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# RANCH RECORD

News for the Residents of Blackhorse Ranch



## Sixth Annual Fashion with Passion Raises Almost \$60,000

*Class of 2017 Fundraises for the Jordan Merecka Caring Heart Fund  
and the Travis Chaffin Memorial Scholarship Fund*

On Thursday, November 3rd, Celebrating Soul Cypress, soon to be rebranded to "Deep Cypress Neighbors," hosted its sixth annual Fashion with Passion Event at the Enchanted Cypress Ballroom. Students of Class of 2017 from Cy Fair High School, Cy Woods High School and Cypress Christian School, who served as the models began their fundraising journey eight months prior to this event by participating in the Cypress Challenge, #17DaysofKindness. The challenge required each model to commit to 1 act of kindness per day in order to raise awareness for the programs of Celebrating Soul Cypress, such as changing a flat tire or preparing snack bags for the homeless.

This year, the event raised almost \$60,000, which benefits individuals and families who have experienced financial setbacks due to traumatic experiences. Additionally, the event's proceeds go toward the Travis Chaffin Memorial Scholarship Fund for youth who demonstrate a strong character and heart for philanthropy.

Over 300 community members participate in this event each year. At the event, the Jordan Merecka Caring Heart Award is presented recognizing the individuals who have experienced a traumatic situation and turned it into something positive, providing inspiration to their fellow community members. The recipients of this year's Jordan Merecka Caring Heart Award were Clyde and Melinda Gordon of Abby's Gift.

In addition, some local Cypress boutiques were in attendance at the event. Participants included: Anything Bling in Vintage, Muzzies, Al's Formalwear, Damsels & Blokes Salon, Chelsea B Cosmetics, and Dillard's Men's Department.

Next year's Fashion with Passion event will be held in November 2017.



*(Left to Right): Founder/ Vice President Susie Pipkin, Founder/ Executive Director Teri Quance, Founder/ President Cynthia Gill, Founder/ Treasurer Shirley Chabala*



*(Left to Right) Dylan Higgins, Gia Gentilini – Class of 2017*

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Friday, January 20th 7:00 PM

Saturday, January 21st 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Location:

Cypress Woods High School Auditorium

Run Time: Approximately 120 Minutes

with 1 Intermission

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By Tennessee Williams

Thursday, January 26th 7:00 PM

Friday, January 27th 7:00 PM

Saturday, January 28th 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM

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Rita J. Leader  
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### Luncheon Details

Thursday, January 26, 2017

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

**Houston, Texas (December 7, 2016)** Rita is an attorney who has practiced corporate law for over 30 years representing large publicly held corporations, individual entrepreneurs, small corporations, and venture capitalists. Her experience includes entity formation, private placements, stock and asset sales, mergers and acquisitions, spinoffs, tender offers, and capital formation. Rita began her legal practice at

Vinson Elkins and worked for two other law firms before retiring in 2013. She currently is a counselor with SCORE, an affiliate of the Small Business Administration, providing free business advice and mentoring to start ups, entrepreneurs and small businesses.

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 60 members strong, Cy-Fair Express Network's vision is to provide a supportive environment for personal growth, business development, networking, education and mentoring to women in our community. CYFEN is part of the national organization of American Business Women's Association (ABWA), for more information go to [www.CYFEN.org](http://www.CYFEN.org).

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## Cypress Texas Tea Party

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

**Saturday, January 21, 2017 NOON - 2:00 PM**

*Colleen Dippel, Founder & Executive Director, Families Empowered*

The Cypress Texas Tea Party meets every three weeks on Saturday

Noon until 2:00 PM at:

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A schedule of our meetings and confirmed speakers can be found at our website, [www.cypressstexteaparty.org](http://www.cypressstexteaparty.org)

## AHFC JUNIOR HURRICANES (JHSL)

**Registration Now For Spring 2017 Open**

The Junior Hurricanes Soccer League (JHSL) is led by professional United States Soccer Federation (USSF) licensed staff and is designed for boys & girls who want to play and have fun in a safe and developmentally appropriate environment. The JHSL program is being offered at multiple locations and in conjunction with CFSA at the Schiel Road Complex. To learn more about each location and to register please visit [www.albionhurricanes.org](http://www.albionhurricanes.org).

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## Rosehill Christian School Cheer Team

The RCS Eagle Pride Dance team had a very strong showing at the TAPPS State Dance Championships, which were held December 8-9 at the Arlington Convention Center. RCS Dance Director, Rochelle Lauve, said she was so proud of the attitude and effort demonstrated by the students on the team, many of whom were freshmen, and looks forward to the future as this team continues to grow, improve, and expand. The RCS Dance team glorified God in all that they did, bonded as teammates, and even met some new friends. As a small group performing a lyrical and pom routine, the Rosehill Eagle Pride Dance Team placed third overall, receiving state bronze medals in a very competitive field. The Dance team members are: Katie Hebert (Senior, Captain), Brooke Knighten (Freshman, Co-Captain), Yaminel Arzola (Senior), Mackensy Doyle (Freshman), and Madison Stoyak (Freshman). There were also individual all-state honors:

### INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

**1st Team All-State** Katie Hebert

**2nd Team All-State** Brooke Knighten & Madison Stoyak

Congratulations to these students and their Director, as well as to all who participated. A special thanks to the teachers and parents who also helped make this event a success.

We praise God for His many blessings! Go Eagles!

## JACK AND JILL OF AMERICA ASSOCIATES PLAN "PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ" CHARITY GALA



The "Awesome, Amazing, Associates" of the Jack and Jill of America, Inc., North Houston Suburban Chapter will hold a "Puttin' on the Ritz" dance on Saturday, March 4th, 2017. The event will be take place from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. at the Northgate Country Club, 17110 Northgate Forest Drive, Houston, Texas. The suggested attire is formal black and white.

"Puttin' on the Ritz" will benefit the Jack and Jill of America Foundation, which supports education, literacy, scientific and charitable projects that benefit children. Tickets are \$65 per person. To purchase tickets, please contact Shirley Carter, at 281-222-7765 or sjmcarter@att.net.

Jack and Jill of America, Inc. is a non-profit family organization which is dedicated to nurturing future leaders by supporting children through leadership development, volunteer service, philanthropic giving and civic duty. More information about the organization can be found at [www.jackandjillinc.org](http://www.jackandjillinc.org).

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## FINDING RESOLUTION

I am a goal-oriented, list-making individual. It's how I'm wired, and it has helped me be productive and successful in many ways. However, being goal-oriented doesn't always work so well when building relationships. What if the other individual doesn't have the same goals as you do?

This has been the case many times in my life, and my tendency was to bulldoze over them with my lack of concern for their goals. My goals were better, more thought out, more important, etc. What does that do to this relationship that I valued to work on so much? It completely undermines the whole thing! So, how did I learn to stop this destructive pattern in my relationships? Horses!

How many of you have tried to get an animal that weighs over 1000 pounds to meet your personal goals? It's not easy. Yes, it is possible to force them to do many things, but can you catch them easily the next day? Do they really want to have a relationship with you after you have met said goals? Mine didn't.

Mine ran away and fought many things I tried to "teach". What did it take for me to listen to the horse's thought on our relationship? An unplanned dismount is the nicest way I've heard it phrased. When a horse goes to bucking, it is pretty clear it doesn't respect your leadership. A wise man once asked me what happened before that buck. I answered, "Lots of little things that I ignored, actually."

I'm too old to ignore those little signals anymore. It hurts to hit the ground with that kind of force! As I've learned to listen to horses better, it has also helped me to listen to people better. Have you

ever asked a friend what they want to receive out of the relationship you have? Do they have needs that aren't being met? If they aren't treated respectfully and valued, they may not stick around.

Setting goals is still helpful, especially in helping me think of the steps to help myself achieve them. I just want to make sure I am not ruining relationships along the way. So, my goal setting looks different now as I make sure it includes the friends I value the most.

These are a few of my relational goal ideas for the next year. They are all oriented toward preventing those blow ups, like my horse gave me, with one of my friends or husband.

Be a better friend by:

1. When feeling annoyed or offended- stopping to question why and if it is really that important?
2. Plan monthly dates to build relationships.
3. Check in with my friends to find out their needs, before they ask!
4. Be more available by being less BUSY- say no to more things, so I can say yes to important ones.
5. LISTEN better- friends are giving you early signs of needs, but we are distracted with our own.

*\*\*If you find these things to be true in your own life, and would like to make a change, please visit our website at [www.fivehorses.com](http://www.fivehorses.com) to learn more about our new Goal-Setting Workshop this January\*\**

## NORTHWEST FLYERS YOUTH TRACK CLUB

The Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club will celebrate its 30th Anniversary Season by hosting its annual free Registration/Orientation breakfast on Saturday, February 4th, 2017, for all boys and girls who are interested in joining for the 2017 track season. The breakfast starts promptly at 8:30 AM at the Cypress Creek Christian Community Center Forum located at 6823 Cypresswood Dr., Spring, TX, 77379.

The event is an opportunity for youth athletes to register for the 2017 spring/summer track season, and to meet the Northwest Flyers coaches, staff, and other new and returning athletes. The event will be highlighted by a special presentation from a member of the USA Track & Field Olympic organization (USATF). All athletes and parents who wish to join the Northwest Flyers must attend the orientation.

The Northwest Flyers Track Club is a youth (ages 6 -18) track club, affiliated with USA Track & Field (USATF), that provides a full program of sanctioned "track" events such as sprints, hurdles, middle distance, distance and relays, and sanctioned "field" events

such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, shot put, discus and javelin.

*For additional information on the Northwest Flyers Track Club, please visit the team website at <http://www.northwestflyers.org>; contact Linette Roach at [linette.roach@sbcglobal.net](mailto:linette.roach@sbcglobal.net); or "Like" the club on Facebook.*



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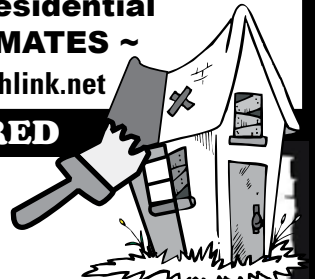
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## WOMEN EMPOWERING WOMEN EXPRESS NETWORK

The Women Empowering Women Express Network (WEWEN) of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) invites you to attend a Monthly Networking Luncheon on January 4th, 2017. The luncheon will be held at the Raveneaux Country Club at 9715 Cypresswood Dr., Spring Texas, 77379. Open Networking begins at 11:00AM, followed by an informative program and lunch from 11:30AM-1:00PM. This month's program features Dr. Melanie Brown, head CenterPoint Energy's Strategic Execution Office in Technology Operations, presenting a program titled, "Ignite your future: the burning fuel of engaging, enriching, and expanding to become an unstoppable force."

In our constantly fast-past world of relationships and careers, we cannot rely on past successes to keep us going. We must be fierce in seeking opportunities to be vibrant, relevant, and distinctively unique in innovative ways that allow us to embrace the past and transform the future. In this captivating and high-energy presentation, Dr. Brown will share her experiences as a chemist, strategist, and entrepreneur on how to:

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### About ABWA

Founded in 1949, ABWA provides business training and networking opportunities for women of diverse occupations and backgrounds. ABWA has dedicated 65 years to women's education, workplace skills, and career development training. For more information, visit [abwa.org](http://abwa.org).

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Messiah Lutheran Church is a grace place, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Messiah is located at 11522 Telge Road, ½ mile north of Highway 290. Regular Sunday worship times are: 8 am—Traditions; 9:30 am—The Gathering; and 10:45 am—The Crossing. The Discovery (education) Hour is 9:15-10:15 AM on Sundays. For more information, 281-890-3013 or [www.messiahlc.org](http://www.messiahlc.org). All people are welcome at Messiah.

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