

## Sixth Annual Plant Thyme Fall Luncheon a Success!

The citizens of Pearland again showed their support of environmental programs by attending the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Plant Thyme Fall Luncheon on October 8, 2010. As Executive Director of Keep Pearland Beautiful I would like to thank all of the folks that helped to make this event a great success. KPB is very grateful to the 165 folks that attended.

The doors to the Pearland Community Center opened at 10:30a.m. for the silent auction and plant sale. Thanks to volunteers, Marjorie Wilcoxson, JoAnne Knodel, Delores Fenwick, Erin Steele, Ed Miller, Helen Beckman, Buck Stevens, Bill Cowles, Lisa Burke-Johnson, Billie Jo Moffitt, Leah Roust, Debbie Cooley, Scott Bird and staff members Fay Watson and Alisa Carter for hauling plants, setting up tables, decorating planters and preparing the center for our guests. Board member Laura Austin was in charge of the silent auction and did a fabulous job of acquiring 63 auction items that sold for approximately \$3,500. THANK YOU LAURA!

Our celebrity waiters helped the professional staff at Casa Ole` serve a delicious meal of spinach-stuffed chicken breast, rice and salad. KPB wants to thank: Rob Austin, Dennis Boedeker of Boedeker Construction, Andrew Miller, Texas Advantage Bank's Bill Sloan, Judge Gordon Starckenburg, Dave Beckman, Kevin Cole, Councilmember Woody Owens, Frost Bank's Corey Powell, KPB board member Ed Miller, Mayor Tom Reid, State Representative Randy Weber, Council Member Ed Thompson, and Dr. David Allen of Pearland Animal Hospital. These gentlemen gave up a good portion of their Friday to help make our luncheon a smooth sailing event.

For five years Casa Ole` owner, Corkey Turner, has underwritten the cost of the meal for the luncheon. As a token of our appreciation, KPB presented to Corky at the luncheon an award made of recycled marble. Thank you Corky and Casa Ole` staff for being a generous corporate sponsor to all in the Pearland community.

Thanks also to our donors:

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The Dixie Farm Wal-Mart Super Center provided a \$100 gift card that was given away with our “Mystery Planter” sale. The lucky winner is Judy Perkins. Thanks to store manager Tim McNerney for providing a \$500 grant check to Keep Pearland Beautiful on the 8<sup>th</sup> as part of the grand re-opening celebration. In addition, Silverlake Wal-Mart is donating an Acer Netbook for a raffle item. The netbook will be drawn and the KPB Annual meeting November 18, 2010.  
THANK YOU WAL-MART!!

JoAnne Knodel-Miller is our Fund Development chair, and she and her committee worked tirelessly to make the luncheon an accomplishment we can all be proud of. Early estimates have the total at \$15,000 raised at the luncheon.  
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