

Kingwood High alumni to hold golf tournament fundraiser



Kristen Weber (1997), Lauren Luter (2009), Margaret Fraissinet (1988) and Kristie Felan (1990) are among those planning the Kingwood High School Alumni Association Golf Tournament on April 13.

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A year after launching their organization, some members are taking the Kingwood High School Alumni Association to the next level.

"Fundraising is critical," said Kristy Morgan, a 1986 graduate who serves as the organization's president. "Membership is free, so all the costs for our website, school district-required insurance, regulatory expenses and more have been covered by donations so far."

With those sources exhausted, said Morgan, the association must look for new ways to cover costs and, more importantly, to fulfill the association's charitable fundraising goals.

"Although we are definitely a social organization - helping alumni stay connected, facilitating reunion planning and so on - we also hope to benefit KHS and our community."

The group has announced its first-ever Kingwood High School Alumni Association Golf Classic, scheduled for Wednesday, April 13, at Kingwood Country Club. The tournament begins with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start and concludes with lunch for all participants. Organizers plan to offer a silent auction, cash bar and player prizes.

"Players can register and pay online," said Peter Kaleda, Golf Committee chair and husband of 1985 graduate Dawna Willner Kaleda. "The cost to play is \$125 per individual and \$400 per foursome. Sponsorships are also available from \$100 for a hole sponsorship to \$1,000 for a Senior-level sponsorship that includes eight players."

The golf tournament is a major step toward ensuring the association's future – a future that includes charitable giving, according to the group's leaders. There are plans to award scholarships annually, some to graduating seniors at KHS and others to the sons and daughters of KHS alumni.

"We want to benefit KHS and all graduates, whether or not they live in Kingwood," said Lauren Luter, Class of '09, who serves on the group's Scholarships Committee.

A map on the alumni website shows the locations of hundreds of registered alumni, said Luter, some as far off as Australia and Saudi Arabia.

"Others live closer to home, but their children attend other high schools in the district like Kingwood Park or Atascocita," Luter explained. "Opening scholarship eligibility to them is one way we ensure that we reach out to everyone."

The alumni association has other targets for fundraising dollars as well. Principal among them are KHS's Project Graduation and the Humble Independent School District Education Foundation, which awards grants annually to district employees for innovative education programs.

The KHS Alumni Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Members meet quarterly or more often as needed, usually on the second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at KHS. For information about the association and the April 13 golf tournament fundraiser, visit www.kingwoodalumni.org or call association Secretary Margaret Fraissinet ('88) at 832-453-3661.