

September 2018

VFW AUXILIARY



Since 1914, the VFW Auxiliary has been fulfilling its original objectives by supporting the Veteran of Foreign Wars, serving veterans, active-duty service members, and their families, and fostering patriotism nationwide.

Your local VFW Post 8905 is located at 21902 Northwest Freeway is just the place Veterans, their families, and friends can go to enjoy fun, friendship and a sense of belonging.

May 9th, the Auxiliary installed their 2018-19 president, and she was none other than our own Donna Morse of Fairfield who assumed the reigns July 1st. She is no stranger to acting as the head honcho. Donna also served as post president back in 2009-10.

As she explained, Post 8905 is very active in both Cypress, Houston, and in District IV, where it resides. The Auxiliary is currently managed by both men and women who are a family member of the military serving overseas. Donna emphasizes that our local VFW is seeking not only new members, it is seeking Auxiliary volunteers to enhance their presence and their services in our area.

As president, Donna is responsible for planning the year's calendar and presiding over all functions and events. She is also

responsible for attending monthly meetings and four district meetings per year. As the new president, she was honored to participate in the 119th VFW National Convention in Kansas City held in July.

According to Donna, "Not only was it exciting and memorable, but it was also awe-inspiring. I met patriotic, dedicated people from all over the county interested in helping our veterans. I also got to cheer the state delegates as they paraded through the conference halls. Another unforgettable highlight was attending the special meeting at the Municipal Auditorium where President Trump acknowledged a 94-year old war veteran and invited him to the White House for his 95th birthday. And to top it off, I attended a patriotic concert by Trace Adkins who, as everyone knows, is always at his best when performing for our nation's servicemen and women."

Of all her duties, Donna admits that her favorite veteran's program is the time-honored Buddy Poppy initiative. Spanning back to before Memorial Day in 1922, the VFW conducted their first poppy distribution, becoming the first veterans' organization to organize a nationwide distribution. In 1923 VFW "Buddy"* Poppies were assembled by disabled and needy veterans who were paid for their work providing them with much needed financial assistance. The next year, disabled veterans assembled VFW Buddy Poppies at the Buddy Poppy factory in Pittsburgh. The designation "Buddy Poppy" was adopted at that time. On May 20, 1924, the VFW was granted their organizational trademark rights in the name of Buddy under the classification of artificial flowers. No other organization, firm or individual can legally use the name, Buddy Poppy.

Today, Buddy Poppies are still assembled by disabled and needy veterans in VA Hospitals who are provided compensation for assembling the poppies. The initiative also offers financial assistance in maintaining state and national veterans' rehabilitation and service programs and partially supports the

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

| EMERGENCY | |
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| Fire | |
| Ambulance | |
| Constable | |
| Sheriff - Non-emergency | 713-221-6000 |
| - Burglary & Theft | |
| - Auto Theft | |
| - Homicide/Assault | 713-967-5810 |
| - Child Abuse | 713-529-4216 |
| - Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence | 713-967-5743 |
| - Runaway Unit | 713-755-7427 |
| Poison Control | |
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| Cypress Fairbanks ISD Administration | |
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| Cypress Fairbanks ISD Transportation | |
| Cypress Fairbanks Senior High | |
| Cy-Woods High School | |
| Goodson Middle School | |

OTHER NUMBERS

| Animal Control | 281-999-3191 |
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| Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center | 281-890-4285 |
| Harris County Health Department | 713-439-6260 |
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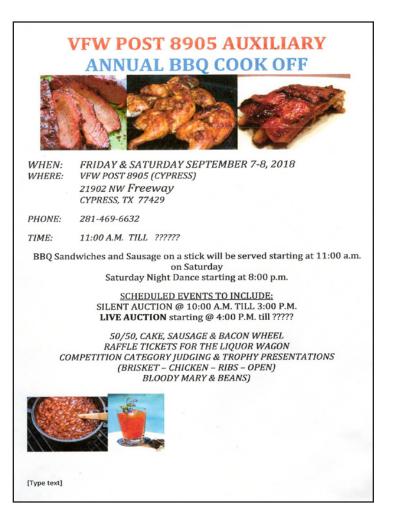
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VFW National Home For Children.

Donna created a project highlighting the importance of Poppies. After winning a local and state competition, she was invited to display her artwork at the VFW gathering in Kansas City.

Home from the convention, Donna, is ready to hit the ground running. Steak dinners, hosted on the first Friday of the month, will continue as usual. In August, the VFW conducted its yearly orientation. September's main event will be the annual fundraiser, the VFW Auxiliary Cookoff. Post 8905 will continue to participate in the monthly Bingo at I-45 and 1960. Along with the March of Dimes, our VFW will provide baby showers for mothers while military fathers are overseas. In October, the Cypress Chapter will collect sweatshirts, underwear, and socks to donate to the patients at the VA hospital. During November they deliver food to nursing homes, and in December they celebrate Christmas at a lovely Christmas party for members.

Donna is a very busy person. She loves what she does, and invites all veterans and military families to join in the fun and lend a helping hand.





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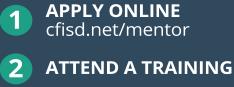
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CFISD INVEST IN A STUDENT. CHANGE A LIFE. Become a mentor



WHAT IS A CFISD MENTOR?

The CFISD Mentor Program is a cooperative effort of volunteers from businesses, faith-based and/or non-profit organizations, the community and CFISD designed to encourage students (elementary through high school) to finish school and focus on future education and career goals. A mentor is a suitable role model committed to helping a student with his/her academic and social development.



MENTOR A STUDENT 30 minutes each week

Questions? Contact Leslie Francis at leslie.francis@cfisd.net or 281-894-3950

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Ho meco ming Mums

by Stacie Guidry

Homecoming Mums and garters are a tradition as big as Texas and just as important as the Homecoming game itself. If the local high school's hallways are any indication, mums are here to stay and are bigger, bolder and shinier than ever!

As a native Cajun girl from Louisiana, I had no idea what a Homecoming Mum was much less how it would change my life! I am the owner of Twinkie Designs located right here in our Fairfield community.

When I first started Twinkie Designs I was just doing custom wreaths and hats. A friend approached me about 6 years ago to help make a homecoming mum for her daughter. I told her I had no idea what a homecoming mum was, much less how to make one, but she insisted I was crafty, and we could figure it out together." Her friend's daughter was thrilled with the mum, and I realized that I not only had a knack for creating it but really enjoyed putting the mum together.

Several years later, I am creating custom mums and garters for schools in the Cy-Fair and surrounding districts and have even mailed a mum and garter to Alpine, Texas.

Each creation is as individual as the wearer. Mums can have anything on them related to the sports they play to their clubs or organization. The mums are adorned with bears dressed in band uniforms, cheer uniforms or cute outfits in school colors. Each bear takes an hour or so to create, and Twinkie Designs does its best to match the uniforms down to the trim. I created unique mums such as a Storm Trooper garter and a Unicorn Mum.

"My goal is always to get that gasp of delight or jumping up and down in excitement when the girl or guy receives their custom creation by Twinkie Designs. I spend many sleepless nights during homecoming season, but it is all worth it to have satisfied customers." Mums range in sizes from a Single mum, Double mum, Triple mum, Mega Single mum, Quad mums, Mum sashes or 6-8 flower mums. The sky is the limit only dictated by the client's budget.

Twinkie Designs is pleased to announce that we have a website to make ordering faster and easier than ever: https://twinkiedesigns.ecwid.com/. I can be reached also at sguidry2@yahoo.com or 832-978-8355. Our Facebook page is: https://www.facebook.com/TwinkieDesigns





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SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

Mark your calendars and join us for a fabulous day of shopping! The 2018 Shop 'til You Drop Marketplace will be held on September 8th, 2018 at the Berry Center. The 2018 Shop 'til You Drop Marketplace is a FREE event with FREE parking. Shop in the A/C, join us for lunch upstairs at our new Tea Room, and Shop 'til You Drop! This extravaganza kicks off the holiday shopping season. Over 350 vendors are stocked and ready to display their wares.

The Cy-Fair Women's Club is a 501(c)3 charitable organization. Shop 'til You Drop is our main fundraiser and all proceeds from the show fund our 2019 philanthropy, including our scholarship fund.

We truly appreciate the outpouring of support year after year from our local community and our business partners and sponsors. A huge "THANK YOU" to all of our Club Sponsors.

VillaSport Athletic Club and Spa H-E-B Bridgeland Better Homes and Gardens – Gary Green, The Roehm Team See you at the show!!

STYD History

Our club hosted its first Craft Show in late 1990's with just a few vendors coming to a monthly meeting for club members to shop. We grew to 100 vendors in 2006 and relocated to Lone Star College Cy-Fair campus. After having to cancel our 2008 show due to hurricane Ike we moved again in 2009 with more vendors and shoppers than ever. Our new and present location is the Berry Center located on Barker Cypress and West Rd. Our event is the first major show of the fall season and includes almost 300 vendors with a large variety of manufactured and handmade items including clothing, jewelry, food products, home décor, and many other unique products and services. This show has something for everyone and draws close to 7000 shoppers each year.

It is truly amazing what our Women's Club can do when we put our mind to it. We hope to see you there. Please stop by our booth near the main entrance and visit with some of our members. We would love to visit with you.

For a list of vendors and additional information, please visit www.cyfairwomensclub.org



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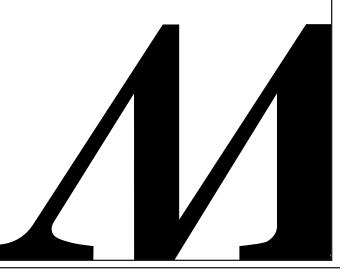
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