

APRIL-JUNE 2024

KIWANIS CLUB

of CYPRESS • TX

Official Newsletter



At a Glance

- April 11th at 6:00 PM - Kiwanis Meeting and food pantry collection at Rudy's Cantina on Grant Rd.
- April 6, May 4, and June 1 at 8:00 AM - Cy-Fair Helping Hands Drive in Food Bank at new location 9204 Emmott Road - Houston TX 77040
- April 13, May 11, and June 8 at 8:00-10 AM or 10:30 AM-1 PM - Sleep in Heavenly Peace bed build at The Met Church
- Saturday, May 18 at 1:00 PM - Crawfish Boil benefitting Camp Hope at VFW Cypress Post - 21902 Northwest Fwy, Cypress, TX 77429



Welcome new
members!

Suzeann & Bill
Naseman

JOIN KIWANIS



MUSIC TRIVIA BINGO NIGHT RAISED \$4500

Kiwanis of Cypress, Texas held it's first major fundraiser on Saturday, February 10 at 11 Below Brewery. The event, which aimed to support Kiwanis partner organizations, including Cy-Fair Helping Hands, and local high school Key Clubs. The music trivia bingo through Pub Party Entertainment capped off a night which also included a silent auction and was supported with generous contributions form hosts 11 Below as well as local businesses Baby Bull Boxing, Great Ambitions LLC, Red Line Home Inspections, and Green Light Distribution as well as Louisiana's Bayou Works, LLC Marine Construction.



FOUR KEY CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS APPROVED FOR GRADUATING SENIORS

Based on the tremendous success of the February music bingofundraiser, the executive board has approved four scholarships, ranging from \$250-\$1000 for valued members of their high school's respective Key Club organizations. Applicants must be in their senior year of high school at one of the following schools: Cy Fair High School, Cypress Creek High School, Cy Ridge High School, Cy Woods High School, Langham Creek High School, and Jersey Village High School and must have completed one hundred (100) hours of volunteer service within the community, verified in writing by their home Key Club advisor. In addition to other requirements, applicants must write an essay of not more than 500 words on "Why Helping Others is Important for Young Adults in Our Community".

Application instrutions and additional details can be found [here](#).



2024 RALLY WITH LALLY

KEY CLUB FUNDRAISER SUPPORTS GOVERNOR'S EDUCATION INITIATIVE

Local Key Clubs joined together on Saturday, March 23 for the annual Rally With Lally fundraiser, raising almost \$600 to support the 2023-2024 Texas-Oklahoma Key Club Governor's project "Uplift through Education" with donations to [Books@Heart](#).

An early childhood reading program, focused on improving cognitive development and parent-child bonding, Books@Heart is a program through the Texas Children's Hospital system.

According to the website, since launching in February 2021, the Books@Heart program has

- Reached more than 650 babies with heart disease and their families
- Given out more than 1040 books that have been read over 10,400 times
- Awarded 318 reading medals, 195 reading trophies and 68 bonus book prizes to children





WHERE TO FIND US ONLINE

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/CypressKiwanis>

Instagram

@cypresskiwanis

Web

<https://cypresskiwanisclub.com>

ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **Cy-Fair Helping Hands** -
First Saturday of the month -
8:00 AM - Noon
- **Sleep in Heavenly Peace** -
Second Saturday of the month -
8:00 AM - 1:30 PM (time is role dependent)
- **Monthly Kiwanis Meeting Food Pantry Collection** to benefit Cy-Fair Helping Hands -
Second Thursday of the month - 6:00 PM

MEET KIWANIS PARTNER ORGANIZATION: SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

Understanding that across the US, too many boys and girls go without a bed—or even a pillow—to sleep on, Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SIHP) is dedicated to building, assembling and delivering bunk beds to children and families in need. The local chapter, based out of the Met Church at 13000 Jones Road, has volunteer opportunities for people of all skill levels. Kiwanis of Cypress, Texas has a standing volunteer opportunity to work with Sleep in Heavenly Peace on the second Saturday of each month. For more information on how you could help, please contact Kiwanis of Cypress, Texas.

A TASTE OF THE BAYOU CAN HELP VETERANS

Now in it's 11th year, the Camp Hope fundraiser and crawfish boil hosted by Kiwanis member and US Army veteran Chris Plummer has raised more than \$100,000, helping countless veterans and their families by funding a safe space for the victims of trauma and post-traumatic stress in which to experience healing through their six to nine-month interim housing program located in Houston, funded 100% through donations. The program can house up to 100 veterans at a time, all of whom receiving counseling for PTSD. **Join Chris for this year's crawfish boil fundraiser on Saturday, May 18 at 1:00 PM at the Cypress VFW located at 21902 Northwest Fwy, Cypress, TX 77429**

