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Carrabba's Italian Grill
11590 Research Blvd., Austin, TX 78759
11:20 a.m.; Tuesday, October 8, 2013

Peggy Kelsey
Director, Afghan Women's Project

"Afghanistan: A View from the Ground"

October Menu:

Caesar salad or cup of soup
Fresh bread with herb mix and olive oil
Iced tea, coffee, soft drinks

Choice of

A - Mezzaluna (Half moon ravioli stuffed with chicken, ricotta, and spinach in a tomato cream sauce)

or

B - Chicken Bryan (Wood grilled chicken with goat cheese, sun dried tomatoes, and a basil lemon butter sauce)

or

Vegetarian option

C - Spaghetti with pomodoro sauce and vegetables

Dessert: Chef's choice

RSVP: Please confirm your attendance and menu choice by noon on Wednesday, October 2

- By mail to TFSG, P.O. Box 50246, Austin, TX 78763-0246 or
- By e-mail to jmclean@computermoms.com or
- By phone to John at 512.797.0538

Via mail with a check made out to TFSG is our preferred method. In all cases, please include a phone number so we can confirm your reservation. All RSVPs will be confirmed. If you do not get a confirmation, please contact us.

Lunch begins at noon. Members \$24. Guests of members \$30. No new reservations after 12 noon on Wednesday, October 2. No-shows or cancellations after this date will be billed for their lunch. Checks may be made out to TFSG and mailed to P.O. Box 50246, Austin, TX 78763-0246. Checks mailed in advance are greatly appreciated.

Memberships are \$30 for three years or \$12 per year.

About the Speaker



"Afghanistan: A View from the Ground" opens with some surprising things Peggy Kelsey found, including a children's circus, women drivers, women studying tae kwon do and basketball with male instructors, and more. Scenes and stories from Kabul City, Herat, Bamiyan City, and provinces (where the Buddhas were blown up) give one a feel for life in these different places. Maps and aerial shots give one a sense of place and geography. This presentation is an eye-opening and stereotype-breaking introduction to the current situation in Afghanistan.

Peggy Kelsey is a professional photographer who was inspired to begin the Afghan Women's Project after meeting with a delegation of Afghan women who passed through Austin, Texas in 2002. She traveled to Afghanistan the following year for a six-week stay and created a photo-documentary chronicling the narrative histories of forty women. In the spring of 2010, she revisited the country for an 11-week stay, gaining new insights and updating the photo-documentary. She now travels around the US sharing her slide presentations and exhibits that describe the variety of experiences and the complexity of the situations Afghans live in. Peggy's comments serve as a bridge between the reader and Afghan women, as she addresses intractable issues and situations that the Afghans face.

Directions to Carrabba's Italian Grill:

Note: Research Blvd. is the eastbound Hwy 183 access road. If you approach the restaurant from Jollyville Road, you enter the parking lot from the rear. Or, if you miss that turn, drive straight to Duval, turn right onto Duval and right again onto the Hwy 183 access road, and enter the parking lot from the front. There is plenty of free parking close to the restaurant.

From the Northwest

Drive east on Hwy 183. Exit at Duval, cross Duval, turn right into the large parking lot at Outback Steakhouse. Carrabba's is on the left, Outback Steakhouse on the right.

From the North

Drive south on Mopac. Exit at Braker Lane and turn right onto Braker. Drive underneath Hwy 183 and turn right at the next light onto Jollyville Road. Drive about 400 yards past Balcones Woods Drive and turn right at the Carrabba's/Outback Steakhouse sign into the parking lot. The restaurant is about 50 yards ahead on the right.

From the South

Drive north on Mopac or Loop 360, then west on Hwy 183. Exit at Braker Lane and turn left onto Braker. Turn right at the next light onto Jollyville Road. Drive about 400 yards past Balcones Woods Drive and turn right at the Carrabba's/Outback Steakhouse sign into the parking lot. The restaurant is about 50 yards ahead on the right.

From the East

Drive west on Hwy 183. Exit at Braker Lane and turn left onto Braker. Turn right at the next light onto Jollyville Road. Drive about 400 yards past Balcones Woods Drive and turn right at the Carrabba's/Outback Steakhouse sign into the parking lot. The restaurant is about 50 yards ahead on the right.

Other Upcoming 2013 Luncheons:

All TFSG luncheons are on the second Tuesday of even-numbered months. Suggestions for other restaurants are always welcome.

- December 10, Fun Festival Luncheon

The Fun Festival Luncheon features the year's most hilarious, funny, ridiculous, and unbelievable television and movie ads from around the world. The December luncheon is also the one luncheon per year (1) for TFSG members only, (2) with door prizes for all, and (3) with festival season gift bags for all.

If you have donations for the December luncheon, please bring them to the October 8 luncheon. Also, if you have suggestions for great, hilarious, very funny, "you must be kidding!" short TV or movie advertisements for our December program, please submit them by Monday, November 4.