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19TH ANNUAL SALUTE TO THE STARS GALA

(The Cy-Fair Educational Foundation held its 19th Annual Salute to the Stars Gala in honor of Cypress Fairbanks ISD's 2015-2016 Spotlight Teachers on Thursday, October 13, 2016 at The Berry Center. Gala underwriter, Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center Hospital, along with major sponsors IBI Group, Cy-Fair Federal Credit Union, North Cypress Medical Center Hospital, Satterfield & Pontikes Construction, Prairie View A&M University, Northwest Dodge, S-G Owners Association and Community Impact Newspaper joined us to celebrate the accomplishments of these fantastic teachers.

The evening included performances by the Cypress Creek High School Drumline and the CFISD District Chamber Choir. Butch Milks announced the Spotlight Teacher's as Dr. Henry personally thanked each for their dedication to the students of CFISD. As they left the stage, Marie Holmes and Lauri Baker presented each with a gift and congratulations from the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation. Lifelong Cy-Fair resident and Cy-Fair Educational Foundation Trustee, Robert Adam, delivered the keynote speech recognizing this year's Spotlight Teachers for their outstanding accomplishments, and highlighting the Foundation for its contribution to Today's Students – Tomorrow's Future.

Co-Chairs Lauri Baker and Darlene Hajduk presented Dr. Henry with a check for \$93,025.69 from the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation for innovative staff development grants. After a successful live auction, the evening closed with the announcement of three lucky teachers who were awarded cash gifts. Butch Milks announced the names of Lansing Brown winner of the gift donated by Towne Lake, A Caldwell Community, Kristi Bruns winner of the All American Letter Jackets donation and Dora Zanelli winner of the Balfour donation. Lansing Brown also won the Cy-Fair Federal Credit Union mortgage giveaway.

The evening was a tremendous success. The Spotlight Teachers walked away with gifts from the Foundation, including the beautiful orchid centerpieces and guests were excited to win one of 132 raffle gift baskets.

Salute to the Stars has raised over \$2 million for innovative staff development grants for district teachers and instructional leaders, and scholarships for graduating seniors. The Cy-Fair Educational Foundation was established in 1970 as a non-profit to raise money to fund a scholarship for high school graduates in the area. Over the past 46 years, the Foundation has grown tremendously through the efforts of the Board of Trustees and the generosity of the Cy-Fair Community. The Foundation has awarded over \$7 million in scholarships to more than 1400 graduating seniors. CFEF is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, all contributions are tax deductible as allowed by the law.

Next year's Salute to the Stars Gala will be held on Thursday, October 19, 2017. For more information, please contact Marie Holmes at marie@thecfef.org • 281-370-0144, or visit our website at www.TheCFEF.org.



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The club is a social organization dedicated to helping the LOEN ladies develop and nurture lasting friendships and camaraderie through organized monthly activities such as Bridge, Bunco, Brunch and Dinner clubs. There are also two book clubs, daytime and evening, to expand our intellectual horizons and encourage thoughtful discussion. There are also Girl's Night Out (GNO) and Explorers groups devoted to getting out and doing fun and interesting things around town.

We also have a serious side with the Angels Club, a LOEN outreach group, exclusively serving the residents in need of food assistance due to illness, death, or family additions. To serve the greater community we also sponsor food, toy, supplies, and clothing drives as needed to designated local charitable organizations.

LOEN ladies, if we sound like an organization that you'd like to learn more about or be a part of, then please contact Jeanne MacKenzie at loenladiesclubpresident@gmail.com.

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Timely Tips for December Gardeners

Working in your garden is an excellent escape during the holidays. It's a great time of year to do some of the heavy work in the landscape as opposed to sweating it up in the heat of the summer.

Don't put up the mower yet. Although turf grasses have stopped growing, you can use the mower to chop up and recycle the leaves back into the lawn or for a compost pile. Prepare gas-powered engines for winter. The owner's manual is the best guide to winterizing a lawn mower, tiller, garden tractor or other equipment.

Drain and store garden hoses and watering equipment in a readily accessible location. Lawns and other plants may need an occasional watering during prolonged dry spell.

In general, once the weather gets and stays cold, pruning of deciduous plants (ones that lose their leaves) can be safely done. Evergreen hedges can be sheared or cut back in the winter also. Wait until February to prune your roses. Remember – Do Not Top your Crapemyrtles! Simply prune to remove seed heads and shape.

Prepare for the cold weather before it hits! One of the best things you can do for your landscape plants is to provide a 2 to 3 inch layer of mulch. Mulching is necessary year round but during the colder periods it provides a layer of insulation for the roots. Water your landscape well before a cold spell. A drought stressed plant is more susceptible to freeze damage. For more tender plants, purchase frost cloth for extra protection. Cover the plant completely allowing the edges to come all the way to the ground, utilizing the heat which radiates from the ground.

December is a perfect time to plant trees and shrubs so they can develop a strong root system for next Spring. Cool weather color such as Pansies, Snapdragons, Cyclamen, Flowering Cabbage and Kale add splashes of color to your landscape. Spring flowering bulbs can be planted now once they have been properly chilled. Make your home beautiful for the Holidays with a stunning assortment of floral quality Poinsettias, Cyclamen, freshest greenery and Christmas Trees. Add a mix of new indoor and tropical plants to energize your home.

Remember to provide food and water for the birds this winter. You can attract just as many birds with a bird bath as with food, especially during the dry spells. To draw a diversity of birds provide a variety of seeds, like sunflower, thistle, safflower and millet; plus suet. Once you begin putting out bird food, continue feeding them through the spring time.

Information is courtesy of Calloway's Nursery at www.calloways.com.



Advent Concert With Healing Prayer

Friday, December 16, 2016 7-10pm St. Aidan's Episcopal Church 13131 Fry Rd. Cypress, TX

Shellee Coley is a Texas-based singer-songwriter with three studio projects under her belt and a fourth on the way. Her songs often bring light to the not-so-celebrated parts of life and walk people through them, into growth and change. There is a clear spiritual undertone to her music that sets a listener up to experience their own faith while listening to her songs. She says, "I want to write music and create spaces that encourage people to see themselves in my stories and hopefully get to know themselves a little more. Because how can you truly know God, if you don't even know yourself?"

Tickets are \$15 and St. Aidan's Clergy will be available for prayer during and after the concert.

Register at our website: http://aidanschurch.org/action/shellee-colley/



Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club

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Come join us, on Tuesday, December 13th at 6:30 pm. at the Houston Distributing Company, 7100 High Life Drive, Houston, Texas. This fun-filled Aggie evening is a great way to meet other Aggie Moms, find out about upcoming events, and enter for a chance to win a door prize! We will have our Christmas party and ornament exchange at this meeting – feel free to bring a gift wrapped Aggie Christmas ornament to exchange!! We are looking forward to meeting all Aggie Moms, whether of freshman Aggies, current Aggie students or former Aggies. Whoop!



Lakes on Eldridge North 7th Annual Houston Methodist Cy-Hoops Invitational

The Houston Methodist Cy-Hoops Invitational will be here before we know it:

December 8, 9, & 10, 2016. The championship game will be played at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, December 10, 2016 at the Berry Center.

The Cy-Fair Educational Foundation in partnership with Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital and Houston Methodist West Hospital will host the 7th Annual Houston Methodist Cy-Hoops Invitational. Wainwright Dental & Associates, P.C., Underwood Orthodontics, Spradley Endodontics and Spring Creek Oral Surgery and Implant Center have teamed up as a Premier Sponsor for this elite high school basketball tournament. The Cy-Hoops Tournament looks to engage the community, promote the sport of basketball, and foster community spirit, while raising funds for student scholarships and innovative staff development programs for Cypress-Fairbanks ISD.

The Houston Methodist Cy-Hoops Invitational was established seven years ago. The tournament is loaded with talent including some of the top teams in the state of Texas and showcases the 10 Cy-Fair ISD boys' varsity basketball teams. Beaumont Ozen, 2014 and 2015 tournament champion, returns to defend its title. They are ranked 5th in the 2016-2017 preseason rankings by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches for Boys Class 5A basketball. Austin Westlake is ranked 1st in the 2016-2017 preseason rankings for Boys Class 6A basketball by TABC.

Join the community in cheering on our teams at the Berry Center, Cy Springs High School, Cy Ranch High School and Cy Lakes High School Thursday through Saturday, December 8-10, 2016. Game times will be posted after Thanksgiving.





Cy-Fair Express Network Holiday Luncheon and

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American Business Women's Association Cy-Fair Express Network

Luncheon Details

Thursday, December 15, 2016 Networking 11a.m.; Luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. Sterling Country Club, 16500 Houston National Blvd., Houston, TX 77095 Costs \$25 with advanced reservations; \$30 at the door

At the December 15 Cy-Fair Express Network Luncheon, attendees will enjoy a festive celebration during the annual Holiday Luncheon and Gift Exchange Event. As always, guests are welcome and encouraged to join in and network. Please join us and be a part of the fun.

Lakes on Eldridge North Albion Hurricanes FC Soccer Spring Evaluations December 2016

Albion Hurricanes FC (AHFC), established in 1989, is leading the way in South Texas youth soccer by inspiring and developing young men and women through world class coaching and innovative techniques, as well as instilling the proper framework, self-esteem, confidence and sportsmanship within our athletes.

AHFC has multiple campuses in and around Houston. The club invites all interested players from the ages of 7 to 18, to the Player Evaluations and to become part of our success. We ask that all interested players pre-register before coming out to the fields. Please

visit albionhurricanes.org for details about your particular campus.

AHFC offers JHSL (a recreational program for 5 - 10 year olds) at our Cy Fair and Central locations and offers additional training at Katy Friday Night Academy and New Territory Thusday NIght Academy.





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Lakes on Eldridge North The Houston Choral Society Announces Open Auditions for Spring 2017 Concerts

The Houston Choral Society (HCS), directed by Artistic Director Dr. Kevin M. Klotz, announces open auditions for its two concert 2017 Spring Concerts.

AUDITION DATES AND TIMES

Auditions will take place on Saturday, January 7, 2017, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon, and Monday, January 9, 2017, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM by appointment at Foundry United Methodist Church located in Northwest Houston at 8350 Jones Road, Houston, TX 77065.

GENERAL AUDITION INFORMATION

Singers can make an appointment for an audition time slot by emailing Penny Nelson at pennynelsn@gmail.com or calling her at 281-578-3127. Please include your vocal part, preferred email address, and best contact number in your request. Singers will receive a phone call and an email response with an assigned time slot. Auditions will be performed in front of an audition panel, including the artistic director, section directors, and board members.

HCS is looking for strong singers ages 18 and over who have previous choral experience. Auditions are open to the community.

HCS always welcomes new faces!

Auditions will consist of the following:

- Vocalization.
- Repetition of short melodic patterns.
- Short sight-reading excerpt.

• One song selection of your choice (accompanist will be provided).

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Rehearsals are held at Foundry United Methodist Church and begin on Monday, January 9, 2017. Rehearsals are from 7:30 to 9:30 PM. There are occasional sectional rehearsals that start at 7:00 PM. The week of a performance there is an additional Thursday rehearsal from 7:30 to 10:00 PM. One or two rehearsal conflicts can usually be accommodated with the exception of two weeks prior to a performance. There is one choral workshop on Saturday, January 28, 2017, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

The two concerts are:

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Americana: Saturday, March 11 at 7:30 PM and Sunday, March 12 at 3:00 PM

Rich and varied repertoire of American choral music, featuring Randall Thompson's Frostiana (Seven Country Songs).

Music Fit for a King: Saturday, May 6 at 7:30 PM

Handel's Coronation Anthem No. 1, "Zadok the Priest" and Mozart's Mass in C Major, K. 317 "Coronation," as well as an anthem composed by John Rutter for the marriage ceremony of Prince William and Kate Middleton

There is a \$50 semester membership fee and members are required to provide their concert attire.



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Tuesday, January 10th will be CFRW General Meeting at 10:30 AM - Noon.

Meeting is \$3 -- Meeting w/Lunch at Noon is \$20.

Hearthstone Country Club, 7615 Ameswood, Houston, TX 77095 All are welcome! Elected officials are always welcome as we want to know each of you.

RSVP to www.cfrw.net by January 3, 2017.

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