



LEOH (Life Enrichment of Houston)

April 4, 2024 Newsletter



SPRING at LEOH - Our 43rd Year!

Fellowship Hall, Bellaire UMC

WELCOME, LEOH MEMBERS!

Everyone is encouraged to wear their name tag, to help everyone know who's who!



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

REGISTRATION TABLE: Registration is still available for any new or "old" members! New members should have received their name tags by now. Members can pick up their name tags at a table inside Fellowship Hall, and then return them as they exit. This can help some of us who might otherwise misplace or lose them at home or elsewhere (a replacement tag costs \$2). The Spring membership log is being prepared, with hard copies available shortly. **Please note:** once it's available, check the hard copy at the table for any errors. Humans prepared it, which means there may be human errors (rare ones, of course)!

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



10:00 a.m. WHAT'S UP HOUSTON? Gerry Aitken, Speakers Bureau, **Houston Museum of Fine Arts**, tells us about "lions and tigers and bears –oh my", and how art reflects our relationship with animals. We will view the museum's virtual zoo, in the form of artwork.

11:15 a.m. TOWN HALL: Darendra Dorsey, Philanthropy and Volunteer Coordinator, **HAWC (Houston Area Women's Center)**, explains how HAWC provides shelter, counseling, and support services to survivors of sexual and domestic violence. Their mission is to stop this violence through prevention, intervention, and advocacy.



(LEOH members: PLEASE silence your phones (and yourself) to enjoy our speakers!



LUNCH AND AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

12:15 p.m. WEEKLY LUNCH DRAWING 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. Jan Meyer was the lucky winner last week!

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!). Purchase a remaining lunch for \$3.



12:45 p.m. SOCIAL BRIDGE (Fellowship Hall) coordinator Paula Koehn

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



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



1-1:50 p.m. SPANISH CLASS (Room 123) instructor Maura Rodriguez (hopefully returning, following a recent injury). Thank you, Nina Quartero, for filling in during Maura's absence.





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MEMORIES FROM LAST WEEK'S MEETING, MARCH 28

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mention was made again of our Spring service project. Donations continue, but even more is needed and will be appreciated! Mary Mahon noted that morning snacks and beverages now include a choice of decaf coffee. Susan Downs offered an inspirational reading prior to lunch.



Spring is here, and Easter was just around the corner. Janet Knight shared her Easter "bunny" with everyone!



Bob Sewell, President, Houston Archeological Society (HAS), discussed their mission of fostering interest and participation in discovering and preserving cultural resources in our area. HAS was founded in 1959, and has over 170 members. It works with agencies such as TxDOT, as well as private landowners.

Archeology is the study of human activity through the recovery and analysis of material culture. Above, a student whose school partnered with HAS in a project, is thrilled with her discovery.

Prehistoric sites yield items such as flint points and pottery. More recent digs, such as beneath buildings in downtown Houston, yield items ranging from buttons to bottles. Items found tell a story from the past about the activities and people of that era.

Learn more and view their finds on their website TxHAS.org.

Tammy and Mark Phillips, Texas Equusearch, shared the story of its founding by Tim Miller, following the murder of his daughter in 1984. What began as searching for the missing by a few people on horseback has evolved into searching using advanced equipment for underwater searches; helicopters and drones for air surveillance; a K-9 team; and many more volunteers.

They shared some disturbing facts: In 2022, there were over 46,000 missing in Texas, with over 13,000 of those in our area.

Families can request help after filing a Missing Person Report.

It is difficult work; the greatest needs are volunteers and financial assistance. Families are never charged for services.

Find out more at txeq.org and learn how you can help.

WEEKLY REMINDERS

TRIPS

Friday, April 12: Precinct One Bus Tour of Mini-Murals and Eclectic Menagerie Park. Members will view the artistic renderings of local artists on traffic signal boxes in the Meyerland/Bellaire area, then enjoy lunch, before traveling south on 288 to view the large metal designs from Texas Pipe Company. Sign-up is in progress now, to ensure a seat on the bus.

Thursday, May 16: HPD Mounted Patrol Facility. Members will travel by Precinct One bus. During the tour, take advantage of an opportunity to feed the horses. Lunch and a brief stop at **Graffiti Park** near downtown to view the artwork follows the tour.

Ann may be contacted at fairann@sbcglobal.net or 281-686-1325. Your name may be added to a waiting list if a trip quota has been filled. Details and photos from previous trips, as well as information on future trips, may be viewed on our LEOH website, leohtexas.org.

LEOH SPRING SERVICE PROJECT

The **HAWC (Houston Area Women's Center)** assists survivors of sexual and domestic abuse. Our donations can make a huge difference in the lives of these women. The HAWC gladly accepts monetary donations, as well as new clothing items in larger sizes, including yoga pants, tops, pajamas, sports bras and panties; plus toiletries and cleaning supplies. We will learn more about this worthy organization from our Town Hall speaker **this Thursday, April 4th!** Thanks to all who have already donated!

MEMBER CARE COORDINATOR

Would your family member or fellow LEOH member experiencing an illness or loss appreciate a thoughtful card from LEOH? Contact Kelly Cervenka at kcervenka39@gmail.com or 281-814-6721.

BOOK CART AND DISPLAY TABLE

Borrow a book (or two) and return when done. Keep anything on the display table that catches your eye. Lots of new items appeared last week on the table, including some free plants from Susan Downs!

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKERS

10:00: Jeffrey Baldwin, Chaplain, Houston International Seafarers Center, explains the mission and services provided by the Center to seafarers coming into the Port of Houston. Ships are visited daily, including holidays, to assist seafarers.

11:15: Jim Parsons, Program Director, Preservation Houston, discusses the organization's work to save Houston's irreplaceable architectural and cultural heritage. He describes their educational outreach in providing walking tours, videos, and presentations, and highlights some of the award-winning restorations that are bringing new life to Houston's historic structures.

Questions or Comments?

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