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## COVER PHOTO

This month's cover photo was submitted Phil Dorr of the wonderful bluebonnets along Quinlan Park Road. See other bluebonnets photos submitted by homeowners on page 10.

### *Do you take great photos?*

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*We are looking for great cover photos for the upcoming May issue of the Ranch Record.*

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We'd love to have something that pertains to this time of the year in some way, so be creative and give it a try. Our June 2015 issue submittal deadline is May 8th and photos should be submitted electronically by the deadline date to Sharon Adams at [sharon@steinerranchhoa.org](mailto:sharon@steinerranchhoa.org).

By submitting your photo you agree to allow your photo to be published in future issues of the Ranch Record or other Steiner Ranch publications.





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# Around Steiner

## THE RANCH REPORT

*By Randy Schmaltz, Executive Director*

Well it's been a little over two months since I began my new career at Steiner Ranch and a number of changes have taken place. As you have now probably heard The Steiner Ranch Declarant, Taylor Morrison elected to postpone the transition for the time being.

Basketball great John Wooden once said that "if you don't have time to do it right, when will you have time to do it over". Transferring ownership of the common areas of Steiner Ranch has to be done right; there can't be any do-overs. So while the delay is disappointing, it's the right thing to do.

I have been asked what the difference is between Steiner Ranch and the community I managed prior to coming to Steiner Ranch. My answer would have to be that the communities are pretty much the same with one exception. And that is that in Lake Kiowa most of the issues we had to deal with involved problems with the amenities. Such as, weeds in the lake, the turf on the golf course, gate access into the community and so on. In Steiner Ranch it seems to me that the problems are more personal. It's more neighbor anger towards their neighbor than towards the Association and it usually involves one person building, adding, or parking something next to their property which their neighbor perceives adversely affects their property or wellbeing.

Steiner Ranch is a number of separate neighborhoods that make up the larger community. Milind Shah defines a neighborhood as "a collection of people geographically bound by some physical or official designation."

On the other hand those that live in a community may not live in close proximity to each other, but its members work together to produce something in common. In a community, acts of kindness to help each other are performed regularly.

I have met some residents that live in Steiner Ranch that truly care about people that live in their neighborhoods. However, I believe that Steiner Ranch can be the great community where neighbors know, and care about each other throughout the community, and are considerate of their thoughts and needs. It takes a lot of work and sometimes it will mean checking the ego at the door, but anything worth doing doesn't come easy but the rewards are more than worth the effort.

## Mark Your Calendars 2015 Steiner Ranch Social Committee Events

5/2 - Kentucky Derby Casino Night  
5/30 - Movies in The Park - Big Hero 6  
6/27 - Movies in The Park - Night at the Museum  
7/4 - Independence Day Parade  
8/8 - Movies in The Park - The Blind Side  
8/15 - Concert in the Park  
9/12 - Fall Garage Sale  
10/9 - 10/11 - Fall Scrapathon  
10/18 - Pumpkin Patch  
10/25 - Halloween Trunk or Treat  
11/7 - Camping on the Ranch  
11/14 - Holiday Shopping Event & Santa Photos  
12/12 - Volunteer Appreciation Dinner  
Dec - Holiday House Decorating Contest

*Got a great idea for an event? What to get involved with helping with an event? Contact Sharon Adams, Community Manager at 512-266-7553 or [sharon@steinerranchhoa.org](mailto:sharon@steinerranchhoa.org).*

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## SRMA ELECTION CHANGE *Please Read!*

At the monthly SRMA Board meeting on March 31st, the development company, Taylor Morrison informed the Board and those in attendance, that due to continuing efforts to address some maintenance concerns in Steiner Ranch, they would continue as Declarant of Steiner Ranch and not transition the SRMA at the May 2015 Annual meeting.

What does this mean for you? It simply means that there will not be an election of new Board members at the May 12th Annual meeting, as previously stated. The 4 current homeowner board members will finish out their 2 year term and potentially all seven board members will run for election at the 2016 SRMA Annual meeting. It also means that Taylor Morrison is doing their due diligence to repair roads and other issues, prior to transition.

Note\*This will only affect the SRMA elections.

If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact Randy Schmaltz, at 512-266-7553, Ext 28 or email at [randy@steinerranchhoa.org](mailto:randy@steinerranchhoa.org).

## Transition Committee Update

*By Sharon Adams, Community Manager*

April brought some major changes to the transition of Steiner Ranch. The biggest change was the decision by the Declarant to delay the transition until the Transition Study maintenance items were addressed in a satisfactory manner. The Declarant felt that May was not going to be sufficient time, so has decided to wait. This means the 4 current homeowner board members will remain another year, and finish out their 2 year terms without new homeowners joining them. More than likely, in 2016, the SRMA membership will be voting on all 7 seats. It will be an exciting time for Steiner Ranch! April also brought the resignation of the SRMA Board President, Adib Khoury, who will be leaving Taylor Morrison to pursue other interest. With this, brought the appointment of Michael Slack. Michael has served on the SRMA Board in the past as a representative of the Declarant, so he has plenty of experience and knowledge of Steiner Ranch. Michael also happens to be a homeowner in Steiner Ranch. No elections for the SRMA, but the Annual meeting will still be held. Be sure to attend, as many of your questions about how transition works can be answered just by attending.

*SRMA Annual Meeting*

*Thursday, May 14th at 6:30pm | Towne Square Community Center*

The Elections and Annual Meeting for the Steiner Ranch Residential Owners Association was held on April 23rd, but because it was held so late in the month, I will have to update you on the results of the elections online and in the June Ranch Record.



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# Hopping Good Time

## at the 21st Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The cool morning didn't discourage over 800 kids, their parents, and grandparents for the 21st Annual Easter Egg Hunt, held at the John Simpson Park on Saturday, April 4th. Everyone enjoyed the hunt, got their faces painted by the face painters, rode on the ponies provided by L & M Pony Rides, pet the farm animals (even a 14 year old tortoise), got their picture taken with the Easter bunny and enjoyed the balloon twister.

We had about 30 volunteers that helped the morning of the event to hide 10,000 eggs all over the John Simpson Park, who, without their help, this event could not happen! THANK YOU!!!!

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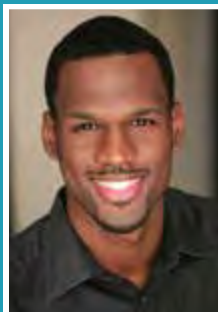
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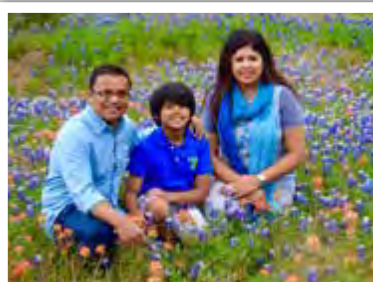


## OUR STEINER RANCH *Bluebonnets*

As spring finally arrived, so did an abundance of bluebonnets this year! Typically bluebonnets start to show themselves in Steiner Ranch at the beginning of April, and Steiner is known across central Texas for being a “hot spot” for good photos.

This year was an exceptional year to go out and get that traditional “bluebonnet photo” and lucky for us, many Steiner Ranch residents shared them with us!

Check them out and enjoy!



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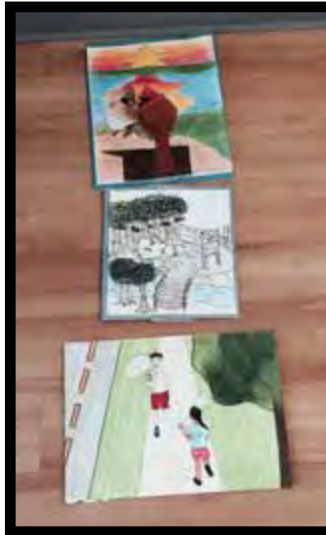
Thank you for all the contestants that entered the Steiner Ranch 2015 'Why I like living in Steiner Ranch'

Kids Art Contest, sponsored by Steiner Ranch Realty Group and IQuest. We had many talented artists and amazing artwork. Everyone had a great time at Award Ceremony held at IQuest on 4/3/15. We look forward to seeing your creative artwork next Spring. Congratulations to the winners!



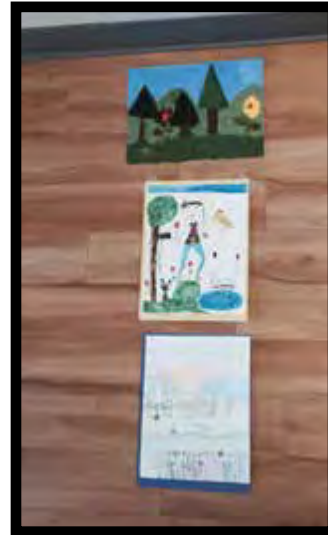
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2nd place Wendi Zhang  
3rd place Sedona Mills



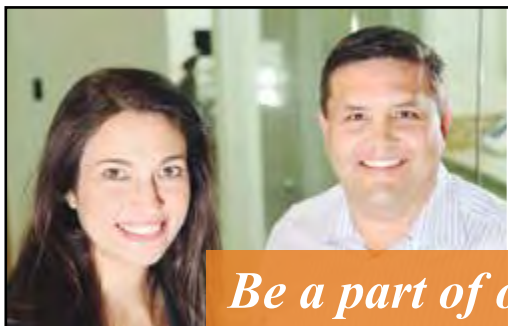
## AGE 7-9 WINNERS:

1st place JJ Schlossberg  
2nd place Ella Shahinian  
3rd place Mia McIntosh



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*Friday, May 1st at 6:00 PM at the Steiner Ranch Lake Club*

**Art Group** - May 7th, 21st and 28th Carol Witt teaches Watercolor while Bonnie Wilcynski and Carol Kneisley will be teaching other genres. If you are interested in art and would like to learn more, please contact Carol Witt at carolsuewitt@gmail.com.

**Biking Group** - May 3rd, 6th, 10th, 13th, 17th, 20th, 24th, 27th and 31st An active group of Steiner residents bike in and around Steiner Ranch about 15 to 20 miles every Sunday and Wednesday. They meet at Cups and Cones at 1:00 pm. For details, contact Richard Ellenbogen at rellenbogen747@yahoo.com.

**Book Club** - Tuesday, May 12th The Book Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the UT Golf Club. This month we will be discussing Orphan Train. Contact: Cheryl Howard at cchoward24@gmail.com for more information and to RSVP.

**Bridge (Ladies Social)** - Wednesdays, May 13th and 27th Ladies Social Bridge meets in players' homes. A new group has been started playing on different days and is looking for more players. If you have questions or are interested in playing, please contact Nancy Harger at n\_harger@yahoo.com.

**Bridge (Couples)** - dates to be determined This is a new group of experienced Bridge players. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Dottie Thoms at dottie.thoms@gmail.com.

**Bunco (Ladies)** - Thursday, May 21st - A fun evening playing this easy dice game. To have your name added to the Sub List, please contact Linda Mikolajek at miko4@msn.com or Ruth Isaacson at rcaacson@gmail.com.

**Card-Making** - Monday, May 11th - How often have you admired the beautiful greeting cards that are truly works of art? You'll be surprised by how easy it is to make them yourself. Come and learn. Candace Welch has been making cards for years and will show you how. For more information, contact Candace Welch at twinsiscandy@gmail.com.

**Canasta (Ladies Daytime)** - Fridays, May 1st, 15th and 29th A casual game of the Hand & Foot version of Canasta. Easy to learn - we'll teach you. To become a part of this group, please contact Vicky Bradley at vickylbradley@gmail.com.

**Canasta (Evening)** - Monday, May 11th Join the group of semi-serious Canasta players - both men and women. We play Hand and Foot after enjoying a light potluck supper. For more information, please contact Barbara Clark at bkc429@yahoo.com.

**CLEO (Classy Ladies Eating Out)** Wednesday, May 6th We get together at a nearby restaurant to enjoy good food, conversation and friendship. Come to lunch, meet people and learn more about Young at Heart. For more information contact Lidia Schmidt at L79D@aol.com.

**Dinner Groups** - various times Twice a year, groups of four couples are organized to get together either in restaurants or in each other's homes. Each couple acts as the host one time and either selects the restaurant or - when in a home - prepares the entree with the others bringing the side dishes. It's a great opportunity for people to get to know each other. If you would like to participate, please contact Karen Steans at kjsteans@gmail.com.

**Epicureans** - This is an activity for people who like to cook, eat and entertain. Demonstrations by chefs, visits to specialty food shops and more. Epicurean events take place 4-5 times a year. There is nothing scheduled for May. For information, contact Dottie Thoms at dottie.thoms@gmail.com.

**Euchre** - Fridays, May 8th and 22nd Many of us are just learning this easy trump card game popular in the Midwest. Kathy Finley is teaching and coaching us. Let her know if you'd like to join the group and learn. We meet at various locations. Contact Kathy Finley for details at jfinley825@aol.com.

**Exploring Austin** - Several times a year Exploring Austin plans a visit to a local Austin or Hill Country attraction ranging from art to history and food! Recently we have gone to the Painted Churches, a tour of the DKR Stadium at UT, the "Making of Gone With the Wind Exhibit" at the Ransom Center, Austin City Limits tour and more. For information and reserve your space, please contact Ethel Bradford at emb43@sbcglobal.net.

**Gourmet Dining** - If you enjoy cooking and eating gourmet meals, Gourmet Dining is for you! Featuring theme dinners, regional cuisines, chef-inspired menus, etc, groups of not more than 8 people prepare and enjoy friendship and good food. For more information, please contact Dottie Thoms at dottie.thoms@gmail.com.

**Happy Hour** - Happy Hours are held in alternate months with Wine Socials. Young at Hearts meet at a selected restaurant for Happy Hour - a great way to meet new people in a casual atmosphere. Contact Linda Bergquist at lsbergquist5@yahoo.com for information.

**Hiking** - Saturday, May 16th We explore the various hiking trails right here in Steiner Ranch. The views are fantastic and the hikes vary in difficulty. For details, please contact Ben Rosin at brosin1023@gmail.com.

**International Dining** - There will not be International Dining in May. A group of adventurous eaters enjoy trying the cuisines of various countries and cultures together. It is open to all - couples, singles and those whose spouses don't like trying different foods. The people vary each month depending on the cuisine featured. For more information, please contact Dottie Thoms at dottie.thoms@gmail.com.

**Mah Jongg** - Thursdays, May 7th, 21st and 28th Whether an experienced player or new to Mah Jongg, you are welcome to come. We'll teach new players. Mah Jongg is a good way to keep your brain "young" - it takes some concentration and strategy - not a casual social game. Players will need to have a current Mah Jongg card. Games take place in players' homes. If you'd like to play and want more information, please contact Gail Ellenbogen at gellenbo@yahoo.com.

**Mexican Train (Dominoes)** - Ladies Daytime - Monday, May 4th On the first Monday of each month the group meets to play Mexican Train in the home of one of the players. It's a very easy game - if you've never played, we'll teach you. A relaxing afternoon of fun! If you'd like to join the ladies, please email Janet Schriener at jgschriener@austin.rr.com.

**Mexican Train (Dominoes)** - Evening - Monday, May 18th On the third Monday of every month, a group comprised of both men and women meet for a light potluck supper at the home of one couple and then play Mexican Train for about 3 hours. Join us for an evening of fun and friendly competition! Details: Gail Ellenbogen at gellenbo@yahoo.com.

**Movie Lovers** - Thursday, May 28th Contact Diana O'Reilly if you'd like to participate. These movie buffs meet on the fourth Thursday of each month to view the film together and then get together afterward to discuss the movie while enjoying dinner at a nearby restaurant. Those who cannot see the movie with the group can view it on their own and then meet the group for dinner and discussion. About a week before the discussion, Diana will contact everyone on her list to tell them the name of the movie and the time and place to meet. Diana's email is dbor46@aol.com.

**ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out)** - Monday, May 11th On the second Monday of every month the men get together at a restaurant in the area to enjoy good food and friendship. It's a great opportunity to relax and to meet a very interesting group of men with varied backgrounds. Please contact Rick Steans at rasteans@gmail.com to learn more.

**Spanish Conversation** - Wednesday, May 13th This group of Spanish speakers gets together in a social setting for an opportunity to converse in Spanish. It includes native Spanish speakers, people who want to refresh their Spanish conversational skills as well as those who know some Spanish and are trying to improve accents and actually carry on a conversation in Spanish. Contact Maureen Michel at momichel17@gmail.com if you want to know more.

**SWEET (Single Women Enjoying Eating Together)** - Monday, May 18th The Single Ladies Dinner Group is a small gathering of interesting women who meet monthly to explore new dining choices in and around Austin. Carpools depart from the lower-level parking lot at Cups and Cones at 5:00 pm. For information, please contact Ellen Honey at eshoney10@mac.com.

**Technology Group** - Thursday, May 14th At our monthly meetings we discuss both PCs and macs and cover such things as Smartphones, Tablets, Photo Sharing, Facebook, the Cloud, Computer Security and more. To learn more about this, please contact Fred Thoms at texasthoms@gmail.com.

**Walking Group** - Thursdays, May 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th Every Thursday - rain or shine - a large group of Young at Hearts meets at Cups and Cones at 8:30 am and branch out from there. The walks last about an hour and groups of people walk at different speeds. It's more fun to walk with someone. To participate, contact Emilie Dacunto at emiliedev43@yahoo.com. She maintains a contact list to notify everyone of any changes - location, time, weather.

**Wine Socials** - Every other month we have a Wine Social in the home of a member. Everyone brings their beverage of choice and an appetizer to share. Meet old friends and new ones for a casual social evening.

All Young at Heart activities are announced in the monthly and weekly bulletins emailed to all Young at Heart members. To become a member, please just contact Dottie Thoms at dottie.thoms@gmail.com..

*Information: Dottie Thoms at 512-531-9360 or dottie.thoms@gmail.com*



## THREE STEINER SCOUTS FROM TROOP 208 ACHIEVE EAGLE SCOUT RANK

*Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony Held at UT Golf Club*

Three young men from Steiner Ranch reached Eagle Scout, the highest advancement rank in Boy Scouts of America. Blake Birdwell (VHS freshman), Michael Johnson, Jr. (2014 VHS graduate), and Nathan Nichols (VHS freshman), all from local Troop 208, were honored in the troop's first Eagle Court of Honor ceremony, held at UT Golf Club March 28 in front of more than 100 family and friends.

The Boy Scouts of America is one of the largest youth organizations in the United States. Nationwide, only 2 percent of boys who start in Scouting ever achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. Since 1912, more than two million Boy Scouts have earned the Eagle Scout rank.

Retired United States Army General Montgomery Meigs was Guest of Honor and Speaker, and spoke to the Scouts about leadership and dedication.

To attain Eagle Scout ranking, the young men were active in their troop and their patrols for at least six months as a Life Scout, showing



Scout spirit and leadership. They earned 10 more merit badges for a total of 21; 13 of which were from the required Eagle list. They also planned, developed and gave leadership to a service project that was helpful to their school, religious institution, or community. Lastly, they were required to pass a Scoutmaster conference and district board of review.

"Our three Eagle Scouts have demonstrated outstanding leadership and the desire to give back to their community. I know that each of them will utilize their Scout experiences and skills to better their

communities and those around them in the future," said Brian Birdwell, Troop 208 Scoutmaster.

Blake Birdwell, Michael Johnson, Jr., and Nathan Nichols join other outstanding American citizens who have become Eagle Scouts, among them President Gerald R. Ford, Jr., astronaut Neil A. Armstrong, cinematographer Steven Spielberg, and the head of the F.B.I., William Sessions.

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# Around Steiner

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*Saturday, May 2nd 7:00pm – 11:00pm | Towne Square Community Center*

For the ladies, it's your chance to bring the southern belle charm and wear that wide brimmed hat you've been dying to show off! Men can wear classic styles of seersucker or khaki suits. Use your imagination and have some fun!

We'll have Black Jack, Craps, Roulette and Texas Hold'em tables. All gambling winnings can be used to purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win items at the end of the night! Raffle items will be items from areas business.

### HOW MUCH?

*\$25 - includes 20,000 in chips, Mint Julip drinks and a full house of appetizers.*

Interested in donating raffle items? Please contact Sharon Adams at [sharon@steinerranchhoa.org](mailto:sharon@steinerranchhoa.org). Registration information is available online at [www.steinerranchhoa.org](http://www.steinerranchhoa.org). If you are a local business and would like to donate a prize for the raffle, you will receive valuable recognition at the event and be published in an upcoming issue. Contact Sharon Adams at [sharon@steinerranchhoa.org](mailto:sharon@steinerranchhoa.org) for more information. This event is limited to the first 60 registrations received.



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# Annual Steiner Shred Day

On Saturday May 30th the Steiner Ranch Homeowners Association, in partnership with Iron Mountain, will host its annual shred day. So please get to work cleaning out those old files to make some room for the new ones! Bring your documents to the Towne Square Community Center Parking Lot (look for the big shred truck) from 8-12 to drop off paper documents. Participants will be able to watch their information being destroyed.

This year, we will be accepting cash donations for SafePlace, which provides safety for individuals and families affected by sexual and domestic violence. They help victims in their healing so they can move beyond being defined by the crimes committed against them, and become Survivors. SafePlace also promotes safe and healthy relationships for the prevention of sexual and domestic violence, and works with others to create change in attitudes, behaviors and policies that perpetuate the acceptance of, and impact our understanding and responses to, sexual and domestic violence. For more information on SafePlace, visit their website at [www.safeplace.org](http://www.safeplace.org).

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*6:30pm – 8:00pm*

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# Around Steiner



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Steiner Community Dog Walk

*Sunday, June 7*

*Event start: 8:15am Walk start: 8:45am*

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## CONCERT IN THE PARK

*Saturday, August 15th | 6 – 10pm | Towne Square Community Park  
Bringing back for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row, one of Austin's best known bands, Suede!*

### WANT TO BE A VENDOR?

*Please Note: Event sponsorship is reserved exclusively for qualified Steiner-based business owners, Steiner-based businesses and Four Points-area organizations until June 30th. If you are outside this area, but have Steiner customers, you can register July 1 – 18th to be included on marketing material. Registration after July 18th will continue until booth space is filled. Register online at [www.steinerranchconcerts.com](http://www.steinerranchconcerts.com).*

### Flagship Partner – ONLY 1 | Cost - \$2000

4 10' x 10' booth space

Banner on stage

Center, top position on concert entry archway and located on stage

Announcement of sponsorship at start of event, at intermission and at the end

Vendor shirts and all promotional collateral – Large logo

Featured prominently on Concert in the Park web site with links

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Electric is included, if needed!

### Gold Partner | Cost - \$1000

3 10' x 10' booth space

Side bar position on concert entry archway

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### Silver Partner | Cost - \$500

2 10' x 10' booth space

Announcement of sponsorship at intermission and at the end

Vendor shirts and all promotional collateral – Small-sized logo

Links in lower-level position on Concert in the Park web site

3 Sponsor T-shirts provided

Electric additional \$50

### Bronze Partner | Cost - \$175

10' x 10' booth space

Vendor shirts and promotional collateral

Links in vendor/sponsor tab on Concert in the Park web site

1 Sponsor T-shirts provided

Electric additional \$50

### Non-profit Partner | Cost – \$75

10' x 10' booth space

Promotional collateral - Small-sized logo and/or text

Links in vendor/sponsor tab on Concert in the Park web site

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### Food Partners

*Food Partners can choose any of the Sponsorships above with the following provisions:*

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Preferred Placement in the Food Vendor Area

Only qualified non-profits, businesses and organizations who submit by deadlines outlined will be considered for booth space.



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2015 SCHEDULE

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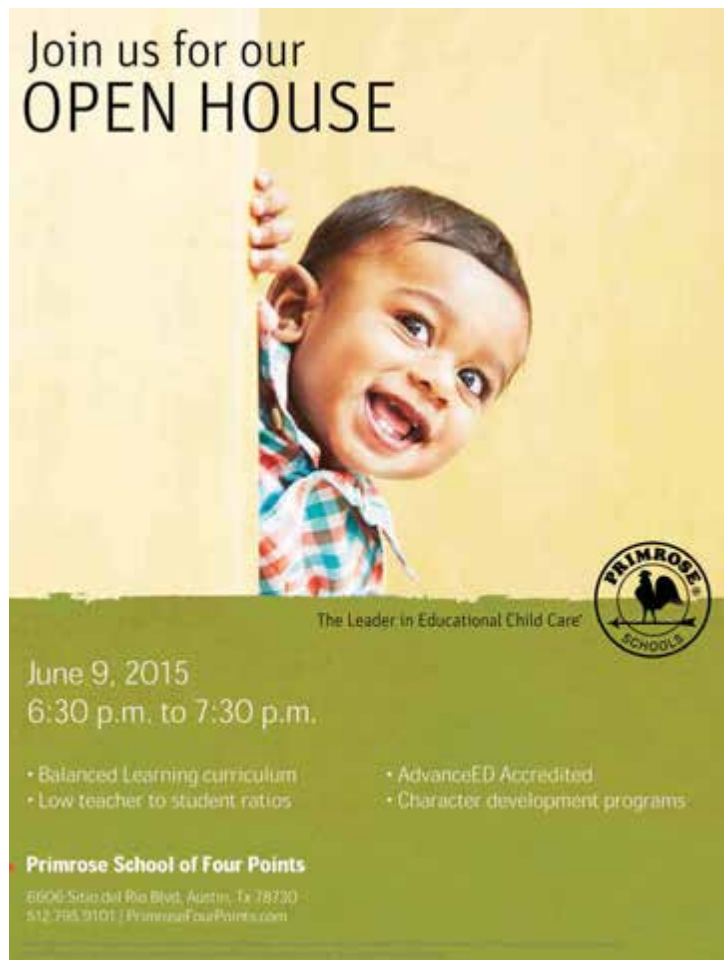
This is a very popular class, so sign up early for any of the dates above!

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## Who Are The People In Your NEIGHBORHOOD?

*By: Adam and Tonya Stahl*

This month we spoke with one of our newest business owners Mark Schindel, owner of “a fishie a nado.” Mark opened the doors of his dream/ business August 25, 2014 in the Quinlan Crossing Plaza. He chose the Steiner Ranch location because the area is rapidly growing and he wanted to be a part of a thriving community. Mark attended Westlake High School and played the trombone in the band. One of his most memorable experiences was performing with the band in the Rose Bowl his freshman year. After high school, he attended the Parsons School of Design in New York earning a degree in graphic design. Mark decided to return to Austin and save money to start his very own business, “a fishie a nado.” Mark worked as a valet and projectionist among other jobs to help save for the realization of his dream. We sat down with Mark and asked him a few questions.

**How did you come up with the name?** It was inspired by his love of fish and the play on words. “I wanted a name that was creative and interesting. Not just the ordinary.”

**What services do you offer? How do you plan to be an active member in the community?** Mark is open to hosting mini field trips to Boy Scout /Girl Scout troops etc... to teach about different types of fish and how to care for them. He will combine some interesting facts along with basic chemistry. “a fishie a nado” offers weekly, monthly, or as needed maintenance for business and residential aquariums. He also offers visits while a client is on vacation. Currently, he services The School In the Hills and Simpler Trading to name just a few local clients.

**What type of fish would you recommend for a first time fish owner with young children?** The Beta fish is the easiest to care for.

**What is the average startup cost for a freshwater aquarium?** The average startup cost is approximately \$200 with some fish included. That would be for your basic set up.

**What are some of your business goals?** He would like to hire some employees within the next 2 years. Also, continue to grow his salt water fish selection and add diversity to the freshwater tanks.

**The final question that we had to ask, “Why Fish? Why are you in this business?”** The answer is simple. It was a hobby that he and his father shared throughout his childhood and still to this day. “Fish tanks are very relaxing and a great conversation piece.” He had a fish in college that his friends nicknamed, Big Meanie. It was an Arowana species that Mark bought at 2 inches in size. In 4 years it grew to be 38 inches. That was when he had to sell it. His 240 gallon fish tank could not accommodate him anymore. If you are looking to add relaxation and beauty to your life Mark can help you with fish, aquatic plants, and all of the supplies and personal guidance that you need. His work is his passion and he hopes to help inspire more aquatic “a fishie a nados” in Steiner Ranch and in the Four Points area. For questions, and mini field trip information please contact Mark Schindel at [mark@afishieanado.com](mailto:mark@afishieanado.com) or (512)514-0806 or visit his website at [afishieanado.com](http://afishieanado.com).

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## 2015 Steiner Ranch POOL RULES

The Steiner Ranch pools are for your use and enjoyment. We need the cooperation of all residents to make the pool a fun, safe and sanitary facility for everyone. Residents must advise children and their guests of the rules and safety precautions. Below is a sample of the pool rules for the Steiner Ranch pools, please find the complete Rules and Regulations on the HOA website, under Documents at [www.steineranchhoa.org](http://www.steineranchhoa.org).

- Pools are for residents of the Steiner Ranch Master Association and the Steiner Ranch Residential Owners Associations and up to 4 guest per household without a reservation.
- Non-potty trained Children are prohibited in the Bella Mar Lap Pool at any time.
- The Association may deny access to the pools at any time due to occupancy limits, weather, pool conditions, or if maintenance is required.
- At the discretion of the Association, and as approved by the Board of Directors of the SRROA and/or SRMA, certain periods of the normal open swim hours may be set aside for specialized activities.
- Use of the pool facilities is at the resident and/or guest's own risk.
- Lifeguards, when present, have full authority and are responsible for the interpretation and enforcement of all rules.
- Only lifeguards are permitted on the lifeguard stand.
- An adult must accompany children 12 years old and under at all times.
- Proper swim wear is required.
- No diving. Dive blocks are for use by Swim Teams and/or private lessons approved by the Association.
- No Smoking.
- No glass containers of any type are allowed in the pool facility.
- No pets in pool area.
- Residents are responsible for any damage they, their guests, or their children cause and for cleaning up any mess or trash created by them prior to leaving the pool facility.
- Violation of these rules may result in suspension of pool privileges, fines or other charges, and/or legal action against the violator.



### STEINER STARS SWIM SEASON KICKS OFF

The Steiner Stars swim team season is here! Each summer, approximately 500 swimmers, ages 5-17, swim for the Steiner Stars in the Northwest Swim Circuit recreational swim league. All practices and home meets for both teams are held at Bella Mar lap pool. Details about the 2015 season are below:

**Stars Practice Schedule During the School Year: May 4th - June 5th**

Blue: Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 7:30pm

Red: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 7:30pm

**NO PRACTICE** on Memorial Day (May 25th)

**Stars Practice Schedule After the School Year: June 8th - July 10th**

Blue\*: Monday through Thursday from 1:30 to 6:30pm

Red: Tuesday through Friday from 7:30am to 12:30pm

**NO PRACTICE** on Independence Day (July 4th)

\* Beginning June 8th, residents may request one lap lane to be opened from 5:30pm to 6:30pm during Blue practice only. Contact Coach Jeff during practice to make this request.

### STARS HOME MEET SCHEDULE

May 30th: Red vs. Brushy Creek\*      June 20th : Red vs. Georgetown\*

June 13th : Blue vs. Pflugerville      July 1st : Red vs. Blue "Star Wars"\*

*\*Shuttle service available at these meets.*

### SHOOTING STARS

Coach Hollie Kenney and her assistant coaches are ready for another summer of developmental swim instructions. This four week program begins July 14th and runs through August 6th with a focus on diving, push offs, breathing, kicking and stroke technique (backstroke and freestyle). Practices are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 7:30am to 12:30pm at the John Simpson Pool.

### AGE GROUP PRACTICE TIMES

5 year olds: 7:30-8:30am

8 year olds: 10:30-11:30am

6 year olds: 8:30-9:30am

9+ year olds: 11:30am-12:30pm

7 year olds: 9:30-10:30am

### REGISTRATION

Online registration for the 2015 Shooting Stars program begins on May 11th. Up to 180 swimmers between the ages of 5 and 10 years old as of July 15th may register on a first come, first served basis. There is no separate registration for returning families. Refer to the Shooting Stars website ([www.theshootingstars.org](http://www.theshootingstars.org)) for registration details and swimmer requirements.

### DIVING BLOCKS AND COVERS

The use of diving blocks at the Bella Mar lap pool is restricted to swimmers under the instruction of official swim team coaches during practices, meets, and private lessons. Due to insurance restrictions, independent resident and/or guest usage of the diving blocks is prohibited.

### AERATOR

If you swim at night, you may wonder why there is a contraption spraying water over the Bella Mar lap pool. This is an aerator to help cool the water temperature as it can be above 80°F. Please do not adjust the spray or move the aerator; doing so can damage the aerator.



## Year Round Swimming Program for Adults

Come join the Masters Swim Program! The workouts are adjusted for everyone from beginners all the way to advanced -- no swim experience needed!! No intimidation allowed!! If you can swim one length of the pool, then you are ready to join in on the fun. Currently, we have "newbies" who haven't ever participated in organized adult swim classes, new and experienced triathletes who want to improve the swim part of their triathlons, and experienced master's swimmers looking to enjoy an organized swim workout. Regardless of your skill level, you will find a lane with swimmers who match your ability and enthusiasm.

### OUR SWIM SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

- Wednesdays and Fridays at 5:30 a.m. until 6:45 a.m.
- Sundays at 6:30 a.m. until 7:45 a.m.
- \$50 per month for Residents

*Come on and give it a try! It's easy to sign up:*

1. You must be 18 yrs. and older.
2. Join U. S. Masters Swimming! To be eligible to compete in masters' meets, to get a great magazine, and for HOA insurance purposes, go to the United States Masters swimming website, [www.usms.org/reg](http://www.usms.org/reg) and join our team Red Giants Masters swimming. You can print your card immediately and take a copy to the HOA office.
3. Fill out the Program Registration form at the HOA office, provide a copy your USMS card and submit payment!

*As this is a Year Round Program, it's a great way to meet new friends and be a part of a fun community of swimmers and neighbors!*

## DON'T BLOCK THE GATES

The Steiner Ranch HOA wants to remind you that blocking a gate open at the pools is a MAJOR safety concern. It only takes a second for a child to wonder off and make their way into an unattended pool area.

If you are attending a soccer game, visiting the playgrounds or pools, and you see a gate propped open, help us avoid the unthinkable risk of a child drowning. PLEASE close the gate!

For information on childhood drowning, read the story of Colin Holst, who, only a few years ago, tragically drowned at an Austin pool at the age of 4. <https://www.colinshope.org/>

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# Pool & Swimming News

## SPRING POOL HOURS

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***The following programs will be using the lap pool:***

Master's Swim Program – Wednesday & Friday 5:30am – 6:45am; Sunday 6:30am – 7:45am

VHS Swimming - Monday - Thursday 7:15am – 9am

Lap lanes will be available to lap swimmers during these sessions.

Lost Creek Aquatics – Monday – Friday

4:30pm – 6:30pm (6 lanes)

Gold Stars Spring Fling – Tuesdays & Thursdays April 2nd – 30th

7:00pm – 7:45pm (6 lanes)

### TOWNE SQUARE – (UNHEATED)

Closed Monday until 12:00pm

Tuesday – Sunday 8:00am – 10:00pm

### JOHN SIMPSON – (UNHEATED)

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*After*



*Before*



*After*



*Before*



*After*

*\*Actual patient of Dr. Loveless*

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# Pool & Swimming News

## POOL CALENDARS ON-LINE!

We are excited to announce that you can now view the Bella Mar Lap Pool and the John Simpson Lap Pool Calendars On-line! This will be a great resource for you all summer long to plan your trips to the pools!

You'll be able to see when the swim teams, camps, group lessons, master's program and water polo groups are at the pool, and how many lanes they are using. (This will not include private lessons)

Remember that the Bella Mar lap pool is 8 lap lanes, and John Simpson lap pool is 6 lap lanes.

Go to [www.steinerranchhoa.org](http://www.steinerranchhoa.org)

*How to view if you are logged in:*

Click on the menu tab "Amenities"

Click on the amenity you wish to view

Scroll down to the 2nd calendar on the page specific to the pool

Once on the calendar, you can view it by Month, Week or Day

*How to view if you are not logged in:*

Click on the menu tab "About us"

Click on the drop down menu item "Amenities"

Follow steps 3 & 4 above

## No Diapers Allowed

As the swim season gears up, please be aware of the pool policy regarding children who are not potty-trained:

Children who are not potty-trained and who use swim diapers are not allowed in the Bella Mar Lap Pool.

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## Planning a Pool Party?

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To hire lifeguards, please contact the Lifeguard Company directly at 1-877-354-1313 or [admin@lifelineaquatics.com](mailto:admin@lifelineaquatics.com).

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# MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 1:00pm – YAH Canasta 6:00pm – YAH Cinco de Mayo Celebration (Lake Club)	2 7:30am – SRCC Ride (Cups & Cones) 7:00pm – Kentucky Derby Casino Night (TSCC)
3 7:30am – SRCC Ride (Cups & Cones) 1:00pm – YAH Biking 2:00pm – Steiner Stars Kick- off Party (TSCC)	4 8:00am – Free Tai Chi (TSCC) 1:00pm – YAH Mexican Train 3:30pm – 7:30pm – Steiner Stars first day of practice (BM Lap Pool) 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	5 6:30pm – Facilities Committee Meeting (TSCC) 7:00pm – SRNA Meeting (TSCC) 8:30pm – Akido (BMCC)	6 8:00am – Free Tai Chi (TSCC) 11:30am – CLEO 1:00pm – YAH Biking 4:00pm – YAH Spanish Conversation ACC Reviews	7 8:00am – Free Tai Chi (TSCC) 8am & 9am – Free Yoga (BMCC) 8:30am – YAH Walking Group 11:30am – YAH Art Group 1:00pm – YAH Mah Jongg 6:30pm – Behavior Management Training for Parents (TSCC)	8 9:30am – YAH Euchre	9 7:30am – SRCC Ride (Cups & Cones) 9:00am – 4:00pm – Babysitting Class (TSCC)
10 Mother's Day 7:30am – SRCC Ride (Cups & Cones) 1:00pm – YAH Biking Group	11 8:00am – Free Tai Chi (TSCC) 11:30am – YAH Card Making (TSCC) 11:30am – YAH ROMEO 6:00pm – YAH Canasta 6:30pm – Free Yoga (TSCC)	12 1:00pm – YAH Book Club 6:30pm – SRMA Annual Meeting (TSCC) 8:30pm – Akido (BMCC)	13 8:00am – Free Tai Chi (TSCC) 12:30pm – YAH Ladies Bridge 1:00pm – YAH Biking 11:30am – SRLG Ladies Lunch ACC Reviews	14 8:00am – Free Tai Chi (TSCC) 8:30am – YAH Walking Group 1:00pm – YAH Technology 6:30pm – Behavior Management Training for Parents (BMCC) 6:30pm – Property Tax Protest Workshop (TSCC)	15 1:00pm – YAH Canasta	16 7:30am – SRCC Ride (Cups & Cones) 8:30am – YAH Hiking
17 7:30am – SRCC Ride (Cups & Cones) 1:00pm – YAH Biking Group	18 8:00am – Free Tai Chi (TSCC) 6:00pm – YAH Single Ladies Dinner Group 6:00pm – YAH Mexican Train 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	19 7:00pm – YAH Dr. Rosin Workshop (TSCC) 8:30pm – Akido (BMCC)	20 8:00am – Free Tai Chi (TSCC) 1:00pm – YAH Biking Group	21 8:00am – Free Tai Chi (TSCC) 8:00am & 9:00am – Free Yoga (BMCC) 8:30am – YAH Walking Group 11:30am – YAH Art Class 1:00pm – YAH Mah Jongg 7:00pm – YAH Bunko (BMCC)	22 9:30am – YAH Euchre	23 7:30am – SRCC Ride (Cups & Cones)
24/31 7:30am – SRCC Ride (Cups & Cones) 1:00pm – YAH Biking Group	25 Memorial Day 8:00am – Free Tai Chi (TSCC) 6:00pm – YAH International Dining	26 6:00pm – SRMA Board of Directors Meeting (TSCC) 8:30pm – Akido (BMCC)	27 8:00am – Free Tai Chi (TSCC) 12:30pm – YAH Ladies Bridge 1:00pm – YAH Biking	28 8:00am – Free Tai Chi (TSCC) 11:30am – YAH Art Group 1:00pm – YAH Mah Jongg 6:00pm – SRROA Board of Directors Meeting (TSCC)	29 1:00pm – YAH Canasta	30 7:30am – SRCC Ride (Cups & Cones) 6:00am – 2:00pm – Steiner Stars Home Meet (BM CLOSED) 8:00am – 12pm – Shred Day Sunset – Movies in the Park (TS Park)

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# JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 8:00am – Free Tai Chi (TSCC) 1:00pm – YAH Mexican Train 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	<b>2</b> 8:30pm – Akido (BMCC)	<b>3</b> 11:30am – CLEO 1:00pm – YAH Biking 4:00pm – YAH Spanish Conversation ACC Reviews	<b>4</b> 8:30am – YAH Walking Group 11:30 am – YAH Art Group 1:00pm – YAH Mah Jongg 6:00pm – New Owner Welcome & Wine Social	<b>5</b> Last Day of School 5th Grade Pool Parties at all 3 Community Pools 1:00pm – YAH Canasta	<b>6</b> 7:30am – SRCC Ride (Cups & Cones)
<b>7</b> 7:30am – SRCC Ride (Cups & Cones) 8:15am – 3rd Annual Dog Walk 1:00pm – YAH Biking	<b>8</b> Summer Camps Begin 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	<b>9</b> 6:00pm – Social Committee Meeting (Lakeside Pizza) 7:00pm – SRNA Meeting (TSCC) 8:30pm – Akido (BMCC)	<b>10</b> 11:30am – SRLG Ladies Lunch 1:00pm – YAH Biking 6:00pm – Fairways Board Meeting (TSCC) ACC Reviews	<b>11</b> 8:30am – YAH Walking Group 1:00pm – YAH Mah Jongg	<b>12</b> 9:30am – YAH Euchre	<b>13</b> 6:00am – 2:00pm – Steiner Stars Home Meet (BM CLOSED) 7:30am – SRCC Ride (Cups & Cones) 8:00am – 12:00pm – Camp Mojo (TS Field)
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<b>21</b> Happy Father's Day 7:30am – SRCC Ride (Cups & Cones) 1:00pm – YAH Biking Group	<b>22</b> 6:00pm – YAH Single Ladies Dinner Group 6:00pm – YAH Mexican Train 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	<b>23</b> 7:00pm – YAH Dr. Rosin Workshop (TSCC) 8:30pm – Akido (BMCC)	<b>24</b> 1:00pm – YAH Biking Group 12:30pm – YAH Ladies Bridge	<b>25</b> 8:30am – YAH Walking Group 11:30am – YAH Art Group 1:00pm – YAH Mah Jongg 6:00pm – SRROA Board of Directors Meeting (TSCC)	<b>26</b> 9:30am – YAH Euchre	<b>27</b> 7:30am – SRCC Ride (Cups & Cones) 8:00am – 2:00pm – Yoga Retreat (BMCC) 8:30pm – 10:30pm – Movies in the Park – Night at the Museum (TS Fields)
	<b>28</b> 7:30am – SRCC Ride (Cups & Cones) 1:00pm – YAH Biking Group	<b>29</b> 6:00pm – YAH International Dining	<b>30</b> 6:00pm – SRMA Board of Directors Meeting (TSCC) 8:30pm – Akido (BMCC)			

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# SADDLE UP AND RIDE!

The Steiner Ranch Cycling (SRC) is a group of fun loving cyclist that enjoy the outdoors, burning calories, and meeting new people. Cycling is easy on your body, good for your health and a great way to build community. There is no cost to ride, and we welcome new riders. You probably see us riding around Steiner in our themed red white and blue kits with the Steiner logo.

## SATURDAY RIDES

On Saturdays we host an open group ride, starting at Cups & Cones at 7:30 AM. Our Saturday rides have changed up a little and now include an advanced and intermediate group. The advanced group will have average speeds from 18 – 20 mph and the intermediate group will average between 15 - 17 mph. While each group will be travelling at different speeds, each group will be tackling the same course with a typical distance ranging from 45 up to 60+ miles. The turnout is typically between 10 – 20 riders depending on weather. Come on out and have some fun, everyone is welcome. The advanced and intermediate groups require a higher level of fitness and experience and there is NO designated sweeper.

## SUNDAY COFFEE SHOP RIDE

On Sundays we host a mellow no-drop ride to a local coffee shop outside Steiner, great for new riders and/or recovery rides. The group will leave Cups & Cones at 7:30 AM, and will target some not-too-far coffee shop for some espresso, pastries, and socialization. The ride will average around 14 – 15 mph and should be perfect for those looking to recover from the week's riding, or to extend their range out of Steiner. Each week we will pick a different destination, but they will typically be around 15 miles from Cups & Cones. This is a no-drop ride, but you should be able to ride the 30 – 40 miles at a 14 – 15 mph pace. Please visit our website at [www.steineranchcycling.com](http://www.steineranchcycling.com) to check out what is going on in the Steiner Ranch cycling community.

## WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK RIDE

Every Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM we will depart from Cups & Cones for a 20-25 mile Tour of Steiner. It will be a no drop ride, but you should be able to maintain 14-17 mph. We may entertain short out-of-Steiner excursions, such as River Place/Ski Shores, depending on group consensus.

## MAY EVENTS

May is a fantastic month for riding! It isn't too hot yet and there are some great organized hill country rides to take advantage of. See new roads, meet new people, and push yourself with the various distance options.

**May 16** - Real Ale Ride (<http://realaleride.com>). A favorite! Enjoy the hill country with hundreds of other riders of all skill levels then celebrate your finish with live music, free beer, and good food! Distance options are 15, 30, 50, 65, and 80 miles.

**May 30** - Atlas 4000 Ride (<http://www.texas4000.org>). The Texas 4000 ATLAS Ride is a 700+ person cycling event from Cedar Park to Lampasas where supporters can ride the first 25, 50 or 70 miles with the Texas 4000 team as they start their 70-day journey. Enjoy



beautiful views, rolling hills and the wildlife of the Texas Hill Country. A post-ride festival will happen at the finish line; festival activities include a barbecue, live music, a presentation by the Texas 4000 team and more! Oh, and it ends at the beautiful Legato Winery!

## SRC OASIS RIDE

Join us for the third Saturday of each Month when Steiner Ranch Cycling will host a ride starting from Cups & Cones at 7:30 AM, covering 50-70 miles and ending at the Oasis Brewing Company. Bring your bikes up on the deck and enjoy views of Lake Travis with discounted beer and lunch options from the Noble Pig.

## STEINER RANCH STEAKHOUSE RIDE (NEW NAME PENDING!)

On the last Sunday of each month we will join the Cycling Swami for what used to be called The Steiner Ranch Steakhouse ride. Note that it has moved and it now starts from Rudy's BBQ on 620 just north of 2222. This new ride is just now being restarted, so check our page or <http://www.cyclingswami.com> before attending. The rides should be around 15 and 28 miles with various skill groups.

## MAY RIDING TIPS

**Intermediate:** Proper hydration is extremely important while riding. Riders need to be able to take frequent small sips of fluid from a bottle while riding without losing concentration or form. Practice taking your bottle from your bottle cage, taking a sip, and replacing it without taking your eyes off of the road or rider in front of you, swerving, or slowing down. When you see someone else take a sip, consider taking one for yourself.

**Advanced:** Eating is also important - depending on the intensity, once a ride gets past 90 minutes or so you should begin replacing calories at a higher rate than a sports drink can provide. The range of sports food is huge, from gels to bars to fruit (or even a sandwich!). Don't eat enough to get full, unless it's a really fast ride a couple of gels or a bar per hour is usually enough. Eating while riding isn't hard, just take your time and keep a bit further away from other riders than usual. But don't ride with no hands to eat! This article may help explain why... <http://tour.bicycling.com/tour-de-france/tour-features/energy-bar-ends-contadors-tour>

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## From the Association Office

### { SEND US YOUR EVENT PICTURES }

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In order to help us maintain these benefits, you are charged semi-annual assessments that are due on Jan. 1, and July 1 of every year. If you have questions concerning your assessments you may contact the HOA Office and speak to the Accounting Coordinator at 266-7553 ext 23. Another unique asset of Steiner Ranch is our on-site Community Associations Office with a full management team! For questions regarding the community, please stop by our office at 12550 Country Trails Lane. Our office hours are 1:00pm – 5:00pm, Monday through Thursday, 10:00am – 5:00pm on Friday, and 9am to 3pm on Saturday (SUMMER ONLY). You may also reach us by phone at 512-266-7553 during business hours. Here is a quick check list for you to get acquainted with your new neighborhood:

Stop by the HOA office and pick up a new resident packet that includes your facility key fob, gate tags (if you live in a gated community), and complete a lake club agreement. Be sure to bring your settlement statement.

Get your login & password for the “member” section of the HOA website. Go to [www.steinerranchhoa.org](http://www.steinerranchhoa.org) and “request a login”. Once there, go to the “My Profile” section and be sure to sign up for subscriptions so that you can get informed about activities, safety and community relations.

“Like” the Steiner Ranch Social Committee Facebook Page.

“Follow” @SteinerRanchHOA on twitter.

Come to a New Owner Welcome & Wine Social. This is a great way to meet other new neighbors and get informed.

### COMMUNICATION:

*The HOA will communicate with residents via:*

Website – [www.steinerranchhoa.org](http://www.steinerranchhoa.org)

Monthly newsletter The Ranch Record

Email alerts (be sure the HOA has your correct email). Activity alerts are weekly, sent every Monday. Community Relations alerts are monthly and as needed. Safety alerts are sent out as needed.

Monthly Board of Directors meetings - Residents are welcome to attend and observe and/or sign up to address the Board. See the website for dates, times and agenda.

Committee Meetings – We have many committee that you can become involved in and are welcome to attend. From getting involved with the Social events through the Social Committee, to helping with the recommendations of the Facilities Committee, there is a committee for all interest.

New Resident Welcome & Wine Social – This is an opportunity to get to meet members of the HOA management team, and many of your neighbors. The next one is scheduled for June 4, 2015 at 6:30pm at the Towne Square Community Center. RSVP to [cassie@steinerranchhoa.org](mailto:cassie@steinerranchhoa.org) no later than June 3rd.

If you have any questions about how you can become more involved in the community or just want more information, please feel free to contact the HOA office at 512-266-7553.

## OUTDOOR HOME IMPROVEMENT HOA REQUIREMENTS

So you've decided to do some improvements or make changes to the outside of your home.....what do you do now? (Improvements include, landscaping, decks, pools....basically anything to the outside of your property).

- Complete the Architectural Modification form (owner must complete)
- Include any addendum forms such as for a pool or greenbelt
- Include a scaled drawing showing plan and elevation views of the proposed improvements, modifications or alterations. Submittals must include samples depicting the proposed materials and colors to be used.
- A lot survey (which the owner receives at closing) indicating the location of proposed improvements, and any applicable easements, setbacks, and elevation differences on lot.
- Deposit check in the amount of \$500

All of these forms can be found on-line at [www.steinerranchhoa.org](http://www.steinerranchhoa.org), under the “Document” section of the website.

*Note\* Generally, application packets received by Friday, will be reviewed the following Wednesday, however some reviews can take up to 30 days. Please fill free to contact the Associations Community Standards Coordinator, Mackal “Mack” Gill if you have any questions at 266-7553 or [mack@steinerranchhoa.org](mailto:mack@steinerranchhoa.org).*



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# From the Association Office

## PET REMINDER!

*Everyone Wants a "Waste-Free" Community!*

It doesn't take much to remember that there are pets in your community. In fact, if you don't watch your step, you're liable to step in one such reminder! Besides being unsightly and smelly, animal waste can be hazardous to the health of your children who play in the community and other pets. One of the most common forms of disease transmission between dogs is through fecal matter.

When walking your dog in the community (on the sidewalks and on the trails), remember that it should be leashed. Also, it is important to remember to immediately clean up after your pet. Take along a baggie with you to pick up waste with and then dispose of it properly. There are several "pet waste" stations located along Quinlan Park Road, Steiner Ranch Blvd, Bella Mar Trail, Flat Top Ranch Road and University Club.

By taking a few simple steps to clean up after your pet, you can contribute not only to the beautification of Steiner Ranch, but also towards the elimination of one of the most irritating nuisances in our community.

Watch for the next email this month regarding pool rules and safety. These emails are being sent to everyone and are not directed toward any one individual.

## BOATS AND WATERCRAFT PARKING

*Where can I park them?*

As summer approaches, boats and other watercraft are frequently seen in Steiner Ranch. Please remember that boats and watercraft must be stored in an enclosed space at all times. Do not store them in your driveway or park them on the street. They are unsightly in your driveway and are an extreme safety hazard in the street. Repeat violators are subject to fines and/or towing.

If you see a boat, trailer or other recreational vehicle, feel free to report it to the Association at [www.steinerranchhoa.org](http://www.steinerranchhoa.org) through the "Report a Problem" link. Please include a description of the violation and the address where the violation has occurred.



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The simplest way to deter solicitors is by posting a "No Solicitors" sign on your door or in your front window. If you get knocks on the door anyway, you also can ask solicitors for their license, permit or company identification; many don't have it and will leave.

While a visit from a solicitor is often annoying, they can sometimes be more than just a nuisance; some might have ulterior motives, such as fraud, canvassing a home to commit a crime or other unseemly behavior. If you believe a solicitor is acting suspiciously or you feel threatened, call the Travis County Sheriff's Office immediately at 974-0845.

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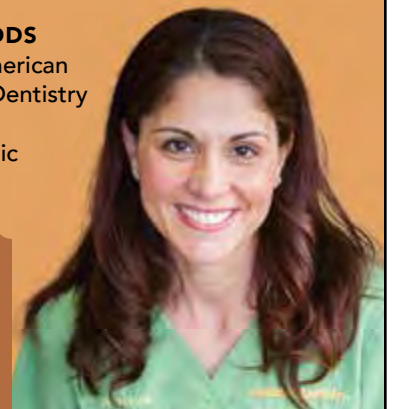
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## May is National Stroke Awareness Month

*Submitted by Tom Henry, Community Relations, Longhorn Village*

Strokes can happen to anyone at any time, including newborn babies, children, teens and adults. It is important to understand not only how to identify a stroke, but also to know that up to 80 percent of strokes are preventable.

**What is a stroke?** A stroke is a “brain attack.” It happens when blood flowing to an area of the brain is cut off. When brain cells are deprived of oxygen, they begin to die. When cells in the brain die, the abilities controlled by the affected area can be damaged or lost completely. The affect of a stroke depends on where in the brain it occurs, and how much it is damaged. Damage can range from minor problems such as temporary loss of strength in an arm or leg, to major permanent damage that may include paralysis on one side of the body or the ability to speak. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Strokes are the 5th leading cause of death, and is one of the leading causes of adult disability in the United States.

**Act FAST!** Each year, nearly 800,000 people in the United States experience a stroke. According to The National Stroke Association, quick detection and treatment will more likely lead to a better recovery. FAST is a commonly used acronym to remember the warning signs of stroke. Things to check in a suspected stroke victim:

**F – FACE:** If you ask the person to smile, does the face droop on one side?

**A – ARMS:** Ask the person to raise both arms; does one of the arms drift downward?

**S – SPEECH:** Ask the person to repeat a simple phrase. Is their speech strange or slurred?

**T – TIME:** If you observe any of these signs, call 9-1-1 immediately. If possible, note the time of the first symptom. This information is important and can affect treatment decisions.

Additional symptoms can include:

- Sudden confusion or trouble understanding
- Sudden troubled vision in one or both eyes
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination
- Sudden severe headache with unknown cause

**Preventing a Stroke – What You Can Do:** You can help prevent stroke happening to you or others by knowing and reducing controllable risk factors through lifestyle changes and if needed, medication. Learn to recognize the symptoms and signs of a stroke by memorizing FAST. Respond quickly to the first sight of a stroke and you can help save lives.

**Stroke Recovery:** Many stroke survivors can continue to improve over a long period of time. Recovery involves making changes in social, emotional, and physical aspects of your life. Rehabilitation is about returning to your normal life and living as independently as possible. You must take an active approach to ensure that your quality of life improves, and goes on. With good rehabilitation and care, there is life after a stroke.

**For additional resources and information please visit:**

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Aikido is a Japanese martial art that emphasizes self-defense and non-violence. With no offensive techniques, it teaches people how to calmly accept and control an attack rather than react violently. Instead of meeting force with force, which usually means the greater force wins, Aikido teaches us to blend our energy with that of the attacker.

The word Aikido is made up of three Japanese characters:

The first character is “AI”, which means to blend or to harmonize.

The second character is “KI”, which is dynamic energy or the energy of nature.

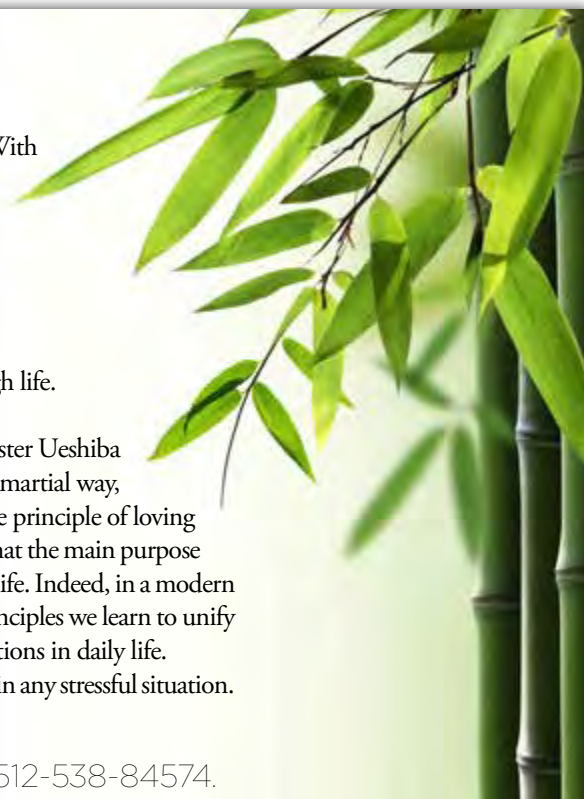
and the last character is “DO”, which means a way of doing things or a path through life.

Thus, the word Aikido means “a way of life through harmony with nature”.

Aikido was founded by Morihei Ueshiba, a renowned martial artist of his time. Master Ueshiba redefined the martial code of budo, which was based on strength and brutality, into a martial way, which is based on the principle of harmony with the Ki of the universe, oneself and the principle of loving protection for all things. While Aikido is an art of self-defense, we must keep in mind that the main purpose of training Aikido is to carry the principles of harmony and non-violence into our daily life. Indeed, in a modern world, it makes little sense to learn a martial art only to become a better fighter. The principles we learn to unify the mind and body in order to recognize and blend with energy have practical applications in daily life.

For example, centering oneself and remaining calm in the face of violence can be used in any stressful situation. If Aikido interests you, please feel free to check us out at Steiner Ranch Aikido.

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Most female mosquitoes require a blood meal for egg production whereas males feed on nectar and do not bite. Eggs can be laid on the surface of water or in dry locations that are occasionally flooded by water. Some eggs are able to remain dormant under dry conditions for several months. Eggs hatch into larvae, or wigglers. Mosquito larvae live in water and feed on organic debris or microscopic plants and animals. Larvae molt into pupae which do not feed. Mosquito pupae spend the majority of their time at the surface of the water, only moving when disturbed.

Female mosquito.

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around the home. Eliminate all sources of standing water. Containers such as watering cans, buckets and bottles can turn into mosquito breeding grounds. Water should be drained from birdbaths, gutters, flowerpots and pet dishes at least once a week. Children's wading pools should be emptied of water at least once a week and stored so they cannot collect water when not in use. Tree holes should be filled in with sand or mortar, or drained after each rain. Leaky faucets and pipes located outside should be repaired.

Areas that cannot be drained, such as ponds or large rain collection systems, can be stocked with mosquito fish that eat mosquito larvae. Dunks can also be used in these areas. Dunks are a small, donut-shaped product that contains *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *israeliensis*. The donut disrupts the life cycle of the mosquito and

is non-toxic to humans, amphibians and fish.

Avoiding peak hours when mosquitoes are active is probably the best method to avoid being bitten. When outside, wear loose-fitting, light colored clothing with long sleeves & long pants. Repellants containing active ingredients such as DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus can be effective to keep mosquitoes from biting when evening activities cannot be rescheduled. Other products such as citronella candles will also repel mosquitoes, but work best in enclosed areas.

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## BREAST CANCER

### 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
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*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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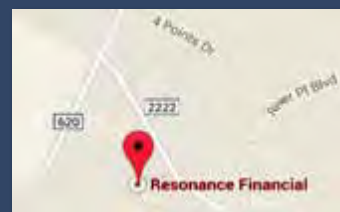
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3. Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste... and taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.

4. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it..

5. If it snows while you're out of town, get a neighbor to create car and foot tracks into the house. Virgin drifts in the driveway are a dead giveaway.

6. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it too easy.

7. A good security company alarms the window over the sink. And the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom - and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too.

8. It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door - understandable. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather.

9. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.)

10. Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.

11. Here's a helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.

12. You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.

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*Sources: Convicted burglars in North Carolina, Oregon, California, and Kentucky; security consultant Chris McGoe, who runs <http://www.crimedoctor.com/> and Richard T. Wright, a criminology professor at the University of Missouri-St Louis, who interviewed 105 burglars for his book *Burglars on the Job*.*

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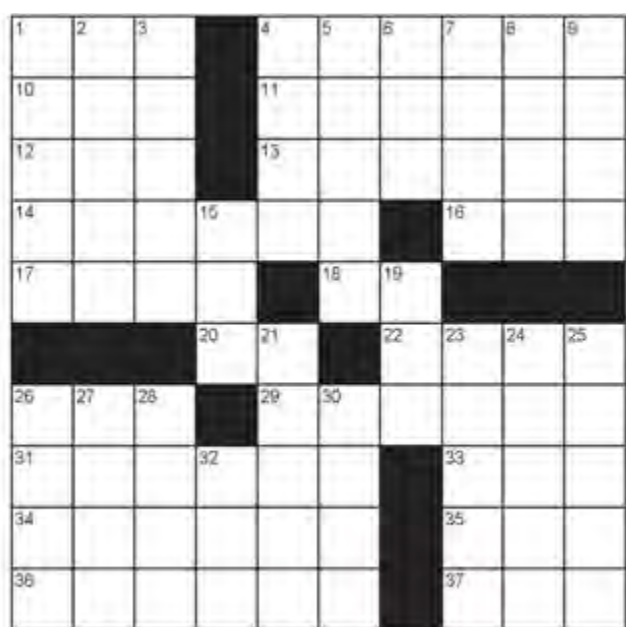
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12. Hubbub
13. Docket
14. Searching for metal
16. Put
17. Ratify
18. Year (abbr.)
20. Kansas
22. Wager
26. Tax agency
29. "\_\_\_ and World Report"
31. Harry
33. Pock
34. Lush
35. Whiz
36. Military attack
37. Downwind

### DOWN

1. John \_\_\_ (U.S. President)
2. Radiuses
3. Leather strip
4. Frame
5. Waterlogged
6. To be
7. Glasses part
8. Fixed
9. Louvre
15. Pen stuff
19. Dashed
21. Japanese dish
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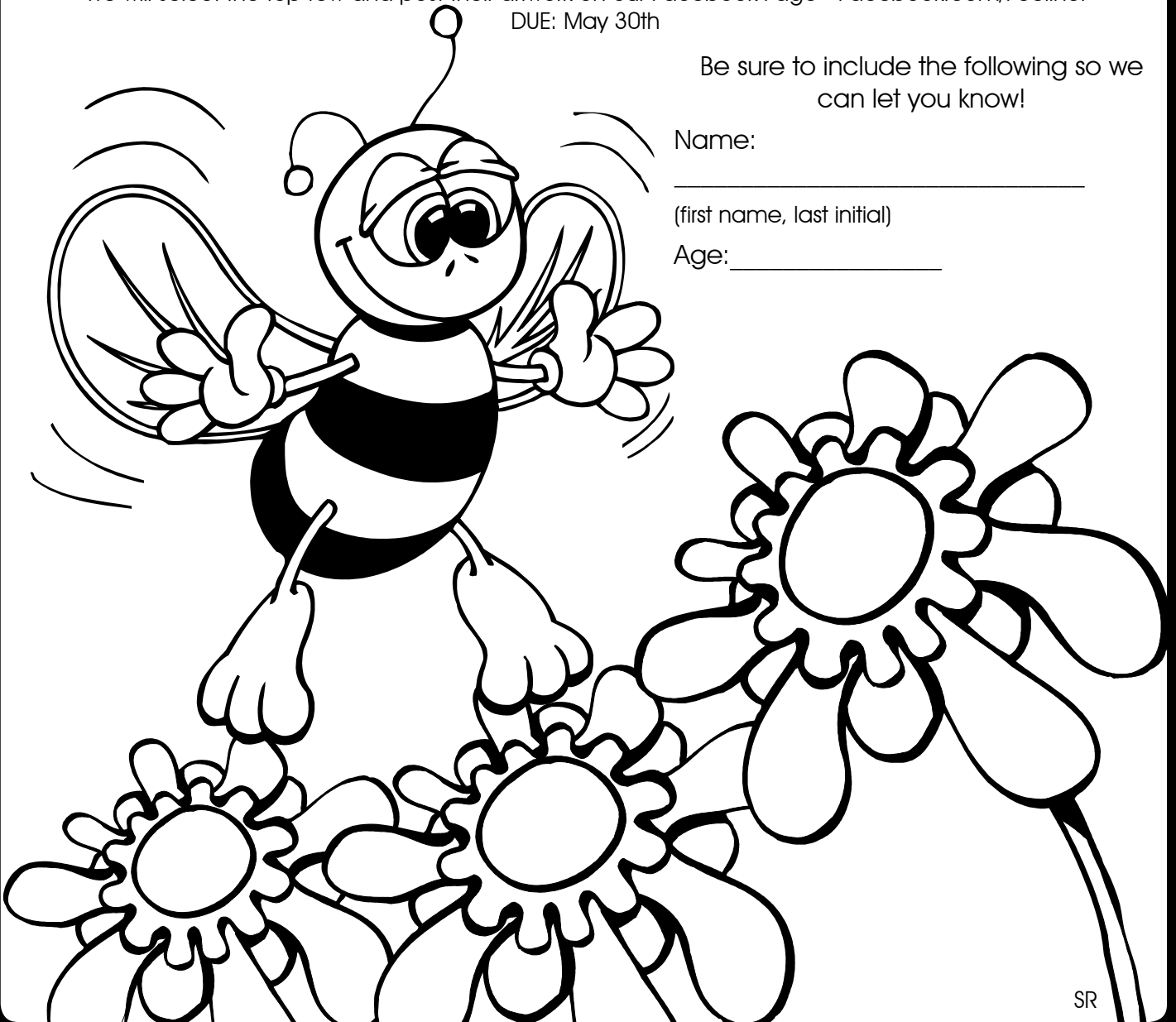
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