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## A New Band in Fairfield

Cover Story Continued - by Jackie Devine



We've all heard that "the hills are alive with the sound of music." Now we can say the same thing about the streets and byways of Fairfield-- Thanks to Joyce Skala, the vocalist, and mastermind behind the up and coming Band Joyce Behind the Mic.

Joyce, a graduate of Cypress-Creek High school, has been a resident of Cypress for over 30 years. She is a wife, mother of two, and self-proclaimed "Overcomer." Her tenacity and grit have enabled her to make the best of unbearable situations, including her husband Kyle's 15-month deployment to Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Hurricane Harvey, and the total loss of her home to a fire in 2017.

But by January 2018, with the community supporting her, Joyce bounced back. She started a small business by the name of ReJoyceD Creative Design Co., specializing in Upcycled Art, Handmade Wood Decor, hand-painted furniture, and paints on Canvas. Joyce, a Commissioned Artist, works closely with Cypress and the surrounding area to design and produce what people hire her to create and has participated in several local craft shows. Possibly you have already met her at one of our local craft venues. If not, you can look up her business page on Facebook and check out her portfolio under the Photos Tab/Albums.

Simultaneously, while operating ReJoyceD Creative Design Co, Joyce has performed as a singing artist throughout the area. Her latest venture was solidified in May 2020 when she introduced herself to the public as a singer in Fairfield, looking to play music with additional people. The outcome was more than she could have imagined!

She collaborated with Paul Deas, a local seasons musician in Cypress, who recruited some of the best-known musicians in the area to form what is now Joyce Behind the Mic (JBTM).

JBTM is a self-published variety band whose songs include cover music from Texas Country, Country, Pop/Top 40 genres with a sprinkle of classic rock. They expect to be playing on the local stages soon. They'd love for YOU to show your support and join their musical adventure! Visit them on Facebook at Joyce Behind the Mic to view their song cover videos by following the Facebook page link and clicking the VIDEOS tab at the top of the page. Please remember to LIKE, click on Follow, and Share with others.

Joyce has every right to be proud of the musical team she has assembled. They come with heaps of talent and years of experience. Just the right combination to promise success. Members of the band include:

**Drummer Paul Deas** Originally from Southern CA, Paul, who's married to Marissa, has five children (three of whom still attend elementary school in Fairfield), and has enjoyed the last 21 years in Texas as a resident of Cypress. Playing drums & percussion since 1978 in many different genres, he now enjoys mixing Texas country and country music with a little variety drumming. When he's not drumming, Paul enjoys driving a school bus for CyFair ISD and teaching music and drums to the next generation of young and older drummers.

**Guitarist Will Velasquez** Also an accomplished sound and recording engineer; Will was raised in Houston and lives to play music. Performing for over 30 years, he has participated in many national tours and worked with a variety of singer-songwriters for original music.

**Guitarist Matt Vogel** Enthralled with music from a young age, Matt began playing while growing up in Louisiana. He has played in Blues, Rock, R&B, and Zydeco bands throughout south Louisiana and Texas. He has a unique musical approach that evokes sharp stylistic memories of his early heroes, and an understated flair that brings a soulful edge to any genre while he is playing.

**Bass Chuck Cavaleri** Native Houstonian and former teacher, is a multi-instrumentalist professionally trained musician. He began playing semi-professionally in grade school, through college and beyond. His playing experience covers the areas Houston, Austin, Dallas, and Denver.

Joyce says, "we are so excited to be part of the Fairfield community! We live among an amazing group of residents!"

She wants her friends and neighbors to know, "Moving forward, we will be posting scheduled events on a monthly basis and making residents aware of the Band's happenings. Events will be good for business! We intend to stay as local as possible - crowd approved."

*In case you are wondering what the numbers Cassidy, Kole, and Joyce are holding, on the cover, they mean "I LOVE YOU." For years now, they have always shown up in the right place at the right time as she walks the path she is traveling. According to her, THIS EXCITING PATTERN CONTINUES. Joyce is overcome with gratitude! Photo compliments of Danitza Ladwig.*

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## Tuck the Gym Bus

by Kelly Stewart



What is big, blue, and full of happy children? It's Tuck the Gym Bus! I'm Fairfield resident, Kelly Stewart, and it's been over a year since I took a full-size yellow school bus and transformed it into a mobile gymnastics facility creating Destination Gymnastics. After nearly 17 years coaching, directing, and managing with Cypress Academy of Gymnastics, I transitioned out of my beloved management position to begin a new journey. So why a bus? It was a fun and creative way to partner with local preschools in offering gymnastics to their students.

When Tuck the Gym Bus pulls up to schools, he has rock star status. The children who are on the playground run to the fence screaming and hollering to get the attention of my assistant coach and me as we exit the bus. We gather our students and jump on board for a 30-minute gymnastics adventure.

In these 30-minutes, the students learn basic skills on all the gymnastics events. Gymnastics is a great first sport for preschoolers. It helps children advance in gross motor skills, strength, coordination, and flexibility. Whether they move on to other activities or continue down a competitive gymnastics path, they have a great foundation of physical abilities to build upon.

How does a school bus hold an entire preschool gymnastics class? This bus is fully equipped with 2-inch carpet bonded foam, and the walls are covered with a thinner version of the same material making the bus a safe, padded area for learning new skills.

Other equipment included is a preschool sized bar for learning basic swinging, pulling, and casting, and monkey bars welded to the

ceiling. The mini trampoline works spatial awareness, and large wedge mats are used to teach forward and backward rolls. Two small balance beams of course work balance, and smaller mats are used to teach handstands and cartwheels.

Yes, the bus is cool! However, it takes experienced, passionate coaches and excited children to truly bring it to life. I have decades of gymnastics coaching experience and guide my assistant coaches through a thorough training process. Every coach is USA Gymnastics safety trained and certified. This training is followed up with lots of hands on training as I, Coach Kelly, am present for every single class.

Since its start in January 2019, Destination Gymnastics has partnered with 10 preschools and has worked with hundreds of children. With the temporary COVID-19 shutdowns, Tuck the Gym Bus has sadly been parked. Like many small business owners, I am working to stay afloat until life gets back to normal. I am currently offering private lessons here at the parks in Fairfield. These lessons have been a fun way to keep the business alive both in finances and in spirit.

Visit the Destination Gymnastics Facebook page and click on the "Book Now" button to schedule your child's private lesson. Starting in July, you will also be able to book birthday parties at parks here in Fairfield. Call to reserve your party today!

## Gals Get Together

by Goldie Golden



Our lives have changed, some more than others. These past few months have brought separations of family, friends, and what we used to call, "Our Norm."

Staying inside our homes 24-7, working from home, streaming shows and let's not forget, the kiddos learning from home, have you found yourself asking, what is my new norm? I sure have, that brought me to my post on a local

platform.

I posted a get together; something local, maybe meeting twice a month, bringing gals together for some gal therapy, think of it like retail-therapy. I titled it, "Gal's get together." It's as simple as it sounds.

Gals getting together, meeting new friends, maybe learning something new or offering a talent they may have, with laughter, hope and fun.

Our community here in Cypress is rather unique, we have multi-generations, just think of the conversations we can have! In my line of business, I help many families move here to Cypress. As a realtor, a community connector, it's important for me to help new families plant their roots and create memories. They become part of our community.

I miss getting out, being with friends and want to have some fun, how about you? Come join us. For questions please text/cell 832-495-9500 or email goldiegolden@outlook.com.

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