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Lakewood Early Childhood PTA

August 2010

From your president, Meredith Kallaher

My friend, Kendall, wanted to run a marathon. She made a “bucket” list in her early 20’s and at 39 the marathon was still not crossed off her list. She decided it was time. As suggested by friends, Kendall found a training program for a sub-4 hour marathon and was off. After months of training, she finished the Wine Country Marathon in Napa Valley and it felt good! She was finally able to cross the marathon off of her list. And yes, she was proud of her accomplishment, but there was a *tiny* part of her that wasn’t completely satisfied. The truth was, she was slow (at least in her mind)! She finished the marathon in 4:38 and she just knew she could go faster.

She made a decision to try it again six weeks later at the Big D marathon in Dallas. Two of Kendall’s running partners got wind of her new goal and they made a plan of their own. They would help their friend by running with her. They were not in shape to complete the entire 26.2, but they hopped in the car and each took 6 mile shifts. And, in the final 6 miles, the three finished the race side by side; Kendall sandwiched between her two friends. Kendall described feeling as if they carried her to the finish - there was no way she could have made it without her friends’ support. She crossed the finish line in 3:58 - 40 minutes faster than she had run just 6 weeks prior.

The first time I was a part of the Lakewood Home Festival, I remember being blown away. I could not believe what this group of moms, with tiny children at home, had pulled off: A tour of six homes, visited by 4,000 people, manned by 450 volunteers, a wonderful gift market with over 60 vendors AND a killer kick-off party with hundreds of auction items which together raised OVER \$100,000! It was truly amazing. It wasn’t until I was a part of the Board that I saw how these moms pulled it off. Just like Kendall was carried by the support of her friends, the LECPTA moms carry each other through. They work on committees, in pairs and simply tag team it to get their jobs done. They work hard and they rely on the help and support of their friends. Together, they accomplish things they wouldn’t have thought possible. I cannot wait to see what the power of our LECPTA team can accomplish this year!

Have a great end to your summer,

Meredith

Membership News

Welcome new members!

Hannah Abney	Katie Grissel
Heather Appel	Chachy Heppe
Alison Bailey	Janiece Hill
Elizabeth Beshear	Caroline Hoard
Alexis Bocanegra	Sara Kate Jancaitis
Denise Bonds	Jessica Magee
Shauna Bowman	Stephanie Mahaffey
Caycie Briner	Brandi Owen
Layla Bush	Lora Owens
Beth Clark	Shaila Philip
Heather Combs	Elizabeth Pigg
Christy Coulson	Amber Shockey
Whitney Cavende	Megan Theriot
Lauren Garrity	Andrea Waldrop
Katie Goetz	

Don't be left out! MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS are due this summer. To be included in the 2010-2011 Member Yearbook and to continue to receive the newsletter and all invitations to LECPTA events, please send in your renewal form and dues payment of \$25 by August 25th!

Renew on-line at: www.lecpta.org

Or: Renewals (payable to LECPTA) may be sent to:
Membership – LECPTA
C/O Tracey Wrightsman
7231 Alexander Drive
Dallas, Texas 75214

Watch the LECPTA online newsletter for Playgroup, Social and New Member Brunch details coming in September!

Any members interested in joining a playgroup **who have not yet been contacted**, please email Monica Grosz at monicagrosz@yahoo.com

Sunshine News

Welcome to our new Lakewood Babies!



Grant Wilson Orlie

Born on May 12, 2010

9lbs, 7 oz

Son of Mandy and Matt Orlie.

Summer Wilson

Born on June 6, 2010

Son of Annette and Rob Wilson. Little brother to Annabel.

Ava Kaylen Wegner

Born on June 21st, 2010

Daughter of Amber and Wade Wegner. Little sister to Laney.

September General Meeting

2010 Girls Night Out

Thursday, Sept. 16th

7-10 p.m.

True Beauty RX

6224 La Vista Drive

Grab a girlfriend and join us for a "Girls Night Out" while we keep it local with an evening of chair massages, manicures/pedicures, color changes, waxing and more.

There will be a SkinScope and the SkinMedica representative will be available for all of your deepest concerns! We will also be featuring fashions from local vendors, food from a local favorite and of course some complimentary drinks!

Couples Mixer & General Meeting

Thursday, October 21st

7-10 p.m.

Times Ten Cellars

6324 Prospect

Mary Flo Ridley – "Sooner Than You Think"

Get a babysitter and come out for a fun night with your neighbors! Mary Flo Ridley is a motivational speaker who encourages and equips parents of young children to be successful in the daunting task of guiding their child's sexual values.

Complimentary food and adult beverages!



Don't miss the party of the year! Join us as we channel the spirits of Elvis, Frank & Sammy, Zany brides, high rollers and tacky tourists at the 34th annual Lakewood Casino and Auction Party Friday, November 12, 2010 from 7:00pm until midnight at the Lakewood Country Club. This will kick off the weekend events for the Lakewood Home Festival November 12-14th, 2010.

Events for the evening promise to be retro-fabulous. Dancing in the "stardust lounge" with Dallas's own DJ Jennifer Miller, Live and Silent auctions, Casino, Vegas Style Buffet and adult beverages straight from "the strip". Last year's party, Caddyshack, was a sell-out. Don't miss out, go online to: www.lakewoodhomefestival.com and buy your tickets today!

"What's Raised Here... Stays Here....."

Like the blackjack tables at Caesar's Palace, the Auction is our most important fundraiser of the year. We are requesting any donations, ideas or contacts to make this year's auction a huge success. If you have a vacation home, frequent flier miles or own a business and would like to make a donation please contact us at auction@lecpta.org. There are also sponsorship opportunities within the party.

We are looking for a few good "pit bosses" to help this year's "**Viva Las Lakewood**" Casino and Auction Party hit the jackpot! If you would like to get more involved in LECPTA this is your chance. If you have the time to volunteer, whether it's 2 hours or 20, contact us at party@lecpta.org.

All in for the Schools!

The Rat Pack-
Becky Armstrong, Blair Walker, Nikki Jordan, Jen Eyestone, Meredith Ridgeway, Lori Walker, Amanda Cecil and Anne Leonard

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Place	Time
Aug. 19	Splash Day	Ridgewood Splash Park	10:00a - noon
Aug. 19	Kinder Ice Cream Social	Lakewood Elementary	6:30p
Aug 21	Lakewood Elementary Beautification Day	Lakewood Elementary	8:00a – 10:00a
Aug. 23	1st Day of School!	DISD Schools	8:00a
Sept. 2	LECPTA Board Meeting	6933 Southridge Drive	7:00p



Get Ready for the Lakewood Home Festival!!

34th Annual Home Tour ~ Hosted by LECPTA

Schedule

Candlelight Tour	Fri. 11/12	5:00p-7:30p
Viva Las Lakewood Party	Fri. 11/12	7:00p
Home Tour & Market	Sat. 11/13	10:00a-5:00p
Home Tour & Market	Sun. 11/14	11:00a-5:00p

The Homes...

602 Brookside



Lovely 1920's Mediterranean eclectic has been updated while keeping or restoring many of the original details. It has a beautiful drive-up, with a pool and new back house overlooking the golf course!

6416 Lake Circle



Check out the private lake behind this home! This terrific two-story modern was transformed from a once modest, one-level ranch. Great before and after pictures.

6650 Lakewood



Gorgeous Mediterranean decorated with a beautiful mix of antiques with a modern flair. This home is absolutely stunning, inside and out!

6661 Lakewood



Beautifully restored and renovated, this home has many interesting historical details. Wait until you see the horsehair plaster moldings in the living room and the bricks hand-painted to match the original!

7034 Lakewood



The original Hutsell model home from the 1930's! Beautiful murals, Rookwood fireplace, this home also has a lovely addition that stayed true to the time period.

7124 Pasadena



An interesting, eclectic, hill country update to a traditional 50's ranch. The homeowner is a master gardener; so the home lends itself to an indoor/outdoor feel with many "green" details and serious southern charm.

7148 Tokalon



~ **BONUS HOUSE** ~ **Candlelight Tour Only.**

A truly incredible home, completely redone, including an elevator and wine room, tucked away behind a canopy of trees, with beautiful grounds. This is truly a special addition for our candlelight ticket holders.

To make this year's auction a huge success, we need your help and are requesting any donations, ideas or contacts who might be able to contribute. Please contact auction@lecpta.org

**LAKEWOOD EARLY CHILDHOOD PTA
PRESENTS THE
34th ANNUAL LAKEWOOD HOME FESTIVAL**

**FESTIVAL UNDERWRITER
\$12,000**

Title Sponsor of the Home Festival
Logo/Name in the home tour general ticket book (app. 4000)
Logo/Name on back page of home tour general ticket book (app. 4000)
Logo/Name on street pole banner, Logo/Name on main ground signage
Logo/Name incorporated into Home Festival logo in all pre/post marketing
Logo/Name on entry sign to the Viva Las Lakewood Auction Party
Logo/Name in pre/post event marketing, Full page ad in the auction catalogue
Logo/Name on the LECPTA website
4 *All Weekend* passes to The Lakewood Home Festival
4 tickets to the Lakewood Home Tour and Market



**ACES
\$3000**

Title Sponsor of the Auction Party
Logo/Name on all attendee wristbands @ party (app. 500)
Logo in the home tour general ticket book (app. 4000)
Logo incorporated into Viva Las Lakewood logo on all party marketing
Listed on entry sign at the Viva Las Lakewood Auction Party
Included in pre/post event marketing
Full page in auction catalog (app. 250)
Recognized on party page of the LECPTA website
4 *All Weekend* passes to The Lakewood Home Festival
4 tickets to the Lakewood Home Tour and Market

**KINGS
\$2000**

Auction
Name listed on our electronic auction monitors
Listing in the home tour general ticket book (app. 4000)
Logo on Bid Stricker Lanyard (app. 500)
Included in party marketing
 $\frac{1}{2}$ page in auction catalog (app. 250)
Recognized on party page of the LECPTA website
2 *All Weekend* passes to The Lakewood Home Festival
2 tickets to the Lakewood Home Tour and Market

**QUEENS
\$1000**

Named sponsor of Auction Event (choose one):
Sponsor of a Signature Drink at Party (with company logo on all cups)
Party Casino
Kick-off Party at in October
Photo Booth
Lounge
Listing in the home tour general ticket book (app. 4000)
Included in party marketing
 $\frac{1}{2}$ page in auction catalog (app. 250)
Recognized on party page of the LECPTA website
2 *All Weekend* passes to The Lakewood Home Festival
2 tickets to the Lakewood Home Tour and Market

**JACKS
\$500**

Named sponsor of a bar
Logo on signage at sponsored bar; 3 opportunities; or
Named sponsor of Valet Parking Service, Wine Pull, or Flowers
Logo on signage located next to/on the event
Listing in the home tour general ticket book (app. 4000)
4x4 in auction catalog (app. 250)
2 tickets to the Lakewood Home Tour and Market

**JOKERS
\$150**

Name on place card by flowers on one table
Recognition in auction catalog (app. 250)
2 tickets to the Lakewood Home Tour and Market

**HOME TOUR SPONSOR
\$5000**

Logo in the home tour general ticket book (app. 4000)
Listing on street pole banner
Listing on main ground signage
 $\frac{1}{2}$ page in auction catalog (app. 250)
Included in pre/post event marketing
Ad on home tour page of the LECPTA website
Listing on the LECPTA website
4 *All Weekend* passes to The Lakewood Home Festival
4 tickets to the Lakewood Home Tour and Market

**HOME SPONSOR OR $\frac{1}{2}$ HOME SPONSOR
\$3000 OR \$1500**

Listing in the home tour general ticket book (app. 4000)
Signage at sponsored home
 $\frac{1}{4}$ page in auction catalog (app. 250)
Included in pre/post event marketing
Ad on home tour page of the LECPTA website
Listing on the LECPTA website
4 *All Weekend* passes to The Lakewood Home Festival
4 tickets to the Lakewood Home Tour and Market

**CANDLELIGHT TOUR SPONSOR
\$3000**

Title Sponsor of the Candlelight Tour
Logo/Name on the candlelight home tour map
Logo/Name on the entry sign at each home Friday evening
Logo/Name in the home tour general ticket book (app. 4000)
Full page in auction catalog (app. 250)
Included in pre/post event marketing
Recognized on home tour page of the LECPTA website
4 *All Weekend* passes to The Lakewood Home Festival
4 tickets to the Lakewood Home Tour and Market

**MARKET SPONSOR
\$2000**

Listing in the home tour general ticket book (app. 4000)
Signage at sponsored event $\frac{1}{4}$ page in auction catalog (app. 250)
Included in pre/post event marketing
Listing on the LECPTA website
2 *All Weekend* passes to The Lakewood Home Festival
4 tickets to the Lakewood Home Tour and Market

**BANNER SPONSOR
\$850**

Logo on Double-sided Street Pole Banner
(see attached sheet for more information)

**"What's Raised Here,
Stays Here!"**

WE NEED YOU!

Calling All Home Festival Volunteers

The 34th annual Lakewood Home Festival will be here before we know it! Mark your calendars now for **November 12-14!**

It takes a number of great volunteers to make this event successful. Information and sign-up forms will be distributed at our September General Meeting.

Watch for more details and plan to sign up for one or more very fun shifts!

Kelly Cockrell and Jeanie Portinari
volunteer@lecpta.org



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I am a mother who understands how a baby changes everything—and every family needs a will. I can help you with a will and other important documents, that everyone should have such as powers of attorney and advance directives (sometimes called living wills). This planning may seem challenging but my goal is make this process as easy as possible.

I work from home (with my baby nearby) which allows me to provide these services at an affordable rate. I would love to meet with you to discuss your family's needs.



We are proud to announce!!!!

The Rat Pack is back! The Lakewood Rat Pack that is. The LECPTA rolled out its home tour theme at the Annual Lakewood 4th of July parade in great style and won 1st place for their theme. The Viva Las Lakewood float full of little Elvis' accompanied the Elvis impersonator who was none other than St. Thomas dad Brian Donohoe. Rob Wilson served as pilot and was accompanied by co-pilot Robert Johnson.

Many thanks to the creative genius of Becky Armstrong, Blair Walker and their party team for organizing the fabulous float as well as their wonderful husbands, Charlie Armstrong and Brian Walker for assembling the float and participating!

The 34th annual Home Festival will be November 12-14, 2010. Viva Las Lakewood! Visit www.lakewoodhomefestival.com for more information.





34th Annual Festival Market

November 13 & 14, 2010

Talented artists and merchants – WANTED!

Email market@lecpta.org
or visit www.lakewoodhomefestival.com
and download an application TODAY!

Check out our re-vamped Lakewood Home Festival website at www.lakewoodhomefestival.com

Send this link to your friends not in the LECPTA, and they can join the home festival's on-line newsletter for important information about the homes, Viva Las Lakewood Auction Party and much more. (LECPTA members will automatically receive the newsletter.)

**FOR
SALE**

Items for Sale

- > Toddler bed, honey colored wood, good condition \$25/OBO.
- > Omni Pedic Staph Guard Infant/Toddler mattress, waterproof, antibacterial cover; Gentle Sleeper internal vibrating mechanism w/ timer lulls baby to sleep. Purchased new for \$200, selling for \$50/OBO.
- > Kecci mommy/diaper backpack bag, beautiful apple green oriental print. Gently used. Machine washable! \$15/OBO.
- > Fleurville, satchel diaper bag, very hip orange/brown retro geometric design. Waterproof vinyl exterior. \$25/OBO.
- > Tall bookcase, approx 72" x 10' Dark medium brown, w/ adjustable shelves. \$15/OBO. Contact monicagrosz@yahoo.com/ 214-762-1515



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Mandy Stewart
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MandyMVB@gmail.com
www.myvintagebaby.net/mandy

Wanna Hang?

Beginning September 10th, the Publicity Committee needs volunteers to post Home Festival posters at businesses in and around our neighborhood. We will give you the posters, you select the shopping center and then try to hang posters in as many windows as possible. This is an easy, quick volunteer position.

To sign up to help, please contact
dabney@swbell.net

Email Administrator Corner

Please send any email address changes to
email@lecpta.org to ensure you receive our correspondence.



Beat the summer heat!

Bring your kiddos for some fun in the sun.

Splash Day

Thursday, August 19th
10a – noon
Ridgewood Splash Park

When buying or selling a home, there's no substitute for first-class, top-notch service. And that's exactly what I deliver. If you or someone you know is interested in buying or selling a home, please contact me.

I'll make a \$250 LECPTA donation in your name when you buy, sell or send me a referral and we close.

Spread the Sunshine News!!



*Please let Paige Pettit know if you are expecting or if you are a new Mom, so we can bring a little "Sunshine" to you and celebrate your baby!!
Sunshine@lecpta.org

Margot H. Strong
214.415.6640

margotstrong@ebby.com



Lakewood Elementary Beautification Day

Saturday, August 21st
8a – 10a



All families are invited to help spruce up the campus in preparation for the first day of school. We'll help pick up trash, do some light yard work and maybe plant some flowers.

Supplies such as trash bags, weed eaters, trimmers, blowers and flowers are appreciated. Drinks will be provided.

Send questions to Chip Burgard at friendsoflakewood@gmail.com.

For Sale?

If you would like to list an item for sale on the LECPTA website or in the newsletter, please email web@lecpta.org or newsletter@lecpta.org. Free for members!

Want to keep up with Lakewood Elementary News?

Check out www.lakewoodelementary.net or join the mailing list to receive the "News from Lakewood Elementary" online newsletter.

Getting Ready for Back To School

With the end of summer approaching the rushed frenzy of school mornings looms ahead. And it's not something I'm look forward to! The rushed frenzy that is. So, what to do?

By nature I'm a planner, so I tend to think about things and organize them in my head long before any action is required. (I think it makes my husband a little crazy!) Getting ready for the schedule and routine of school takes a little planning, but doesn't need to overwhelm you or your children.

Here are a variety of tips and hints that might be helpful in easing back into the daily school routine. Some of these I live by and they have really made a difference in managing my house. Others don't fit my style. Try a few and see what works for you!

- ❖ Begin the bedtime and morning routine (waking time) a week before school starts.
- ❖ Designate one space for the kids' school gear: Backpacks, homework folders, library books, school correspondence, etc. Explain that emptying their backpack each evening and putting things in the designated spot is part of their responsibility, even for young children.
- ❖ Anything you can prep the night before – do it! Assemble lunches, pack backpacks, sign homework folders and select clothes.
- ❖ Establish school-day schedules for homework, TV, activities, baths and bedtime.
- ❖ Take time before school starts to write out individual goals and develop an age appropriate mission statement for the school year. Break it down into six-week or three month increments (depending on your children's age).
- ❖ Designate and clear a place to do homework. Younger children usually need an area set aside in the family room or kitchen to facilitate adult monitoring, supervision, and encouragement.
- ❖ Freeze a few easy dinners. It makes it so much easier on you that first week when you have dinner prepared so that meal prep doesn't add to household tensions during the first week of school.



Other Happenings in Lakewood.....

Baby Bounce

Lakewood Public Library presents delightful fun for parents/caregivers and infants up to 24 months with interactive music, nursery rhymes and stories!

Tuesday, August 17, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. Age(s): Infant & Toddler, Infant & Toddler

Dallas Arboretum

Celebrate the final days of summer at the Dallas Arboretum where everyone pays \$1 admission everyday through the month of August. Guests will want to stop by the Hoffman Family Gift Store where other great \$1 items are to be found. The Lula Mae Slaughter Dining Terrace will also feature \$1 iced tea and sodas.

White Rock Local Market at The Green Spot

August 14 and 28

Local food, local goods and local friends are what makes this community special. Facilitating the sale of fresh and nutritious produce, meat and dairy, breads, and artisan foods helps strengthen our community. But not just food – WRLM also introduces vendors selling their art, pottery, clothes and more.

Lakewood Summer Arts Faire at Lakewood United Methodist Church

August 28-29

Every year LSAF brings together leading local artists and the East Dallas community in a family-friendly environment where patrons can view, enjoy and purchase fine art, fine jewelry and fine crafts. All proceeds from Lakewood Summer Arts Faire support charities in the Dallas community. The Faire includes: a fine arts and crafts show, up-and-coming artist show, silent auction, children's art workshop, food, drink and live entertainment! www.lakewoodsummerartfaire.org

Dallas Arboretum - The Great Pumpkin Festival

See the Only Pumpkin Village in the World! September 18 - November 14

Each year the pumpkin festival gets bigger and better and this year is no exception! Don't miss the Storybook Pumpkin Village, the only pumpkin village in the world, with four walk-through houses made completely out of pumpkins.

Dallas Arboretum - Mommy & Me Mondays and Tiny Tot Tuesdays

September 20 – November 2 (Located in the Pecan Grove)

Petting zoo, 10am-2pm | Arts and crafts, 10am-2pm | Face painting, 10am-1pm (line closes at 1pm) Kindermusik, 12-12:30pm | Strollerfit, TUESDAYS ONLY, 10:30am-11:30am





I awoke this morning with Devout
Thanksgiving For My Friends, the old
and the new.

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson



Ridgewood Park
Preschool & Mother's Day Out
6445 E. Lovers Lane, Dallas, TX 75214
214-369-9250



Ridgewood Park offers a Mother's Day Out program for 1-2 Year-Olds, (offered 1-2 days per week); and a Preschool program for 3-5 Year-Olds, (offered 2-5 days per week) with an optional extended day. We are a licensed developmental child care center with low teacher/student ratios celebrating our 50th anniversary! Call us anytime for a tour.