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September in Review

It has been a busy month in District 127. I am going to use this issue to review what we have been up to in the community during September and give you a heads up on how you can get involved in October and moving forward.


Last week marked the first day of Fall, and with it came more football games, festivals and functions than any other time of the year. My family and I enjoy getting out to these events to see you and many other local residents getting outside and becoming more engaged in the community.

The cooler weather will be arriving soon and hopefully the rain will be in tow behind it. I know many of you join me in my concern for the future of Lake Houston. Even with the continual release of water from Lake Conroe, our water levels seem dangerously low. Not to mention the new vegetation growth we now see in the lake bed.

As I stated in past editions, the City of Houston had folks come out to survey the situation and believe the plants will eradicate themselves when the water returns. The large debris is also being removed from the lake bed as it is discovered by the Lake Houston Patrol Division of the Houston Police Department. We are all grateful for their service to the community.

I would also like to add that the legislation Senator Williams' and I passed this last session to help decrease the amount of sediment and silt flowing from upriver will help to keep the lake from gaining more sand, but we hope to address the existing levels of sand in our lake this next session with further legislation and possible dredging.

Please take the time to read through our newsletter. If you would like to learn more about any of the items in this newsletter, please contact my staff at either the District Office, 281-360-9410, or the Capitol Office, 512-463-0520. And remember you can always contact me through the House website at www.house.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,


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UIL Advisory Council Appointment

Earlier this month, Speaker of the House Joe Straus, announced my appointment to the Interscholastic Advisory League Council. I will serve alongside State Senator Kel Seliger as we review the current rules of the University Interscholastic League, make recommendations to the UIL Legislative Council, the State Board of Education, Governor Perry and the rest of the legislature regarding the future of the UIL.

It is an honor to be chosen by Speaker Straus to serve in this capacity. I believe my experience as a Humble ISD School Board Trustee and my time listening to testimony on the UIL in the Public Education committee this past session will give me a unique perspective.

We had our first meeting September 9, and our plan is to study three specific issues and help UIL and make necessary recommendations. These include: the UIL policy with respect to the eligibility of students to participate in programs; geographic distribution of UIL resources and programs; and gender equity.

I made several recommendations to create a fair process, which will be adopted during the next realignment. Our goal needs to be sure that we have a balanced set of Districts, while making sure they are set to keep rivalries alive. I will work closely with all our schools and districts over the next year to ensure fairness and that all districts are properly represented.

It is an honor to serve in this capacity, as it will give our community a voice when realignment takes place again in 2012, and I thank Speaker Straus for the opportunity.

16th Annual Dick Bagley Kiwanis Kids Triathlon

On Saturday, September 10, I was honored to present awards to some of the greatest athletes in our community at the Annual Kiwanis Kids Triathlon. Every year, the Kiwanis Club of Kingwood hosts the Kids Triathlon. The event was one of seven occurring in the Houston area and was held at the Bear Branch Pool. Aimed at children ages 7 - 12, the triathlon consists of swimming, running and cycling. The top boys and girls in each age group are given awards. Visit their website for more information: www.kingwoodkiwanis.org.

This year, the first place trophies went to: Girls 12 - Alejandra Bremauntz; Boys 12 - Andres Lopez-Aguirre; Girls 11- Kaytlynn Welsch; Boys 11- Connor Richmond; Girls 10 - Delaney Newsome; Boys 10 - Trent Nolen; Girls 9 - Maria Jose Lopez-Aguirre; Boys 9 - Ryan Salva; Girls 8 - Karalynn Salva; Boys 8 - Jack Young; Girls 7 - Monica Lopez-Aguirre and Boys 7 - Quinn Harrison. I would like to congratulate all of these winners and the other participants for their hard work and dedication in completing the race.



Kingwood Kiwanis Kids Triathlon Competitors Running at Bear Branch Pool

Dine and Dance for Ashley Payne

We received news this month that Ashley Payne, the daughter of our friends Kristi and Thomas Williams, was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma cancer. As soon as the news came out, our community went to work to help 26-year old Ashley with her battle. A "Dine and Dance" benefit was held on Saturday, September 10, at the Humble Civic Center. Starting at 11:00 AM, folks came and went enjoying great BBQ, listening to music and spending time with Ashley and her family. A silent auction helped raise funds and donations were also accepted to help curb some of Ashley's medical costs.

In the end, tons of community members came by the Civic Center that day in support of Ashley and her family and a lot of funds were raised to help her. My family and I were grateful to be there for Ashley, Kristi and Thomas during this tough time, but know there is still a long road ahead. If you would like to make a contribution or donation to Ashley, please contact Kristi Williams at 281-701-8261.

2nd Annual Military Appreciation Day

For the ten-year anniversary of the 9/11, my family and I were invited to attend the Military Appreciation Day at Harley Davidson - Kingwood. It was a great way to honor those who lost their lives on that Tuesday morning in New York, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania, and the many more who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom since that day.

For the second year in a row, President Larry Krueger and his team of tireless volunteers, Don & Debbie King and Mike Ratliff, to name a few, put on a great community event. The Harley Davidson - Kingwood parking lot hosted hundreds of folks who were there to show their support by enjoying the BBQ, music, games, classic cars and even a dunk tank. As a public servant, I felt it only right to spend my designated time in the dunk tank. My wife and kids particularly enjoyed my time in there. It's funny how many people will pay money to dunk a politician. In the end, we raised money for a good cause and celebrated our service members and their families. Thanks to Helping Our Military for putting on this great event. If you would like to donate to the organization, [click here](#).



Speaking at Military Appreciation Day



Janet attempting to get me in the Dunk Tank

Jake Huberty

It is with great sadness that I write this short piece. This month, my family and I had to say goodbye to our very first "child", our oldest dog Jake. Janet and I got Jake when he was just a puppy over 13 years ago. He lived a full and fun life up until the end, when we knew it was time for him to move on. I am sure many of you have been through this very same situation and will agree with me when I say it was a tough time for our family. So, I wanted to take a small portion of this newsletter to honor Jake for being a great dog. We will miss him greatly. I have included one of my family's favorite photos of Jake below.



Photo courtesy of Pat Guard

Kingwood Area Republican Women U.S. Senate Candidate Forum

On Wednesday, September 21, several of the announced candidates for the seat being vacated by Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison's retirement came to Kingwood for a forum. Five candidates were present including: Glenn Addison, Andrew Castanuela, Elizabeth Ames Jones, Tom Leppert and Lela Pettinger. The event was hosted by the Kingwood Area Republican Women at Kingwood Country Club and radio host Sam Malone of KSEV served as the master of ceremonies. The forum was moderated by Harris County District Attorney Pat Lykos. The candidates were given a two-minute opening introduction then one minute to answer each question from the moderator.

The event also hosted a special celebration of President Ronald Reagan's Centennial Birthday featuring an authentic memorabilia exhibit, collected mostly by KARW board member Dr. Elaine Scott. A silent auction was also held to raise funds for the club.

Local dignitaries from across the area were in attendance and many candidates also stopped by the event. It was a great event and wonderful way to celebrate Ronald Reagan's 100th birthday.



With Constable Ron Hickman, KSEV's Sam Malone, Candidate for Harris County Sherriff - Louis Guthrie and Humble ISD School Board Trustee Robert Scarfo

Texas Right to Life - Celebration of Life

This past Friday, September 23, Texas Right to Life hosted their 14th annual Celebration of Life as there were many victories to commemorate from the 82nd legislative session, and several legislators were present to celebrate with us. I was honored to be recognized among some of the top scoring House and Senate members on the Right to Life Scorecard. I earned a total score of "Perfectly Pro-Life" with 119% and received an award from the organization. The organization had these kind words to share, "we were pleased to have the opportunity to express our thanks to [Rep. Huberty] for his support. We hope for many such Pro-Life sessions in the future." And I would like to thank Texas Right to Life for recognizing me.

Autumn's Dawn

Earlier this Spring, I was given the opportunity to play in the Autumn's Dawn Golf Tournament benefitting the Autumn's Dawn 501(c)3 organization whose vision is "to successfully transition adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders from school to independent adult life." They do this through training with Educational Specialists and a trained Life Coach. Autumn's Dawn hosted a Prayer Breakfast for the first dawn of Autumn on Friday, September 23. I was there to support the organization. They will be hosting their first gala and fundraiser on Saturday, October 29, and Janet and I would like to thank Allen and Linnie Howard, Pete and Martha Serna and Sparky Nolan for their involvement with this organization and we look forward to supporting their cause in the future.



Left: Autumn's Dawn Golf Tournament



Right: Presenting Texas Flag to Howard Linnie

HAAM Hands and Hearts Gala

On Saturday September 17, Humble Area Assistance Ministries honored three very deserving couples at their first annual Hearts and Hand Gala. All three couples; Dorothy & Rick Alspaugh, Lynn & Jack Fields and Diane & Guy Sconzo have been extremely active in our community and their contributions are invaluable to our small town's many successes. I was honored to present Lynn Fields her award, as seen here.



The Mission Northeast Luncheon

The Mission Northeast held its annual Luncheon and Fashion Show on Monday, September 26. I was honored to be invited to attend the event but was only able to stay for a little while, but my wife, Janet, also attended. We were happy to offer a framed lithograph of the Texas Capitol signed by all 150 members of the Texas House to be auctioned for the benefit of The Mission. I would like to thank Pam Dickson and her team at The Mission for their tireless work to make this event so great year after year. The Mission serves a large purpose in our community by assisting those who need "a hand up, not a hand out". If you would like to learn more about The Mission and their purpose, visit www.missionne.net.

Tasting the Town

I was given the opportunity to judge the tasty creations and creative booths at this year's Tasting the Town event on Thursday, September 22. Andy Dill, East Montgomery Chamber of Commerce President, Charlie Dromgoole, Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce President, and I walked around the Humble Civic Center awarding the booths with the tastiest treats and festive booths. As always, Tasting the Town was a wonderful event and I would like to thank Jennifer Jozwiak and Tiffany Bauer of Lake Houston Events for their tireless work to make this event come together every year. Thank you for your service to the community.



Awarding Hector's Mexican Grill & Cantina with "Best Decorated/Themed Booth"



Awarding Dirt Road Divas for the "Most Creative Tabletop"

Walden Club Champions

Walden County Club held its annual member golf tournament on Sunday, September 19. It was a fun event and I would like to congratulate the winners. They are listed and pictured below.

Male and Female
Net Champions
Sheryl McKeller and
Martyn Bates



Male and Female
Gross Champions
Kim Spurlock and
Dan McGuire



Upcoming Events - October 1st - 9th

Saturday, October 1

9 AM - National Night Out Festival - Kingwood Town Center

1 PM - Fall Festival - Kings Harbor

Monday, October 3

6 PM - Council Member Mike Sullivan's Town Hall - Creekwood Middle School

Tuesday, October 4

6 PM - National Night Out - Kings Forest Community Center

Wednesday, October 5

11 AM - Kingwood Chamber Luncheon - Nathaniel Center

Friday, October 7

11 AM - FamilyTime Purple Ribbon Luncheon - Kingwood Country Club