



LEOH (Life Enrichment of Houston)

April 13, 2023 Newsletter



WELCOME to SPRING at LEOH - Our 42nd Year!
Fellowship Hall, Bellaire UMC



IN MEMORIAM

LEOH member Martha-Lee Blakley passed away recently, following a lengthy illness.



MORNING ACTIVITIES AND SPEAKERS, BEGINNING AT 9:30 a.m. — FELLOWSHIP HALL

REGISTRATION TABLE: Members may pick up their name tag on the way in, just inside Fellowship Hall, then return them when leaving LEOH. Please note: The Spring membership log will be finalized following this Thursday's session. Copies should be available to members for the April 20th meeting.

REFRESHMENTS (coffee, tea, water, snacks) are available to everyone prior to and between speakers.



10:00 a.m. TOWN HALL: Edward M. Emmett, Fellow, Baker Institute, Rice University, uses his experience with transportation and interstate commerce to explore the past, present, and future roles of highways.



11:15 a.m. WHAT'S UP HOUSTON? Allison Bell, Executive Director, Houston Heritage Society, notes that the Heritage Society was and is dedicated to the preservation of the history of Houston. It operates ten historic buildings that date from 1823 to 1905, and are located in Sam Houston Park, an outdoor interactive museum and park.



LEOH members: Please remember to silence your phones (and yourself) during the speaker presentations!



LUNCH AND AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

12:15 p.m. WEEKLY LUNCH DRAWING (Fellowship Hall), ANNOUNCEMENTS, and PRAYER/INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT
On the first Thursday that a member attends, they may add their name to the LEOH bowl upon arrival that morning. Each Thursday, the lucky person whose name is drawn by our Town Hall speaker will enjoy a free lunch (last week's winner was Joe Frederick). President Ken Euler provided inspirational words just prior to lunch.

LUNCH (Fellowship Hall)

Enjoy a sub, along with a cookie and chips, from **Firehouse Subs**, plus a drink and ice cream cup! All for \$7. (Donations are always welcome, too!)



12:45 p.m. SOCIAL BRIDGE (Fellowship Hall) coordinators Paula Koehn/Jean Vorhaben

1:00 p.m. YEAR-ROUND BRIDGE (Room 131) coordinator Pat Roberts

1-3:30 p.m. WATERCOLOR PAINTING (Room 122) instructor Marie Schaefer

1:15-2:00 p.m. SPANISH CLASS (Room 123) instructor Maura Rodriguez (when in-person class is in session)



YES—ANOTHER REMINDER ABOUT OUR LEOH SERVICE PROJECT FOR APRIL 20TH!



Our Spring service project is all about helping those in need in our surrounding communities.



Speaker committee member Judy Bristol arranged for representatives from Refugee Services (Interfaith Ministries) to speak on April 20th. This program helps in resettlement of legal refugees, in conjunction with the US State Dept. and Episcopal Migration Ministries. These refugees desperately need just very basic items to begin and sustain their lives here. Examples of item needs include: kitchen, bath, personal hygiene, cleaning supplies, any other useful items you can think of! Your box, basket, or bag will also likely be useful! A few extra empty baskets are available for you to take and fill (at display table).

Please consider contributing to this worthy cause by filling a basket, box, or bag with needed items, or by just bringing the items themselves to LEOH on or before April 20th. **Items do not have to be new—your “gently used” items would be greatly appreciated.** **Items are being stored for safekeeping in Room 124 (please, no food items).**

Our Refugee Services speakers will gladly take all items with them when they leave, after speaking on the 20th.



UPDATE: Lots of items have been donated! But more are needed, and will be used by grateful recipients!

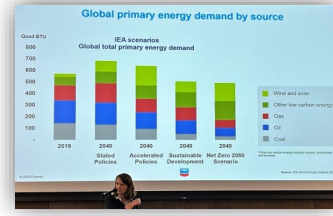
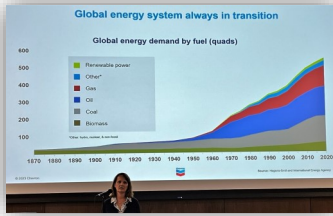




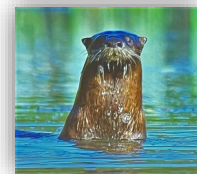
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(See a few memories from last week below)



Liz Schwarze, VP, Global Exploration, Chevron Corp., illustrated the growing needs of a variety of energy sources over the years. A graph showing potential scenarios of total energy needed globally through the year 2040 showed promise related to climate change. She stressed that the future of energy is lower carbon, and reminded us that 194 countries signed the Paris accord, with the goal that of net zero carbon emission. A world map showed that only a very few of these countries have actually enacted laws (the US was not among them). She discussed the use of CCUS equipment, which can potentially be used effectively at a variety of industrial plants to reduce carbon emissions, via carbon capture and storage.



Tim Pylate, Executive Director, Armand Bayou Nature Center, explained that their mission is to preserve the native habitats, and to provide opportunities for everyone to experience and understand the local ecosystem. They are doing this through preservation, restoration, eradication of invasive species, and education. A healthy habitat can assist in flood mitigation, provide a habitat for wildlife (such as river otters, alligators, ospreys, and other birds). Tim pointed out “ghosts of our past”, examples of animals/birds whose population has severely dwindled. And on the bright side, Armand Bayou is welcoming back wildlife such as alligators and river otters.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE LEOH MEMBERS!



Jane Shinn celebrated her birthday this past Sunday, April 9th.
Irene Feist will be celebrating hers this coming Saturday, April 15th.



TRIPS

The April 19th trip (coinciding with Earth Day) will be by Precinct One bus to Smith Rookery on High Island, to enjoy seeing a multitude and variety of migrating birds. Full trip details and the opportunity to sign up for trips are available approximately one month prior to a trip. Ann may be contacted at fairann@sbcglobal.net or 281-686-1325.



BOOK CART AND DISPLAY TABLE



Feel free to borrow a book or puzzle and remember to return it when done! Other display table items are free to keep. Enjoy!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FAMILY ILLNESS/LOSS

Kelly Cervenka is our LEOH Member Care Coordinator, and will be happy to send an appropriate card on LEOH's behalf to a family member, at your request. You may contact Kelly at 281-814-6721, or kcervenka39@gmail.com.



NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKERS

10:00: Malcolm McCorquodale, President, Houston Genealogical Forum, will explain the Forum and its purpose of providing a range of subjects for genealogical research success.

11:15: Praveena Lakshmanan and Lili Bauerlein, Community Engagement Program, Refugee Services (Interfaith Ministries), will discuss how the program works, and present opportunities for volunteers to participate. Resettlement is in conjunction with the US State Dept. and Episcopal Migration Ministries for legal refugees.

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