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August 2009

From your president

Meredith Manak here and in total disbelief that summer is quickly drawing to a close. And by the way, what a summer it has been!

The 2009-2010 board wasted no time embracing the theme for the year “work hard play hard”...

Meredith Kallaher threw a brilliant Board Retreat @ Bryan Street Tavern thanks to Amanda Cecil and the 2009-2010 board. We accomplished some work as well thanks to Aimee Elkman, who discovered the “Caddyshack” signature drink, the “Firefly.”

Publicity kicked off the “work hard” category, lead by the fearless Dabney Jungerman and joined by the invaluable Kim Sinnott, Andrea Johnston, Ginger Spencer, Eve Stephens, and Mindy Jacobe, four press releases to date (but who’s counting);

The “Party” girls aka Lori Walker and Amy Cuccia (need I say more) knocked it out of the park when the LECPTA’s “Caddyshack” float won 1st place and top honors as “The Judges Choice” at the 4th of July Parade;

And last but not least, Monica Grosz, Becky Armstrong and Blair Walker (Home Tour) announced the five fabulous homes selected for this year’s Home Tour on August 1st!

Obviously we are working hard for a great cause, Lakewood, Long and Woodrow, but in reality, this is for the mine, yours and our kids, their futures and the fantastic memories we are creating for all.

Have a great one,
Meredith

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Place	Time
Aug. 20	Kinder Ice Cream Social	Lakewood Elementary	7:00p
Aug. 24	1st Day of School!	DISD Schools	8:00a
Sept. 3	Board Meeting	6341 Goliad	7:30p
Sept. 17	General Meeting: Style & Trunk Show	Filter Building, 2810 White Rock Rd.	7-10p

Membership News

Welcome new members!

Karen Alexandris (Reese and Grayson)
Nicole Beck (Brayden)
Kerry Brendel (Audrey Kate)
Layla Bush (Josie)
Jerri Ann Drake (Alex Campbell)
Laurie Dunkin (Bailey)
Kate Flume (Harris)
Laurie Gargollo (Max and Esme Joy)
Ashley Harrington (Holly)
Kim Johnson (Aja and Kendall)
Brunilda Juracek (Afton)
Melanie Keough (Keegan John and Kennedy Grace)
Kasey Loughry (Sophie and Annabelle)
Tonya Meier (Leo Abraham)
Stacy Murphy (Riley and Mack)
Shannon Norris (Daeby and Brendon)
Dorothy Parks (Riley)
Elizabeth Pigg
Meredith Ridgway (Ava, Lauren and William)
Angie Robertson (Grace)
Amy Rogers (Vivian and Meredith)
Kristin Shackelford (Carson and Riley)
Kimberly Slade (James Bryant)
Deborah Stewart (Eddie)
Tiffany Taylor (Quinn)
Courtney Wilson (Chase)
Tracey Wrightsman (Virginia, Grace and Jonathan)

Renewals are due now! You may renew and pay online: http://www.lecpta.org/membersite/who/si_gnupform.html.

New playgroups are being organized. More information coming your way in September.

Interested in starting a supper, scrapbooking or book club? Contact us at membership@lecpta.org.

Check out our website: www.lecpta.org



Sunshine News

Welcome to our new Lakewood Babies!

Mary-Michael Grace Shuff

Born on March 6, 2009

6 lbs, 13 oz

Daughter of Jennifer and Mark Shuff

Katherine Greer Ringwald

Born on March 12, 2009

6 lbs, 12 oz

Daughter of Sarah and Jeff Ringwald



September General Meeting 2009 Style and Trunk Show

Thurs., Sept. 17th

7-10 p.m.

The Filter Building

2810 White Rock Rd.

Grab a girlfriend and join us for this a girls night out themed "Tim Gunn's Guide to Style and every piece is under \$100"! We will be featuring fashions from Oscar Fierro <http://www.oscarfierro.com>, Flirt Boutique <http://www.flirtboutique.com/> and Stella&Dot jewelry <http://www.stellaanddot.com>. We will also have "The Girls Room" www.thegirlsroom.us there to inspire and empower our members to feel comfortable expressing their femininity while creating the physique they desire.

Complimentary beverages and bites will be served!

Couples Mixer & General Meeting

Fri., Oct. 16th

Bryan St. Tavern

4315 Bryan St.

7:00-9:00 p.m.

Get a babysitter and come out for a fun night with your neighbors! Complimentary food and adult beverages!!! Pool and dart tournament with awesome prizes!!

Please look for your invitation in the mail at the end of August.



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***Come as a slob, or
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You don't want to miss the party of the year! Join us as we "tee" off the 33rd annual Lakewood Home Festival Weekend with our Lakewood Caddyshack Casino and Auction Party on Friday, November 13, 2009 from 7:00PM until midnight at the Lakewood Country Club. This will kick off the weekend of events for the Lakewood Home Festival on November 13-15, 2009. Events for the evening will include Live and Silent Auctions, Casino, DJ, Contests, Food, and plenty of adult beverages at the "19th Hole". Nonstop fun will be par for the course! Last year's party, Loveboat, was a sell-out. Don't miss out, go online to www.lakewoodhomefestival.com and buy your tickets today.

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 many sponsorship opportunities within the party. Would you like to have a signature drink named after you? What about your name on the longest drive competition?

We are looking for a few good caddies to keep the party on the Leader Board. If you would like to get more involved with LECPTA, but don't want to give a huge time commitment, this is your chance. If you have the time, whether it is 2 hours or 20, then contact us at party@lecpta.org.

Gopher the Fun! Gopher the Schools!

The Clubhouse Managers-
Lori Walker, Amy Cuccia, Brook Botsch, Betsy Lambert, Katie McLeroy, and Kristin Trojan

Calling All Home Festival Volunteers

The 33rd annual Lakewood Home Festival will be here before we know it! Mark your calendars now for **November 13-15!** Volunteers are needed 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 1 or more very fun shifts!

Lori Volney
volunteer@lectpa.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 members of Lakewood Early Childhood PTA are “all right” as they showcased their 2009 Home Festival theme and dates at the Lakewood Fourth of July Parade. Playing off of the 1980’s comedy classic “Caddyshack,” the theme for this year’s Festival is ~~Bush~~ **Lakewood/Lakewood Caddyshack: Gopher the Fun, Gopher the Schools.**

Our team of builders was Betsy Lambert, Blis Freeman, Brooke Botsch, Lori Walker, Lisa Nelson, Paul Manak and Meredith Manak. Kristie Giles, Maria Hasbany, Dabney Jungerman, and Paul Manak provided the props. The “Caddyshack” float rocked the streets of Lakewood and won Judge's Choice - 1st Place. While Paul Manak won Best Theme Costume (age 12 and over) - 2nd Place for Bill Murray's character "Carl."

The 33rd annual Home Festival will be November 13-15, 2009. Get your best plaid out and visit www.lakewoodhomefestival.com for more information.





Home Tour Homes!

As promised, the Home Tour Committee would like to announce the homes selected for this year's Home Tour!

We are waiting on final confirmation for the home near Lakewood Elem, but here are the other five confirmed:

6652 Avalon

A beautifully renovated traditional Tudor, done by English Heritage Homes!

3602 Hillside

A fabulous ultra contemporary!

6955 Lakewood Blvd.

A Santa Barbara-inspired Spanish eclectic transformation of an old traditional home. Wait 'til you see the "before" pictures, you won't believe it!

7015 Lakewood Blvd.

One of the few "French" Hutsells!

7206 Tokalon

A warm contemporary, rebuilt after a fire several years ago. The garden looks best in the Fall! It reminded us of "The Secret Garden"...lots of indoor/outdoor space, outdoor "rooms", even a grass roof!

Again, we are awaiting final confirmation on the home by the school but wanted to get this out to you all today!

Becky, Blair, and Monica

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!

Wanna Hang?

Beginning September 21st, 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 ginger@spencermarketinggroup.com.

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, Caddyshack Auction Party and much more. (LECPTA members will automatically get the newsletter.)

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Babysitting Co-op

Who doesn't need a night out on the town?? Kid free?? For those who are interested, the process is very simple, and we need more Moms!

How it works: member moms post their babysitting requests on our website calendar...

- We all get an email notifying us of the request.
- If another member mom is available, she accepts the request (sometimes we bring their own kids along, sometimes we leave them home w/ dad).
- Each "babysit" is worth a certain number of "tokens" or points, the website keeps track of it all. Mommy sitters pay and are paid in "tokens."

Pretty simple, works great!

So, it's a reciprocating agreement: moms have to have a need for a free sitter, and they have to be willing to reciprocate in return.

Here is the website:

www.neighborex.com

Email Administrator Corner

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



33rd Annual Festival Market

November 14 & 15, 2009

The application process is underway for this year's Festival Market and we would like to invite you to participate!

Market is an incredible showcase of talented artists and merchants. Currently, our vendors come to us from all over the state and beyond. Yet, we have fantastic artists right here in Lakewood.

So, if you or someone you know is an artist or merchant and would like to participate, please call the LECPTA Hotline (214)826-5962 or email us at market@lecpta.org.

Thank you!
Nikki Jordan and Courtney Kern
Market Co-Chairs

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.

Other Happenings in Lakewood...

Libraryfest

FREE Through Saturday, September 12, Lakewood Library Friends will be holding their annual book sale during Libraryfest at the Lakewood Branch Library. But before the sale can go on, they need donations of books and other items. 214.670.1376.

Autumn at the Arboretum

The Great Pumpkin Festival, September 19 – November 1
Featuring thousands of pumpkins, 15' Pumpkin House for photo ops, 10' Pumpkin Topiary busting with blooming marigolds, and the kids' corral hay bale maze.

**Exemplary Rating
Projected for Lakewood!**



Lakewood Elementary is projected to receive Exemplary rating from the Texas Education Agency, due to be received early this Fall. The rating is based on results of student testing K-5 grades and other assessments. (For more information, visit <http://www.tea.state.tx.us>.)

The announcement was met with much excitement by staff and parents alike. "We were very excited about working not so much for the Exemplary rating, but for the success of every student," exclaimed Michelle Thompson, Lakewood Elementary principal.

Thompson attributes the improved rating to the "success triangle"—"parent involvement; highly qualified, masterful teachers; and motivated students." After receiving the NCLB Blue Ribbon designation last year, she describes the Exemplary rating as "icing on the cake." Way to go Stallions!

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