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Around The Neighborhood

Thanks for another GREAT Christmas Holiday Season!!

This past Christmas Holiday Season was very successful with the "Share Your Holidays" food drive collecting nearly 40,000 lbs. of food. This year was PNC's second best year to date. The schools were the key donors. Lutheran South Middle School collected 4,113 lbs, while Pearland Jr. High East collected 3,756 lbs..

Santa's Helpers assisted 306 families (769 children). 163 families were sponsored by individual families, clubs or businesses. 143 families were sponsored by PNC. 209 families were provided food baskets with Turkeys by PNC. The balance of the families were provided food basket by the sponsor. New Hope Church's small groups sponsored an incredible 70 families alone. In addition the congregation held a toy drive which PNC received 25% for a total of 348 toys and 2 bikes. The Toy's for Tots program with the Pearland Police Department also greatly assisted with the overall success. With their help, nearly 100 children received bicycles.

Thanks to everyone that helped this year!! We could not have done it without you.

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Pearland Curves Food Drive



A recent food drive held by both Pearland Curves locations yielded 725 pounds of non-perishable food and \$1,650 to help the Pearland Neighborhood Center assist local residents in need.



Curves has turned this into an annual event.

Many thanks for a job well done.



King Candidates: Kevin Fuller, Randy Emmons & Jeffrey Kyle

Queen Candidates: Kim Koza, Kristi Nichols & C. R. Cooper

HERE'S WHAT WE DO AT PNC

The Pearland Neighborhood Center, also known as PNC, is Pearland's only multi-service facility. Established in 1987, its mission statement is "to provide a foundation of effective services and responsive programs to facilitate the development of individuals and families". PNC facilitates services from many different agencies. In partnership with PNC the following agencies provide various programs and services to the community:

- United Way
- Youth and Family Counseling
- Brazoria County Welfare Dept.
- Lone Star Legal Aide
- Braz. Co. Community Dev. & Welfare
- U.S. Marine Corp - Toys for Tots
- Pearland Service Organizations
- Partners for Pearland
- The Women's Center
- Texas Work Source
- Depelchin's Children Center
- Head Start
- Pearland Police Department
- Pearland I.S.D.

The services that PNC offers with the help of these agencies include:

- Information & Referral Services
- Food & Baby Pantry
- Bread Pantry
- Santa's Helpers
- Medical & Prescription Assistance
- School Supplies Vouchers
- Continuing Education Scholarships
- Senior Employment Program
- English as a Second Language Course
- Emergency Assistance
- Pearland Forum
- Share Your Holidays
- Disaster Relief
- School Clothing Vouchers
- GED Scholarships
- Utility Assistance
- Basic Household Vouchers

PEARLAND FORUM

The 8th Annual "Linking a Great Community" Pearland Forum will be held on May 2, 2007 at 11:30 am. Community leaders and organizations are invited to give a brief overview of services offered and upcoming events.

If you would like to attend, call the PNC office at 281.485.1987 or email Kelly at pnc1987@sbcglobal.net.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

We welcome our new board members and wish them much success in their service to our community. We thank them for their commitment.

Martha Fenn
Memorial Hermann

Chris Lesak
Pat Griffin Realty

Chad Randall
Pearland Police Dept.



MASKED BALL - 2007 Candidates

C.R. Cooper - Born in Santiago, Chile and raised in Puerto Rico, C. R. Cooper found her way to Pearland three years ago. She came to this country as an immigrant carrying a green card until her 19th birthday when she became a U.S. Citizen. Bookkeeping was her original chosen career path, but it was a 10 year career in journalism that led her to the Pearland/Friendswood Journal's Publisher position and ultimately making Pearland home for her along with her husband, Kevin, and their two children, Taylor and Madison.

C. R. is the current owner of Promotions for Success, a marketing agency for small businesses, and publisher of the Alvin/Santa Fe Best Coupons Magazine reaching 20,000 households. She is also a published author. Her book "La Perla" was published by the N.Y. Publishing house Kensington. Kevin, a Project Engineer II for Honeywell, is a retired marine of 22 years with a stellar career, and an accomplished motorcycle rider as well as a car aficionado. Son Taylor was named 2006 Cadet of the Year for Pearland High School's Junior ROTC program and daughter, Madison, an aspiring ballerina, was recently named Student of the Month at Pearland Junior High West.

It is evident that the needs of her community have always been a top priority for C.R. Cooper by her past affiliations with the Bay Area American Business Women Association, Bay Area/Houston Romance Writers of America Chapter, and currently a member and ambassador (2005 Ambassador of the Year) of the Pearland Chamber of Commerce, member of Alvin/Manvel Chamber of Commerce, member of the Adult Reading Center and Chair for the 4th Annual Red Hat Literacy Luncheon.

As a Pearland Neighborhood Center Queen Candidate, C. R. is planning to host a couple of events to include an Art Auction. C. R. believes in giving back and says, "Volunteerism is the price you pay to live on this earth."

Kim Koza - Queen Candidate Kim Koza has been proud to call Pearland her home for nearly 13 years. Kim graduated from Texas Tech University in 1989 with a B.B.A. in Marketing, and made the Deans list while attending there. After graduation, she went to work as a salesperson for a welding supply company in San Antonio. It was while she was working there that she met her husband, Jerry Koza, Jr., who is a third generation member of the Pearland community. Jerry is employed by the local family business, Profax. He serves on the City of Pearland Planning and Zoning Board.

After Kim and Jerry became engaged she moved to Pearland, and began working for Associated Welding Supply. In 1999, Kim decided to retire to stay home and raise their children. Kim and Jerry have a daughter, Nicole age 7 and a son, Collin age 5. Her parents, Don and Kathryn Huckabay live in Country Place. Kim is the daughter-in-law of Jerry and Susie Koza.

Candidate Kim is active in the community. She is currently serving as President of the Pearland Silverlake Lions Club, incoming Cabinet Secretary for the Lions Club District 2S-4, and was named Silverlake Lion of the Year 2006. She is also a member of the Shadycrest Elem. PTA Executive Board, a member of First United Methodist Church, and Caring for America Chairman for the Tri County Republican Women.

Candidate Kim Koza is always willing to help those less fortunate. She is honored to run as a PNC Queen Candidate and is confident that together with the other King and Queen candidates, this will once again be a successful fundraising campaign for PNC.

Kristi Nichols - All the way from Indianapolis, Kristi Nichols, a former IT Analyst turn Hair Stylist, has been a Friendswood citizen for 4 1/2 years. Kristi received her cosmetology certification from Houston Community College and is currently a Stylist at Altered Images Color Salon and Day Spa. According to Kristi, Pearland is her home away from home since she does all of her shopping and eating here.

Kristi is married to Realtor/Developer, Brett Nichols. Brett is a member of the Friendswood Chamber of Commerce and serves on the board of directors. Kristi's past affiliations include the Houston Humane Society and she is currently a Roller Girl and Referee of the South Side Roller Derby League and a recipient of the Employee of the Year Award with Altered Images.

Kristi always knew she wanted to be a hairstylist, when she was younger and got in trouble at home her parents would punish her by taking away her hairspray. Growing up in a family of four kids and a disabled American veteran for a father, she watched her parents struggle to make ends meet. She believes it is important to help your neighbors and thinks that this is a great opportunity to serve her community. Kristi plans to host a Murder Mystery and a Picnic as her fundraising events and she intends to put great effort in collecting auction items for the ball in August.

Randy Emmons - Born and raised in Missouri, the *Show Me* state, his college education *showed* him the way to Texas. Randy Emmons, owner/publisher of the Pearland Reporter News transferred to Southwest Texas State University from the University of Missouri some 30 years ago. Randy's wonderful business partner also happens to be his wife, Laura. They have two children, Brandon 27 and Kelly 18.

Randy is a member of the Friendswood Chamber of Commerce, serves on its board of directors, and was a past President. He is also an active member of the Pearland Rotary. Randy likes skiing, hiking, hunting, and fishing. He is a true outdoorsman.

Randy and his wife Laura have always been very involved in the community and he was honored to have been asked to help the Pearland Neighborhood Center by serving as a king candidate.

Kevin Fuller - Where to raise a family you ask? Kevin Fuller knew the answer to that, and so along with his wife Aimee, he moved his family to Pearland five years ago. Originally from Shreveport, Louisiana, Kevin received his B.S. in Accounting and Finance from the University of Houston- Clear Lake. Kevin's career has definitely followed his chosen course of study with him having been the Asst. Director of Finance for the City of Pearland, the Chief Financial Officer for a Private Industry, and currently a Financial Advisor for UBS Financial Services.

Kevin's wife, Aimee, is a stay at home mom to their two beautiful children, Jacob 4 and Joshua 2. Kevin is very involved in community and professional organizations such as the Pearland Chamber of Commerce, Pearland Economic Development Committee, Rotary Club of 288 Corridor, and sits on the board of directors for the Pearland Coppinger YMCA. Recently, Kevin served as the Master of Ceremonies for the 2007 Pearland Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet and the Master of Ceremonies for the 2006 Elected Official Reception. Kevin is also a 2006 graduate of Leadership Pearland.

Kevin became aware of the good things that the Pearland Neighborhood Center does during his Leadership Pearland Class and wants to do all that he can to help the PNC continue to provide such worthy services to our families in need. Being an avid outdoorsman, Kevin is planning on keeping his fund-raising in the great outdoors with possibly a crawfish boil and a skeet shoot. He is also considering hosting a "web game."

Jeffrey Kyle - Raised in Pasadena, Texas, Jeffrey Kyle moved to Pearland after Law School. He received his B.S. from Texas A&M University; his J.D. from South Texas College of Law; and LL.M. from Southern Methodist University. Jeffrey is currently a partner at Oaks, Hartline & Daly in Pearland. Jeffrey moved to Pearland in 2000 with wife, Felicia Harris Kyle. Felicia is also a partner at Oaks, Hartline & Daly. and was recently elected to the Pearland City Council.

Jeffrey makes an effort to be very aware of the needs of the community and stays involved through professional and community organizations such as the Brazoria County Bar Association where he was a past President, the Pearland Lion's Club, and the 288 Corridor Rotary Club. Jeffrey's enthusiasm in helping the Pearland Neighborhood Center by being a King Candidate is admirable to say the least.

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STATISTICS

Number of individuals or units of service by each PNC program during the 2006 fiscal year as reported to the United Way.

Information & Referral 6893	Food Pantry 3978
Santa's Helpers 1091	Baby Pantry 761
Share Your Holidays 353	Bread Pantry 1372
ESL & GED Scholarships 73	Medical Assistance 18
School Supplies/Uniforms 265	Utility Assistance 227

Upcoming Events

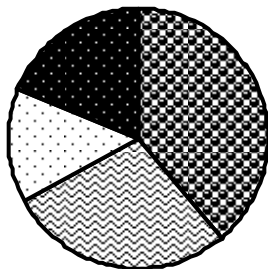
8th Annual PEARLAND FORUM
 Hosted by PNC on May 2nd @
 11:30 a.m. at the center.

Various parties and hosts from now until the Ball. Watch for dates and times to be announced.

PNC's Annual Masked Ball is scheduled for August 24th.

FUNDING

Pie chart represents total percentage of Pearland Neighborhood Center's overall funding in fiscal year 2006.



- Fundraising
- United Way Contributions
- Other Organizations
- Private Donor Designations

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To provide a foundation of effective services and responsive programs to facilitate the development of individuals and families.