



New Danville News

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Planned Giving - Leave a Legacy



If you didn't know what "Planned Giving" meant, don't feel alone. Many people don't understand how *planned giving* can help you *reduce* your income taxes, *eliminate* estate taxes and *bypass* capital gains while giving your heirs *more* and perhaps leaving a legacy to charity. The #1 reason people pay the IRS instead of giving it to their heirs and charity is PROCRASTINATION!

New Danville is proud to have partnered with Byron Ellis, a certified Financial Planner in The Woodlands. Over 2,000 retirees have attended his presentations on investing safely and reducing taxes. For 20 years, Byron has directly counseled over 500 investors on preserving their assets and avoiding costly mistakes. His weekly column on estate planning, retirement investing and other personal finance issues appears in *The Courier* in Montgomery County. Byron has appeared on KHOU-TV Channel 11 to discuss planning for seniors.

He founded the Montgomery County Economic Panel; a group of prominent business leaders dedicated to helping others navigate today's economic uncertainty. Byron's leadership and commitment to his community is evident by his volunteer service as Chairman of the Board of The South Montgomery County Woodlands Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Board for Leadership Montgomery County, and Finance Committee Chair for Montgomery County United Way.

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New Danville's mission is to develop and maintain a self-sustaining, master-planned community where adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities can integrate with their non-disabled peers in a town they all can Live, Learn, Work, and Grow emotionally, socially and spiritually in a safe, caring environment.

Planned Giving Con't

By now you have received an invitation to attend Byron's Private Briefing on Income Tax Reduction and Estate Tax Elimination held at *Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Hospital*. **This presentation is free - there is no obligation.** You will learn how others have increased their retirement income, gave more to their heirs, and left a legacy to charity. These wise folks are making a difference in many people's lives - they will be remembered for making a significant, positive impact on others. You owe it to yourself to learn how the Carnation family (milk), Ted Turner (CNN and TNT cable television) and others benefited from existing IRS tax incentives, some dating back 100 years.

We urge you to give 'planned giving' serious thought by attending one of Byron's free presentations. If you did not RSVP for the September 28th presentation, don't worry! There is another presentation scheduled December 14, 2011. Please RSVP as soon as you receive your invitation, they fill up fast. Learn how you can divert tax dollars from the IRS to charity and your heirs. Remember, procrastination is unnecessarily cheating your retirement income and heirs from your hard efforts. Why work nearly half of your life for the government? Take control now! Give us 90 minutes of your time and learn how to keep the IRS out of your money!



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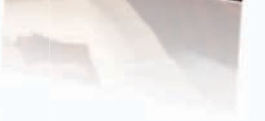
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Volunteer Spotlight

Lou Crook

In October 2007, Lou read an article in The Villager about a place being developed for high functioning special needs adults. It caught her attention. A second article came out which included a number to call if a person was interested in volunteering. Lou called, signed up, and thus began her time at New Danville as a volunteer.

Lou has witnessed first hand the need for a place like New



Danville. Her professional background is special education. As an Educational Diagnostician, she saw and talked to many parents who were concerned about their special needs family

member post graduation from high school. There didn't appear to be many suitable options.

Lou has been asked many times in her career what has drawn her to this population, as it has always been her favorite to work with. The only answer she can think of is that her father was a pediatrician and saw his work with sick and disabled children.

Lou grew up in Tyler, Texas, graduated from the University of Texas with a degree in education, and later obtained a master's degree in special education. She worked as a Diagnostician in the Spring School District for many years, and retired in 2007. Lou continues to do contract work for Spring, BUT not on Thursday. That's the day she gets to go to New Danville and work with the Wranglers in the Miniature Horse Program.

Thank you Lou for your continued support. New Danville is privileged to have you as one of our most dedicated volunteers.



Staff Spotlight

Larry Myers

On any given morning between 8:00 AM and noon you will find Larry Myers and his crew working diligently on maintaining New Danville's grounds, equipment and buildings.

Larry came to Texas from Yazoo City, Mississippi, just north of Jackson. He began his career with a Mississippi power plant as a large crane operator. Three years into it he experienced a serious on-the-job accident, which resulted in the loss of his left hand, just above the wrist. After recovering for a year he went back to operating cranes, in Houston. In 1998, the company he worked for was sold and Larry retired.



A neighbor of Larry's mentioned that New Danville had need for some work and wondered if he and his tractor be interested. Larry agreed and was instantly fascinated by New Danville. Larry's wife works with Autistic kids at Willis High School, so he was familiar with the challenges these kids face everyday. When the current maintenance man took his leave, Larry was hired to work part time.



"I love working with the wranglers, the staff, and Kathy," Larry states. "All the guys want to work with me as well. I've seen them grow and learn how to participate in keeping New Danville beautiful and functioning."

Larry has been on staff at new Danville for three years. He's been able to watch the explosion of growth that's taken place within that short time and is excited to see what the future holds.

Next time you are visiting New Danville, take a couple of minutes to find Larry and say hello. He's the one on the tractor, in the new greenhouse, or in the middle of his Wrangler crew giving instructions for the day.

Board Member Spotlight

Russ Yetter



Russ is a second generation Houstonian and graduate of Sam Houston High School and The University of Houston. Prior to college, he was in the First Cavalry Division of the Army (just after Vietnam). Professionally, Russ is an engineer in the Power Energy Sector and has worked at Houston Lighting and Power. For the last 24 years, Russ has worked at Hubbell Power Systems, an electrical manufacturing company. Russ has been active in volunteer activities for over three decades. He mentored at schools for over ten years and engaged in Rotary prior to getting involved in New Danville.

While visiting The Woodlands Rotary Club, he heard about a concept for a new community in Willis. After attending a meeting, Russ was convinced that he needed to throw his volunteer efforts behind what is now New Danville. During the last 6 years, Russ has been active in setting up the volunteer organization and socials at New Danville, helping with Jazzy Junque (a major fund raiser), and serving on the Board.

The passion behind Russ' efforts comes from his love for his son, Grant. Grant has mental disabilities and it was while Grant was in high school that Russ started to think about what Grant was going to do after he graduated; there weren't many options. There were average facilities that would help him with jobs, others that would enhance his social skills, ones that would provide services, and others that offered a safe place for him to live. One of the initial advantages that really drew Russ' interest to New Danville was the holistic approach to establishing a community that provides all of these essentials. He was hooked and has been active in New Danville ever since.

Kathy's Korner

Enough is enough! New Danville is anxiously awaiting rain and cooler temperatures. It has been very challenging keeping our grass green and our horses, chickens, cats, bees and the dog thriving. Since opening New Danville four years ago, 2011 has proven to have the worst weather conditions we have faced so far. A 'great job!' goes to our grounds maintenance and animal care wranglers, volunteers and staff for keeping everything alive!



With fall just around the corner, there is excitement of new things to come besides just cooler weather. Staff and I are brainstorming for new products and activities to incorporate into the weekly schedule. Some ideas include a shredding enterprise, developing a variety of spa products, and expanding the sewing and embroidery activities. Now that the greenhouse is nearly complete, we are looking forward to planting and harvesting winter and spring vegetables and herbs.

Visit www.newdanville.org to view the new DVD. SPECIAL THANKS to **Parents Vivian and Lee Credeur, Staff John Massey, and Board Member Evelyn Hicks** for giving of their time and talents that give a visual and voice that is the essence of New Danville.

On 9/12/2011, a volunteer recruitment and orientation was held. I'm proud to announce that we have twelve new volunteers willing to give weekly hours working in our day program. Thank you to **board members Martha Haag and Brady Hull** for organizing this volunteer event. We need more volunteers! No experience necessary, but we ask that you give a three-hour a week commitment and bring a big smile as you help so many deserving people.

As we enter into New Danville's 5th year of operations on October 1st, I want to thank those who have been with us from the beginning, those who are new to our program, and those whose endless support have kept us going. I look forward to New Danville's best years to come! Thank you!

Fundraising Events

Tea on the Lawn



Under a perfect turquoise sky, the third annual Tea on the Lawn took place in *Majestically Royal* style on New Danville's rolling lawns on April 29th. Set on the same day as Prince William and Kate Middleton's royal wedding, this year's event embraced everything regal. From royal carriage tours of the property to the famous Pretty Pony Parade, featuring our miniature horses dressed in a menagerie of costumes featuring famous royal wedding guests.

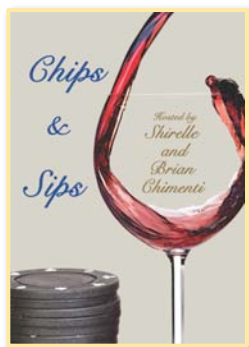
The lawn was peppered with blankets and pillows awaiting Tea-goers in wonderful sundresses and fabulous hats of all types. A quaint lunch of tea sandwiches, fruit and our special recipe sangria was served accompanied by wedding music.

Making this year's *Tea* even more memorable were the Wranglers themselves. The Ringing Wranglers performed an exquisite rendition of "Over the Rainbow", and then under the floral

bows draped along the pavilion beams, the New Danville Dancers took to the stage. After a spirited "Honey, Honey, Sugar, Sugar" routine, followed by This truly reminded everyone at the *Tea* of the amazing things that take place at New Danville every day.

We are forever grateful to the many sponsors, both corporate and individual, who supported the event and made this a record-setting fundraising effort.

We could not be more pleased with the raised awareness for New Danville's miniature horse therapy and gardening programs. We look forward to next year's *Tea* and sharing the day



Sips & Chips

Shirelle and Brian Chimenti is graciously hosting our annual "Sips & Chips" benefiting New Danville at their lovely home in Carlton Woods, Creekside. You do not want to miss this evening of great food and games on September 17th, from 7pm-11pm. We have wonderful prizes for the evening festivities. This is definitely an event you want to RSVP immediately. Richie's Specialty Pharmacy, Pisula Development Company, and The Hauber Foundation~ Beth Stewart are wonderful supporters for this year's event. We look forward to a fabulous evening.

83.33 Annual Campaign

New Danville's annual campaign, 83.33 will be held this year at La Trattoria Tuscano off of Research Forest on November 20th at 5pm in the evening. This is an evening of fabulous food and wine. The event is absolutely free to attend. Our goal is to get 100 couples that will pledge \$83.33 (or more) per month. It is such a small monthly donation, which equates to \$1000 annually. These funds help New Danville fund programs and activities for our clients.



Wrangler Happenings

Once a week this summer, some of our Wranglers had an opportunity to let the wind whip through their hair and feel the salt water on their face. These Wranglers attended Heart of Sailing in Kemah, Texas.

The charity, Heart of Sailing, was founded in 2004 by George Saidah, a successful software entrepreneur who was motivated by his personal experience with a loved one with a cognitive disorder.

The experience of sailing is not limited to the physical, although for many participants, it is their first



opportunity to enjoy the unique sensations associated with sailing: the feel of the wind, the movement of the waves, the sounds as the boat moves through the water, all of which are stimulating and exhilarating.

While sailing is relaxing and enjoyable, by focusing on incorporating all aspects of the experience - motor-skills, socialization, abstract thought, sensory stimulation, and confidence building; Heart of Sailing is able to maximize the therapeutic benefits of this form of recreation.

Volunteers Needed

As New Danville continues to grow, so do programs and activities. Volunteers are desperately needed.

We had a good turnout for our one-hour Volunteer Orientation Monday, September 12, 2011 starting at 10:00a.m. In the Enrichment Training Center at New Danville. New volunteers learned about New Danville and our different volunteer opportunities such as the Miniature Horse Program, Gardening, Maintenance, Mosaics, Sewing, Money Skills, Clerical Work, and outings.

No experience is necessary - just a big heart and a warm smile.

Volunteer areas of interest are included in the Ranch Hand application available online (www.newdanville.org).

Click "Volunteer Opportunities" and the click "Ranch Hand Application".

Contact Martha Haag at marthamh22@aol.com or 281-363-9050. I would love to visit with you and answer any questions.



New Danville Happenings

Jazzy Junque (and other great stuff)



The 4th annual Jazzy Junque (& Other Great Stuff!) will be held in early March at The Outlets at Conroe. Nanci Day and Odette D'Agostino have agreed to chair the event again this year with an outstanding group of talented volunteers. As last year, a wine and cheese preview party and "early bird" shopping is planned prior to the actual sale days. This is Montgomery County's largest "trash to treasure" sale with 100% of the proceeds benefiting New Danville.



The Jazzy Junque committee is seeking tax-deductible donations for this event. There is always room for new volunteers to help prepare for the sale. Work times are very flexible, come

when you can, and will prove to be some of the most "fun" one can experience. Contact Nanci or Odette if you would like to work on this event.

We are also looking for sponsors to cover some of the expenses not covered by donations. If your company would like to donate services or make a monetary donation to cover some of the costs, please contact us.

- Nanci Day nanciaday@aol.com
- Odette D'Agostino odette@dagostinocompanies.com

Donations Needed

Donate Unwanted Items-Receive a Tax Write Off!
The largest "trash to treasure sale" in Montgomery County at
100% of the proceeds from this event will benefit New Danville
We are seeking donations by February 1, 2012 . Please see our website for more details

Please donate only items in good and working condition.
Sorry, no large appliances or mattresses

As a courtesy to *Outlets of Conroe* retailers, we cannot accept clothing except boutique items.
Contact Odette D'Agostino, 936-788-2060 Ext. 302, or odette@dagostinocompanies.com
for the drop off location or to schedule a pick up of your donated items.

Thank you for support!



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*Don't just stand there; make
something happen!*

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