

Hope House has served for 55 years

Twenty-three Women Helping Others ladies were privileged

to participate in the most amazing, heartwarming and inspiring field trip to Hope House in Liberty Hill. The group was hosted by Erland Schulze, Hope House's development director

. Hope House is a place that serves those with mental and physical disabilities with a foundation of love and caring like no other. Here is their story.

In 1966, a mother of five, Rose McGarrigle, relocated to Austin from pre-war Berlin, Germany, by way of Philadelphia. Rose realized the desperate need for quality care for children with both physical and mental handicaps; many who had no home at all. Her vision was to care for children who were at risk of neglect and isolation. With little help from the state or local officials, Rose converted the garage

WOMEN HELPING OTHERS

Ann Marshall

Rose was relentless in finding ways to be with the children who she so adored. She got local churches involved and weathered storms. She used her own house to give room and board to several youngsters mixed with her own five children until the number of children and needed space outgrew the circumstances.

In 1976, land was donated just outside of Liberty Hill, and the first Hope House was built with the kind and loving attention of her family, friends and a dedicated and committed staff, with the backing of several foundations in Texas.

Rose continued her passion and caring in the home outside of Liberty Hill for many more years. She instilled in all who

of her West Austin home and took her red Volkswagen bus around all of Austin, serving these children in her own home.

worked with her a love for children who need it the most. Rose worked every day until her passing on January 1, 2003. On this day, she asked the workers to take care of "her kids" and left the facility in the capable hands of her devoted staff under the direction of Ginger Hernandez, an assistant that trained with Rose for over 10 years. Ms. Hernandez retired as director in early 2008 and the homes are now operated by Executive Director David Gould and a board of directors.

Today, 16-18 children live in the original home and 24 Senior adults and teenagers live in two duplex style homes and one single family style home within the city limits of Liberty Hill. Most of the adults with Hope House today were Rose's children in 1967. Hope House has operated for over 55 years. With the help of their supporters, they will continue to care for the most profound cases of mental and physical disabilities well into the future. For as long as it takes.



COURTESY WOMEN HELPING OTHERS Women Helping Others Vice President Maria Tolleson gives a donation to Erland Schulze, Hope House development director.

Roundabout

Submit events to roundabout@wilcosun.com

SHE LOVES ME THROUGH MARCH 3

The Georgetown Palace Theatre presents *She Loves Me*. Set in a 1930s European perfumery, the story follows two shop clerks, who, more often than not, don't see eye to eye. After both respond to a "lonely hearts advertisement" in the newspaper, they now live for the love letters that they exchange, but the identity of their admirers remains unknown. The performance takes place on the Springer Stage. Visit the box office or www.georgetownpalace.com for tickets and showtimes.

THE 14TH ANNUAL GEORGETOWN SWIRL MARCH 2, 5:30-8:30 P.M.

Enjoy wine and food tasting, live jazz and shopping with this year's Golden Girls themed Georgetown Swirl. Attendees are encouraged to dress on theme. The event benefits the Georgetown Main Street Program. A total of 550 general admission tickets are sold for \$60, VIP tickets are sold out. Each attendee will receive a commemorative tasting glass. More information and tickets can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/yarmz5xv>.

CLASSICAL SOUND CONCERT MARCH 3, 4 P.M.

Classical Sound Chamber Music presents its first spring concert on March 3 at San Gabriel Presbyterian Church, 5404 Williams Drive, Georgetown, at 4 p.m. The concert, "Clearly Clarinet," features the Artisan String Quartet performing Mozart's "Quintet for Clarinet and Strings," music by Debussy, Ravaud and Schumann for clarinet and piano, and "Five Bagatelles" for violins, cello and piano by Dvorak. Featured artists are Stephen Girko, clarinet; Toby Blumenthal, piano, and members of the Artisan String Quartet Bruce Williams, Patrice Calixte, Douglas Harvey, and Mariama Alcantera. Tickets are \$20 for adults and may be purchased at classicalsound.org or at the door. More information is available at the website.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY AT SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY MARCH 6, 12:30-2 P.M.

Although International Women's Day is March 8, Southwestern is hosting a luncheon at the Red & Charline McCombs Campus Center in honor of the holiday March 6. The keynote speaker is a 1992 Southwestern graduate, Dr. Cassandra M. McZeal, the Senior Change Advisor for the ExxonMobil Technology and Engineering Company. Dr. McZeal is also on the Board of Trustees for Southwestern. More information and tickets, which are \$25, can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/42vabbby>.

AMPLIFY WILCO DAY KICK OFF PARTY MARCH 6, 5-8 P.M.

Faith in Action Georgetown will kick off Amplify Wilco Day with a party hosted by Mesquite Creek Outfitters on Georgetown Square on March 6 from 5-8 p.m. Stop by for a chance to win a door prize and enjoy "Name That Tune Bingo" hosted by Texas Red Entertainment starting at 6 p.m. A portion of all sales purchased through Mesquite Creek will benefit Faith

in Action Georgetown.

SAN GABRIEL WRITERS LEAGUE "HYBRID" MEETING MARCH 7, 7-8 P.M.

San Gabriel Writers League's March

meeting will cover what you need to know about getting published. Guest speaker Lee Carver will talk about the art of writing a blurb, creating a 30-word pitch for a publisher and creating a tag. Everyone is welcome. Meetings are appropriate for all levels of writers, beginning to advanced. Attend two meetings before becoming a member. Contact the Zoom Administrator at: sgwzooom@gmail.com in advance for an invitation to the meeting or attend the in-person hybrid meeting at the Community Room in the Parks Administration Building located at 1101 North College Street.

COUNTY-WIDE EEA EXHIBITION DAY MARCH 7

The Williamson County Extension Education Association celebrates the cultural arts and craft achievements of adults and youth of Williamson County. The public can compete in cultural arts, craft, and food projects for free along with local 4-H and EEA members. Exhibition Day will showcase the creativity and talent of Williamson County residents by judging and displaying projects that they have entered. In addition to exhibiting individual projects, Exhibition Day will feature a guest speaker, Teri Jansen co-founder of "KEY2FREE", as well as a pot-luck luncheon and opportunities to learn more about the organization. Exhibition Day is free and open to the public and located at the EMS building on 3189 SouthEast Inner Loop Suite A, Georgetown. Visit their website at <https://williamson.agrilife.org/> for more information or call our office at 512-943-3300.

LAWN & GARDEN 101 MARCH 7, 14 AND 22 FROM 6-8P.M.

The three-week Lawn and Garden 101 series provided by the WILCO Agrilife Extension office is packed with helpful information and tips beneficial to both the long-time Texas gardener as well as folks who are new to gardening in fast-growing Williamson County. Lawn & Garden 101 brings together highly knowledgeable Master Gardeners, Extension Agents, and other specialists to inform you on practical steps for a successful vegetable garden, implementing Earth-Kind practices in your garden and effective methods of conserving water in your landscape. Reserve your spot by registering today at 2024 Lawn & Garden 101 or contact our office at 512-943-3300 for more information. The cost is \$40 for the full series or \$15 per class. The program is held at 100 Wilco Way, Ranch to Market Road 226 in Georgetown. For more of our events and further information please visit our website at: <https://williamson.agrilife.org/events/>

WILLIAMSON COUNTY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA MARCH 8-9, 7:30 P.M.

The Williamson County Symphony Orchestra will present two free concerts on March 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m. The March 8 performance is held at First United Methodist Church in Round Rock. The March 9 show will take place at Georgetown High School's Klett Performing Arts Center. The third concert series of the Williamson County Symphony Orchestra's 22nd concert year is called "GLORIOUS ITALY," and celebrates the music that poured out

of Italy in the 1800s and 1900s.

MARKET DAYS MARCH 9, 9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

Georgetown's Market Days take place on the Square every second Saturday of the month from March through November. The event includes local vendors, live music, food and drinks, beginning at 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. It is organized by the Downtown Georgetown Association.

SUN CITY DEMOCRATS CHAPTER MEETING MARCH 9, 10 A.M.

Nancy Thompson, founder and leader of Mothers Against Greg Abbott will be a featured presenter at the Sun City Democrats Chapter Meeting March 9 in the Sun City Ballroom, located at 2 Texas Drive Georgetown. Mothers Against Greg Abbott emerged in August 2021 when a single mother staged a protest at the Texas Capitol. More information can be found on at mothersagainstgregabbott.com.

"UNDER THE TEXAS SKY" GALA MARCH 9, 5:30 P.M.

Join The Contemporaries of the CAC on March 9 at 5:30 p.m. for a concert by country music legends, Doug Stone and Terry McBride. Live auction will be led by guest auctioneers, Ricky and Bubba Smith from Storage Wars: Texas. Put on your jeans, hats and boots to enjoy an evening with great country-style dinner, followed by a concert. Supporters of the Cultural Activities Center and fans of Stone & McBride may purchase concert tickets or dinner tables at www.cacarts.org or call 254-773-9926.

AAUW STYLE SHOW MARCH 9, 10 A.M.

On Saturday, March 9, the Georgetown Branch of the American Association of University Women will host a style show followed by lunch and a silent auction. The event will be at Berry Creek Country Club on the second floor. Doors will open at 10 a.m. to shop for clothing provided by Maryann Patterson of Glamorous Fashions and bidding on gently used purses filled with fashion accessories. The style show and lunch will begin at 10:30. The American Association of University Women is committed to advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. To purchase a ticket for \$35 call Ruth Pimm at 817-917-6020.

TEXAS PHILHARMONIC CONCERT MARCH 17, 4 P.M.

Join Cuban-born composer and pianist extraordinaire, Aldo López-Gavilán for Latin Rhythms. On Sunday, March 17, at 4 p.m. Aldo will perform some of his own compositions, as well as those of Gershwin: Rhapsody in Blue on its 100th birthday. Aldo is a globally acclaimed musician known for his flair and extraordinary keyboard skill. He will also share comments about current life in Cuba. The venue is Klett Performing Arts Center at 2211 North Austin Avenue, Georgetown. Tickets are available at

centraltexasphilharmonic.org

FAITH SENIOR MINISTRIES MARCH 20, 1:30-3 P.M.

Sponsored by Faith Senior Ministries, Faith Lutheran Church will host a discussion about advance care planning, including end-of-life medical needs and legal documents. Hospice Austin will be the guest speaker for the event, which is open to the public. Refreshments will be provided. The talk takes place at the church's activity center, 4010 Williams Drive, Georgetown, on March 20 from 1:30-3 p.m. Contact Vicar John Cotner with

Art events

- **WCAG meeting, Georgetown Public Library, 6:30-8 p.m., March 5** • Second Saturday Market Days, the Square, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., March 9 • Texas Photography Festival, the Square, March 16

Exhibits

- **WCAG artist exhibit, on display at Truewood gallery until March 6**
- **Hill Country Art Club exhibit, on display at Healing Arts Gallery until March 9**
- **WCAG "She Loves Me" exhibit, on display at the Palace Theatre lobby until March 14** • "Reimagining" exhibit, on display at the Georgetown Art Center until March 17
- "Water Colors" by John Leek, on display at Mulligan's until March 28
- Leslie Kell's exhibit, on display at City Hall until March 31
- **WCAG "Thurgood" exhibit, on display at the Palace Playhouse until April 2**
- **Home Wonders at Truewood Art Center, on display at Truewood Art Center, March 7 until April 4**
- **WCAG art, on display at the Healing Arts Gallery until April 19** "Go There Do That" with Ethan and Heather Lankford, Round Rock Council Chambers until May 7

Faith Lutheran Church at 512-863-7332 or jcotner@flcms.org for more information.

PFLAG GEORGETOWN SUPPORT GROUP MEETING MARCH 21, 7:30 P.M.

PFLAG Georgetown is a chapter of PFLAG, the country's first and largest organization dedicated to supporting, educating and advocating for LGBTQ+ people and their families. The organization holds a monthly support group for parents and allies of the LGBTQ+ community, as well as for members of that community. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Georgetown Public Library. To learn more, email the local chapter at pflagtx@gmail.com.

LIFELONG LEARNING GTX ECLIPSE PRESENTATION MARCH 23, 2 P.M.

Join Lifelong Learning GTX, formerly Senior University, and the Georgetown Public Library in learning about the eclipse Central Texas will soon see in the library's Hewitt Room. Dr. Clark Wernecke will give a presentation about the solar eclipse, and he will use his background in anthropology and archaeology to discuss how cultures around the world have responded to solar eclipses. This program is free and open to the public.

FAITH IN ACTION PORTRAITS OF INDEPENDENCE GALA MARCH 23, 6 P.M.

Nonprofit Faith In Action will host their inaugural Portraits of Independence gala March 23 at 6 p.m. a Southwestern University. The event promises heartwarming stories, artistic displays and conversation amongst those committed to keeping older adults independent. A live auction will also help fundraise for the organization. Tickets are \$75 and can be purchased at

www.faithinaction.org/portraits.