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We Are In This Thing Called Life Together

by Steven Bartholomew

One of Louisiana's hardest-hit areas assaulted by Hurricane Laura's 150 mph winds was Lake Charles, a city near the coastline where nearly all 80,000 residents were without power and running water for days.

Many in our community rallied together and came to the assistance of our sister state. Stephen Bartholomew was one of those people. I asked Stephen what prompted him to do so. His response is below:

Recently, I found myself in kind of in a funk—like something was missing, and I wanted to do something about it. Feeling so blessed, I began searching for a way to give back because I have found that helping others always brings me joy and fulfillment.

Then, I came across the news that Taylor Fonten, a friend of mine, in Louisiana with 50 Star SAR (search and rescue), was lending a hand to Hurricane Laura's victims. Immediately, I asked if I could join him. His quick response was: Of course! So, I decided to drive to Louisiana and lend a hand.

I wrote a post letting people know I was going, and a member from Strong Body Crossfit said they were collecting donations at their gym and asked if I could take some. I agreed to take whatever I could. Then, Josh and Jolie Vance at Strong Body Crossfit said we could stockpile any donations at their gym.

So, I posted again letting people know I could take donations, and started to get an outpouring of support from people who wanted to help and donate and were willing to drop the supplies off at the Cypress Crossfit Club.

I reached out to some other businesses, and Matt Hennessy, with Cypress Fairhaven Animal Rescue, reached out to the community and told people they could collect dog/ cat food at their clinic. Cypress Lucky Mutts Rescue posted to promote our donation collection as well.

I also reached out to one of the local heavy hitters, Corey Yates, with Jersey Bagels. I asked him if he would like to help because he is always eager to help with anything when possible. He also posted asking for donations and said he would donate a dollar for each post's share. We got almost 400 shares!

I initially thought I would take everything in my SUV but quickly discovered I needed a truck. My friend and fellow Coach, Parker Jackson, at Cypress Crossfit Club, who was going to come with me on the trip to help out, reached out to Unleashed Machines. They donated a truck for us to use along with a 20 foot covered trailer!

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I started out thinking that I would barely be able to fill my car with supplies. However, two days later, we filled up a 20 ft trailer and still needed more room. God is Good!

I have experienced an overwhelming amount of gratitude and joy for all the support we have received. I know everyone involved feels the same way.

It is interesting that when healing the body, we focus on turning inwards and pay attention to ourselves. But turning inward doesn't work when we want to heal the soul.

The antidote, when trying to heal the soul, is to turn outwards and help others. That is what this week has reinforced in me. Service is about helping others, but we end up helping ourselves in the process.

Postscript

The trip was an adventure. We were met with several obstacles. An hour after leaving, we lost fuel pressure and were stuck for an hour, and then an hour later down the road, a tire on the trailer blew because we loaded the trailer too heavy with donations. We lost control of the truck but were able to skid off the road safely. A crew from Louisiana came out and helped us get back on the road.

We were able to deliver all of the donations, despite the obstacles. A crew member who we had never met had an aunt. She prepared beds and supper for us as soon as she found out we needed a place to stay. She even made us breakfast before she left for church in the morning and left a nice note thanking us. Our kindness was met with even more kindness and compassion.





It is a personal goal and passion of Metta Maria Archilla, Cypress Area Eats Founder, to connect with the local restaurants. One of her foci is to create avenues of awareness towards supporting the Cy-Fair Helping Hands, a non-profit organization—geared towards feeding the hungry and homeless.

Metta described her goal, "Our mission is to do whatever we can, wherever we can, to get food into the pantry and into hungry bellies."

Metta worked with Brian Sandel, owner of Creekwood Grill off Telge, to pack up two truckloads of fresh cheese and milk and haul it over to Cy-Fair Helping Hands where her friend Patricia Hudson, Executive Director of Community Outreached, helped to unload it and transferred it to their coolers and freezers. That was close to 800 pounds of dairy in one week.

The Cypress Area Eats for Charity is always looking to partner with locals to bring food to those in need. Thank you to Brian Sandel for your gracious and giving heart!

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We are a group of like-minded residents living mostly in Harris County Precincts 0111, 0124, 0126, and 0405. Others are welcome to attend. We will continue our monthly meetings the last Thursday of the month on October 29, 2020 at 7:00 PM. We will meet at a new location, Gateway Church, 25314 Zube Road, Hockley, TX 77447. It is only ten minutes from Fairfield. Our purpose is to meet for relevant information and plan for the November 3, 2020 Election including "Get Out the Vote" efforts. All three Fairfield Precincts have a Chair. We are currently seeking volunteers willing to help with "Get Out the Vote" efforts. We have a growing list of Facebook and Nextdoor Fairfield followers. Our pages are the "Fairfield Republicans" group. Also, you may contact Bill Ely, Precinct 0124 Chair at 832-919-4999 for more information.

CYTOM DEMOCRATS



October Speaker: The Honorable Germaine J. Tanner The Cypress-Tomball Democrats will hold its next virtual monthly meeting Tuesday, October 20, 2020. There is a meet and greet at 6:30 p.m. The general meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. To request the ZOOM access code, email cytomdemocrats@yahoo.com.

The speaker will be The Honorable Germaine J. Tanner - Presiding Judge of the 311th District Court. Judge Tanner was elected as the Presiding Judge of the 311th District Court on November 6, 2018 and was sworn in on January 1, 2019. Licensed since 2003, Judge Tanner presides over a wide range of family law issues including contested and uncontested divorces, child custody disputes, child support matters, post-divorce modifications and enforcements, adoptions and CPS cases. Since her election, Judge Tanner has provided FREE Brown Bag CLE seminars for practicing attorneys out of the 311th District Court. Additionally, She has given presentations at continuing legal education seminars for attorneys and paralegals in the area of Family Law, through other organizations.

Judge Tanner is a single mother of 1 daughter, Gabrielle. She received her undergraduate degree in Political Science from the University of Illinois-Champaign/Urbana and her law degree from Thurgood Marshall School of Law.

All are welcome to attend and to join this growing club, which meets on the third Tuesday of every month.

For more information & access to the ZOOM Virtual meeting, contact Charlene Shafer at cytomdemocrats@yahoo.com, or visit the club's Facebook page.

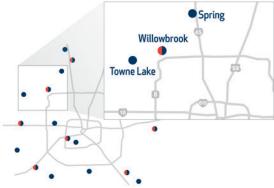


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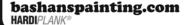
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Luncheon Details
Thursday, October 22, 2020
Networking 11:00 a.m.; Luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m.
Longwood Golf Club, 13300 Longwood Trace, Cypress, TX
77429

Costs \$30 with advanced reservations; \$35 at the door (Please check our website for information in the event we are not able to meet in person)



Houston, Texas (September 8, 2020) Toni Harris Taylor is also known as The Networking Queen™. That's why becoming an NIA Franchise owner is a natural fit. Toni's brand is all about taking DRASTIC steps to be successful. As a sales and marketing coach, Toni teaches her clients to build relationships to Get Known, Get Connected to Get Paid! Now she has the vehicle to help her clients,

"Build Relationships that Last a Lifetime!" If you are ready to end the frustrations of growing your business, connect with Toni to see how she can help you to turn more contacts into contracts!

In this session you will learn how to:

- Determine your target market for laser focus marketing.
- Build relationships through networking.
- Speak to get in front of the crowd and be the "go-to" expert.
- Use technology tools such as email and social media to follow up and stay connected.

This month's CYFEN meeting begins with networking at 11:00 a.m. followed with a prompt 11:30 a.m. start of the program. Luncheons are held at our new location, **Longwood Golf Club**, 13300 **Longwood Trace**, **Cypress**, **TX** 77429.

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