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A Newsletter for Riata Ranch Residents

STONEGATORS SWIM CLUB

The Stonegators Swim Club is gearing up for a fun-filled action packed 17th season, and the Stonegators Board is well under way preparing for another exciting year for our swimmers.

We are reaching out to our neighbours at Riata Ranch, and offering your swimmer to be part of our team., if they are not already affiliated with a summer league NWAL team. We had many swimmers from Riata Ranch last year, and we would love for more of you to join us!

Some Important Dates for your calendar!

REGISTRATION DATES

Online Registration

Wednesday, February 1st, 2017 – online registration open to new and returning swimmers. Visit www.stonegators.org

In-Person Registration

Saturday, March 4th, 2017 - Stonegate Recreation Center from 1-5pm

Saturday, March 25th, 2017 - Miramesa Recreation Center from 1-5pm

Saturday, April 8th, 2017 – Swimmer who sign up from this date forward will incur a late registration fee

PARENT MEETINGS

Sunday, April 9th - Parent Meeting for **RETURNING SWIMMERS ONLY** at the Stonegate Recreation Center Basketball Court from 1-2pm

Sunday, April 9th - Parent Meeting for all **NEW SWIMMERS** at the Stonegate Recreation Center Basketball Court from 2-3pm

GUPPY SCHOOL

April 10th-13th – Guppy school is for all new swimmers to the club, and all 6 and under swimmers. This is to enable the coaches to assess your swimmer, and their abilities.

PRACTICE

Monday, April 17th will be our first night of practice for all age groups. Times to be confirmed

We highly encourage your swimmer to make as many of the practices we offer as they can. This helps our coaches get to know your swimmer and their abilities, and make them a stronger faster swimmer!

SPONSORSHIP

We are looking for parents and companies to sponsor our club!

We have various levels of sponsorship opportunities. We are still in the process of replacing equipment that was damaged in last year's floods. All monies raised and contributed enable us to keep our swimmer enrollment fees low, and keep our team as one of the top teams and one of the strongest and best in the area.

To find out more information on how you can be one of our sponsors or make a contribution please contact sponsorship@stonegators.org.

If you have any club or swimmer related questions, please contact us at communications@stonegators.org.

Don't forget to check out our website at www.stonegators.org for more information.

We are excited and looking forward to an awesome 2017 season.

Go Gators!!!



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Do you have an idea or suggestion for the newsletter? Want to submit a photo, article, or both? It's easy!! Email your articles to riataranch@peelinc.com by the 10th of the preceding month. So if you get your ideas in before the deadline, you should see them in the very next month's newsletter.

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.



Join Cypress Woods Theatre Company as they present two of Tennessee Williams most beloved plays!



The Glass Menagerie

By Tennessee Williams

Thursday, January 19th 7:00 PM

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

Rated: PG-13

Cat On A Hot Tin Roof

By Tennessee Williams

Thursday, January 26th 7:00 PM

Friday, January 27th 7:00 PM

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

Location: Cypress Woods High School Auditorium

Run Time: Approximately 120 Minutes with 1 Intermission

Rated: PG-13

Tickets are available at the door or online at showtix4u.com.

COPPER CREEK MEADOWS COMMUNITY GIRL SCOUTS OF SAN JACINTO COUNCIL

Our Community service project for the holidays was creating “baking baskets” for CAM. These baskets contained cake, cookie and other baking mixes along with almost everything else needed to make up some delicious holiday goodies for needy families in our area. Many of the baskets included extras, such as potholders, baking pans, cooking spray, and holiday decorations, such as sprinkles and colored sugars.

Some baskets were created by families, others by troops. Junior troop 16150, which has 10 girls, ages 9 and 10, made 20 baskets! The troop had received a monetary donation and decided to use the money for this project. The girls worked hard to budget and plan their purchases, and created some beautiful baskets.

In addition to the baskets, Copper Creek Meadows Scouts created holiday cards, and collected stocking stuffers and gently used toys for CAM. Girls of all ages took part, from our kindergarten and first grade Daisy Girl Scouts to our high school Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts.

Our Mother/Daughter Happy Holiday event was a special morning for girls and their moms to work on a variety of holiday crafts, including tree and holiday decorations of different kinds, “kindness trees. Those attending made more holiday cards for the service project, and enjoyed snacks, holiday music, and the chance for mothers and daughters to spend some special time together.

Girl Scout troop 16465 donated Thanksgiving turkeys to Cy-Fair Helping Hands so that those less fortunate could enjoy the traditional Thanksgiving meal.

Junior Girl Scout troop 113006 made some individual and unique Thanksgiving cards for their mothers, thanking them for all the special things they do.

These handmade cards are the kind of things moms treasure!

Troop 113035 made holiday decorations for distribution to some local nursing homes.

Troop 113043 attended the HRB performance of “The Nutcracker” at Tomball High School. They may very well have seen some of their neighbors in the talented young performers of Houston Repertoire Ballet.

If you go to the Houston Museum of Natural Science during the holidays, don’t forget to look at the Girl Scout Christmas tree, decorated in “Nutcracker “ themed ornaments created by Girl Scouts from all over San Jacinto Council. We know some of those ornaments were made by girls from Copper Creek Meadows Community!

Our “Scoutacular” event in November brought elementary school aged Girl Scouts together to learn more about Girl Scout founder Juliette Gordon Low, and some Girl Scout traditions. The girls made paper bag puppets, and discussed camp fire safety while creating their “edible campfire “snacks.

In the Girl Scout tradition of “making new friends”, troop 113009 invited troop 113001 to meet and work on the “Making Friends “badge. Making friends made lots of smiles in both troops!

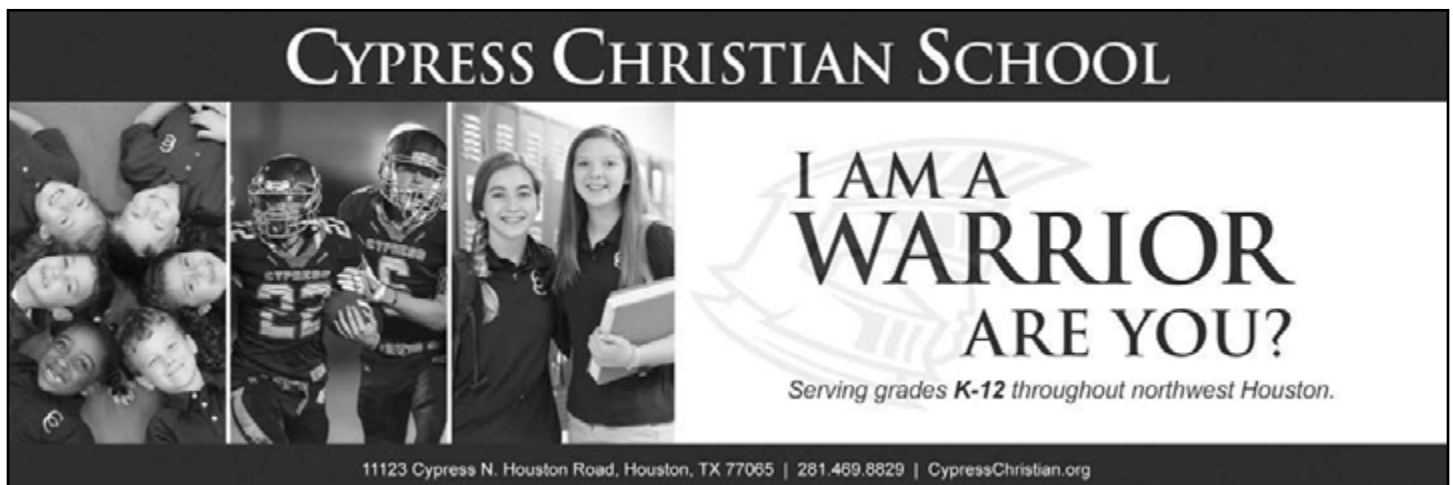
At our summit meeting and holiday party in December, there was a “Cookie Kick off Rally”. Girls learned about the different kinds of Girl Scout cookies, and snacked on some of them! They also played some games, made and decorated clipboards (for their future cookie orders!) and participated in other activities.

The Annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale begins on January 7. Cookie sales fund activities for individual troops, and help to support our great Council camps, Camp is a great place to swim and canoe (sometimes at the same time!), ride horseback, practice archery and do a host of other activities, and cookie sales help to make all those things possible. We appreciate the support of our families, friends and neighbors!

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 level, and no previous Scouting experience is required. Many of our most exciting opportunities are available to older girls. Older girls whose busy schedules do not allow for involvement in a troop may register as “Juliettes” (individually registered Girl Scouts).

Copper Creek Meadows Community serves girls in the residence

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areas for the elementary schools listed below, along with the corresponding middle and high schools. Home schooled and private school students are always welcome. Our elementary schools are Birkes, Fiest, Hairgrove, Horne, Kirk, Lee, Lieder, Lowery, Metcalf, Owens, Tipps, Wilson, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Texas Christian School, and Christian Life Center,

Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. For more information about Copper Creek Meadows Community, please contact coppercreekmeadowsgirlscouts@gmail.com. The website for Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council is www.gssjc.org.





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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

CYPRESS SPRINGS FFA BOOSTER CLUB MOTHER'S DAY MARKET AND CRAFT SHOW April 22-23, 2017.



Cypress Springs FFA Booster Club presents Mother's Day Market and Craft Show April 22-23, 2017 at the Telge Exhibit Center located at 11206 Telge Road Cypress, TX 77429. Join us in celebrating Mom for some shopping, great food and entertainment. Shop handmade crafts, jewelry, clothing, skincare and much more! Vendors include Tupperware, Scentsy, LuLaRoe, Origami Owl, Park Lane Jewelry and more! This is our annual fundraiser and proceeds from booth sales benefit the students of Cypress Springs FFA to assist with continuing education, scholarships and state convention costs. For information on how to become a vendor for this event, please contact Elizabeth Ordonez at cy_springsffa@yahoo.com.

"Choice of Entity and Intellectual Property Considerations for the Small Business Owner"



Luncheon Details

Thursday, January 26, 2017

Networking 11 a.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.

About American Business Women's Association (ABWA)

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