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YMCA—many ways to have a good time!

July 20, 2010—WISD Boardroom

We had some exciting news revealed at the monthly Economic Development breakfast, John Isom introduced Jeff Peterson, who is the executive director of the Cypress Creek YMCA. This particular YMCA has already been in partnership with the Waller ISD for about 10 years and will be increasing their scope of involvement in Waller. The Cypress Creek YMCA already provides after school day care in a couple of the Waller ISD elementary schools.

Jeff shared with the attendees what the Y is all about. They are a charitable, non-profit organization that wants to serve the entire community while putting Judeo-Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all. Jeff went on to give us a little history about the YMCA and said that during their studies they found that 1 out of every 3 persons in the United States has been touched in some way by a Y. There are 38 YMCA's in the Greater Houston area and the demand is strong in our neck of the woods for the services a YMCA provides.

Jeff expounded on the Cypress Creek and North Harris County Family YMCA's involvement in the communities they already serve:

- 2767 individuals from 6 mo. –adults learned to swim in the year round indoor pool.
- 11,000 youth gained self esteem, learned new skills and fun in classes such as: dance, gymnastics, creative arts, youth fitness and more.

- 1058 teens learned leadership skills, experienced volunteer opportunities and met other teens in value-oriented programs.
- 3333 youth spent weeks throughout the summer in the Day Camp Programs..
- 11,135 children participated in YMCA after school child care programs.
- 408 parent/child pairs spent time together in Parent Child Adventure Guides.
- 139,136 adults focused on healthy lifestyles in the Health and Wellness Program.
- 5124 Active Older Adults participated in the regular exercise classes and social activities.

So what does that mean for the Waller Area? The YMCA/Waller Community Development plan is very much a partnership with the YMCA and our community and its existing programs. The YMCA will be providing Soccer this fall and spring in partnership with the existing Youth Soccer League in Waller. They will also provided Volleyball (fall) and Basketball (winter) in partnership with the Waller ISD School District.

The future is even more exciting with plans consisting of Y-Guides, Summer Camps, and Specialty Camps. They would also be willing to assist in the existing baseball and football programs, if called upon. John Isom concluded with saying "Providing top-flight family fun is an important aspect of quality community living, and we welcome this new step forward for the Waller area."

Learn more about the Cypress Creek YMCA at <http://www.ymcahouston.org/cypress-creek/>



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Who's New in the Chamber?

**A very hearty welcome and come on in to all of these
new members!**

Boys and Girls County of Houston, Inc. Boys and Girls Country is a residential home for children from families in crisis

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Waller Pee Wee Football Association Football for ages 5 - 13. No 7th graders. Member of the Pride of Texas Youth Football Alliance.

Jolly Mon Moonwalks & More Party Rental Business, specializing in moonwalks, bouncers, slides, tables, chairs and complete party planning.



The New Teacher Luncheon for Waller ISD and Rosehill Christian School's newest teachers will be August 10th, 2010. The Waller Area Chamber of Commerce and area sponsors are providing goody bags for all the newest staff. Do you want to add something as an advertisement for your business? Call Rhonda at 936-372-5300 to make arrangements for pick up. If you want to donate a door prize, please let us know so we can make sure your company gets credit for it.

Let's make this an event to remember!

Have you read

The Waller Times?

WACC members have been featured in Wednesday's editions! Last spotlight was on **SIRE**. If you missed it, check it out online at www.thewallertimes.com

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Calendar of Events:

8/3—WACC Board Meeting
8/10—New Teacher's Luncheon— First Baptist Church
8/17—Waller EDC breakfast
8/21—Open House at Tuscan Gardens
12/4—Waller Christmas festivities

Have you bought your WARM cookbook yet? There are some for sale at Prosperity Bank, WARM, Waller Baptist Church and the WACC offices. There are some great recipes in it from some of our areas well known cooks.

From the President's Desk:

Dear Members,



I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying the summer, if you can avoid the rain, that is. What a contrast to last summer's oppressive heat and drought! As we bring July to a close, we are preparing for an exciting New Teacher's Luncheon on August 10th. If you have goodies to put into the Teacher Bags, there's still time to get those to the Chamber office. And if anyone would like to make a last minute donation of a raffle item or gift card to be used during the luncheon, please let us know. If you don't have time to get something, but you want to contribute, let Rhonda know and the Chamber will purchase a gift card for a raffle item and invoice you for whatever amount you choose. Anyone donating a raffle item or gift card will receive recognition at the luncheon when we raffle that particular item.

I would also like to remind everyone that starting in September, we will begin our monthly luncheons once again. Don't miss these opportunities to network and stay in touch with other local business owners. I'm also very proud of the fact that we have added 19 new members since March of this year. That's almost a 12% increase in membership in just 5 months!! This is a very good sign for our local economy. And it's a good reason to stay involved with Chamber activities.

I also want to take this opportunity to remind everyone that in 2011, we will begin a new legislative session in Austin. Since our sessions in Texas are every other year, it is going to be imperative that any concerns or issues that you feel are important be brought to our attention so that we can convey those to our local representatives. One of the major benefits of being a chamber member is that we can be your voice when it comes to our legislature. We are ready to work for you. Let us know what is important. We are currently planning some activities and luncheon speakers to inform members about the issues that will be coming up in the next session.

With the new school year right around the corner, we hope that everyone had a great summer and relaxing vacations. We are looking forward to building the momentum in our local business community right into 2011!!!

Trey Duhon