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SALVATION ARMY AUSTIN

Women's Auxiliary Spring Event

On Tuesday, April 5th The Salvation Army Austin Women's Auxiliary hosted their 1st Annual Spring Event, "A Garden Party of Tablescapes and Spring Style Show".

The event was hosted by the lovely Hotel Ella with a room overflowing with guests eager to be with friends and raise funds for a worthy cause. The American Society of Interior Designers, Austin Chapter, provided a breathtaking gallery of tablescapes.

Stephanie O'Neil of Estilo Austin provided casual, day and evening wear fashions for the show as well as a fun pop-up for shopping. Amanda Tatum emceed as the event's Honorary Style Show Chair.

The Event Committee was led by **Kate Ferguson** of Flourish Plant, and its members, **Elizabeth McCormick, Sherry McGillicuddy, Jill Durkee, Anne Monnig, Thresa Nasi, Susan Baker, and Cathy**

Present created a beautiful day to launch many more like it.

Auxiliary President, **Cathy Present**, and Austin Salvation Army Area Commander, **Major Jacquelyn Reckline** are thrilled to see the newly formed Auxiliary growing to support and serve those in need of lasting change.

Proceeds exceeded \$50,000 and will benefit The Salvation Army Rathgeber Center for Families, which ensures a future without homelessness. The Center provides counseling, budgeting, life-skills, education completion, sustainable job and housing placement and after care for two years following program completion.

Be sure to check out details of the Auxiliary at <https://salvationarmyaustin.org/sawa-austin/>. Email Anne Monnig, Membership Chair, at amonnigs2@gmail.com to join.

Dearest Auxiliary Members and Friends,

I am unsure words will aptly communicate the deepest gratitude that fills my heart. From Committee members, volunteers, community sponsors and partners to businesses and vendors that made our day possible, THANK YOU!

On behalf of The Salvation Army Austin Area Command and The Salvation Army Rathgeber Center for Families, we must express the appreciation that has overwhelmed us.

For our Auxiliary to be "in the room" and "at the table" together was the perfect way to jumpstart Spring in

Austin. Our 1st Annual Garden Party of Tablescapes and Spring Style Show was more than beautiful because of you and, we have begun a tradition!

We have already begun planning for next year's event with a few surprises! Mark your calendars NOW for April 4, 2023 (tell your friends!).

May God richly nourish and refresh the soil of your heart! "Your soul shall be like a well-watered garden ..." — Jeremiah 31:12

Blessings,

Major Jacquelyn Reckline
Area Commander
The Salvation Army
Austin Area Command



The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary (SAWA) is a volunteer education and fundraising arm of The Salvation Army Greater Austin Area Command. The SAWA sponsors initiatives that enrich the lives of citizens in Travis and Williamson counties by meeting them at their point of need.



Tasha Cline, Cara Mierl

Troop 5 Honors Newest Eagle Scouts

Boy Scout Troop 5 chartered by the First United Methodist Church of Austin and featuring a strong presence of West Austin students, celebrated seven scouts who earned their Eagle Scout Award, the Boys Scout's of America's highest achievement award.

ACHIEVEMENTS

As part of Troop 5, these scouts have spent countless hours over the last few years, and during a pandemic no less, planning and executing voluntary service through several projects on behalf of the community. From environmental revitalization to restoration of non-profit facilities intended to provide a safe haven for at-risk youth, they have provided a significant positive impact to our community.

The troop's newest Eagle Scouts are:

SAM BALLARD is a junior at Hyde Park Baptist High School where he plays football, basketball, and lacrosse. Sam's Eagle Scout project included repairing the playground at Helping Hand Home for Children, a residential childcare agency for vulnerable children. Sam and his Troop volunteers installed new turf, provided landscaping work, and designed and painted sensory activity games on their big empty concrete slab. Sam's parents are Julie and Buddy Ballard.

JOHN LAMAIR is a junior at the Liberal Arts and Science Academy (LASA) High School where he participates in the Youth and Government Club and is a member of the National Honor Society. John designed and built a large chicken coop enclosure with the help of his Troop 5 volunteers for the Hillside Early Education Center, a non-profit, childcare program. John's parents are Elizabeth and Trey LaMair.

JACOB GOOCH is a junior at



From left: Jack Hawes, John LaMair, Jason Gooch, Jory Richardson, Wilson Nasi, Jack Heiser and Sam Ballard.

St. Andrews Episcopal School where he participates in track & field. For his Eagle project, Jason along with his Troop 5 volunteers created an outdoor learning space with a picnic table along with some landscaping at St. Andrews. Jason's parents are Michelle and Jason Gooch.

JACK HAWES is a junior Austin High School Global Studies Academy where he is a member

of the National Honor Society, a drummer for the marching band and is an active member of the Austin Stone Church's youth group. His Eagle Scout project entailed the revitalization of an impaired environment. Jack and his troop volunteers regaded damaged water ways and nurtured a trashed eco-system with the planting of new trees and seedlings at Scott Falls. Jack's parents are Jeanne and David Hawes.

JACK HEISER is a junior at Hyde Park Baptist High School where he is on the golf team, and he volunteers at Good Shepherd as an acolyte. For his Eagle project, Jack and his Troop 5 volunteer peers helped implement trail mapping and did trail restoration at Camp Mabry. Jack's parents are Mullaney and Ned Heiser.

WILSON NASI is a junior at the Liberal Arts and Science Academy

(LASA) High School at which he is a member of the LASA Robotics Team while balancing several AP classes. For his Eagle project, Wilson worked with Troop 5 volunteers to implement a musical instrument installation at the Tarrytown United Methodist Church playground. Wilson's parents are Thresa and Mike Nasi.

JORY RICHARDSON is a senior in the Global Studies Academy with AP classes at Austin High School, a member of the National Honor society, the goalie for the Austin High Varsity Boys Lacrosse team and participates in a part-time business internship. Jory's Eagle project included the planning and implementing a sport back-stop to prevent injuries to passing pedestrians and drivers and leading a capital campaign to raise over \$8,000 to fund the project installation for the non-profit West Austin Youth Association (WAYA) Chalmers' field. Additionally, he oversaw and worked with this Troop 5 volunteers on field maintenance which included renovating the bleachers, cutting down brush and picking up litter. Jory's parents are Anitra and Joel Richardson.

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WESTSIDE STORIES



Left to right: Dr. William Bacon, former Muny caddy, and friend of General Marshall. Dr. Bacon also lived in Clarksville. He is now retired and lives in Florida. Bob Ozer spoke with him about the early desegregation, and he remembered the incident and identified Alvin Propps as one of the two boys playing “illegally.” Next, Mary Arnold, and then US Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson, Dallas, whose son golfs in Austin. She wrote in support of the National Register listing for Muny. Last, on right, General Marshall -- former caddy, member of Golf Advisory Board for many years, golfer, and amateur photographer of Save Muny golf tournaments. He held a graduate degree from UT, was a long-time math professor at Huston-Tillotson, and a member of Save Muny. He died in June 2020.

THE STORY OF MUNY

Part of the story about how Muny earned official designations from the Texas Historical Commission and the National Register of Historic Places, as told by Mary Arnold.

The Board of Regents started “studying” the Brackenridge Tract once again in 2006. They completed a task force report, and then hired a firm to draw up a Master Plan for how to develop the Brackenridge Tract and make money for UT Austin. The firm hired by UT to do the Master Plan made its report to the Regents in 2010. The plans did not include a golf course. Immediately, Save Muny advocates began trying to figure out what it would take to prevent that from happening.

One suggestion came from conversations that Bob Ozer and Ken Tiemann had with General Marshall, who told them about remembering black golfers at Muny in the early 1950s, when he was a caddy there. That was just after the Sweatt v. Painter lawsuit decision (June 5, 1950) and before the Brown v. Board of Education decision (1954) which led to school desegregation. Bob found reference to the golf course desegregation by Taylor Glass, who was Austin’s mayor from 1949-1951. Ozer and Tiemann started searching for other information that would verify the story. They received help from the staff at the Austin History Center, and the story was corroborated by Taylor Glass’s daughter and in City Council minutes and news articles. It seems the City Council had decided that if the African Americans were going to play golf at Muny, the city would have to provide a separate building for them to use to change clothes and not use the Muny clubhouse. General Marshall reported that the small “clubhouse” was built, but the African American golfers didn’t make use of it.

Mayor Glass’s story was that he had once received a call from the Muny clubhouse saying that two young Black kids were playing golf there. Since they thought that was prohibited, the Muny staffers wanted advice about what to do. The mayor checked with two other council members, and suggested that they just be left alone to finish their game, and no one should call the police or the newspapers. (The book that referenced Taylor Glass’s account of the incident also mentioned Emma Long, who was on the City Council at that time. She was a tireless advocate for improving conditions for African Americans in Austin. Tiemann, Ozer and General Marshall visited with her about this story and others.)

This account of the early desegregation at Muny, especially since it occurred without a lawsuit, was a part of what made the Lions Municipal Golf Course history different and therefore more worthy of being recognized as historically important by both the Texas Historical Commission and the National Register of Historic Places.

Mary Arnold

Part 2



BY FORREST PREECE

Over the past month, Mary Arnold has been telling me about her involvement with the Save Muny effort, which goes back many years. One part of her experience with this movement concerns the early desegregation of Muny. Mary wrote this story quite eloquently and I wanted to share it. By the way, General Marshall’s first name really was “General.”

Mary’s story

When my husband and I married in the summer of 1959, we rented a house on Waterston, and we were there for about three years. We began to learn about Clarksville, where, after the end of the Civil War, Governor Pease sold land to a former slave.

This area became home to many other former slaves. The lot our house was on backed up to an unpaved street, which was an extension of W. 12th St. It was unpaved because it was considered to be in Clarksville, where the city was not helping with pavement. Being in a sort of integrated neighborhood was just fine with us. Barriers were beginning to come down in Austin; we had friends who were picketing the segregation of the movie theaters on the Drag. In the summer of 1962, we moved to West University in the Houston area, and returned to Austin in 1965.

During the first 1972-73 Save Muny effort, the City Council at one point named several citizens to a committee to help negotiate with UT for the city to keep its lease on the golf course. I was named to that committee, as was Ben Crenshaw. Another member was General Marshall. I am not sure the committee ever met together, because Mayor Roy Butler and the Chair of the UT Board of Regents, former governor Allan Shivers, worked out a different way for UT and the City to communicate — i.e., three regents with three council members.



A celebration at Muny in 1989 – Mary Arnold with Delano Womack and Virginia Bedinger.

By the time I was appointed to the Parks Board, a Golf Advisory Board had been organized — with representatives from the different golf groups that used the city’s golf courses for tournaments, etc. Heading the group was Dick Kemp. Representing the Capital City Golf group was General Marshall. There were also some “at-large” appointees to the board, and because of my involvement with Save Muny, I became one of those “at-large” members. General Marshall and I began to get to know each other, and we were both about the same age. General had grown up in Clarksville. That was something I knew a bit about because of living on Waterston. General told of caddying at Muny — by walking across the railroad tracks (i.e., before MoPac) to get to the course. General went to college in Atlanta, and was now teaching math at Huston-Tillotson.

Since the agreement reached between UT and the City in 1973 about Muny was only set to last until 1987, we had to get busy and work out an entirely new deal, and that took approval by the Texas Legislature in 1989. That gave us at least 30 more years to have Muny, and a new

requirement about paying lease money to UT for use of the land. (And each five years, the lease rate went up 20% - with the last five-year lease amount at almost \$500,000/yr.) Dick Kemp, a real estate person, as head of the Golf Advisory Board, was very active in working out details of the agreement.

When the Chair of the Board of Regents appointed a Brackenridge Tract advisory group in 2006 to study how UT ought to be using the Brackenridge Tract, a new “Save Muny” group was organized and General and I were both again part of the group. But it was some new Save Muny folks (Bob Ozer and Ken Tiemann) who began to hear from General about Muny being desegregated in the 1950s, that led to verifying that story, seeking a Texas Historical Marker and National Register status — all the while dealing with UT’s objection to the Historical Marker and the National Register listing.

All this is to say that the early Muny Desegregation directly followed the Sweatt v. Painter lawsuit that lasted from 1948 until the 1950 Supreme Court decision that said Heman Sweatt, a Black veteran of WWII, was eligible for admission to the

UT Law School, since Texas did not have a real, adequate, law school for Negroes. After the Sweatt decision, there were other Black people who came to UT to other graduate programs — and some were golfers.

I feel very fortunate to have known General, and to have learned a bit about his history and background. It is stories of desegregation that we all need to hear and remember - and that is a really big reason why Muny should be saved, and its stories should be passed on to future generations. We hope that the folks at UT will see the benefits that can accrue, if we all participate by helping to preserve MUNY FOREVER, and by sharing its stories with UT students, faculty, and staff, as well as with the general public.

(Several years ago, I joined St. James Episcopal Church — which was the first Black Episcopal Church in Austin, and traces its origin to a meeting of several faculty and family from Huston-Tillotson and an Episcopal Bishop, on December 7, 1941. Bertha Means and her husband were two of the founding members. One of General Marshall’s grandfathers was the first Pastor at David Chapel Baptist Church.)

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Arturo Pinzon, center, serves up traditional baseball game fare

St. Michael's Catholic Academy “Donor Day at the Diamond” a Win-Win

Donors and volunteers from the St. Michael's community joined baseball fans for “Donor Day at Diamond,” a family-friendly event on a beautiful spring evening at St. Michael's Mark Felice Baseball Field on Friday, April 22. With fans in the stands and a complimentary cookout at the “friend-raiser,” attendees were acknowledged for their efforts by Leah Esparza, St. Michael's Director of Advancement, and treated to live music from one of the school's CruBands as they prepared to watch a major rivalry game against the Regents Knights team.

“The goal for the event was twofold,” said director of donor relations Suzanne Bautch, “to thank our generous community for their amazing contributions of time, talent and treasure in support of St. Michael's this year, especially with respect to our new HALO campus and curriculum campus expansion project, and to cheer on our team as they competed against Regents for a playoff spot.”

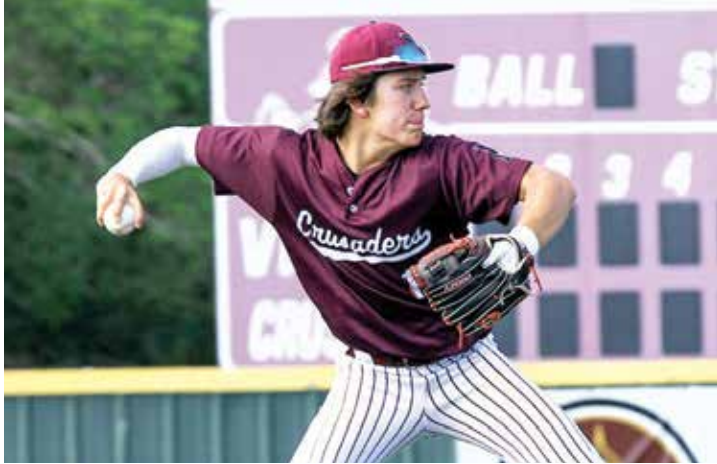


Donor Day at the Diamond

All around, it was a win-win for St. Michael's. Sitting in the stands of the newly turfed and branded stadium, fans and visitors saw plenty of action in St. Michael's blowout victory over the Knights. The Crusaders fired up the offense

from the first inning and pulled away for good with five runs in the third inning. Baseball coaches Darrell May, a former MLB pitcher for such teams as the Pirates, the Angels, and the 1995 World Series Champion Atlanta

Braves, and assistant coach Nick DeSantiago, a former MLB catcher, are excited for seniors Alexander De Leon, Grant Fahrlander, Carson Frezon, and Owen Moore, all of whom have been recruited to play collegiate baseball.



Will Garcia throws from third base

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Seedling's 10TH ANNUAL Gala Raises Record-Breaking \$300K

On April 29, 2022, Seedling held its tenth annual "Austin's Fab Five" Gala (Fab Five) in honor of five local heroes: **Dr. Daina Ramey Berry, Derrick Chubbs, Bobby Jenkins, Leticia Mendoza and Miguel Romano**, who have significantly impacted the lives of youth in our community. This year's event welcomed 364 enthusiastic guests, the best turnout Fab Five has seen since its inaugural event in 2012.

The gala was co-chaired by former Fab Five honoree **Wendolyn Washington** and Seedling board member

Beverly Vandegrift. Seedling board member **Mark Beavers** served as Auction Chair, and the program was emceed by local celeb, longtime Seedling supporter and former Fab Five honoree **Jim Spencer**. Guests enjoyed an inventive Loan Star cuisine dinner, a thrilling live auction, and the chance to hear a seedling graduate's moving testimony.

By the end of the night, the event raised a record breaking \$300,000 to support Seedling's mentoring program, which provides mentors and role models for children whose parents are serving a jail or prison sentence.

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Seedling Executive Director Dan Leal, Fab Five Honoree Dr. Daina Ramey Berry, Seedling Board Member and Fab Five Chair Beverly Vandegrift



Seedling Board Member Duane Ewing and Sylvia Ewing



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Seedling Advisory Council Member Diana Maldonado and Former Fab Five Honoree Kristie Gonzales




Kathleen Mack, John Blazier (Seedling's founder), and Mike and Gayle Heath



Seedling Executive Director Dan Leal, Leticia Mendoza, Seedling Board Member and Fab Five Co-Chair Beverly Vandegrift



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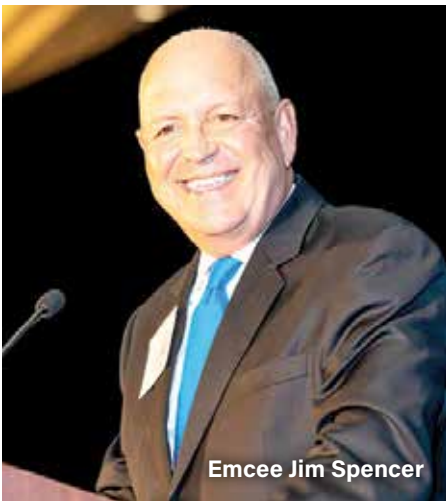
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CASAblanca Co-Chairs Courtney Dickey and Lindsay Patulski on Stage



CASA of Travis County Hosts Another Record-Breaking CASAblanca Gala

On Sunday, April 29th, 2022, Austin’s philanthropic and business leaders came together at CASA of Travis County’s first in person event since 2020, the 29th Annual Strong Foundations, Promising Futures CASAblanca gala at the JW Marriot Austin. This year’s event exceeded its fundraising goals by half a million dollars, bringing in a record-breaking \$1.9 million to empower our community to volunteer as Court Appointed Special Advocates for children who have been abused or neglected.

The beautiful black-tie event, co-chaired by **Courtney Dickey** and **Lindsay Patulski**, featured a fun Cocktail Reception, dinner, live and silent auctions, and a casino-themed after-party that kept the party going until late in the night. Guests also enjoyed an exciting performance by the McCallum

High School Drumline. After hosting 29 years of incredible galas, CASA of Travis County knows how to throw a fundraiser. In the wake of such an impactful and exciting event, we can only imagine what wonders CASA’s 30th anniversary gala will entail.



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St. Gabriel’s “A Night on the Amalfi Coast” Gala Reaches Record-Breaking Success

Jacqui Glenn, Head of Lower School; Colleen Lynch, Head of School; Dr. Blanca Snyder, Head of Middle School



: Liz Allen and Kirstin Bradshaw



Parents and community supporters were in high spirits on Saturday, April 23, for St. Gabriel’s Catholic School’s annual gala. This year’s theme was “A Night on the Amalfi Coast.” With lush floral arrangements, fashionable guests, and a bold red Ferrari up for auction, the gorgeous gala captured the chic elegance of Coastal Italy.

Preparations for this year’s gala were led by Event Chairs **Lauryn Robinson** and **Lauren McMullen** with the help of their highly dedicated gala committee. The fun-filled gala featured a cocktail hour, silent auction, seated dinner, live auction, tuition raffle, and dancing. For entertainment, the event featured music by Skyrocket! The Band, a talented cover band that fans dub “an irresistible tribute to the very best of the Vinyl Era.”

With the help of generous sponsors and community members, this year’s gala raised a record-breaking \$740,000 for St. Gabriel’s students. “The impact Saturday’s event will have on our children’s experiences is extraordinary,” said **Colleen Lynch**, Head of School.

St. Gabriels plans to use a portion of funds raised to build upgraded playgrounds with safety improvements, padded turf, and new fencing on the tennis courts.



Lauryn Robinson and Lauren McMullen Gala Co-Chairs

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Adrian and Stephanie Pierce, Head of School Jennifer Morgan and Todd Morgan

Trinity Episcopal School hosted its bi-annual “A Night to Shine” event, Trinity City Limits, featuring local bands on three stages, food trucks, and more music-festival-themed entertainment. Thanks to generous sponsors and more than 550 attendees, the school raised \$1,158,000 to fund financial assistance, faculty professional development, teacher-requested projects, and security expansion.

Teacher-requested

projects include such items as technical equipment for D-Lab and Robotics programs, a rock climbing wall for Athletics, and audio equipment. Proceeds from the event also went toward the Angel Fund, a financial assistance program established in 2014 that helps put a student through Trinity, from kindergarten through eighth grade.

Because of events such as Trinity City Limits, Trinity

Episcopal School can open its doors to everyone and provide children with qualified educators. With the help of the Trinity community, \$1,152,136 was awarded in financial assistance for 14 percent of Trinity families this school year. Additionally, Trinity grants close to \$250,000 to ensure faculty have the latest professional development available to help teach students in a typical year.

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St. Michael’s LightSaders Robotics Team Takes Second at World Championship Event



Robotics FIRST team, front, Cyrus Mende '24, Ethan Avuncan '23; back, Alejandro Fuentes '25, Nash Dahl '25, Kalen Jaroszewski '23, Davin Mortellaro '24, Peter Williams '23, Neil Flores '22, Rylan Peterson '22, Will Sloan '24, not pictured, Carson Frezon



Will Sloan '24



In the Robotics FIRST Pit, Alejandro Fuentes '25, Cyrus Mende '24, Rylan Peterson '22, Will Sloan '24, Peter Williams '23, Kalen Jaroszewski '23, Nash Dahl '25



Robotics FIRST Mentors Sam Mende, David Pierce, Martha Mende, Claudia Avuncan, Patty Williams, Brian Jaroszewski, and not pictured, Neil Flores, Staci Oshelski

St. Michael’s Catholic Academy LightSaders robotics team competed at the 2022 FIRST® celebration of STEM at the George R. Brown Convention Center last month, winning second place in the competition that is called “Worlds.” Hundreds of student robotics teams from around the world competed in a gathering of 30,000 students, mentors, coaches, volunteers, sponsors, media and supporters.

“It was a great opportunity to see how much more there is to robotics,” freshman Nash Dahl said about his first year at the event.

The LightSaders’ event, Freight Frenzy, is presented by Raytheon Technologies, and kicked off last September with successive competitions where each team and its robot navigate a complex transportation system by traversing barriers and racing against time to load and deliver essential items to those in need.

“I’m proud of the effort and intelligence of this team. They really work well together and do their best to maximize all their talents. Just getting to the world championship each season is a real accomplishment in a region packed with world-caliber teams,” said St. Michael’s robotics coach and instructor Mike Scallon.

“I enjoyed displaying my live strategy and decision-making skills,” junior Peter Williams said.

“It was a super unforgettable experience,” sophomore Davin Mortellaro said about his sixth year competing. “Programming has taught me to analyze a situation and use logic to reduce unnecessary factors.”

“Freight Frenzy has been the most difficult challenge yet with an overabundance of creative designs and ideas,” software mentor Leroy Friesenhahn said of his seventh year at FIRST.

Hardware mentor David Pierce added, “Freight Frenzy

has allowed for more careful consideration and creativity of the robot’s design than ever before.”

The LightSaders will compete in the Maryland Tech Invitational at Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, Maryland, in late June.

“I’m happy for our three seniors, and I’m encouraged by the legacy they will leave behind for the rest of the team going into next season. Our goals are to continue to develop our skills and work smart. This team is loaded with talent, and they have tremendous support from their mentors and the school administration. As long as we outwork the other talented teams we can stay in the fray,” Scallon said.

The LightSaders team sponsors are Raytheon Technologies, Qualcomm, PTC, GoBilda, Get Spares, and JOSO Creative.



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Dear Friends,

Happy summer and welcome to our Young Entrepreneur's Corner!
Enjoy this new series, which is intended to inspire your kids to think about how they can earn and save this summer.

We'll be featuring the stories of kid founders from around Austin who have brought their own businesses to life, plus tips to help your child start their own business!

Earning can be hard work but also fun. Kid founders enjoy the reward of being able to purchase items with their own money and of course, watching their savings grow.

We encourage you to start a conversation with your child and brainstorm on a business idea that is perfect for them.
Make it a great summer. We look forward to seeing you at the Bank!

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Brainstorm Business Ideas
FOR KIDS

Here are some questions to get your kid started thinking on their business, even if they have no business experience!

- What is your big idea?
- Who will your customers be?
- Why will people want to buy?
- How much will you charge?
- How will you get the word out?
- Where will you sell your products or services?



INTRODUCING FEATURED FOUNDER OF THE MONTH:

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of Holly Quinn's
City Hens



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- Q: How did you come up with the idea for your business?**
A: I got nine chickens for my ninth birthday and they laid too many eggs for us to eat so I started selling them and my friend's moms started buying them for more than half the price of store-bought eggs.
- Q: What do you find the most challenging about your business? How do you try to overcome this challenge?**
A: The most challenging thing about selling eggs is delivering to my customers.
- Q: How do you market your business?**
A: I market my business at school by selling to my friends, but I also have an egg stand about every other Thursday during the school year.
- Q: What do you like the most about your business?**
A: The thing I like most about my business is caring for the chickens.

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That Moment

When it all fell into place for Heather Cooke, Trusted Commercial & Luxury Development at Chicago Title

How did you know you were destined to be in the Capital City?
Years of dedication met my moments of satisfaction. That is when I knew. I have landed in my happy place. Yet, it's not the place, it's the people. When it comes to brainpower, drive and collaboration, Austin wins.

What is your typical approach to a project?
I'm driven to do something just a little different. Add a little panache, a pinch of merriment, that 'Je ne sais quoi'. Improvement. Fresher. Better.

What mark have you left on the industry thus far in your career?
My creation of the Austin Luxury Network. It was the first and only (at the time) members only organization that serviced the private listing market. When I first put it together and formed my board of directors, the guidelines seemed wildly ambitious. The property tour was once-a-month and strictly for homes over \$1M. I was recently informed a professional organization runs the ALN, they meet weekly, list price is being moved up to \$2.5M and is regularly used and valuable to top producers locally. The local CCIM chapter was looking to make a splash for their members several years ago and I was lucky enough to be on their board. During that time, we developed the Downtown Symposium. Panelists, like the esteemed Honorable Kirk Watson, prolific developers and environmentalists (imperative for the entire story) participated. The informative and invaluable event continues to this day and has grown into a multifaceted event with breakout sessions, discussions, etc.

What is next for you as you break back in with Chicago Title?
Stay tuned! Austin is a place where you can launch your best and largest life possible. My next idea is nearly fully formed and I hope to unveil it later this year.

So you could say this is your moment?
Definitely, the convergence of energy, capital and the Texas can-do attitude is the epitome of living your best life. This is definitely 'that' moment for me.



"When it comes to doing a real estate deal, especially in this market, you want your title work to go through Heather Cooke. I don't have to worry about a thing when Heather's involved. Welcome back!"
Rick Singleton, Scenic Capital, Founder

"Heather is the consummate professional. She is determined, diligent and resourceful. Working with Heather makes my transaction much easier and I'm delighted she returned to Austin."
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Hillary has been in real estate for more than a decade, serving both Austin and the Chicago market. As a Texas native and third generation Austinite, she continues the family tradition of making an

impact on her community. As an “in the know” agent, Hillary has a pulse on the ever changing Austin market. A Certified Negotiation Expert, Certified Luxury Home Marketing Specialist, graduate of the Realtor Institute, member of the Austin Luxury Network, Top Agent Network and the National, Texas and Austin Board of Realtors – she is ingrained in the community and has valuable knowledge of off-market properties. Hillary is joined by Claire Money and Austyn Scott, who round out her team with a breadth of professional experience and knowledge of the growing city of Austin. If you are interested in buying or selling, or just exploring your real estate questions contact Hillary directly at (512) 468 6214.



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Roxan Coffman

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Owner/Independent Broker

In the realm of Austin residential real estate, Roxan Coffman is the embodiment of the word experience. Her perspective, based on decades of intimate knowledge of the city and its surrounds, is unmatched by any other realtor in the market. When she speaks about the characteristics and value of Austin properties, she does so in a historic context born of nearly forty years of close connections to the land and the people who inhabit it.

Roxan began her career in 1982 during a burgeoning period in the Austin real estate market. At the time, many of the high-end developments that now comprise Austin’s most desirable places to live were either raw land or as-yet largely undiscovered. As a young realtor, Roxan had a rare opportunity to study vast parcels of land in their natural state, both from the air and on the ground, and to become personally acquainted with many of the original owners.

Today, Roxan is a top producer in luxury homes sales, specializing in Central Austin (where she has lived for decades), downtown, Tarrytown and Westlake, as well as Central Texas waterfront and ranchlands. She has deep, enduring connections within the Austin business and social communities, and is intricately familiar with the area’s public and private school systems. Roxan works hard to keep her perspective fresh by closely monitoring local real estate trends, maintaining active ties with regional chambers of commerce, and keeping abreast of new companies relocating to the area.

Above all, Roxan prides herself on having succeeded as an independent broker, free to make decisions in the best interests of her clients. She is laser-focused on satisfying clients’ needs and desires.

A graduate of The University of Texas, avid Longhorn, and devoted community servant, Roxan served for many years on the Austin Board of Realtors’ Grievance Committee and Standards and Procedures Committee. She has been included as a Top Producer in the Austin Business Journal’s Residential Real Estate Awards and named to the Elite 25—the top 0.25%. Roxan has also served as a member of the Austin Luxury Real Estate Forum, The Junior League of Austin, the Women’s Symphony League of Austin, and the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce.



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A MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL JENNIFER MORGAN

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