



LEOH Spring Program – our 45th Year!

Fellowship Hall, Bellaire UMC | March 26, 2026



Welcome, new LEOH members!

Peggy Ascherl, Clay Burns, Susan Bradford, Marilyn Budolfson, Nancy Carter,
Nori Gabert, Elizabeth Haynes, Val King, Mary Morrisette, Nancy Owen,
Wilhelmina Ragland, and Emilie Ramos

We are happy you are joining us, and hope you enjoy what LEOH has to offer!

Morning Activities – Beginning at 9:30 a.m.

REGISTRATION – Coordinator Jane Shinn

Pick up your name tag at the registration table in the Welcome Center, just outside Fellowship Hall, and return it when leaving (for safekeeping until the next meeting).

REFRESHMENTS (Coffee, Tea, Water, Snacks)

Snacks and beverages are available to everyone prior to lunch.

THIS WEEK’S SPEAKERS

- Provided by speaker committee members Heide Vukovic and Judy Bristol

10:00-11:00 a.m. WHAT’S UP HOUSTON

THE PATH OF TEA

Chris McKann, Co-Founder, promotes the power of organic tea and its numerous health benefits, and shares that knowledge with us.

11:15-12:15 p.m. TOWN HALL

COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS (CIS) OF HOUSTON

Kathryn Medina, BA, MS, Director of Strategic Partnerships, explains the CIS role in providing community support to students to empower them to stay in school and achieve in life.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR PHONE (AND YOURSELF) DURING THE SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS!

Lunch & Afternoon Activities – Fellowship Hall, unless otherwise noted

12:15 p.m.

WEEKLY LUNCH DRAWING, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PRAYER/INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT

Add your name to the LEOH bowl the first time you attend (just once only, not each week thereafter)! Each Thursday, a name will be drawn, and the lucky winner will enjoy a free lunch that day. Last week’s winner was *Diana Mayo*!

LUNCH – Coordinators Patsy Frederick & Sandra Williams, Treasurer Rosalie Thurbon

Enjoy a sub from **Firehouse Subs**, plus a salad, drink, and ice cream cup! All for \$8. You may pay anytime, but preferably not during speaker presentations. You will receive a lunch “ticket” when you pay, and you will then turn in the ticket to the assigned member of the “kitchen crew” when you pick up your food. These returned tickets will assist our treasurer when tallying lunch receipts vs any donations. New members attending for the first time will enjoy a free lunch.

12:30-3:30 p.m. YEAR-ROUND BRIDGE (Room 131)

Coordinator: Pat Roberts

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

Coordinator: Paula Koehn

1:00-2:00 p.m. SPANISH CLASS (Room 123)

Instructor: Ana Moore

1:00-3:00 p.m. WATERCOLOR PAINTING (Room 122)

Instructor: Marie Schaer

1:00-3:00 p.m. EVERYTHING YARN & THREAD (Fellowship Hall)

Instructor: Mary Mahon

Enjoy working on an individual needlework project. If you want to learn a new skill or just observe, you are welcome to join them!

1:00-3:00 p.m. GAMES/TABLE TALK (Fellowship Hall)

Bring your favorite game (Scrabble, Rummikub, etc.) to play with fellow members, or join others to relax and enjoy a round-table discussion on topics of interest.

Caring Thoughts Corner

LEOH member Heide Vukovic is recovering from recent surgery

CARING THOUGHTS Your kind thoughts can be sent to another by way of an appropriate card on LEOH's behalf, upon your request. Please contact **Kelly Cervenka, Vice-President/Coordinator** at kcervenka39@gmail.com; 281-814-6721

TRIPS Ann Fairchild, Coordinator – fairann@sbcglobal.net; 281-686-1325

Details as they become available will be on our website and at meetings; sign-up will be closer to the dates

Wednesday, April 22 (Earth Day) - Artist Boat & Coastal Heritage Preserve in Galveston

Week of May 18-22 - PBS (Channel 8 TV) and radio station KUHF 88.7

Week of June 8-12 - Preservation Houston tour of the Houston Public Library

Week of July 20-24 - Amazon Distribution Center

BOOK CARTS & DISPLAY TABLES Vickie Fella, Coordinator – vickiesue.fella@gmail.com

Borrow a book and return it when done for others to enjoy. Display table items are free to keep (except books). Feel free to donate books, as well as new or lightly used items for the table. NOTE: Please keep the carted books in strict alphabetical order to assist everyone in finding books by author.

SERVICE PROJECTS Nina Quartaro, Coordinator – ninabq@aol.com

Service projects allow us to assist those in need in our surrounding communities. This Spring we have the opportunity to donate items/funds for **The Women's Home**, which serves women in our community who have had unfortunate and often abusive backgrounds. Additional details will be available at the meetings and in a separate email.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT LEOH? There are several options!

Contact LEOH President David Martin through the Bellaire UMC Office: 713-666-2167; Leave a comment on our LEOH website leohexas.org (your comments are confidential); Take advantage of our *Suggestion Box* – cards and pens are available at each table. Jot down your thoughts (anonymously if desired) and drop a card in the Box on the display table. We welcome your thoughts on how to make LEOH better. Speaker suggestions and topics are also very welcome!

LEOH PRESIDENT DAVID MARTIN welcomed everyone to our first Spring meeting, particularly our new members, and reminded everyone to please wear their name tag to assist in identifying new *and* returning members. In other news:

- Jim Burrough was welcomed as a new board member. David asked all board members to stand for recognition.
- LEOH member Dot Ullrich's recent passing was mentioned. A small booklet of remembrances including recent LEOH losses is available to view at meetings.
- Board members and co-chairs of the refreshments and lunch committee, Patsy Frederick and Sandra Williams, along with their spouses, are "retiring" from their committee duties at the end of this session. Fortunately, Julie Larson will be stepping in to co-chair the committee and looks forward to assistance from returning committee members and other interested members. Lunch on this day included some delicious soup; members can continue to look forward to variety.
- Pre-paid lunch "tickets" were introduced as a way to easily reconcile lunch payments vs. donations. The process seemed to go smoothly!
- A few rollators and wheelchairs are being retired by the church; members were invited to take one to use as needed.
- Ann Fairchild discussed upcoming field trips. At this time, the Precinct One bus will be available each month for transport, an added benefit for travelers!
- Mary Mahon offered a prayer prior to lunch.

OUR SPEAKERS FROM LAST WEEK *courtesy of Jim & Pat Burrough, and Judy Bristol*



PX PROJECT
(PERSONNES EXTRAORDINAIRE)
Meredith Davis
Executive Director/Founder

Meredith explained that service industry work requirements (such as discipline, promptness, learning from criticism, and "reading" people) are transferable skills for future success. PX graduates have a 93% success rate in being hired or entering a certification program. Unfortunately, funding last year could only accommodate 21 students, out of 67 applicants. The PX Project is supported via proceeds from their café, catering, and donated funds and supplies. The PX Café is located at 6856 Bellaire Blvd. and is open between 9a-2p M-F, offering family style food and catering. "Aspiration is personal, support is universal." Learn more at [PX PROJECT.ORG](http://PXPROJECT.ORG).



THE GREAT STORM OF 1900
Greg Funderburk
Attorney, Family Pastor,
and Author

Greg discussed some of the personal stories of the September 1900 storm that killed between 6,000-12,000 people in Galveston. At that time, there was little to no warning of such severe weather events. Residents worried about diseases such as yellow fever and smallpox, rather than the weather. An orphanage with 93 children and 9 nuns stood where Walmart currently stands. All died except 3 boys (Will Murney, Albert Campbell, and Frank Madera) who survived by climbing from the attic into a schooner caught in a tree. Greg's research revealed that they claimed to have had a mystical experience shortly thereafter. Read Greg's book **THE MOURNING WAVE** for more details of the storm and survivors.