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* First Annual LPA Fall Party *

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The LPA Fall Party is scheduled for Sunday, October 26th from 2-5pm. Cynthia Bruggee has graciously offered her home located at 960 Patri-cian Court (in Oakwood Estates) for this event. LPA members and their families are invited to attend. We'll have several carnival-type games for the kids to play. We're also planning a cake walk, face painting and possibly a bounce house. We'll have a chili cook-off, so get your favorite chili recipe ready. Hot dogs and baked goods will be for sale. Please feel free to come in costumes if you would like. We are in need of several items and volunteers to make this party a success. Watch for an email from lotsahelpinghands.com for a list of items needed and volunteer opportunities. We are very excited about this family event – hope to see you all there!

Please call Holly Diamond 972-390-2127 or Devon Hunt 972-562-9654 with any questions.

LPA UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 8th	Lunch Bunch (Mi Cocina/Watters Creek) - Hosted by Cecilia Vaughn and Dina Gundelfinger
Oct. 12th	Book Club (Jennifer Dumin's home)
Oct. 16th	General Meeting (Creekwood UMC)
Oct. 26th	Children's Fall Party (Cynthia Bruggee's home)
Nov. 5th	Lunch Bunch (TBD)
Nov. 13th	Book Club (TBD)
Nov. 20th	General Meeting (Creekwood UMC)

Playgroup Fun

It is not too late to sign up! Come meet new friends or hang out and have fun with the ones you already have. Each group will be organized by the child's school age so that children who will be in the same grade in school can get to know each other and become friends. We need volunteers who are willing to lead a play group! If you lead a group, you get to pick the day and times you meet. Please contact Laura Pannell at lovejoypsa@sbcglobal.net if you would like to be in a play group or would like more information about leading a group.

Ladies Night Out

We had a nice turn-out on Thursday, September 25th for our first "Ladies Night Out" at Cru Wine Bar in Allen at Watters Creek. We had 18 members join us for a great evening with amazing wine and delicious food and even some live music on the lawn. We socialized with old friends and made several new ones. We even learned some intimate details about many of us later in the evening when we moved to a private room and Tanis pulled out a conversation-starter game. We are so fortunate to have such a fun group of women involved in the LPA. If you missed this one, we hope you'll join us for our next outing. Keep an eye out for details.

Great Guest Speakers at our Monthly General Meetings

We had a wonderful first general meeting on September 18th with guest speaker Amy Gill. Amy educated all of us on "love languages" which are the various ways people show love and feel loved. Some of us need words of encouragement and praise to make us feel loved while others crave a good hug or like to have "cuddle time." We each took a survey to determine our own love language in order to better understand ourselves. We were also given surveys for our spouses to take, as well as for our children. If we understand what makes each of our family members and friends feel loved, our relationships will deepen and improve and they will reciprocate by giving us what we need. I heard nothing but positive feedback about our speaker and the information we received. Our next general meeting is October 16th with guest speaker Nell Bush. She will be discussing "Giving Good Gifts to our Children." We are surrounded by a culture focused on material gifts and activities, especially with regards to our children. This talk addresses some truly "good gifts" that parents can give their children -- gifts that encourage, build self-confidence and give true joy throughout the childhood years and beyond.



ATTENTION



Due to an overwhelming response and hectic holiday schedules, the Lovejoy Preschool Association has decided to postpone production of the cookbook.

"Our Favorite Food" cookbook will make its debut at our **Children's Spring Party on April 4, 2009**. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,



Advertising Opportunities:

Meeting Sponsors - Thank you to Chase Bank for sponsoring our First General Meeting by providing refreshments for our members. Nancy Thomason (Branch Manager) and Robert Ross (Associate) had the opportunity to speak to our members about the services Chase offers at their new location. Visit them at 1204 Angel Pkwy, Allen. The LPA appreciates your support!

Raffle Basket - Devon Hunt won the Family Movie Night Raffle Basket containing 5 Complimentary VIP Passes from Studio Movie Grill. We hope you and your family enjoy the show! Thank you Studio Movie Grill for your generosity.

Directory and Cookbook - Advertising space is still available in The LPA Directory and Cookbook. This is a great opportunity to get your business services into local homes at a minimal cost with slots starting as low as \$25. Each LPA Member will receive a Directory this fall and the Cookbook will be for sell in the Spring. Don't miss out on this GREAT advertising opportunity. If you want to get your company name out there as a proud supporter of the Lovejoy Preschool Association, please contact Crystal Seib @ lovejoypsa@sbcglobal.net. Crystal will get you signed up to sponsor a meeting or donate items for a raffle basket, and make sure you have a slot in our upcoming publications.

LPA Paw Print Submissions
Do you know something interesting, informative, or even funny that you would like us to share with the rest of LPA? If so, send all stories, information, and photos to Amy York at amyeyork@gmail.com no later than the 22nd of the month to be considered for the following month's issue.