



Join us for a foot stomping good time at the LAW luncheon on Friday, May 4



Man with the Banjo

Buddy Griffin's unique style of banjo appeals to all age groups, and his versatility with the ukulele and guitar adds another dimension to his show. His musical repertoire covers a wide range of styles, including old standard favorites, pop tunes, C&W, Dixieland, gospel and classical. As founder and director of the Jubilee Banjo Band, Buddy led the band in annual performances at the Grand 1894 Opera House in Galveston for over 20 years. He is currently the founder and director of the 55-member "ALL STARS" Youth Banjo Band made up of 8-18 year-olds. For three consecutive summers, he led mission trips to Kenya and Tanzania to teach African school children to play the ukulele. He is also the founder and director of a senior adult ukulele band know as the Eagle's Trace Strummers.

Since Buddy is known for his wit and comedy, audiences can count on having an up-beat experience with lots of laughter and probably a few surprises. He will "put a smile on your face, a song in your heart, snap in your fingers and a tap in your toes"!

From the President...

I have had a lot of different titles throughout my lifetime, daughter, wife, student, teacher etc., but the one that I am most proud of is the title of being called "Mom." As Mother's Day is approaching, I began to think about my relationship with my mother and how it has shaped me into the mom that I am today.

Unfortunately, I never really had a very close relationship with my mom. Don't get me wrong, I talk to my mom daily, see her several times a month and I do love and respect her, but we are nothing alike. It has been a difficult journey, but I am grateful for what I have learned through this experience. When I became a mom over 30 years ago, I knew what type of mom I wanted to be. I knew that I wanted to have a strong, growing bond with my son throughout his lifetime. I wanted him to know that I would always be there for him during the good and bad times.

Being a mom means far more than just giving birth to a child. Many women are moms and never physically gave birth to a child, but they fill those shoes daily. It's seeing your child cry and not knowing how to fix it, so you sit on the floor and hold them and cry right along beside them. It's going without so that they don't have to and being ok with it. It's teaching them that they are smart, capable, funny people and giving them the security to do great things. It's building their self-esteem, supporting their dreams and loving them unconditionally. It's letting them go, letting them fall and teaching them how to get back up again. It's holding your tongue and being a good listener even though you may not totally agree with what they are saying. It can be a thankless and difficult job at times, but it is so well worth it!



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Matinee Mamas



On April 9 we had lunch at Pizza Shack and afterwards we went to Grand 14 where we saw "Chappaquiddick". It was interesting to watch the story played out on the big screen regarding the incident that occurred on July 18, 1969, when Senator Ted Kennedy's car plunged off a bridge and his passenger, Mary Jo Kopechne, drowned. It deals with the investigation and the events that altered his political legacy. As far as I know, everyone enjoyed the movie. We always meet on the second Monday of the month. If you want to join us on May 14, please contact Diane Burris at 602-316-1377.

Spirit of Montgomery Ghost Tour May 10

Cork This! Winery is now offering "a walking tour through the historic district of Montgomery where you will learn the history and hauntings" in our little town. The tour will be on Thursday, May 10 at 12 noon. The tour is 1 1/2 hours; the senior discount is \$17 and this includes a glass of wine. Renee Wade, 936-582-4833, will need your money by Monday, April 30, so she can reserve this tour for us. You can also contact Diane Burris at 602-316-1377

May 4 Ladies Luncheon

at 11:30 at Walden Yacht Club
Lunch served at 12:00

Tomato Basil Soup
Napa Salad
Turkey Club Croissant OR Roast Beef & Swiss
Butter Pecan Praline Sundae

Please RSVP by Wednesday, May 2 no later than
1:00 pm by email to lawreservations@yahoo.com
OR call Beverly Mannen:
936-448-2126.

NO LATE RESERVATIONS

Standing Rules state: Members must cancel their reservations by 2:00 pm Thursday (prior to the luncheon) if unable to attend. Failure to cancel (no-shows) will result in a billing for the luncheon reservations.

Happy



Birthday

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| 3 Janet Wartenburg | 13 Marion Collins |
| 4 Rebecca Davis | 13 Jo Keller |
| 4 Fran Horn | 14 Mary Ann Johnson |
| 5 Lorraine Herren | 15 Karel Olson |
| 6 Dawn Hare | 18 Laurie McIntyre |
| 6 Carol Zelmer | 19 Kimberly Monaghan |
| 7 Linda Bowser | 22 Terry Gorman |
| 7 Leslie Throup | 23 Fran Copland |
| 9 Pat Brownlee | 27 Jamelle Williams |
| 9 Janie Ross | 29 Lorraine Counts |
| 11 Linda Menger | 29 Ginger Robbins |
| 12 Gloria Parker | 30 Tracey Tarr |

Courtesy



Please, if you know of a member who is ill or has a family member pass away, let me know. Contact LAW Secretary Pauline Geiselhart at pauliegeis@yahoo.com or call 281-793-4688 with any notifications.

In March Sharon Cason-Fenske was sent a Get Well card for surgery.



STEWART-WEST BRANCH LIBRARY SPRING BOOK SALE

-) Thursday, May 3: 9am - 12pm —Member Tea— JOIN TODAY!!
12pm -7:00pm—All are welcome
-) Friday, May 4: 9am - 4:30pm
-) Saturday, May 5 9am-12pm
-) Silent Auction ENDS at 12PM Saturday



Social Bites

Elaine Herod hosted the "Munja, Munja" Italian luncheon on Wednesday. The theme was aptly chosen as the plates were overloaded with Italian inspired "eats". Gayle Laminack and Jo Keller joined regulars Norma Reed, Joanne Berridge, Susan Conly, Jackie St. Cyr and me for a delicious lunch complete with an Italian cream cake finale.

Everyone is looking forward to next month when Norma will host the group in her newly Harvey renovated home. As some of you are aware, of the ten homes on our street, seven were flooded. Six months later, everyone is happy to be back to "normal". ~~~Sandy Barron



www.cooks.com

The ladies of the www.cooks.com Recipe Club are eager to meet for their May 25th luncheon, which is bound to be a very enjoyable one.

Our good humored hostess Chris Brock has chosen Rooty Tooty Fresh 'N Fruity to be our theme. We will be using fruits in all our recipes. The luncheon will take place at her delightful home at 3071 Poe Drive.

~~~ Margie Biggs

## Almost Homemade

Almost Homemade is headed to Brenham to explore the local eateries. Diane will tell us more in the June newsletter.



## Friends in Deed

In March Friends In Deed provided a meal to Shirley Willis during her recovery from knee surgery. We continue to send our well wishes for a swift and full recovery to Shirley.

~~~Mary Frost & Kym Harris

Needlework

The Needlework Group meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at a member's home starting at 10:30 am until 12:30 pm.



May 1 Joanne Berridge 11403 Twain Dr
May 15 Kim Grove 11915 Thoreau D

For more information, please contact Linda Collinsworth @ 936-582-7023.

Book Club

Book Club will meet on Thursday, April 26th at Joanne Berridge house at 2:00 to discuss "The Alice Network." I know a lot of you, like me, are still waiting to get the book, so we may want to consider talking about it later.

Update on the Combined Book Clubs Luncheon. "Reading is FUNdamental"

By May 4 I will need \$16 and your food choices. Entrée salad choices are: ((1) grilled chicken or shrimp Caesar; (2) Phil's chicken tender salad; (3) Greek style cobb salad and (4) mandarin salad. Dessert choices are (1) brownie ala mode; (2) Italian wedding cake; (3) chocolate cherry cheese cake or (4) key lime pie.

YOU CAN BRING ME A CHECK (PREFERABLE) MADE OUT TO WALDEN YACHT CLUB at the Thursday meeting OR MAIL IT TO ME AT 11610 WALDEN ROAD. ~~~ Jan Null

BookShare

It's all in the planning. Much of this month's BookShare meeting, hosted by Joanne Berridge, was spent discussing the upcoming "Combined Lake Book Clubs" luncheon. Renee Wade led the discussion of "who will do what" for the lunch. Mark your calendars for May 17th. Books receiving good reviews this month include "White Houses" by Amy Bloom, "Still Me" by JoJo Moyes, and "Red Notice" by Bill Browder. All are available from the County Library System

~~~Sandy Barron

**From the President continued:**

Being a mother is a gift that is unimaginable to any woman who does not have a child in their life. It's a connection that is unmatched and insurmountable in any form or other relationship. It's a love that grows continually no matter what their age is, and a love that always wants more and better for them. It's being terrified that you can not prevent pain, injustice, heartbreak and at times even death.

It's a blessing, a gift, a relationship that never ends and a love that never dies. It is the BEST thing I have ever become, the greatest love I have ever felt and the best part about being me. So, to all those moms out there, I say...GREAT JOB and Happy Mother's Day!

The Nominating Committee for the 2018-2019 year, Pat Reagan, Kym Harris and Linda Bliese, have slated our Ladies Association of Walden Executive Board of officers. They have chosen Jan Jessen for President, Rita Hinds for Vice President, Meredith Wedin for Treasurer, Paulie Geiselhart for Secretary and Carol Maak for Parliamentarian. These ladies will be introduced at our May luncheon. According to our by-laws it states, "The officers shall be elected at the election meeting in June. They shall assume office at the close of the annual election meeting in June. Additional nominations for each office may be made from the floor with prior consent of the nominee. Elections shall be by voice except when a floor nomination shall have been received in which the vote for contested office is by ballot." A big thank you to our nominating committee for slating our 2018-2019 L.A.W. Executive Board. The slate of officers will be introduced at the May luncheon.

Lastly, please remember to make a reservation for our luncheons. We have had several people showing up at our luncheons who have failed to do so. Our next luncheon is May 4th, with social time at 11:30 and lunch at 12:00. Please make a reservation at [lawreservations@yahoo.com](mailto:lawreservations@yahoo.com) or by calling Bev Mannen at 936-448-2126 by Wednesday, May 2nd by 1:00 p.m. Our Vice President, Jan Jessen, has a great program planned for us! I will look forward to seeing you all at our next luncheon!

Blessings to all,  
Carol Maak~L.A.W. President





**KAREN RANKIN (Karen Seidule's sister)  
With HOUSTON FIREFIGHTERS**



**Linda Menger**



**Gayle Gardner with Dee Farris**



**Betty Cooper with guest Karen Donham**



## **Members of the 2018 Jazzy Broads**

**Mary Ann Lenhart, Lin Scheib, Sharon Richardson, Elaine Barrow, Paulie Geiselhart, Jennine Dennis, Chris Brock, Jan Jessen and Sandy Barron**



**Lin Scheib  
and Jan Jessen  
with the Houston  
Firefighters**

Say cheese!



**Barabara Qualls**



**Kay Bazan**



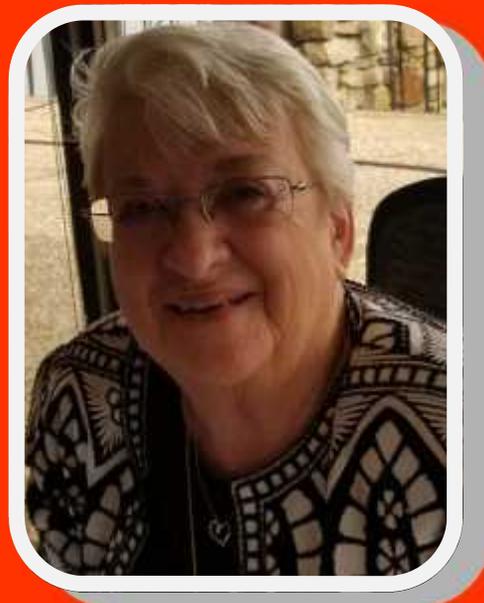
**Elaine Barrows**



**Marilyn Wolfe**



**Jo Keller**



**Dottie Gibbons**