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Cypress Woods Theatre Company Presents



Cypress Woods High School Theatre Company proudly presents, Annie, the musical on December 18th, 19th at 7:00 pm and on December 20th at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm in the Cypress Woods HS Auditorium, 13550 Woods Spillane Blvd, Cypress, TX. Tickets can be purchased on line at www.showtix4u.com. Annie is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. 421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019. Phone: 212-541-4684, www.MTIShows.com

Show Dates
December 18th and 19th at 7:00pm and December 20th at 2:00pm and 7:00pm

Cypress Woods HS Auditorium 13550 Woods Spillane Blvd. Cypress, TX 77429

Volunteers Plan Jingle Bell Rock

Christmas Party for Reach Unlimited

Submitted by: Verna Noack Donor and Community Relations Reach Unlimited, Inc. vnoack@reachunlimited.org

Plans for a spectacular first annual Jingle Bell Rock Christmas Party are well under way! A Volunteer army under the direction of Berni Horan, Liberty Mutual Lead Sales Representative, Ambassador for the Houston CyFair Chamber of Commerce and member of Cy Fair Women's Network have been recruiting, collecting and signing up individuals and companies to help with this undertaking. The event which will feature music by the Amazing Duane Vincent, a visit from Elvis and the jolly old man himself, Santa Claus! Plans for the evening include cookie decorating, lots of dancing and gifts for each of the Reach Unlimited clients. Berni invites you and your business to join in the fun to help make this the BEST Christmas Party ever for the clients at Reach. You can reach her at Berni. Horan@libertymutual.com. There are still needs for additional refreshments, small gift items or gift cards so that everyone will receive a gfit and volunteers. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, December 10 from 6PM to 8PM at Langham Creek YMCA.

Reach Unlimited provides quality services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities through a day program and residential services. Reach serves 300 clients through programs that provide training and support for jobs in the community, a safe and stimulating learning day program as well as 19 family group homes in the northwest area.

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Fifth Annual Cypress Hoops Invitational

The Cy-Fair Educational Foundation is gearing up for their highly anticipated Cypress Hoops Invitational Tournament to be held for the fifth year December 11 through 13, 2014. Twenty-four high school varsity level teams, including those from Cy-Fair ISD and outside the district, will compete over the three-day event at various high schools with the championship games held at the Berry Center. This year's tournament is underwritten by North Cypress Medical Center Hospital.

"Teams from the Dallas area and the San Antonio area will be traveling to Houston for the event," said Teresa Hull, event co-chair. "This is so exciting because it means that word has gotten out about the high level of organization and quality of our tournament. This will help us continue to build state recognition and gives us great potential to grow," she said.

New this year will be family fun activities including face painting, balloon animals and much more. Northwest Dodge will once again be sponsoring a chance to win a car during the championship game on December 13, 2014 at the Berry Center.

The tournament was started by community member Eric Burg and modeled after an extremely successful tournament held in Pasadena. Burg, who played basketball in Cy-Fair ISD, wanted a way to showcase the talent and facilities in Cy-Fair ISD and the tournament grew from there.

In a nail bitter championship game between Galena Park North Shore and Plano West last year, North Shore pulled ahead and won the tournament. "These games are so fun to watch," said Teresa. "We are hoping to attract many spectators to cheer for the kids since ticket prices are so reasonable (just \$2.00 for students and \$3.00 for adults or a family fun pass for \$8). We want a lot seats in the seats!" she said.

Last year the tournament raised \$18,750.02. All proceeds raised through entry fees, t-shirt sales, game tickets and sponsorships will be used for innovative staff development programs for district teachers and instructional leaders and for scholarships for deserving high school seniors. For more information about ways to participate, contact Marie Holmes at 281-807-3591 or marie@thecfef.org.



CYFEN MEMBER APPRECIATION AND HOLIDAY MEETING DEC. 18

Luncheon Details

Thursday, December 18 | Networking 11:30 am; Luncheon begins at 12:00 am

Sterling Country Club, 16500 Houston National Blvd., Cypress, TX 77433

Member costs \$25 with advanced reservations; guest costs \$30 with advanced reservations

Come to the Cy-Fair Express Network (CYFEN) luncheon Dec.18 for member appreciation and to learn more about a local charity organization. This meeting will celebrate the completion of the 'debt free' home built for a well deserving wounded warrior and his family in Cypress, TX. RE/MAX Realty Center partnered with the Texas Sentinels Foundation to make this a reality for a local veteran and his family. With the completion of this home near Christmas the family is in need of many items to make this new start. Needed items are listed on the Cyfen.org website. Donations will be collected a the December luncheon. In addition, there will be a member gift exchange. Bring a wrapped new gift or gift card valued at \$25 to participate. All are welcome to attend the monthly meetings of CYFEN at the Sterling Country Club, 16500 Houston National Blvd.

This month's meeting begins with networking at 11 a.m. followed with a prompt 11:30 a.m. start of the program. Bring plenty of business cards for networking. The meeting cost is \$25 with advanced

reservations made by the Thursday prior to the meeting and \$30 at the door.

ABOUT CYFEN

The Cy-Fair Express Network's vision is to be a community and national leader for the support of professional women by providing a nurturing environment for business development, networking, education and mentoring. Our members have opportunities to pursue excellence and achieve both local and national recognition. CYFEN is part of the national organization of American Business Women's Association (ABWA), for more information go to www.CYFEN.org.

ABOUT ABWA

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Take Care of Texas by Managing Your Leaves

As autumn brings cooler temperatures, it also signals the arrival of another seasonal display - falling leaves! While Take Care of Texas encourages you to plant shade trees to help lower your utility bills in the summer, these deciduous trees lose their leaves in the fall. Instead of raking and bagging them, where they will head to a landfill, put them back into your lawns and gardens as a valuable source of mulch and fertilizer. Leaves contain 50 to 80 percent of the nutrients a plant extracts from the soil and air during the season. Grass clippings, leaves, and other yard debris make up 20 percent of the trash sent to landfills each year. It costs Texans over \$250 million a year to collect and dispose of this waste. There are four basic ways to manage leaves and use them in landscaping:

Mowing: a light covering of leaves can be mowed, simply leaving the shredded leaves in place on the lawn. This technique is most effective when a mulching mower is used.

Mulching: a lawn mower with a bagging attachment provides a fast

and easy way to shred and collect the leaves. Apply a three to four inch layer of shredded leaves around the base of trees and shrubs. A two to three inch mulch of shredded leaves is ideal for flowerbeds. For vegetable gardens, a thick layer of leaves placed between the rows functions as a mulch and an all-weather walkway that will allow you to work in your garden during wet periods.

Composting: in addition to leaves, other yard wastes such as grass clippings, pine needles, weeds, and small prunings can be composted. Compost can serve as a soil conditioner that nourishes your yard and reduces the need for outdoor watering up to 60 percent.

Soil improvement: leaves may be collected and worked directly into garden and flowerbed soils. A six to eight inch layer of leaves tilled into a heavy, clay soil will improve aeration and drainage. The same amount tilled into a light, sandy soil, will improve water and nutrient holding capacity.

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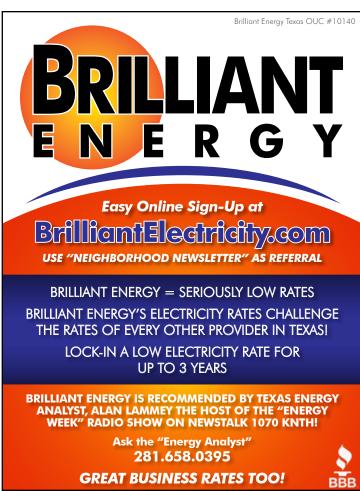
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Business Professional Women

The women of Northwest Houston Business & Professional Women (BPW) are sponsoring a "Neighbors in Need" campaign in December to collect toys for infants through age 12. BPW is partnering with a renowned Houston non-profit organization, Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM), to spread some Christmas cheer to children in need. The monthly luncheon will feature speaker, Carole Little, a dedicated leader with more than 30 years' experience in health and human services. Since 2001, she has served as President & CEO of Northwest Assistance Ministries. Members and guests are invited to the luncheon on Dec 18 at Northgate Country Club and to bring an unwrapped toy for infants through age 12. RSVP online by Dec 16 at http://nwhoustonbpw.com/.



Albion Hurricanes FC December Soccer Evaluations

The club invites all interested players from ages U9 to U12 to the Player Evaluations, 12/8 and 12/10 at 5:00 to 6:30 at the Schiel Road Complex location, to become part of AHFC's success.

Players will be evaluated to determine their technical and tactical abilities by the highly-qualified staff at AHFC. Please register at www.albionhurricanes.org prior to tryouts. AHFC office: 713-939-7473.

Questions? Boys: Mark Rufo at mrufo@albionhurricanes. org or call 979-453-1933

Girls: Danny Hill at dhill@albionhurricanes.org or call 713-818-7529

Albion Hurricanes also offer a recreational program JHSL (Junior Hurricanes Soccer League) for children 4 – 8. This ten week program begins in early February. Please visithttp://www.albionhurricanes.org for more information or contact jhsl@albionhurricanes.org.

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