

FALL 2024

KIWANIS CLUB

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Official Newsletter

Next Meeting

- November 14 at 6:00 PM - Rudy's Cantina on Grant Rd.



ROSS FLOOD HONORED WITH INAUGURAL ADULT PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

Recently retired middle school teacher, Ross Flood, was honored at the October meeting for his outstanding commitment to the Cypress community and the students of CFISD. Nominated by local resident Monique Lee, parent of Spillane Middle School students, where he finished his career, Mr Flood was described as "extraordinarily dedicated to his students and his profession," and Mrs. Lee noted that he "deeply cares about not just the academic success of his students but in their overall well-being and appreciates each one for their unique gifts. He shows up to performances and games in support of his students. He is a proponent of social justice and advocate for the needs of students." His former principal, Jamie Brotemarkle, shared that Mr. Flood "was an assistant principal for over 10 years before returning to the classroom. He was the rare administrator who listened to his heart, realizing that he missed teaching too much to stay away. His decision to return to the classroom was a gift to countless students who benefited from his enthusiasm and expertise."

The Kiwanis Club of Cypress, Texas acknowledged Mr. Flood's remarkable service to the community with a complimentary dinner, certificate, and a \$100 donation in his name to the non-profit of his



Are you interested in fostering a puppie or dog?

Cypress Lucky Mutt Rescue puppies and dogs come from situations they did not choose to be in. They ask that all of their fosters provide an indoor environment, food, toys, bedding and other basic daily needs. Cypress Lucky Mutt Rescue will provide heart-worm and flea preventatives, vaccinations and any other medical needs. Fosters will work with the Rescue's Case Managers to ensure they have what they need.

Ready to adopt?

Check out the Cypress Lucky Mutt Rescue [Facebook page](#) to see many of the available dogs.

Want to donate?

Monetary and supply donations accepted [online](#).

choice. He elected to provide the donation to Cypress Lucky Mutts Rescue, a Houston area 501(c)(3) dedicated to rescuing homeless and abandoned puppies and dogs from high-kill shelters and owners who can no longer care for them and serve as a resource to the community and all pet owners by providing education and information on responsible pet ownership, including the importance of spay/neuter, positive behavior training, and good nutrition and care.

Tobi Dahl, representative of Cypress Lucky Mutts, received the \$100 donation from Kiwanis of Cypress as well as a second \$100 contribution from the Monique Lee family, as a match to the Kiwanis gift.



NOMINATE OUR NEXT RECIPIENT

Help our club identify the next Adult Public Service Award recipient. Begin the process by reviewing the criteria and submitting a nomination [here](#). Please be sure to provide detailed, specific information about the nominee's qualifications, for best review.



MEET KIWANIS PARTNER ORGANIZATION: CY-FAIR HELPING HANDS

Founded in 2010 to help the homeless of Cy-Fair become self-sufficient, CFHH has grown to include a Community Food Pantry, enabling them to serve not only the homeless but the hungry. Their programs include transitional family services for families with children, scholarships, homeless street outreach, a homeless day center, programs for CFISD students and events and programs at the holidays and back-to-school time.



In addition to ongoing volunteer opportunities for CFHH, this year Kiwanis of Cypress will be decorating a tree to donate for the Festival of Trees. This annual holiday fundraiser is a festive celebration of the spirit of the season and a significant source of funding for the non-profit.

You are invited to attend the **Festival of Trees** on Saturday, November 9, 2024 from 7-10 PM at Lindsay Lakes in Cypress for dinner, desserts, live music, cocktails and mocktails, a silent auction, liquor and wine pull and photo ops. Tickets are \$100 each and available online [here](#). CFHH is also collecting donations through November 2 for **Thanksgiving Blessing Boxes**. Details about specific donation needs can be found [here](#).

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



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DONATE OR VOLUNTEER TO PLACE A WREATH AT HOUSTON NATIONAL CEMETARY

A tradition started almost three decades ago in Harrington, Maine, Wreaths Across America is now also a tradition in Houston and for the Kiwanis of Cypress club. This year Kiwanis of Cypress hopes to donate 20 wreaths for the Houston National Cemetery as well as to volunteer at the **December 14, 2024** wreath-laying ceremony.

Experienced volunteers note that parking is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Rather than parking on site, volunteers may also park at Greenspoint Mall and take a free shuttle to the cemetery. Shuttle service begins at 7:30 AM.

This rain or shine event typically draws more than 17,000 volunteers, including motorcyclists who escort the wreath trucks on the last leg of their week-long journey from Maine.

As a volunteer, you will join tens of thousands across the nation in placing wreaths on the markers of our fallen heroes. As you place each wreath, you will "say their name" to ensure that the legacy of duty, service, and sacrifice of each veteran is never forgotten. We invite families and volunteers of all ages to come and share in this patriotic experience!

You can play an important role as part in the mission to Remember the fallen, Honor those that serve and their families, and Teach the next generation the value of freedom.

To donate toward the Kiwanis goal of 20 wreaths, please contribute via Zelle to kiwanis.cypresstx@yahoo.com. The cost of one wreath donation is \$17, though donations of any amount are welcome.

