Brotherhood of Congregation Emanu El

"Do Something that Means Something"

Dear Men of Emanu El,

The Brotherhood of Congregation Emanu El has been busy with another strong start for the year! Your Re-energized Brotherhood enjoyed record turnouts at every meeting and event last year, including:

- **Chicken Soup Cookoff** – With more than 40 restaurants, 1,200 attendees, Celebrity Judges, and appearances on Channel 39, Channel 26, Houston Chronicle, Jewish Herald Voice, and the Cleverley Radio Show Talk Radio 650, we brought this amazing event back to life and positive light for our Congregation! Our next event on January 30th will be even more spectacular with **Ken Hoffman** accepting our invitation to join us and write about it in his column!

- **Congregant of the Year** – We were so pleased to honor Shel Vedlitz for all the work he has done for our Congregation and our Community! This event was touching for all who attended, and once again we were honored to bring this important event back to life!

- **Garage Sale** – Hopefully everyone read the article in the Newsletter and the Houston Chronicle where your Brotherhood helped a family in despair and provided mattresses and furniture to a family where the kids were literally sleeping on blankets on a hard floor. We are proud to continue this important event for our Congregation and our Community! Join us for the sale on August 22 & 29 at the corner of S. Braeswood and Stella Link!

- **Mitzvah Day Project at SEARCH** – We completely revamped a closet that SEARCH could use to offer clothing to families in need! Join us for our next Mitzvah Day project November 14!

- **Emanu Elders** – In partnership with Ambassadors, we helped drive the golf cart to move our Seniors from the garage to the temple!

- **Garden Committee** – We helped build an incredible garden to beautify the grounds and provide a learning opportunity for the kids!

- **Kid & Dad Olympiad** – We helped provide volunteers for a fun day with the dads and tots!

- **Real Men Make Chocolate Matzah** – We had fun in the kitchen making yummy treats for our seders!

- **Softball** – We had some fun, exercise, team-building and good sportsmanship playing against other Temples!

- **Campout Under the Sukkah** – We started a new tradition that brought our Congregants together at night under the stars for some campfire music, singing, story-telling and treats! Join us for this evening to remember on Friday, September 24th!

- **Hot Dogs for Helfman Kids** – We provided a great lunch for the kids and parents on the last day of school!

- **Dinner Meetings** – We provided awesome meals (at no charge) from Maggiano's and elsewhere to feed our hearts, minds and tummies. We started each meeting by welcoming everyone and **especially new members** with a "my favorite" ice-breaker such as my favorite steakhouse, my favorite place for ice cream, what I love most about our country, the most beautiful place I've been to in America, my favorite football team, my favorite place to stay cool, my favorite soup, and more!

WORKING TOGETHER

We did all this by working together and partnering with our wonderful and valued affiliates and partners including Sisterhood, Helfman PTA, Becker School, Mitzvah Day Team, Ambassadors, Emanu Elders, Young Professionals, and Scouts!

Together with your help we are determined to keep that momentum going by **"Doing Something that Means Something!** Your re-energized Brotherhood is asking you to either join or support our organization. Together we will continue to do great things to help our Congregation, our Community and Ourselves with new friendships, networking, fun and a sense of religious inspiration and spirit!

We want, need and ask for your help and support to help make all this happen and to keep our momentum going strong! You can start by joining or contributing! All men, all ages, are welcome and appreciated as new and returning members! Supporting contributions from anyone else are welcomed and appreciated!

Thank you! I am honored and eager to serve again as the your Brotherhood President. This great organization has a long and rich history of helping the Congregation, the Community, and individuals in need, while always managing to have some fun and build lasting friendships along the way!

Thank you for your support!

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