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THE SPICEWOOD NEWSLETTER

A Newsletter for the Residents of Spicewood and Briarcliff

The Spicewood Newsletter is a monthly newsletter mailed to over 4,000 Spicewood and Briarcliff residents. Each newsletter will be filled with valuable information about the community, local area activities, school information, and more. We encourage community members, groups and organizations to submit news to be included in the newsletter. Our goal is for this newsletter, YOUR newsletter, to be for you and by you.

If you are involved with a local community group, organization, school group, play group, scout group, 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.

In combination with a mailed copy we also offer the ability to receive the newsletter digitally via email subscriptions and on our iPhone App. To receive the newsletter via email you can subscribe online at www.PEELinc.com. If you own an Apple iOS device (iPhone, iPad) you can download the Peel, Inc. App by searching for 'Peel Inc' in the App Store.

We hope you enjoy!

Kelly Peel | Owner, Peel, Inc. & Spicewood Resident

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"GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS"

We are all very fortunate to call Spicewood home. But, Spicewood is more than just a place to live; it is a vibrant community brimming with family-friendly neighborhoods, chock-full of fascinating, talented people. Our variety is what makes us so both unique and extraordinary. However, sometimes, we get so busy, we lose sight of how interesting and diverse we've become.

We believe that getting to know the people who live nearby will help us create a sense of belonging and shared identity. We have created a column entitled, "Get to Know Your Neighbors" which we hope will strengthen connections, build trust in our wider community, and contribute to a happier neighborhood for everyone.

If you know of a person or a family that you believe is making Spicewood a better place to live, please let us know. We would like to introduce them to your neighbors.



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November Events at Spicewood Community Library

Free Vision Screenings

December 12, 2017
4:00 - 6:00 pm
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FREE

www.spicewoodlibrary.org

The Spicewood & Highland Lakes Lions Club will be conducting free vision screenings in the library for ages 6 months and up. Using a specialized machine, a number of eye problems can be detected in under one minute with a printout of results provided. Financial assistance for appointments with an eye professional will be available to those in need.

Book Club

December 13, 2017
Hours: 9:30 am
Please contact the library for location information
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www.spicewoodlibrary.org

This month's book club will be held in a private residence for a holiday party and selection of next year's books. Please contact the library for more information.

Lawyer in the Library

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Texas RioGrande Legal Aide lawyers will be available in the library to answer questions on a variety of subjects, excluding criminal matters. Patrons who qualify financially may be referred for assistance with legal fees. No appointment is necessary, but arrive early to ensure your spot.

Spicewood Community Alliance

TX State Highway 71 (SH71) continues to be hazardous to driver safety in Spicewood. We urge Spicewoodians to report unsafe roadway conditions to TxDot officials and to report unsafe truck traffic to local law enforcement, including those heavy duty trucks driving in the fast lane when not specifically passing slower vehicles. Continued reinforced calls from residents to the TxDot engineers or pestering pings from the TxDot "contact us web page" will help push clarification of need for center turn lanes and merge-on/off lanes for these type industries all along SH71. For more information see WeR78669.com.

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LAKE TRAVIS AREA ROTARY CLUBS MERGE



The Rotary Club of Lakeway/Lake Travis and the Rotary Club of Bee Cave/Spicewood has announced a merger into one club. The merger, which has been approved by Rotary International, brings together two powerhouse community organizations focused at providing the South Lake Travis community support across a number of different humanitarian programs.

"The merger between the two clubs will result in stronger support for existing service project efforts and improved awareness of Rotary impact within the local Lake Travis Community" says Donald Zielinski, former President of the Rotary Club of Bee Cave/Spicewood.

"Merging our clubs will allow us to support the Lake Travis area community in a more robust fashion. Together we can be the center of service for our community" says Kristine Shelstad, President, Rotary Club of Lakeway/Lake Travis.

The New Board of Directors is comprised of members for both clubs boards. Pictured from left to right in foreground is Carol Saxenion, Kristine Shelstad, Mary Ann Conroy, Doug Lindgren & in the back ground, Keith Falcone, Barker F. Keith II, Donald Zielinski, David and Katie Bates, Herb Schneider, Dan Smith, Ginny Jellison and Gary Weldon.

The Lakeway/Lake Travis Rotary Club consists of local business leaders working to address various community and international humanitarian projects. The club encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build good will and peace in the world through the Ideal of Service. The club objective is to encourage and foster the Ideal of Service as a basis of worthy enterprise. Rotarians worldwide - live by the same 24-word code of ethics that is reflected in the Rotary 4-Way Test. Adopted by Rotary International in 1943, the 4-Way Test has been translated into more than a hundred languages. This simple philosophy and code consists of the following:

Of the things we think, say and do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

The motto of Rotary is "Service Above Self". The Lakeway/Lake Travis Rotary Club meets every Thursday (except first Thursdays) from noon to 1:00 pm at the High Five Bowling, 1502 RR 620 South, Lakeway, TX 78734, and the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30am at Mimi's Café @ 12613 Galleria Circle, Bee Cave, Texas 78738.

Inquiries about Rotary can be sent to Kristine Shelstad at kristine.shelstad@gmail.com

TO LEARN MORE AND DONATE VISIT:
www.LakeTravisRotary.org

Spicewood & Highland Lakes Lions Club

Spicewood & Highland Lakes Lions Club is Spicewood's largest service organization and is part of Lions Clubs International, with nearly 1.5 million members worldwide.

Apart from organizing the July 4th Parade & Picnic, we conduct vision screenings monthly at the Community Library and Helping Hands Crisis Ministry and at schools, clear litter from a 2 mile stretch of Highway 71 (weather and snakes permitting!), collect and distribute warm coats for kids in the fall, adopt families in need at Christmas and much more. We also organize a Charity Golf Tournament in the spring followed by the Spicewood Party at Stone House Vineyard with silent auction. We will also be organizing a Pancake Breakfast in the fall.

We also look after the needs of Marble Falls and surrounding communities.

If you would like to join us to help serve your community, make new friends and have fun come along to one of our meetings on the first Thursday of every month at 6:30pm. We would love to meet you and your first meal is on us. Call 830-693-3645 to meet one of our members. We met regularly at The Lantern Bar & Grill but following its closure we are now meeting at members' houses until we find a new venue.

For more information visit us on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/spicewoodhighlandlakeslionsclub> or at www.HighlandLakesLions.Club or call 512-591-4572 (Membership) 830-693-3645 (Other)



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ROTARY CLUB OF LAKEWAY/LAKE TRAVIS PICKS 2018 MERCEDES BENZ CAR GIVEAWAY WINNER

The Lakeway/Lake Travis Rotary club picked their 2018 Mercedes Benz car giveaway on Friday November 5th at the Hills Country Club. The raffle winner Charlette Foster of Midland, TX will receive a choice of a 2018 Mercedes CLA 250 Coupe or GLA250 SUV plus a paid trip to Germany to pick up the car.

An amazing 1947 Tickets were sold in the Lake Travis Community and beyond which resulted in over \$138,000 raised for local college scholarships and other humanitarian projects. Engel & Volkers, once again leads the fundraising efforts as the presenting sponsor of the annual car giveaway, along with Mercedes Benz of Austin who provides the loaner car and the Mercedes Benz European Delivery Program. HEB Lakeway and Table 620 joined the sponsors program this year with Table 620 donating all their cash restaurant tips for October and November.

"We are so please with the outpouring of support from our sponsors and ticket buyers that will allow us to do the work we do in this community" said Kristen Shelstad, President.

Pictured from left to right is: Barker Keith, Sidni Hargroder, Brian Besch, Charlette, Foster (winner) Jim Foster, Kristen



Shelstad, Luke Gray, Keith Falcone, Scott Foster Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self" is evident in the list of incredible projects this local club has contributed to the community.

The Car Raffle fundraiser supports these projects:

- 50% of funds are used to award scholarships to Lake Travis High School graduating seniors. To date Car Raffle funds have benefited over 300 LTHS students, with total scholarships awarded of approximately \$475,000.
- 25% of funds are used for community charitable projects. Among recent projects are hosting Adoption Awareness events resulting in over 30 adoptions. Over a three-year period the Rotary Club donated \$50,000 for the construction of the new Lake Travis Community Library.
- 10% of funds are used for Youth Programs including sponsoring the LTISD Special Olympics Awards luncheon annually for over 100 students and parents, supporting the Purple Pinky Polio eradication fundraising program at local elementary schools, and advising Rotary Interact service clubs for middle and high school students.
- 15% of funds are used in support of international projects including: building a fresh water well and launching in Tanzania, Rotary 3DLimbs, the world's first 3D printed lower limb prosthetic socket in conjunction with Baylor College of Medicine in Houston Texas and Trifusion Technology of College Station, TX. We also arrange international youth exchanges for over 100 students, supporting ShelterBox USA which provides emergency provisions to thousands of disaster victims all over the world, and participating in a hearing aid event in Matamoras, Mexico which fitted and provided no-charge hearing aids to 450 people of all ages.

The support of the community and sponsors of the annual Rotary Car Raffle Fundraiser allows the dedicated Rotarians to continue giving back generously to the community and working to make a difference internationally. Your support is greatly appreciated!

For more information on the Club, Car Raffle and how to become a Sponsor, visit www.LakeTravisRotary.org. Questions about the fundraiser may be directed to this media contact above.

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LTlov CELEBRATES 10 YEARS!

What began as a simple desire to bring awareness to the existing, but mostly unknown, plight of local families living in real, economic distress, has stretched into ten years of serving those families through programs dedicated to achieving our vision of a compassionate community without economic or educational disparity. It has been an honor and a worthy challenge over the past 10 years and LTlov is indebted to the women who spent long hours directing our formation and the members who have joined us in our mission! We are honored by the ways that our residential and business communities have so generously supported LTlov and our mission to support neighbors helping neighbors to overcome limiting circumstances. That spirit of generosity, along with our motto of, "Do good and have fun doing it," was in full swing at our 10th birthday celebration at the home of long-time member, Eileen Alter on October 26th.. Thank you to everyone who joined us and for your donations of personal care items for the Lake Travis and Spicewood crisis ministries, children's pajamas for Peaceful Dreams and sneakers for Fight Club, a program for at risk LTHS students. Thank you Plate by Dzintra, Thai Spice, Mangieri's, Little Greek, Flores, Papa Murphy's, Toscano,

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PUMPKIN CAKE ROLL

INGREDIENTS

3 eggs	1 Cup granulated sugar
2/3 Cup pumpkin	1 tsp. lemon juice
3/4 Cup flour	1 tsp. baking powder
2 tsp. cinnamon	1 tsp. ginger
1/2 tsp. nutmeg	1/2 tsp. salt
1 Cup chopped nuts	Powdered sugar

DIRECTIONS

Beat eggs on high speed for 5 min.; gradually beat in sugar. Stir in pumpkin and lemon juice. Stir together flour, baking powder, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, and salt. Fold in pumpkin. Spread in greased and floured 15x10x1" pan. Top with nuts. Bake at 375° for 15 min. Turn out on towel sprinkled with powdered sugar. Starting at narrow end, roll towel and cake together. Cool. Unroll.

Filling:

1 Cup powdered sugar	2 - 3 oz. pkg. cream cheese
4 T margarine	1/2 tsp. vanilla.

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So how do you skip the bad years? Unfortunately, this would be like having your cake and eating it too.

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Assuming that you only made half of the gains of the S&P500 for the time frame above, and were able to sit out the 4 bad years, your \$1M investment would have grown to over \$2.4M. By missing out on the losses, you would have over \$300k more.

I can't stress enough how important it is to avoid losses. When you don't lose, you don't have to take as much risk to make up for the bad years.

By properly structuring your long term investment plan, the above scenario is not only an example but is actually possible. To find out more give me a call or shoot me an email and we can discuss further.

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Chick-fil-A, The Grove, Café Lago, The League and Tony C's for providing delicious refreshments; Hill Country Cakery for our amazing birthday cake; Magpie, Point of Origin and Eileen Alter Art for donating wonderful door prizes; Suzanna Choffel and Black Fret for fabulous entertainment; and finally, a special shout out to the LTHS PALS students who responded cheerfully to every request for assistance throughout the event.

It has been a privilege to experience the power of ordinary people coming together to do something extraordinary with sincere hearts for those struggling in our midst. Special thanks to the LTlov board, the membership and our generous community for making LTlov a key player in the fight against poverty in the Lake Travis area.

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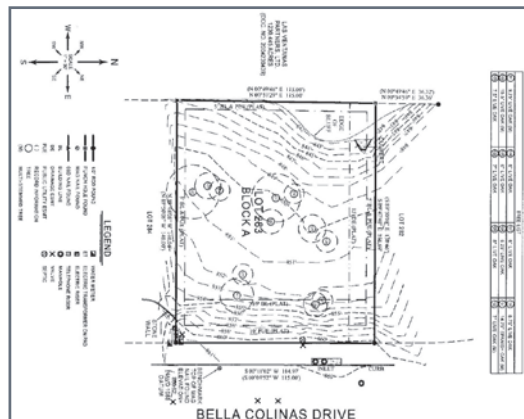
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