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Craft Companions sub club



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CINCO RANCH Ladies Club

Katy social group fosters friendships and community service

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When Nancy Medina moved to Katy from McKinney, TX about three years ago, she was miserable. “I’m very much a social butterfly and I found it difficult to make friends,” she recalls.

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The Cinco Ranch Ladies Club provides members with opportunities for both social and charitable activities

That all changed after Medina attended her first Cinco Ranch Ladies Club meeting. "When I walked into the room, I felt like I had found my home," she says. "There were all these outgoing, friendly women. I jumped in head-first. I attended every event I could to keep me busy during the day and social during the evening."

A Sisterhood

Today, Medina is marketing director of the group, among holding other offices, and greatly enjoys spending time with her club friends. "If a week goes by and I don't see somebody from the club, it feels empty," she admits. "They are like my new sisters."

"It was the best thing ever," expresses secretary Sally Outlaw, recalling her introduction to the club in 2005 after moving to Katy from Great Britain. "It made all the difference living in Katy. Americans are very social. They take you as you are."

"This community is very transient; people come and go frequently," adds Julie Davies, officer of membership. "With this club you are always getting to know new people, and the supply never ends. It is really a great way to get out and socialize with adults."

Fostering Friendships

The Cinco Ranch Ladies Club started in 1992 to foster friendships and community service. The group now extends beyond Cinco Ranch to Fulshear, Richmond, and the Greater Katy area with membership totaling almost 240.

There's something for everyone, with sub groups like book club, wine club, expatriates, bunko, creative kitchen, and mommy and me, just to name a few. The club also has monthly couples dinners out, game nights, and hosts an annual luau. There are up to 21 events per month, one for each sub group.

Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month at the Golf Club at Cinco Ranch from September through May. Sub groups and committees meet more often. Some groups, like book and coffee clubs, get together during the summer as well as the school months.

"The club I enjoy most is book club," says Davies. "This year we had an author attend our meeting, which was truly exciting. We got to do a book signing and everything. If one of the books we have read is turned into a movie, we get together and to go the theater."

Wine sub club



Rodeo-themed Creative Kitchen party



Monthly meeting with the Vision Board



Christmas charity luncheon and silent auction



"I always look forward to the annual Christmas luncheon," adds group president Elizabeth Walker. "The Christmas fundraiser is hosted the first week in December, and the board and members help make this a special day, raising money for the charity of choice."

This past year, club members donated over \$5,000 to the Fort Bend Women's Center. They have also made blessing bags for the homeless for Fulshear Outreach in addition to doing other charity service projects.

Cherished Relationships

Joining the Cinco Ranch Ladies Club has greatly enhanced their lives, boast the members. "This club has truly made me a happier person," shares Davies. "Every month I have so many events to look forward to. My children are adults. I do not work, so meeting people is very difficult when you no longer have those venues to do so."

"The group has been a blessing to me since I moved here," Walker adds. "I cherish the valuable relationships I have now with these lovely ladies. I think of them as my second family." **KM**



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Some of the Sub Clubs



- Book Club
- Bunko
- Coffee Club
- Creative Kitchen
- Dining Club
- Expatriate Club
- Game Night
- Golf Group
- Happy Hour
- Healthy Living
- Ladies Night Out
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