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## On the Cover

*April showers bring May flowers to this patriotic home in Section 7, 4943 Valkeith.*

## Meyerland's 2015 Annual Meeting in Review

by Amy Hoechstetter

The 2015 Meyerland Annual Meeting was held at Kolter Elementary on March 24. Outgoing President, Jim Walters, spoke about Meyerland's prior year's successes including the increase in property values which according to the Harris County Appraisal District ranged from 10 to 30 percent. It was also noted that Section One Deed Restrictions were finalized and will now be used as a model template for all remaining sections' deed restrictions. The 60 year anniversary of MCIA was celebrated in October 2014 with an afternoon event at Lovett Elementary School that showcased the history of Meyerland from its 1954 inception to the present.

Mr. Walters also updated the public on the status of the Meyer Branch Library. The City is slated to construct a new state-of-the-art library by 2017. MCIA has expressed its desire to keep the library in the area, but the current location is not large enough to accommodate the planned much larger facility.

Gerald Radack spoke about the fiscal strength of the Association.

Gary Zika, Project Brays Program Manager, gave a slide presentation on the improvement of Brays Bayou. The project is expected to be completed in 2017, ending at Fondren Road. Upon completion, the Bayou will effectively reduce the flooding in the Meyerland area as well as dramatically improve the community's access to bicycle and pedestrian mobility. Once completed, the county intends to redraw the flood maps. The new maps should result in a reduction of flood insurance rates in the area.

Rick Fritz spoke about security and the fact that there was a reduction in crime in Meyerland compared to last year. He then introduced Chief Ted Heap of the Precinct 5 Constables who informed the audience of Precinct 5's new website, [www.constablepct5.com](http://www.constablepct5.com), which lists all of the features and programs Precinct 5 has to offer.

New Board members were elected for the 2015 – 2016 year. Lisa Gossett (Section 6), Richard Rentz (Section 7), Jordan Longerot (Section 8 South) and Steve Fowlkes (Section 8 West) will be joining the Board. Outgoing Board members include Joyce Young (Section 3), Scott Minchen (Section 6), Josh Eberle (Section 8 West) and Benny Herzog (Section 10). The full list of board members can be found on MCIA's website, [www.meyerland.net](http://www.meyerland.net). The new Board officers include Elizabeth Black Berry, President, Jim Walters, Vice President, Mike Jones, Secretary and Gerald Radack, Treasurer.

Residents in attendance were eligible for raffle prizes that ranged in value from \$150 - \$450. The winners included:

Lynn Schaefer	Annual Assessment
Justin Keiter	Basket #1 "Date Night" valued at \$151.00
Janet Hill	Basket #2 "Eat in Meyerland" valued at \$163.00
Brian Arias	Basket #3 "Day With Your Kiddo" valued at \$169.00
C. Furlong	Basket #4 "For Her" valued at \$220.00
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# The Birthday of an Angel

by Shirley Hou



How do you explain death to a child? Is your loved one really gone? These are the tough questions that families deal with when experiencing the loss of a loved one. Eleven-year-old Zoey Hess has the answers. This month, Hess will launch the first book on record written by a child about coping with the loss of a loved one and connecting with an angel. A

always in your heart.

Autographed copies of the book will be available for purchase at the May 14th book launch event for \$18, including tax and a bookmark.

The book will also be available for purchase online at

[www.TheBirthdayOfAnAngel.com](http://www.TheBirthdayOfAnAngel.com) for \$15.95, plus tax and shipping (where taxes apply). Various brick and mortar and online bookstores will also carry the book.

book launch and signing for *The Birthday of an Angel* is scheduled for Thursday, May 14 1:30 p.m. at The Shlenker Elementary School, where Hess is currently a fifth grader. [Reader, you may remember the Hess family who were featured in the February 2015 issue of the Meyerlander. -- Editor]

*The Birthday of an Angel* is an inspirational journey of an everlasting relationship. Rather than focusing on the loss of a loved one, this book shares a different perspective. The book presents the idea that loved ones are angels, who will always be with those they love on earth.

In the 24-page hardcover book, Hess shares memories of her late grandfather, Houston-based Dr. Morton J. Adels, whom she affectionately called "Papa," and explains how she continues to connect with him even after his



**Zoey with her dear Papa,  
Dr. Morton J. Adels**



**Zoey Leslie Hess,  
author**

feel alone or sad, believe that you are still connected and they are

passing. "I lost Papa who was extremely present and important in my life," she said. "I want *The Birthday of an Angel* to explain how you can still have connections with your loved ones when they pass away. I want to help other children to find a positive way to heal and assist in finding those feelings and connections they shared with their own loved one."

She also wrote this book for Papa. "It was a great way for me to share how great of a man he was and express how much he means to me," she added. Hess wants people to know that their loved one (their angel) will always be with them. When you

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# OWLways a GOOD TIME

by Joyce Young



**Mr. Polidore's art room**

The Houston Art Car Parade took place on April 11, 2015. The students at Lovett Elementary School, under the guidance of Rickey Polidore, Fine Arts Teacher, created their 2015 masterpiece entitled "OWL"ways a GOOD TIME.

The van used in the 2014 parade was stripped of its CD adornments and they were replaced with timepieces for the 2015 parade with timepieces for the 2015 parade.

According to Mr. Polidore, the making of the 2015 Lovett art car was used to teach the students the "science of different adhesives and their reaction to water, sun, wind and adhesion to porous and non-porous materials." In addition, the students measured the van and then used those measurements to "make a scaled proportion rendering inside the classroom using polypropylene that was adorned with clocks, watches and timepieces. Those templates were then glued and screwed to the body of the car." The kindergarten through 2nd grade students practiced sorting and classifying. They were also

introduced to Roman numerals. Grades 3 through 5 "focused more on scientific and mathematical concepts".

The building of this year's art car began in January. The work of art "stands tall at 10.5 feet and is a whopping 15' to 18' wide, depending on wing operators' strength". This year's art car had room for riders on top who manipulated the tail feathers and other mechanisms. The spots for riding on the car during the art car parade were determined by auction. Ten students and their parents earned the spots at the school fundraiser.

There were over 50 entries in the school's division and the Lovett students received Youth Group First Place Honors. Mr. Polidore would like to thank the "parents, students and community for donating so many beautiful clocks, and the generous donation from the San Jacinto Chapter of National Association of Clock and Watch Collectors".



**Lovett Elementary's art car**

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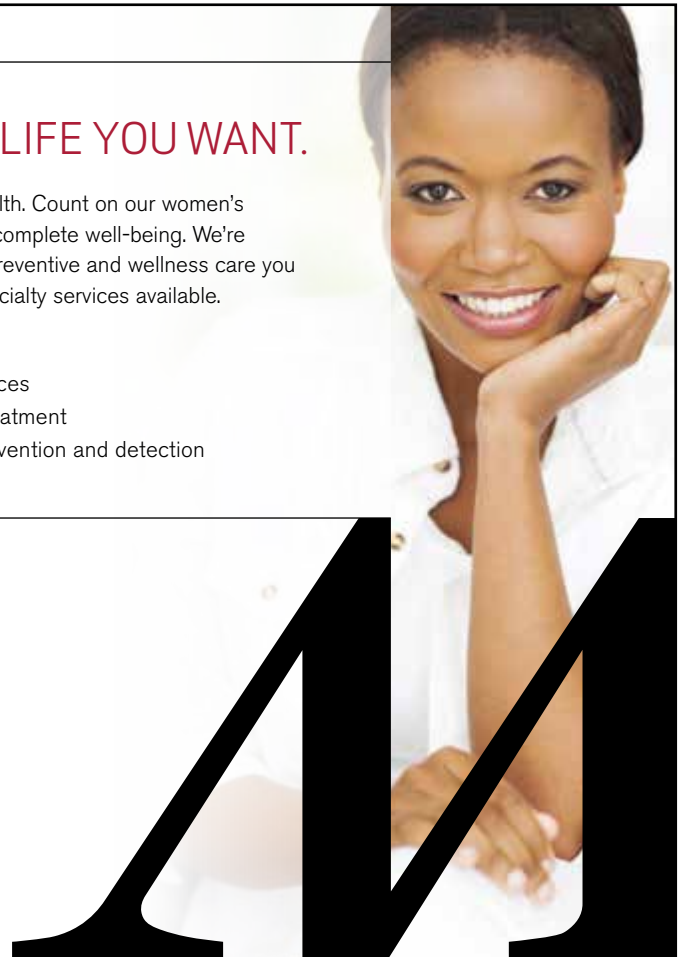
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TXfest will take place on May 9 at Hermann Square Park in Downtown Houston. The festival will feature music from 25+ Texas bands, shopping from local vendors and artisans, and sampling from over 100 Texas beers, wines and spirits. See <http://txfest.com/> for more information.

A fun night of Blanket Bingo will take place on May 14 at Market Square Park. For more details, visit <http://marketsquarepark.com/calendar/>.

Puppies for Breakfast is a unique outdoor festival that brings everything "dog" related to one place. The event will take place on May 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Market Square Park in Downtown Houston. For more information, see <http://puppiesforbreakfast.com/about/>.

The All-Earth Ecobot Challenge at NRG Park on May 16 is an innovative engineering competition that engages fifth through eighth grade students in complex problem-solving while developing critical thinking skills. See <http://nrgpark.com/events/conference-or-seminar/all-earth-ecobot-challenge> for more information.

The 7th Annual Triple Crown Polo Match will take place on May 31 at the Houston Polo Club. This fashionable fête, now in its seventh year, benefits The Health Museum's educational programming, providing health and science education to the Houston community. For more information, see [http://www.thehealthmuseum.org/ManageDetail/Detail\\_Default.aspx?contentid=1487](http://www.thehealthmuseum.org/ManageDetail/Detail_Default.aspx?contentid=1487).



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					1	2
3	4	5 T/R	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Trash	13 Tree!	14	15	16
17	18	19 T/R	20	21	22	23
24 31	25	26	27 Trash	28	29	30

June, 2015						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2 T/R	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Trash	10 Junk!	11	12	13
14	15	16 T/R	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Trash	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 T/R				

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**# 4 Plastics**  
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# GOOD BRICK AWARD

By Amy Hoechstetter

Most people have probably never heard of the Good Brick Awards. Not so for Meyerland resident, Glen Rosenbaum. In February of this year, Rosenbaum, of 5219 South Braeswood, received the coveted 2015 Good Brick Award. This award, presented since 1979, by Preservation Houston recognizes local contributions to Houston's architectural and cultural heritage. Each year hundreds of applications are submitted, but only a few are awarded. Mr. Rosenbaum is one of the lucky recipients of the award as he was recognized for the rehabilitation of his childhood home.

In 1964, Rosenbaum's parents commissioned the famed mid-century architect, Arthur Steinberg, to design a house in the Meyerland neighborhood. Rosenbaum was just a teenager at the time. He is now 66 years old and a tax lawyer and former board chairman of the Houston Grand Opera Association, but he still had fond memories of his childhood home with its fine teak wood paneling and very art-deco interior.

Over the decades, Rosenbaum moved away, his father died and

the house weathered and aged. After his mother died in 2011, Rosenbaum decided to renovate the home and modernize it. Construction began in 2012 which took two years to complete and cost approximately \$935,000. Modifications were made for comfort which included an open floor plan. Some of the teak-paneled walls are gone, but much of the furniture and artwork remains. There were changes made to the home including the addition of 1,300 square feet of space making the home 4,500 square feet in size. He wanted a house that could entertain a lot of people. Mr. Rosenbaum moved into the renovated home 50 years after he first moved

in as a teenager.

The upstairs is a pleasant surprise to anyone visiting. Rosenbaum is a train enthusiast. One of his requests in the home's remodel was a room to accommodate the biggest model train set he could afford. Consequently, upon ascending the new staircase, visitors are greeted

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by a 40-foot long "train" room that houses 630 linear feet of track on a landscaped platform. Four fully functioning electric trains with working smoke stacks and whistles run simultaneously in this great room. The landscape includes replicas of the Pecos River High Bridge and El Capitan mountain peak. It also includes models of two Rosenbaum homes and several replicas of Southern Pacific buildings.

Mr. Rosenbaum likes spending time on a daily basis enjoying his trains after his workday ends. On any given weekend you may find him regaling visitors with stories of his long love affair with trains and inviting them in for a peek into his childhood.

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## Importance of Early Detection

By: Concentra Urgent Care

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- Obtain yearly mammography screenings, beginning at age 40
- Obtain yearly clinical breast exams
- Check your breasts regularly for lumps
- Discuss their breast cancer risk with their physician

Breast cancer risk increases as we age. Other factors that increase a woman's risk for breast cancer include:

- Having started menstrual periods at a young age
- Having a first child after age 30
- Use of hormone replacement therapy
- Having a family history of breast cancer

Men are also at risk for rare cases of breast cancer. All persons familiar with the normal look and feel of their breasts should promptly report any unexpected changes to their physicians. The American Cancer Society recommends both women and men consult their doctor if they notice any of the following:

- A new, hard lump or thickening in any part of the breast
- Change in breast size or shape
- Dimpling or puckering of the skin
- Swelling, redness, or warmth that does not go away
- Recurrent pain in a particular part of the breast
- Pulling in of the nipple
- Nipple discharge that starts suddenly in only one breast
- An itchy, sore, or scaly area on one nipple

*For more information about breast cancer and early detection, contact your health care provider, your Concentra health specialist, visit the American Cancer Society Web Site at: [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org), or visit the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month Web site at: <http://nbcam.org/>*

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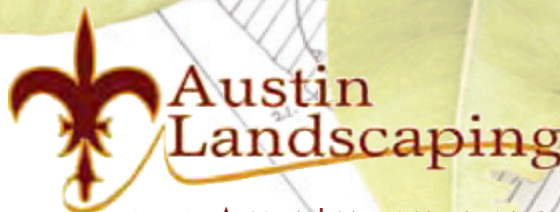
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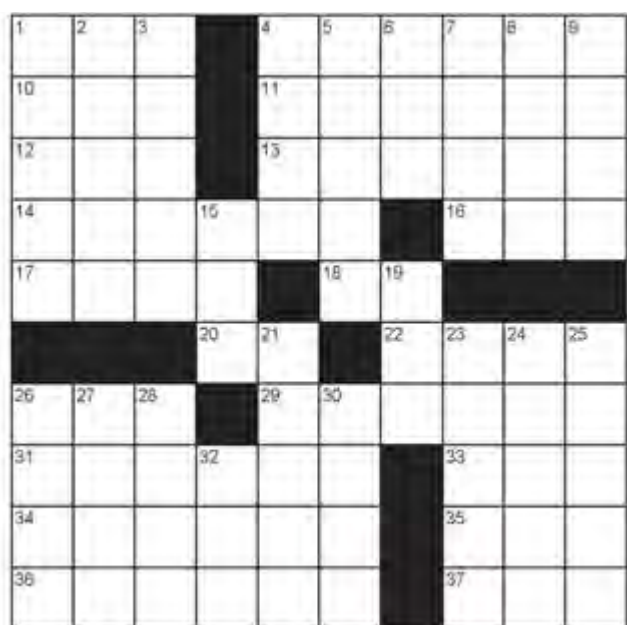
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14. Searching for metal
16. Put
17. Ratify
18. Year (abbr.)
20. Kansas
22. Wager
26. Tax agency
29. "\_\_\_ and World Report"
31. Harry
33. Pock
34. Lush
35. Whiz
36. Military attack
37. Downwind

### DOWN

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2. Radiuses
3. Leather strip
4. Frame
5. Waterlogged
6. To be
7. Glasses part
8. Fixed
9. Louvre
15. Pen stuff
19. Dashed
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