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Have You Been Affected By Cancer?

Submitted by: Cathleen McBurney

I know that I have. I know that my family has. I know that my friends have. It was almost 2 years ago that I was given the devastating diagnosis of Stage 4 Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma, an extremely rare

cancer with approximately 1600 cases per year. The prognosis wasn't good, but I beat the odds by nothing other than a miracle. Cancer was certainly not what I had envisioned as a part of my life. But God's plans are different than mine, and now I have been led to lead the Relay For Life of Lake Travis, and to represent the American Cancer Society as a 2015 Hero of Hope.

I tell you this because I know that each of you in some way has also been affected. You may be a survivor. You may be a caregiver or a family member that watched someone you love battle cancer. You may have suffered the loss of a loved one to this terrible disease. It can affect adults, children, healthy or unhealthy. Cancer has no filter by which it chooses its victims.

But there is something tangible that we can do. We

can Fight. Celebrate. Remember. The American Cancer Society is much more than research. They offer programs to patients and families, including Road to Recovery, Cancer Survivor Networks, wigs, lodging for patients traveling to treatment, Reach to Recovery for breast cancer patients and more. They rely on donations through events like the Relay For Life, which is the largest non-profit fundraiser in the world. That's where you come in.

Please join me in forming teams for this year's Relay For Life of

Lake Travis, which will be held on April 17th (6pm – midnight) at Lake Travis High School. Teams participate by raising money beforehand through simple online donation links and joining together at the event by walking the family friendly track. No running required. No athletic ability needed. One person from each team just needs to be on the track at all times. The rest of the team can join in or just hang out and enjoy the activities and entertainment, until it's their turn to walk. The highlights of the night include the Survivor Lap, an emotional opener to the event which honors those who have fought and won, serving as a testament to the hope that is available to all. If you are a survivor, please join us by registering, even if it's only for that lap. But it is the Luminaria ceremony that honors those who lost

their battle, those who won, and those whose fight continues. It is a beautiful tribute and one you will never forget. I hope you will join us!

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My family at last year's Relay For Life of Lake Travis





Around Bee Cave

Spicewood Arts Society is Holding Their Annual Scholarship Fundraiser: Rockin' the Vineyard

SPICEWOOD, TX – Spicewood Arts Society (SAS), the Home of the Arts in the Hill Country, will be holding their annual scholarship fund raiser on February 20th at the Spicewood Vineyards Event Center. All proceeds raised from the evening's festivities will go towards the Spicewood Arts Society's Scholarship program, which awards scholarships to students in both the Lake Travis and Marble Falls School Districts who wish to pursue a post-secondary education in the arts. In 2014, SAS was able to award six \$1,500 scholarships to deserving students.

Doors will open at 6:00 p.m., and the evening begins with a silent auction which will be open from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. A buffet dinner provided by Buenos Aires Café will then be served from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. At 7:00 p.m. one of Austin's premier Rock n' Roll bands, Duck Soup, will take the stage with music from the 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's. Tickets are available for \$75.00 per person. For tickets please visit the SAS website, www.spicewoodarts.org, or stop by the SAS office at 9408B Hwy. 71 East in Spicewood Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"I look forward to this event every year. Not only is it a night of fun, food, and dancing, but the proceeds go to such a great cause," said President Janey Richardson. "I love knowing that Spicewood Arts Society plays an instrumental role to keeping the arts alive and that we help provide an education to deserving students."

The Spicewood Arts Society (SAS) is the Home of the Arts in the Hill Country. The organization brings performing, visual and literary arts opportunities to the community of Spicewood, TX and surrounding areas. The performing arts program consists of at least six concerts each year hosted at the Spicewood Vineyards. SAS uses the funds raised to provide arts related educational opportunities for the local schools. SAS features local artist work at the Home of the Arts, 9408B Highway 71, Spicewood, TX 78669 and is open from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM Tuesday through Thursday. More information about SAS and upcoming events can be found at SpicewoodArts.org.

Duck Soup is a perennial favorite of Austinites, as well as people across the country. The eight piece band entertains music lovers at concerts, weddings and parties and has become of favorite at many Professional Golf Association events, leading them to call themselves "the unofficial band of the PGA." SAS is thrilled to have them as part of this year's annual fundraising event and with a play list that includes everything from Frank Sinatra to the Rolling Stones to Maroon Five there will something for everyone to dance to. For more information about Duck Soup go to the band's website www.ducksoupband.com.



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Pictured from left: LTlov member Kim Kahle, Mary Whitaker, LTlov members Karen Michalik, Sarah Berg, Donnis Golden and Candace Nyugen.



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7. And oh yeah, I will probably take a lot more risk with your

money than you imagine.

Do you want to put your money in this investment? Hopefully you are looking at this deal and trying to find the nearest fire escape. No one would want to jeopardize their life savings in such a vehicle. Yet, people do it every day.

I have just described a mutual fund. If you look at how a mutual fund works, you will discover that the deal laid out above is exactly what you get when you put money into a mutual fund. This is why we are seeing other alternatives growing at such a rapid rate. Exchange Traded Funds (ETF's) and Separately Managed Accounts (SMA's) are becoming the staple of top financial advisors throughout the country. In fact, a good test to see if your advisor is any good is to simply look at how they have invested your money.

If they have you in mutual funds, it is a screaming red flag that you are not dealing with an advisor that is keeping up with their education. Either that, or they work for a big Wall Street firm that is being paid to put that fund in your portfolio, whether or not it is the best choice for you. Either way, it might be time to find another advisor.

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School News

Lake Travis Lions Club, Central Texas Lions KidSight partner with LTISD and LTIov to provide state-of-the-art vision services for students

The Lake Travis Lions Club and Central Texas Lions KidSight have collaborated with school nurses from the Lake Travis Independent School District and local non-profit LTlov to provide automated vision screenings for students.

In addition to the traditional Snellen Eye Chart, the automated screenings are performed using a state-of-the-art device called the Spot. LTlov—whose volunteers work to identify local needs, inspire community involvement, and distribute contributions through projects that assist and empower families in the Lake Travis area provided a \$4,000 grant that covered a large part of the cost of the new device. The remainder of the funding was provided through efforts by the Lake Travis Lions Club and Central Texas Lions KidSight.

Lake Travis ISD school nurse Sharmae Erickson said, "I am so excited about this new technology. The device allows us to screen for visual acuity deficits that we are unable to detect using the traditional Snellen Eye Chart. Additionally, we are now able to screen children we previously had been unable to screen due to language barriers or disability."

According to Erickson, the traditional Snellen Eye Chart is a basic screening tool that only measures for visual acuity at a distance like myopia or 'nearsightedness.'

"It is a subjective screening as students must identify letters correctly," added Erickson. "Unfortunately, there are several issues that can lead to visual acuity concerns in children that are not detected using the traditional Snellen Eye Chart. Thankfully, the automated screening device is able to screen for most other visual concerns."

Similar to the simplicity and speed of a digital camera, the Spot device can detect the following vision issues:

- Near-sightedness (myopia)
- Far-sightedness (hyperopia)

- Unequal refractive power (anisometropia)
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- Pupil size deviations (anisocoria)
- Eye misalignment (strabismus)

In just seconds, Spot provides objective and easy-to-understand results to help parents and caregivers determine proper follow-up vision care.

"We have a large pre-K population at my campus," Lake Travis ISD school nurse Laura Gault said. "It has been difficult to screen these children in the past due to decreased attention span, inability to follow directions, or language barriers. The Spot device has a sensitivity that is superior to any exam we currently perform. The technology is simply second to none."

"Local Lions Club member Jan Johnson had the 'vision' to bring this device to our community," Erickson added. "Jan began a non-profit organization called Central Texas Lions KidSight. The organization successfully promoted a rule change in the state of Texas which took effect in August 2014 that allows for children up to six years of age to be screened with the Spot device instead of eye charts. The rule also allows use of the device as an adjunct to traditional screenings in older children."

In addition to Johnson and Erickson, Lake Travis Lions Club and Central Texas Lions KidSight members include Seth Brower, Emilia Hayes, John Mann, Larry Swim, optometrist Tristan Wild and other trained volunteers who will assist with Spot vision screenings at LTISD. "We want all daycares, preschools, and private schools to know that Lions offer this state-of-the-art vision screening with Spot absolutely free" said Johnson.

To learn more about Central Texas Lions KidSight Program, please visit www.centraltexaslionskidsight.org or email jan@ centraltexaslionskidsight.org

Lake Travis High School PTO funds Wish List items for a fortunate group of teachers

This January, a small group of Lake Travis High School teachers will have their classroom wishes granted. Each year, many teachers look to the LTHS Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) to help fund items the current budget can't cover; they call it their Wish List. This year, the LTHS PTO decided to grant those wishes early, rather than waiting until the end of the school year. This allows the teachers and students almost four months to benefit from items like: a Chrome Book, Paper Shredder, Go Pro Camera set-up, transportation to Model UN at Harvard, water bottle filling stations, ear phones, and additional biology textbooks. The gratitude for these items can't be measured, according to some of the LTHS teachers.

"Since many of the Lake Travis High School parents donated to

the PTO early on, the funds were available, so why wait?", stated Elizabeth Macklin, 2014-15 PTO Board President. Unfortunately, there weren't enough funds to cover every request, like those for more earphones, and a washer and dryer. The good news is that it is only February and it's not unusual for PTO donations to be received all the way through Spring Break. If you are parent of a Lake Travis High School student, and you have not yet donated to the LTHS PTO, or you would like to donate more than once, there is still time to help out more teachers and students. Go to lthspto.org, click on Fundraising, and in a few short clicks, you can help some very lucky Lake Travis High School students and teachers. Go on, grant a wish.



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Western Travis County is expected to see a 14 percent growth in the next five years[1] and more than 13,000 students will be enrolled in the Lake Travis school district[2] within the next 10 years, more than any other community in central Texas. All of the current and estimated growth makes Serene Hills one of the most sought-after areas in Travis County and a perfect place to host this year's Parade.

"Over its 60 year history, the Parade of Homes has been held at in demand communities throughout the greater Austin area and we are proud to showcase this year's homes in one of the fastest growing regions in central Texas," Walter Elias, President of HBA of Greater Austin. "We hope people walk away from this year's Parade inspired to build their own dream house after touring the five distinctive homes featuring the latest in building design and interior decor."

The homes currently under construction for the 2015 Parade of Homes[™] range in price from \$1.8 to \$2.8 million. The Parade will

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"We expect a lot of serious prospects out at this year's Parade, given the recent rise of luxury home sales in Austin and the surrounding areas," said Douglas Hunter, Serene Hills operating partner. "We look forward to showcasing all of what Serene Hills has to offer and are excited to partner with the HBA to showcase these remarkable homes."

The 2015 HBA Parade of Homes[™] begins Friday, May 22nd and will run through Sunday, June 7th. Tickets are now available for \$12.50 per person and can be purchased online at Paradeofhomesaustin.com. The event will be open Thursdays through Sundays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Serene Hills, located at 17500 Hwy 71 W, Lakeway, TX 78735.

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Business Section Lake Travis Republican Club



Roger Williams, US Representative for Texas's 25th Congressional District, will be the featured speaker at the monthly meeting of the Lake Travis Republican Club, to be held Tuesday, February 17, 2015, at the Hills Country Club, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. His district stretches from Tarrant County in the north to Hays County in the south, and includes much of Austin and the Texas Hill Country.

Prior to his election in November 2012, Congressman Williams served his country in a number of ways and brings a unique background to Congress. He was raised in the Fort Worth area where he graduated from high school and later played baseball for Texas Christian University. After a brief stint in pro baseball, he began working in the family car business and has owned and operated the business for 40 years.

In the House of Representatives, Williams has been the voice of business owners across America and has championed legislation to roll back bureaucratic red tape and onerous regulations, streamline Medicare payment processing, and eliminate unfair taxation. He has recently been appointed to the House Committee for Financial Services for the 114th Congress. The committee oversees issues regarding the economy, banking system, housing, insurance, and securities and exchange.

Tickets for the meeting are available for \$15.00 for members, and \$20.00 for guests. Reservations can be obtained by calling 512-261-0722, or by email at wwarmuth@austin.rr.con. A lunch Buffet will be served.

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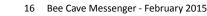
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