night Concert Series, 7pm-9pm - Amphitheater

May 22nd

barre3 event with founder Sadie Lincoln, 6:30pm - Amphitheater, free class, bring a mat and water

May 24th

Saturday Night Concert Series presented by KDRP, 7pm-9pm - Amphitheater, featuring The Loose Wheels

May 31st

Saturday Night Concert Series, 7pm-9pm - Amphitheater, featuring Guy Forsyth



Call for Artist

Spicewood Arts Society's Arts Round-up

The Spicewood Arts Society ("SAS") is planning its eleventh Arts Round-Up, a juried fine arts festival scheduled for October 25 & 26, 2014. The Arts Round-up Committee is calling for applications from central Texas artists who wish to join us in this wonderful Fall Art Festival in the fast growing Spicewood area. The festival will be held on the beautiful grounds surrounding the La Cabana Grill at 21103 Hwy 71 West in Spicewood.

Guest admission is free to the show, although donations to SAS are encouraged and greatly appreciated. Spicewood is an affluent and rapidly growing community with sophisticated art buyers. In addition, Spicewood is just a short drive from Marble Falls, Horseshoe Bay, Johnson City, Lakeway, Bee Caves, Oak Hill and Austin, providing participating artists the opportunity to exhibit their work to a variety of art patrons. We encourage all artists living or working in central Texas to apply.

Artists in all 2-D and 3-D media will display their works in their own tents. All artwork must be original work by the artist. A jury of artists and members of the SAS Board of Directors will select applicants for invitation to participate.

FEES:

Non-Refundable Application Processing Fee: \$25.00 Booth Fee for weekend: \$140.00; \$265.00 for double sized booth Electricity, add: \$5.00

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Thursday, June 19, 2014.

The goals for this show are to provide a cost effective venue for artists to display and sell their art and to provide fun for the whole family. Further information about the show is available at www.SpicewoodArts.org . Applications will be managed via Zapplication.org. Artists should search for "Arts Round-Up" in the participating shows link.



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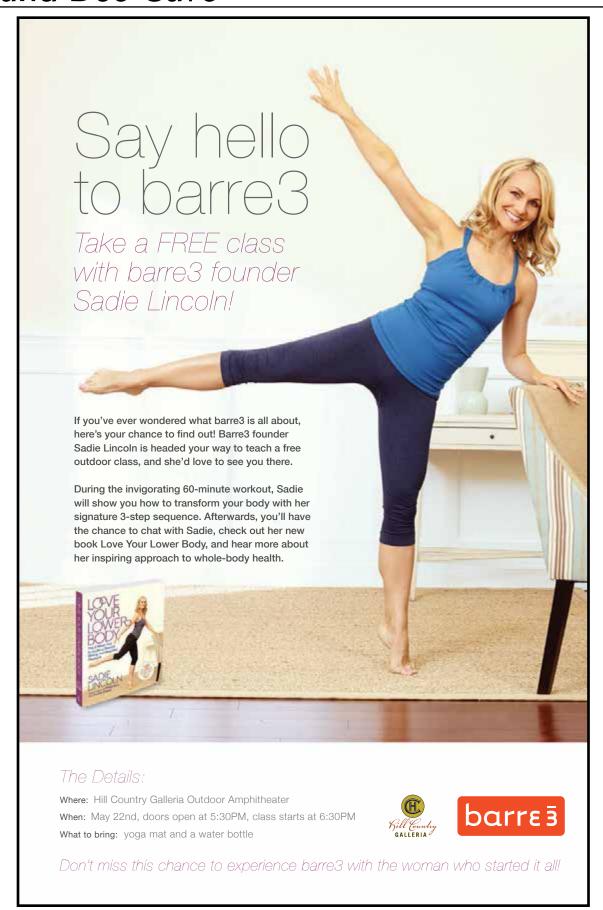
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June 30 - July 3

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ship I Lego: Amusement Parks and Extreme Expeditions

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ing

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June 30 - July 3

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Belvedere's 2nd Annual Fishing Derby

Belvedere on Hamilton Pool Road held the second Annual Fishing Derby on March 23 at the Belvedere Pond. Over 150 residents and family members attended the event, which tripled last years' Derby attendance. Food and drinks were provided by P. Terry's of Lakeway. Two hundred young one pound stocker trout were placed in the pond last November so that the trout would grow to adult size. The stocker trout were one pound and 13

inches long in November. By the time of the Derby, the rainbow trout were over 2-3 pounds and 20-24 inches long. Quite a catch! This provided a great fishing experience and challenge for children and adults alike. Normally, the Belvedere Pond is a catch and release fishing experience with perch and catfish. Having the ability to catch some decent size trout and keep them, was exciting for many who had never fished before.



WOMEN'S CLUB GETS A NEW LOOK

The board of directors of the Women's Club of Greater Lakeway took a good look at their annual membership directory and wondered why the only graphic on the cover was a sailboat.

Nancy Clayton, past president and current parliamentarian suggested a fresh look for the club, which was founded in 1985 with a charter membership of 51 women.

"Today's club has more than 460 members. Quite a few may be sailors, and a sailboat has been part of the City of Lakeway's logo for years. But not one of our club's many varied special interest groups uses a sailboat, at least not yet," Clayton said with a wry smile.

With the board's approval, Clayton formed a committee including Jane Benasutti, president; Pat Evans, publicity chair; Susan Bryce, yearbook chair; Suzie Leggio, membership chair; Phyllis Miller and Kim Nearburg, webmaster co-chairs; and Linda Silinsky-Kephart, corresponding secretary.

The group met several times to develop a creative strategy. The next step was to locate a graphic artist.

"We had little money for this expense, but Pat Evans had worked in advertising in Dallas for years. One of her colleagues, Pam Boyd Roberts of Jambalaya Creative, helped us out at a friendly rate. We are grateful for Pam's generosity of time and talent," Benasutti said.

Roberts designed six concepts which met with intense scrutiny from Clayton's image committee. A winner eventually emerged when the group visualized its use on the organization's newsletter, yearbook, Web site, July 4th banner and note cards.

Of the logo concept, Roberts says, "The tree falls descriptively within the cypress family. The trunk stands for the beginning days of the club and its ongoing stability. Like the club, the tree will keep growing, branching out and adding more leaves."

"Cypress trees only thrive near water, which is a symbolic connection to our lakeside location," Evans said.

"I especially like how the tree symbolizes the past, present and future. Women's Club offers so many opportunities for longtime and new members to branch out, be active and make friends," Clayton said.

"To me, the logo's fresh green color relates to our area's natural setting and our club's nurturing mission: to promote social, cultural and intellectual growth. I want to congratulate Nancy Clayton and her committee, and Pam Boyd Roberts, for their very fine work," Benasutti said.



DROWNING IS FAST AND SILENT.

KEEP KIDS IN ARM'S REACH.

It's May. And in Texas, May means backyard barbeques, pool parties and summer just around the corner. May also means National Water Safety Month and an opportunity to tell parents that drowning is the number 1 cause of accidental death for children under 5, yet it is PREVENTABLE! Last year, more than 82 Texas children lost their lives to a fatal drowning while many more survived a non-fatal drowning incident.

I am the Executive Director of Colin's Hope, a Texas water safety and drowning prevention nonprofit organization. 6 years ago, when my daughter Ella was 3, I didn't worry about drowning. She took swim lessons. We loved the pool, the lake and the beach. We spent long hot summer days keeping cool in the water. I worried about bike accidents and car accidents and falls from the monkey bars. Then, 4 year old Colin Holst drowned in a busy public pool with lifeguards on duty and family and friends close by. My daughter went to preschool with Colin. This was a wake up call that drowning could happen to my family too but I knew nothing about water safety. Thankfully, Colin's family turned their tragedy into triumph and formed Colin's Hope to raise water safety awareness to prevent children from drowning. Colin's Hope has accomplished so much already but the work is far from being done because children are still drowning quickly and silently in bath tubs, pools, open water, toilets and even buckets..

Water is NOT safe. Water will never be completely safe BUT there are simple things you can do and small behavior changes you can make that can help your family to be safeR around water. Read on and invest a few minutes of your time. Think about it---we take 20 seconds every time we get in the car to buckle our babies into car seats to keep them safeR. We spend countless minutes reminding our kid to put a helmet on before they pedal off to keep them safeR on bikes and scooters. We do these small behaviors over

and over because we know they can help prevent tragedies. Why wouldn't you also add layers of protection to prevent a water related accident?

Below are 10 simple things you can do NOW that will add water safety tools to your parenting toolbox (and to your your pool bag) and help prevent your children from drowning.

- Take and share the Colin's Hope water safety quiz (http://www.colinshope.org/quiz), it could save a life!
- Talk to your kids about water safety and tell them to NEVER get in water without an adult Water Guardian (that's YOU or another adult).
- Understand that DROWNING is FAST and SILENT.
- Be a Water Guardian. Keep Kids in Arm's Reach when near, in and around water.
- Enroll in formal swim lessons and learn to swim.
- Ensure that your pool and your neighbors pools are fenced and have self latching/ locking gates.
- Weak and non-swimmers should wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved and properly fitted life jacket NOT water wings or floaties.
- Teach kids to stay away from pool drains to avoid entrapment.
- Learn CPR
- Visit www.colinshope.org and learn more water safety tips, volunteer or donate.

Please share this life saving water safety information with your friends and family as we prepare for another long, hot Texas summer. Together, we can achieve the vision of a world where children do not drown!

In the words of Colin Holst--Have the Best Day Ever!

Alissa Magrum

Mom, Colin's Hope Executive Director,

Lover of Water, Water Safety Advocate



Lake Travis Middle School National Junior Honor Society and National Wildlife Federation

PLANT TREES FOR WILDLIFE

Program introduces students and youth to STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) learning and educates students about sustainability and the role of trees in their environment

Lake Travis Middle School NJHS gave its students a unique of trees and their role in the environment, including: opportunity for hands-on nature learning—sapling giveaway in the community to improve their community and help wildlife contaminants from the air. by providing food, cover and places for wildlife to live.

"Planting a tree is a perfect opportunity for students to learn about the environment and get dirt under their fingernails," says Patrick Fitzgerald, senior director of education management for the National Wildlife Federation. "A single tree can clean the air and water, provide food for wildlife and humans and serve as shelter. It can serve as a microcosm of a sustainable environment and teach kids a lot about the world they live in."

The community-wide sapling give away April 12 in Austin is part of the National Wildlife Federation's Trees for Wildlife program which teaches children about wildlife, science, and ecology through planting and then caring for trees in their communities.

Seventeen Lake Travis Middle School NJHS's students worked with community members to organize the sapling giveaway event as a way to give back to the community. The trees that will be planted in the community will contribute to the nature learning and general enjoyment of the students' community for years to come.

LTMS student Salvador Alanis, 13, helped out and said he enjoys volunteer work where he can get his hands dirty. "I think it's cool we're giving away trees to help the community," he said. "I think it's great to have a greener community."

As part of the event, students learned about the many benefits

- Trees improve air quality, absorbing pollutants and filtering
- Trees improve water quality, reduce flooding and erosion and slow evaporation through stabilizing stream beds and filtering water through leaves.
- Trees help reduce energy costs for schools and homes by providing shade in the summer – reducing air conditioning costs – and acting as wind breaks in the winter.
- Trees improve health by providing a calm and relaxing environment and help add to an overall sense of well-being. Hospital studies indicate that patients who have window views of trees and green spaces are calmer and more relaxed, and many heal faster.
- Tree planting projects are a visible sign of a commitment to improving green space and community aesthetics.

For more information about Lake Travis Middle School National Junior Honor Society (NJHS), contact the Lake Travis ISD Office of Communications at (512) 533-6046.

About the National Wildlife Federation

The Trees for Wildlife program is part of a national effort to engage children to plant, care for and learn about trees in their own communities as part of a broader goal to connect 10 million more children with nature on a regular basis and help more Americans experience the outdoors through recreation, education and stewardship. For more information about NWF's Tree for Wildlife program, visit www.nwf.org/trees.

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The remainder of this discussion will center around what to do with retirement contributions that are not being matched.

For many years, we have been told that it is best to contribute to retirement plan accounts on a pre-tax basis and receive a tax-deduction for the contribution. The reasoning behind this has been you will be in a lower tax bracket when you retire, so it makes sense to defer the taxation on funds that will be used in retirement. The sad truth is that for most retirees this is simply not the case.

Let me explain. Many of our retired clients are in a higher tax bracket now than they ever were during their working years. After totaling up their social security, pension, and investment income, they are often making more money than they ever made while working. On top of that, they have far less deductions against their income. Many people have their homes paid off, resulting in the loss of the mortgage interest deduction. Their kids are grown and on their own, eliminating the deduction for dependents and college expenses. On top of that, they no longer have earned income, so they can no longer make tax-deductible contributions to retirement plans.

After factoring in the rising cost of living expenses over the years, it is not uncommon for our clients to have taxable income that is

15-25% higher than while they were working. With virtually no tax deductions, the end result is that they are pushed into the highest tax bracket they have ever been in at the same time that they are living on the highest income of their lives.

Currently, marginal tax rates are the lowest they have been in decades. We all know that our government is having a hard time paying bills, so common sense would lead us to the conclusion that rates will be even higher in the future.

With all of the above said, I would recommend looking for retirement savings vehicles that offer both tax-free growth and distribution. While this is easier said than done, there are still a few very reasonable options. My recommendation would be to contribute the maximum amount into a Roth IRA account with a reputable custodian that allows you to invest as desired (ex. Fidelity, Schwab, Vanguard). Roth contributions are limited to \$5,500 (\$6,500 age 50 and over), so for additional amounts you would like to set aside, you should look into some form of fixed Universal life insurance. Life insurance offers the ability to grow funds on a tax-free basis while not having to play by the same rules of qualified retirement plans. This type of planning is complicated, but very beneficial is set up proplery.

As you can see there are many factors to take into consideration. It is of utmost importance that you structure your retirement income plan to provide income that will last a lifetime. This is possible, but requires a substantial level of diligence and advanced planning.

If you would like further information on this topic or to receive a copy of our report on retirement income planning, please send your requests to the email below. As always, we are here to answer your pressing questions and concerns regarding retirement investment planning.

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