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YAMS AND RICE ARE HERE

Though usually quiet at 7 a.m., Pinewood Country Club was a hub of activity Tuesday as members of the Rotary Club of Slidell gathered to collect the 700 boxes of Garber Farms yams and a similar number of bags of Creole Rose natural aromatic rice they are selling to benefit their organization. A 10-pound box of sweet potatoes is \$10, and a 2-pound bag of rice is \$4. A combination of both is available for \$14.

To buy either of the items, contact any member of the Rotary Club of Slidell Northshore or call Neil Alford at 985.643.6440.

EXTRA YEARS OF ZEST

The eXtra Years of Zest November luncheon will be held Wednesday at First United Methodist Church, 433 Erlanger St., in Olde Towne Slidell. Doors open at 10:30 a.m., when WDSU-TV meteorologist Margaret Orr will be the featured speaker. A home-cooked meal will be served at 11 a.m. All members of the community, 55 and older, are invited. A donation for lunch will be accepted. For information, please call 985.643.6437.

NEW BOY SCOUT TROOP

Boy Scouts of America is holding an organizational meeting for new Boy Scout troops, to be based at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 66192 St. Mary Drive, Pearl River. The meeting will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. Fees will be collected, and all remaining paperwork completed at that time. All boys, ages 11-18, are welcome to attend. For details, call 985.863.7935.

JANET'S KORNER GROWS

The community answered a recent plea by Community Christian Concern director of operations Jerry Ashker for volunteer support to enable the hours to be expanded at Janet's Korner.

Janet's Korner is a shop for clothing and small household items that is located in the CCC building at 2228 Second St., in Olde Towne Slidell.

The cute shop, brimming with new and almost new items, is now open one extra day per week, and may be visited Tuesday through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Thursdays, the hours are extended from 4 to 7 p.m.

Ashker said if more volunteers, 18 and older, step forward to lend a hand, he hopes to be able to open the shop on Mondays as well. All sales at Janet's Korner benefiting CCC, which assists those in need in the community with services including food, gas vouchers, utility assistance and clothing. For information on this and other volunteer opportunities at Community Christian Concern, contact Ashker at 646.0357 or 985.788.5770.

KAYCEE AUXILIARY

Slidell Kaycee Auxiliary will meet Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1578 West Hall Ave., Slidell.

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STATE OF HOUSING

A State of the Housing Market seminar will be presented Tuesday, 8 a.m. to noon, at the Greater Covington Center, Fuhrmann auditorium. Admission is \$10 per person.

Speakers will include Elliott Eisenberg, economist with the National Association of Home Builders; **Marty Mayer, president and CEO of Sterling Properties;** and James Hartman, communications director of the St. Tammany Economic Development Foundation.

Register by contacting the St. Tammany/Washington Parishes Home Builders Association at 985.882.5002.

TOY FUN-RAISER

A Discovery Toys Fun-Raiser benefiting Slidell Memorial Hospital Parenting Center will be held Wednesday, from 9 a.m. to noon, and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Parenting Center classroom, located on the second floor of the SMH Wellness Pavilion, 501 Robert Blvd., Slidell.

SOCIAL SERVICE NETWORK

The Social Service Network of St. Tammany will meet Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Greenbriar Behavioral Health Hospital, 201 Greenbriar Blvd., Covington. Dr. Tarun Jolly, of Southern Pain Relief, will be the guest speaker. Jolly is board certified in anesthesiology and pain management. A complimentary lunch is provided. Reservations are requested and may be made by contacting Jackie Fussell at 985.773.3774 or jfussell@gbhla.com. Donations will be accepted this month for the Sunshine House of Slidell.

USED BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Slidell Library will hold its quarterly used book sale Friday and Saturday at the Slidell Library, 555 Robert Blvd.

On Friday, the member's-only preview sale will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. Only members may select and buy books Friday, but as always, memberships are available for sale or renewal at the door. Annual memberships are \$5 for individuals and \$8 for families. Family memberships include one or two parents and minor children living at the same address. Cash or personal checks is accepted for memberships and purchases. The public sale will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Book prices range from 50 cents for mass market paperbacks and children's books to \$1 for trade paperback and hardcover books. All magazines sell for 10 cents each.

The contents of this sale includes a large number of books for all ages on a wide variety of subjects both fiction and nonfiction. Additionally, this sale will feature a large number of adult fiction and mystery titles.

The Friends' used book sales, silent auctions, and other special sale events raise money to purchase items for the Slidell Library. Recent purchases include new \$7,500 DVD display furniture for the branch.

For information, contact the Friends of the Slidell Library via e-mail to fsl70458@yahoo.com.

NARFE 1396 MEETING

The Slidell Chapter 1396 of NARFE will meet Friday at 1 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 1680 St. Ann Place, Slidell (directly behind the Knights of Columbus Bingo Hall at 1578 W. Hall). Cynthia Mills will be speaking and showing a DVD

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about her recent trip to the Holy Land. All active and retired federal employees are welcome. For information, contact Keith Bernard at 985.643.0817 or kbernard45@aol.com; or Eric Vosbein at 985.649.2805.

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association was established in 1921 to protect the rights and benefits of all active and retired federal employees and their spouses. There currently are 16 active chapters in the state of Louisiana with more than 3,000 active and retired members.

TEEN SEEK SOLUTIONS

TO HOT TOPICS

The YMCA Leaders Club will present "Can One Person Really Make a Difference" on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. at the YMCA, 71256 Francis Road, off Louisiana 1085, near Covington.

The club will show the film "To Save a life" and then host a panel discussion on teen topics with questions and answers from industry professionals as well as teens that have found a solution to their problems or problems within their school and community.

Parents and children are encouraged to attend together; topics are geared to the ages of 13 and older. Popcorn and drinks are provided. There is a suggested \$5 donation entry fee with all funds going toward funding the Leaders Club trip to Blue Ridge Leaders School. For information, contact Tanya Wilson at 985.893.9622.

SINGLES DANCE

Slidell Christian Singles will have an open dance Saturday from 8 p.m. to midnight at the smoke-free St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church's Family Life Center, 910 Cross Gates Blvd., Slidell. Music will be by Seabrook. The cost is \$15 per person, which includes setups, snacks and door prizes. A 50/50 raffle will be held.

For information, call 985.646.1953 or 985.863.7492, or visit www.scsingles.eboard.com.

CAJUN DANCERS

The Northshore Cajun Dancers, next dance will be held Saturday at the Abita Springs Town Hall, with music from 8 to 10:30 p.m. by Bruce Daigrepoint Cajun Band. The dance is open to the public. Dance lessons from 7 to 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$6 for members and \$8 for nonmembers. For more information, contact Bill Weissborn at 504.887.1485 or Paulette Laurent at 985.882.3016 or Estelle Baudier at 985.882.3848.

CONDON CHESS BENEFIT

A Christopher Condon Memorial Chess Tournament, with individual and team sections, will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Lake Castle Private School's Slidell Campus gym, 363 Thompson Road, Slidell.

The sectionals, for teams and individuals, will compete in grades 2 and under, 4 and under, 6 and under, and 8 and under.

The program is open only to students of Lake Castle Schools. The cost is \$5 per student. No U.S. Chess Federation membership required. Register by contacting Cindy Butera at 504.905.2971 or 985.768.2260. Monday is the deadline for advance registration. Onsite registration is allowed, and will be conducted between 9 and 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

Christopher Condon, to whom this tournament is dedicated, died of cancer in January. The 12-year-old boy had been

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diagnosed in October 2005 with a malignant tumor in a leg muscle, and was a model of courage and determination as he battled cancer.

GRIEFSHARE MEETING

Griefshare: Surviving the Holidays is a helpful, encouraging seminar for people facing the holidays after a loved one's death. The seminar will be held Nov. 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. at First Baptist Church Student Center in Slidell. There is no charge for this event.

The seminar features practical suggestions and reassurance through video interviews with counselors, grief experts and other people who have experienced the holidays after their loved one's death. Topics to be discussed include "Why the Holidays Are Tough", "What to Expect", "How to Prepare", "How to Manage Relationships and Holiday Socials", and "Using the Holidays to Help You Heal".

Those who attend will receive a free book with more than 30 daily readings providing additional insights and ideas on holiday survival.

For information, call First Baptist Church of Slidell at 985.643.3456.

MOMS CLUB OF SLIDELL

The MOMS Club of Slidell will meet Nov. 15 at 10 a.m. in the Slidell Memorial Hospital Parenting Center, second floor, Wellness Pavilion, 501 Robert Blvd. All moms who are at home during the day with their children are invited. Activities include play, crafts, parenting discussions and socialization. For information, call 985.201.9461.

CIVIL WAR HISTORY

The St. Tammany Parish Library will present an evening of Civil War Living History with Donnis and Priscilla Davis of the Fenner's Louisiana Battery Living History Corporation on Nov. 17 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Slidell Library, 555 Robert Blvd.

Guests will see and learn about life 145 years ago, when the War Between the States ended. Donnis Davis will speak about and display Civil War era arms (unloaded); munitions and flags, and Priscilla Davis will speak about and demonstrate how women of that time dressed.

The Davis' Fenner's Louisiana Battery Living History corporation was founded to portray the life of the citizens and common soldiers during the War Between the States (1861-65) as authentically as possible. The purpose of the presentation is to promote and stimulate interest in all aspects of the Confederate States of America, to educate the public; and to honor the memory of the men and women who served, struggled and died during the War Between the States (American Civil War).

More information about Davis' Fenner's Louisiana Battery Living History corporation can be found at www.fennerslabat.org.

The event is free and open to the public, and registration is required. Seating space is limited to 50 adults and children accompanied by adults. Register by visiting the Slidell Library or calling 985.646.6470.

SCOUTING FOR SUPPER

Girl Scouts Louisiana East is partnering with local restaurants throughout its 23 parish area to provide Scouting for

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Supper on Nov. 18. Participating restaurants will donate 10 to 20 percent of their dinner proceeds at this one-night event to the local council in support of Girl Scout programming. Participating restaurants in St. Tammany and Tangipahoa Parishes are: Applebee's, 315 N. U.S. 190, Covington (lunch and dinner); Italian Pie, 70488 Louisiana 21, Covington (lunch, dinner and delivery); Jerk's Island Grill, 70437 Louisiana 21, Covington (lunch and dinner); Applebee's, 3142 U.S. 190, Hammond (lunch and dinner); Rotolo's Pizzeria, 207 East Thomas, Hammond; Applebee's, 850 Interstate 10 Service Rd., Slidell (lunch and dinner); Italian Pie, 1319 Gause Blvd., Slidell (lunch and dinner); and Times Grill, 1827 Front St., Slidell. Applebee's requires a flier to be brought in at the time of the meal, and it can be found on the council's website at www.gsle.org, along with any new restaurants. If a flier is not required, patrons should just advise their server or cashier that they are supporting Girl Scouts.

Restaurants interested in participating in joining the Scouting for Supper benefit should contact Carrie Thomas at cthomas@gsle.org or 504.733.8220.

JOY BOUTIQUE

The JOY Bible Study and Quilters is holding its annual Christmas Boutique before and after every Sunday service through Nov. 21 at Lamb of God Lutheran Church, 57210 Allen Road, Slidell. Services are at 9, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. Money raised through boutique sales will benefit local projects, including The Caring Center, with Thrivent Financial providing a matching grant.

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