



# CEHS NEWSLETTER

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## The Scoop

Whenever we come across something new we tend to explore it from outside, then move on to the inside, all the time drawing comparisons with past similar “things” we are already familiar with, in order to fit it in one of our mental pigeonholes. The discomfort of “it’s not fitting yet” keeps driving us until either a good fit is realized; or in rare occasions a new pigeonhole takes shape and is added to our mental collection.

Take the internet for example. It was new and unlike anything else we are familiar with. It started within the military domain as a technical tool for computers to communicate with each other. It took a few years to expand into the public domain as a means of instant communication and delivery of up-to-date information. It wasn’t long before it morphed again into being a trading environment, and now an advertisement medium, and so on. While the internet did not fundamentally change throughout its short history, yet, thus far it still does not fit into any of our older pigeonholes, and is actually taking shape as a new paradigm or hole.

By the same token, when CEHS appeared on the horizon, comparisons and questions were buzzing around attempting to fit it into one of our earlier models. “It’s a charitable society, isn’t it?” (in part it is). “It is a service society, right?” (Again, that’s partly true). “Aha, because of the lecture series it’s an educational thing, true?” (Well, this also is true only in part). There was nothing like CEHS before, and indeed there’s nothing like it yet, and therefore a few are puzzled with it since it does not fit comfortably into any of the existing models.

Frequently the puzzlement expresses itself in questions and assumptions that are abound such as: “Is it limited to Egyptian born individuals?” or “Is it religiously exclusive?” or “Is it a society only for fun?” or “Is it limited to a certain age group?” to name but a few. While the short answer is “no” and all being false assumptions that are utterly off the mark, yet realizing that they are false, in and by itself helps the formation of a new pigeonhole, or model, to be occupied by CEHS. On the other hand, many are equally satisfied to relax, enjoy what CEHS is offering, help out in its activities, and see it develop and flourish in front of their own eyes. Either approach is leading to the same very conclusion: CEHS is an entity whose time has come, that continues to sail in uncharted waters, making new and surprising discoveries.

Go CEHS, Go!



**Mark Your  
Calendar Now  
and plan to attend**

**March 8, 6 PM**

*Join us this Saturday for dinner  
at Fadi's restaurant  
8383 Westheimer*

*A good chance to reconnect and  
expand the circle while having a  
nice outing*

**Sunday April 13**

*Committees meeting  
All are welcome*

**Saturday & Sunday  
April 19-20**

*International Festival  
Volunteer Early for this fun  
weekend*

**Sunday May 11**

*Houston Ship Channel Boat  
Tour (Free), followed by  
Dinner*

*RSVP is a Must 6 days prior*

**Saturday June 7**

*Picnic, clear lake Park,  
Volunteers needed*

*More detail on back And our web site  
[Cehs.org](http://Cehs.org)*

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*Walking Through The Avenues of CEHS*



*Cultural / Educational*

*Saturday April 19  
 Sunday April 20  
 International Festival*

The International festival weekend last year exposed the public at large to the Christian Egyptian Heritage, and was enjoyed by many. If you would like to volunteer please contact us early since volunteering spots are limited. **Help** is needed in bringing a few items from Egypt for our display.

Soon we'll be announcing details for another event in September.

*Social Activities*

Several members have requested more social events, so we're adding a few events to our calendar, we hope you can join us:

**Saturday March 8th:** Dinner at Fadi's Mediterranean restaurant, 6 p.m. Fadi's has a variety of vegetarian and non-vegetarian dishes. A few seats will be reserved first come first serve so please arrive early. This is an opportunity to enjoy a night out with friends and make some new ones.

**May 11th,** Free Boat tour of the Houston ship channel, followed by dinner at a close by restaurant. Plan early to attend, for security reasons **you have to RSVP** and give us the full names in your party by **Monday May 5th**. More details will be available soon.

**June 7th:** Annual picnic; free admission, customize the evening according to your own preferences, more details to follow.



*Services*

During CEHS annual Gala in November, 2007; we announced that again this year we will sponsor **The Coptic Ladies of Zaitoun**-an organization that we supported for the past 3 years- In addition we are also sponsoring the **AUC Scholarship program**.

You can find on our web site's services page more detail about how the program works and what entities we sponsored in the past. Sponsorship is possible through personal contributions as well as monies raised in various CEHS events.

*Financial Statement*

**Account Balances**  
 as of Feb/28/2008

Edu/cultural Fund	\$4,764
Community Service Fund	\$ 500
General Fund	\$6,387

**Amounts paid this year:**

Care w/Love	\$1,450
Coptic Ladies of Zaitou	\$4,225
AUC Scholarship Program	\$2,000
Girl Scouts	\$ 250
<b>Total contributions</b>	<b>\$8,925</b>

*Committees Meeting*

Please join us April 13th at the Jungman branch library for a meeting for all committees, a chance to get involved, make new friends, learn new ways of doing thing all while having a lot of fun.