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A Newsletter for Riata Ranch Residents

GIRL SCOUTS OF SAN JACINTO COUNCIL Copper Creek Meadows Community

As the school year comes to a close, Copper Creek Corners Girl Scouts are busier than ever!

Girls and their “Guys”...dads, stepdads, grandfathers,, uncles and family friends...all had a terrific time at our bowling event You wouldn't believe the amount of talent, and style, on display. We had the “guys” coaching and encouraging the girls, and the girls showing off their skills and offering pointers to the”” guys” The action was fast and furious as balls of all colors rolled down the lanes, and we did seem to be keeping the pinsetters busy!

.There was a lot of hugging, high-fiving, and jumping up and down going on!

Our Bridging Event celebrated troops and girls moving from one Girl Scout level to the next. Many of our bridging troops have been teaching younger Girl Scouts, and learning from older ones as they work on earning a bridging patch.

This doesn't just happen when a troop is bridging. Junior Girl Scout troop 16462 shared a meeting with their “sister” Brownie Troop 16016. They had fun making jewelry, singing silly camp songs, and sharing their experiences of being a Girl Scout.

Julie M., of troop 16462 also represented the council Robotics group with a presentation at the GSSJC Annual Council

Junior Girl Scout troop 16468 invited Daisy and Brownie Girl Scouts to participate in a “Staying Healthy” workshop. The workshop included a flag ceremony, informational presentation, a dance workshop, and a performance session.

Daisy Girl Scout troop 113086 held their “end of year” party at Painting with a Twist...They used some of their cookie money for the party, and painted hedgehogs. A hedgehog was the “mascot” for this year's Cookie Sale.

15 area girls showed up for the start of the new Girl Scout soccer program. The girls are working hard, honing their skills, and looking forward to competing with other Girl Scout soccer groups

Copper Creek Meadows Community has also had girls involved with service projects. Junior Girl Scout troop 16451 presented a

“Buddy Bench” to Lowery Elementary, and also made a video to go along with it. This was a Bronze award project.

Another Bronze award project (by Junior Girl Scout troop 16399) involved creating Bed Time Bags for the Houston SPCA. The bags, which contain a new blanket, toy and treat, are given to the “parents” of newly adopted pets. The girls have also been busy collecting items for the SPCA wish list.

Alyssa and Kenley from Girl Scout Cadette troop 14298 have created an organization called “Fuzzy Friends Care”, collecting new stuffed animals. The girls attach “words of wisdom” to each stuffed animal, and donate the toys to the Shriners Hospital for Children. They want to give every child entering the hospital a fuzzy friend to hold, and to keep them company in their time of need.

Senior Girl Scout troop 16162 is looking out for the summer needs of children who depend on the school breakfast and lunch program. As part of their “Sow What” Journey, they are collecting nonperishable and easy to eat foods for the Cy-Hope Backpack program Needy children are given backpacks with food to take home over the weekend, and in the summer when the school programs do not operate.. During the summer, the program is funded entirely by community donations.

Troop 113035 sprang into action after the recent flooding in our area. In conjunction with Cy-Fair Helping hands, they helped to sew toiletry bags, and used some of the money they earned in the Cookie Sale to purchase toiletries to fill the bags. The bags were then distributed to those displaced by the flooding

.Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Girl Scouting is open to all girls ages 5 (must be in kindergarten) through 18 who are willing to accept the Girl Scout Promise and Law. Girls may join at any age, and no previous Scouting experience is required. Older girls, whose busy schedules may not allow for troop member ship, may join as “Juliettes” or individually registered Girl Scouts. Don't forget that many of our most exciting opportunities are available to older girls!

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We are glad to hear all of the positive feedback and we intend to continue to improving the look and feel of the newsletter according to what you tell us. So get as involved as you like! We look forward to hearing from you.

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Copper Creek Meadows serves girls in the residence areas for the elementary school listed below, as well as the corresponding middle and high schools. Our elementary schools are : Birkes, Fiest Hairgrove, Horne, Kirk, Lee, Lieder, Lowery, Metcalf, Owens, Tipps, Wilson, St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton, Texas Christian, School, and Christian Life Center.

For more information, please contact Marlo Folwell (713)854-9426 (folwell4@sbcglobal.net). You may also contact Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council at 713-292-0300, The Council website www.gssjc.org



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Cypress Woods Key Club Awarded Seventh out of Texas and Oklahoma Clubs

By Jordan Miller

On April 21, Cypress Woods Key Club embarked through the floods on a four-hour journey to Dallas, Texas where the 67th annual Texas-Oklahoma Key Club District Convention (or DCON) was held. The convention is held in order to recognize the Key Clubs throughout Texas and Oklahoma that went above and beyond in service projects, amount of hours, or any other unique way they promoted service. The club was recognized as #7 out of all Texas and Oklahoma Key Clubs while also receiving two senior scholarships for Secretary Sharon Zhou and Historian Gina Zhang. Cypress Woods Key Club President- junior Leia George- received the position of Treasurer on the Texas-Oklahoma District Board, which will require her to connect with all Key Club treasurers throughout the Texas-Oklahoma district while also attending board meetings in Dallas a twice a year.

The recognition of the club as seventh overall at DCON did not come easy according to Cypress Woods Key Club Secretary junior Ashley Kawakubo.

“This past year Cy Woods Key Club has worked very hard

in completing hours, turning in reports on-time and has truly experienced the meaning of volunteering,” Kawakubo said. “Our outstanding officer team and members have allowed our Key Club to succeed in becoming number seven in the district.”

Current President Anushua Mantrala agrees with Kawakubo and believes the main reason for the club’s success came from the extensive planning that went into their activities.

“Our Key Club really tried to do as many events as possible,” Mantrala said. “We would plan activities with our Builders Club (which is our Middle School Branch), plan service projects to do in the meetings, plan socials with the other Key Clubs in the area, and so much more. We really tried to be as involved as we could and as active in service in the community.”

Immediate past Secretary Sharon Zhou played a crucial role in getting the club to be seventh out of all of Texas and Oklahoma and received the \$1000 William & Ann Gay Bishop scholarship for her hard work.

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“As Secretary, one of the things I personally did was try and make sure we got the maximum amount of points per month via [our] monthly report,” Zhou said. “This year, we also had a much larger number of interclubs and socials, which is something that we improved upon from previous years. Even something as insignificant as having more officer meetings per month, or reminding members to show up to their events and get their hours forms signed helped in tiny ways to help improve the club as a whole.”

When the names of clubs were being called out starting with the rank of 25 at the final convention ceremony Mantrala felt adrenaline rush through her- she was sure of the club’s top 25 ranking, but did not know what ranking they would receive beyond that.

“Whenever the countdown was in the single digits, I was getting more and more excited because that meant we placed high,” Mantrala said. “When they announced us as seventh I was so thrilled because I knew how hard our officers worked to make the year successful. It was so touching to see some of us in tears of joy because it really showed me how if you have a deep passion in something, you’re going to try your hardest to make the biggest impact and to succeed- which is what our club did.”



JUNE MEETING

The Cypress-Tomball Democrats monthly meeting for the month of June will be held on Tuesday, June 21st 2016, at Rudy’s Grill & Cantina, 11760 Grant Rd., Cypress, TX 77429, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mr. Keir Murray, Founder/ Principal of KLM Consulting will be our Guest Speaker, and he would be speaking on the “Re-cap of Primary Election-Prognosis for the Future.

Everybody is welcome to attend the meeting and to join this growing club, which meets on the third Tuesday of every month. The meetings foster great fellowship and feature informative guest speakers. For further information, visit the website www.cytomdems.com; contact Cris Hernandez at cytomdems@yahoo.com; Follow us on Facebook at Cypress- Tomball Democrats.

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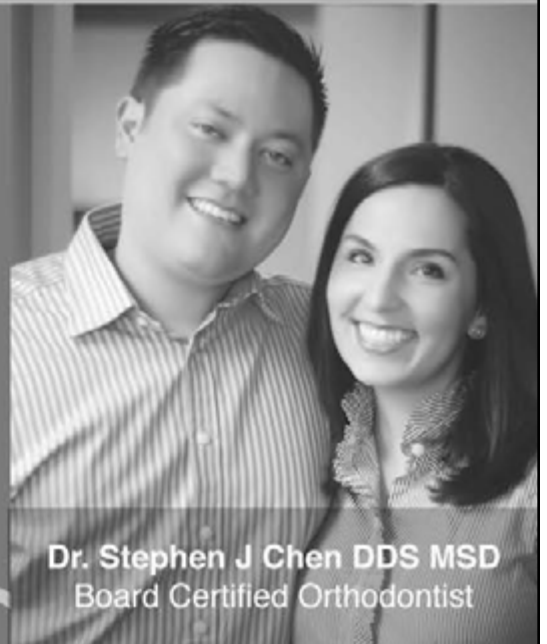


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Costs \$25 with advanced reservations; \$30 at the door

At the June 23 Cy-Fair Express Network Luncheon join us for an encouraging and motivational meeting with our speaker, Donna Edge. She will share her story of she and her husband going from government help and \$50K of credit card debt, to making their dream of working together and owning a successful business become a reality.

You will surely be encouraged to pursue your dreams and to not give up when obstacles are thrown in your path.

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.

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