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WELCOME TO LAKES ON ELDRIDGE NORTH NEWSLETTER

The Lakes on Eldridge North Newsletter is a monthly newsletter mailed to all Lakes on Eldridge North residents. Each newsletter will be filled with valuable information about the community, local area activities, school information, and more.

If you are involved with a school group, play group, scouts, sports team, social group, etc., and would like to submit an article for the newsletter, you can do so online at www.PEELinc.com. Personal news (announcements, accolades/honors/celebrations, etc.) are also welcome as long as they are from area residents.

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2015 Cypress 5K Fun Run & Puppy Parade

While generating funds for the school's award-winning Performing Arts programs is important, event organizers want to use this event to strengthen the school's ties to its community as well as encourage community spirit and fitness.

Saturday, November 21st 9:00 am start (staggered) @ Spillane Middle School. Event includes a 5K run and walk. Strollers & dogs are welcome. 7am registration day of event if not already registered. Cash or check only on the day of registration.

Registration Fees:

Register now until October 31st - \$30.00 (t-shirt included)

October 31st - November 14th - \$35.00 (t-shirt not guaranteed)

November 14th - Day of event \$40.00 (no t-shirt)

* Family Registration Discount available through November 14th

Thursday, November 19th - packet pick up 4pm - 7:30pm @ Spillane Middle School. Spillane Middle School is located at 13403 Spillane Woods Blvd. Cypress, Texas 77429 (at the corner of Skinner and Jarvis Roads).

To register or donate, visit the Cypress 5K Fun Run & Puppy Parade website at: <https://thedriver.net/cypress5k>

CONTACT: Julie Rodriguez, 2015 Cypress 5K Fun Run & Puppy Parade Publicity Chair, 832-349-6987



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Submissions must be received by the
10th of the month for the following month's issue.
(Advertising deadline is the 8th of the month.)

“Seeing Through the Glass Ceiling: Women’s Leadership Myths”

Luncheon Details

Thursday, October 22, 2015

Networking 11a.m.; Luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m.

*Sterling Country Club, 16500 Houston National Blvd., Houston, TX
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Costs \$25 with advanced reservations; \$30 at the door

Karen Baker Blum

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At the October 22 Cy-Fair Express Network Luncheon, Karen Baker Blum, speaker, trainer and author, will share one of her many informative signature talks - Seeing Through the Glass Ceiling: Women’s Leadership Myths.

Raised in a family of high performance salesmen, Karen recalls family dinner conversations centered on serving prospects. She says she is blessed to receive her people and sales skills from “nature and nurture” alike.

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A professional salesperson for 25 years, Karen holds a B.S. in Hotel Administration from Cornell University in Ithaca, NY and both Bachelors and Master's Degrees in Coaching and Training from Sage University, Ibiza, Spain.

As a top producer in each organization with which she has been affiliated, Karen continually sets the pace for her colleagues. She was acknowledged by a former employer as

"responsible for our first million dollar year in 84 years of business."

Karen provides other "Signature Talks" which include: The Happiest Profession in the World; Motivation to Inspiration: The New Paradigm of Teamwork; The Theater of Selling; The Informal Network of Women: The Most Powerful Network in the World

Karen's first book, 23 Innovations in Selling, co-authored with Mia Sage, was published in 2015. She holds a current Texas license for life and health insurance.

For 21 years Karen has been speaking and training in both corporate and entrepreneurial environments. Her audience members have described her as "electrifying", "remarkable" and

"enthusiastic", with a "talent for articulating a somewhat radical concept in a way that makes such perfect sense". Participants call her trainings "the best ever", "relaxing and invigorating" and "a safe space for participants to explore." Karen is happiest when she is making people laugh.

This month's CYFEN meeting begins with networking at 11 a.m. followed with a prompt 11:30 a.m. start of the program. Luncheons are held at the Sterling Country Club, 16500 Houston National Blvd.

About Cy-Fair Express Network (CYFEN)

Now over 50 members strong, Cy-Fair Express Network's vision is to be a community and national leader for the support of professional women by providing a nurturing environment for business development, networking, education and mentoring. Our members have opportunities to pursue excellence and achieve both local and national recognition. CYFEN is part of the national organization of American Business Women's Association (ABWA), for more information go to www.CYFEN.org.

About American Business Women's Association (ABWA)

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Girl Scouts is open to all girls in kindergarten to the 12th grade. In Girl Scouts, your daughter has the opportunity to explore new interests, participate in community service activities, make new friends, and simply have fun. As a Girl Scout leader, an adult has the chance to mentor a group of girls to help them reach their fullest potential. Please consider joining this organization so you can have a direct impact on the girls in your community. Girl Scouts is for girls in grades kindergarten to 12th grade and the cost is \$15.

Did you miss the Girl Scout Recruitment Event at your school? It's not too late to join. Go the Girl Scout of San Jacinto website at www.gssjc.org and click on "Join Today." If you have additional questions, please contact Jo Anna Harris at jharris@sjgs.org.

Elisha Roberts Chapter

The wonderful ladies of the Elisha Roberts Chapter, NSDAR, would like to extend an invitation to local females (18 and older) to attend our next meeting. We meet the third Thursday of each month, Sept-May at the Richard and Meg Weekley Community Center, 8440 Greenhouse Rd, Cypress, TX 77433. We are friendly, family oriented, and diverse in ages, and promote patriotism, education, and historic preservation. Membership is based on the requirement that you can prove direct lineal descent from someone who fought in the American Revolution or provided any type of aid, but it is not required up front to attend meetings if you're interested, as we will help you research your ancestry!

For more information, please contact the chapter Regent, Melinda Sims at melinda@mazzaroth.net.

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Cy-Fair Republican Women

Friday, October 23rd – Sixth Biennial High Heels & High Tea at Shirley Acres. Tickets are available now!

Cy-Fair Republican Women meeting in October will be our fundraiser to support local candidates and the CFRW Scholarship Fund for 2016.

This will replace our second Tuesday meeting for this month. (Second Tuesday each month at Hearthstone Country Club, 7615 Ameswood, Houston, TX 77095)

HHHT will be at Shirley Acres, 217 Woerner Road, Houston, TX 77090. The event will feature a Luncheon with elected officials and candidates, Fashion Show, Live and Silent Auctions, Vendor Showcase and more.

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Fall Festivities and Family Fun

The crisp fall weather is not quite here, but plans are already being made to create family-fun activities at Good Shepherd UMC. On September 13th from 5-7pm, we will be offering a fun Game Night for Adults, complete with lawn games like washers, horseshoes, and giant Jenga, as well as card games, Dominoes and Pokeno – fun for adults of all ages! Plus, we'll have a Food Truck on hand with an amazing menu you don't want to miss! Beginning in early October, keep a lookout for the much-awaited arrival of the pumpkins! Staged with harvest props and sunshine, the pumpkin patch provides a perfect background for your fall photos! The pumpkin patch is open daily, through dusk and offers an assortment of big, bright and beautiful pumpkins for sale. The Girlfriends Gift Market will return on Saturday, October 10th, 9am-4pm, and will include over 60 indoor/outdoor vendors featuring jewelry, yard art, hand-crafted goods, home décor, gourmet foods, boutique clothing & more! The silent auction, bake sale and our kid vendors will create a festive backdrop for early holiday shopping. All proceeds will benefit local missions including Redeemed Ministries, Care Net Pregnancy Center and Boys and Girls Country. Watch for our youth who will begin collecting goods for the Homeless during November, and will be camping out for their Annual Camp for Christ on Dec. 5th, bringing awareness and much-needed donated goods to the Life Center for the Homeless. Advent is always an exciting time for our church and community, so mark your calendars for the Christmas at Good Shepherd Musical Event on December 13th. The annual Hot Dog Roast and Hayride planned for Friday, December 18th, has become a tradition within the Cypress community as the kick-off to the Christmas season. Visit: goodchurch.us for more information on these and many more events, or find us on Facebook.



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3. Get replacement estimates. Have big-ticket items that are worn out or will need to be replaced soon? Get estimates to replace - the figures will help buyers determine if they can afford the home, and will be handy when negotiations begin.

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Shield Bearer

The Shield Bearer 10th Anniversary Celebration of Hope will be held Thursday, November 5th, 2015 at 6:00PM-8:30PM at Christ the Redeemer Life Center on 11507 Huffmeister Rd in Houston, TX.

Join us as we honor our partners and supporters, celebrate the hope and healing experienced by over 15,000 last year, and unveil our plan to reach more hurting hearts. Sponsorship, auction, and ticket information available at shieldbearer.org/hope. Shield Bearer, a 501c3 nonprofit charity provides counseling services to human traffic survivors, crime victims, military personnel and veterans and their families and is a lead agency in the movement for healthy marriages, families, and communities, provides counseling, education, and prevention programs to thousands in our community each year including human trafficking survivors, homeless women and children, victims of horrific crime and abuse, and veterans and their families. Find out more at shieldbearer.org or (281) 894-7222

Cypress Texas Tea Party

The next meetings of the Cypress Texas Tea Party will be on:

Saturday, October 17, 2015 NOON - 2:00 PM

- Lana Shadwick/Bob Price, Reporters for Breitbart Texas
- Dr. Natalie Blasingame, Candidate for CFISD
Board of Trustees

Saturday, November 7, 2015 NOON - 2:00 PM

The Cypress Texas Tea Party meets every
three weeks on Saturday

Noon until 2:00 PM at:

Spring Creek BBQ
25831 Northwest Freeway
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The Houston Choral Society Announces 2015-2016 Season

Led by founding Artistic Director Dr. Betty Devine, The Houston Choral Society announces its vibrant and engaging 2015-2016 season. After more than fifty years on the platform, 28 years with Houston Choral Society, Dr. Betty Devine has announced her retirement effective at the end of the coming season. The Houston Choral Society encourages you to join them for her last concert season.

"The Houston Choral Society offers a season of variety, with refreshing and invigorating concerts," says Dr. Devine, "including collaborations with performers, choral groups, and the entire community. We are especially excited to end the season with Mozart's Requiem."

Shout for Joy! Saturday, October 3, 2015, 7:30 PM

The Houston Choral Society opens its 28th season with a collaboration with the Prairie View A&M University Concert Chorale. The first half of the concert explores African American Spirituals, highlighted by "Joyful, Joyful" from Sister Act 2 and Adolphus Hailstork's "Shout for Joy." The second half of the concert features softer expressions of joy by some of the world's most well-known composers including Rachmaninoff, Brahms, and Chesnokov.

Celebrate the Season! Saturday, December 5, 2015, 7:30 PM

The Houston Choral Society's Christmas concert has become an annual favorite for hundreds in our community. Our opening piece for this concert will be Johann Sebastian Bach's Magnificat with full orchestra. Other Christmas favorites include "Joy to the World," "O Holy Night," Rutter's "What Sweeter Music" and Handel's "Hallelujah" Chorus.

Believe! Sunday matinee, December 6, 2015, 3:00 PM

A family-oriented celebration of the season features "Believe" from Disney's The Polar Express, "Welcome Christmas" from Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas along with many beloved carols and a favorite audience participation classic, "The 12 Days of Christmas." The Houston Choral Society is also pleased to welcome the Rosehill Christian School Choir. This choir composed of talented middle school and high school students will sing several holiday favorites and will join The Houston Choral Society for several joint numbers. This concert will be fun for the entire family – there will even be an appearance by Santa Claus.

A Celtic Celebration! Saturday, March 12, 2016, 7:30 PM.

Just in time for St. Patrick's Day, The Houston Choral Society presents Letters from Ireland. Drawing on actual texts of letters written from

Ireland to America, and weaving them into a fabric of traditional Celtic melodies, Mark Brymer has created a suite that is a powerful testament to the first generations of Irish immigrants to America. The concert includes many other Celtic favorites: "Loch Lomond," "Tell My Ma," and "Old Irish Blessing."

Mozart's Requiem Saturday, May 7, 2016, 7:30 PM.

The Houston Choral Society closes its season with one of the biggest, most beloved compositions in all of classical music, Mozart's Requiem. The Houston Choral Society will be accompanied by an orchestra and will be joined by an ensemble of celebrated guest vocalists. Perhaps as famous for the mysterious circumstances surrounding its composition as for the striking music itself, Mozart's Requiem Mass in D minor was his final composition and the consuming passion of his last months. The piece was written for an unknown patron, and Mozart reportedly came to believe in the end that he was writing the funeral work for himself. He passed away at the age of 35, leaving the Requiem unfinished but with significant compositional ideas in place and detailed instructions on how to complete the work.

Season subscriptions are now on sale. Season subscriptions are for four concerts; subscribers may choose which December Concert they prefer in their subscriptions. Season tickets are \$85 for adults, \$65 for seniors/students and \$30 for children 5 years old and under. Season tickets are available online at www.houstonchoral.org.

THE HOUSTON CHORAL SOCIETY (HCS) founded in 1987, is a not-for-profit professional-quality civic chorus serving the greater Houston area. The HCS mission is to bring great choral music to enrich the soul and advance the choral arts to Houston audiences. HCS was founded by Dr. Betty Devine, its current Artistic Director. HCS has completed five international tours performing in England/Scotland, Italy, Hungary/Austria/Czech Republic, Ireland, and Germany. In 2008, HCS commissioned and performed the world premiere of Dr. Adolphus Hailstork's Set Me On a Rock (Songs of Sanctuary) at the Wortham Theatre Center. The Houston Choral Society is a member of Chorus America, an association of professional and volunteer vocal ensembles and the Northwest Houston Visual and Performing Arts Alliance. HCS is funded in part by grants from Harris County and the Texas Commission on the Arts through the Houston Arts Alliance. To purchase tickets or for more information, please visit the HCS website at www.houstonchoral.org.



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Hosting an International Exchange Student

Submitted by Vicki Odom

Hosting an International Exchange Student is such a great experience for all of those involved. It leads to a better understanding between individuals of other cultures, hopefully branching its way out to a more peaceful global society. But don't just take my word about it, read about Nelva's experience and understanding of the exchange program.

I'm so lucky to have been placed with a great host family in Texas! The best part is when we share each other's cultures and have a lot of quality time together. I'm blessed to have chance to study in American High School.

Being an exchange student is hard. For the first couple days it was hard because I didn't know anybody, the moving class system is new for me and sometimes it's hard to understand what they say. But America is really friendly and handy so I got a lot of help from them. From the exchange program, people can really get to know each other, people start to respect each other and we can start a new chapter to have a better world.

So if you want to enrich your life, host an exchange student!

Nelva is from Indonesia and is spending the academic year here in Texas as part of the Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) program. This program is funded by the US Department of State which provides scholarships for secondary school students from countries with significant Muslim populations. As part of her program year, Nelva is required to perform at least 60 hours of community service (however most YES students hours amount to hundreds of hours) and continue working with the program in her home country.

Our application process for the 2016 Spring Semester and 2016/2017 academic year will soon be opening. School spots in our area tend to fill up rather quickly, so get your application in early to host one of these amazing students!

Ayusa is a non-profit organization founded in 1981 to promote global learning and leadership through foreign exchange, study abroad, and leadership programs for high school students from the U.S. and around the world.

For more information about hosting a high school foreign exchange student, please contact your local representative Vicki Odom at 832.455.7881 or vodom@ayusa.org or Ayusa at 1.888.552.9872 or by visiting the website at www.ayusa.org.

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