

Notes & News

Tidbits from the Katy community



Heroes in Health

On August 27, Memorial Hermann Heroes in Health hosted a private luncheon at Mockingbird Bistro Wine Bar benefiting Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital (CMHH). The luncheon raised \$4,000 thanks to the generosity of Mockingbird Bistro owner and executive chef John Sheely and his wife, Violeta Sheely. The heroes plan to continue this new partnership with Chef Sheely by hosting an upcoming happy hour at his soon-to-open Osteria Mazzantini. CMHH executives and affiliated physicians pictured are Dr. KuoJen Tsao, pediatric surgeon and co-director of the Texas Fetal Center; Dr. Keely Smith, pediatrician; Ileana Treviño, chief executive officer of the Memorial Hermann Foundation; Holly Elliot, chief of hospital operations at CMHH; and Dr. Alfred Mansour, pediatric orthopedic and sports medicine surgeon.

Welcome Home Major Justin Perryman



Major Justin Perryman, post judge advocate of American Legion Post 164 of Katy, has recently returned from his deployment in Afghanistan. While deployed, Major Perryman was awarded the Bronze Star and also earned the Afghanistan Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, and ISAF Medal. Major Perryman and four other members of his unit (the 136th MEB, Texas Army National Guard, Task Force Centurion) live in the Katy area.



Making a Mark

The Periwinkle Foundation recently celebrated the opening of the Making A Mark, an exhibition of art by children with cancer and blood disorders and their siblings, at Texas Children's Cancer and Hematology Centers. The exhibit included 330 works of art, 30 of which were awarded purple ribbons by a panel of judges. Pictured is Katy resident Nodi Rahman with her art titled *Moonlight*.



Katy Elks Soccer Shoot

The Katy Elks Lodge Soccer Shoot involves shooting three balls at different-sized goals from a set distance. Points are awarded for each successful shot. Kendall Grimes won first place from the girls in her age category. Her brother, Hayden, won the boys division in his age group. The two are pictured with Norma Coston, current Elks president.

Norris Awarded Commander's Medal

At Lutheran Church in historic Katy, World War II veteran Norris Meiertschin was surprised by his friends and colleagues from VFW Post 9182 with a Commander's Medal for his efforts, enthusiasm, and dedication to the Katy Veterans Memorial Museum. He was also honored by two Texas A&M corps cadets with the pair of senior boots, a luxury he didn't receive as an Aggie back in 1934 because of the rationing of leather.



Chinese American Exchange Program

For the sixth year in a row, families from Second Baptist Church West Campus hosted middle and high school students from Chengdu, China, as part of the Chinese American Exposure Program. Eighty-five students and seven teachers stayed in homes around Katy for three weeks. As part of the program, Katy ISD teachers, Chinese AEP teachers, and school board president Rebecca Fox all attended a cultural exchange luncheon at Willow Fork Country Club.

Toastmasters International



Katyite Linda Goldberg was recognized as Distinguished Toastmaster, the highest honor the Toastmasters International organization presents to its members. Toastmasters International is a non-profit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of meeting locations.

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Third-grader Gives to Others



Third-grader Lauren Kunz and her parents generously delivered six bags of assorted toys to the pediatric patients at Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital. Lauren takes great pride in selecting the gifts to be donated - many of which are her own favorite childhood toys.

Houston Methodist West Hospital

Houston-area CHRISTUS hospitals, CHRISTUS St. Catherine and CHRISTUS St. John, have started the transition for a new partnership wherein majority ownership of the two CHRISTUS hospitals is transferred to the Houston Methodist Hospital System. The deal is expected to be completed by the end of the year. Houston Methodist Hospital will operate CHRISTUS St. Catherine in the Katy area, which will likely be transitioned into Houston Methodist Hospital System's first post-acute care facility, although no plans have yet been finalized.

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