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BYRON NELSON GOLF TOURNAMENT TO HAVE FINAL YEAR IN LC



Byron Nelson was a professional golfer with a massive list of winning accomplishments and an even greater heart for altruism. Mr. Nelson's record breaking year, 1945, still stands unchallenged with 18 victories, including 11 straight, and with the lowest scoring average (68.33). Additionally, Mr. Nelson had 54 career victories: specifically, the 1939 U.S. Open, the 1937 and 1942 Masters, also the 1940 and 1945 PGA Championships. This

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**-Jon Drago,
Tournament Director**

world-class athlete was even honored with an exhibit at the World Golf Hall of Fame in 2004. What set Mr. Nelson apart from his peers, besides his golf accomplishments was his passion for helping those in need. He devoted time, resources and his famous name to an event that would go on to help thousands of families every year and thus the Byron Nelson Golf Tournament was created.

In 1968, The Salesmanship Club of Dallas, a philanthropic group of business executives with a mission to transform kid's lives, began a large fundraising effort and PGA tour



event. The annual Byron Nelson Golf Tournament would eventually come to be hosted by the Four Seasons Hotel & Resort at Las Colinas in 1983. This would also be the same year that the Club would invest in education research to better students' lives. Proceeds from the Byron Nelson Golf Tournaments benefit the socio-emotional guided Momentous Institute which was opened in 1997 in Dallas ([see page 3](#)). After 35 years, the tournament will finish out its final year in Las Colinas this May. Next year, the tournament will move to Trinity Forest Golf Club in Dallas.

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Property of the Month



**Westdale Royal Ln., LP
located at 100 Royal Lane
East.**

APRIL & MAY AREA EVENTS



Enjoy the City of Irving's **Canal Fest** on Saturday, April 22 from 2 pm – 8 pm. The Mandalay Canal of Las Colinas will feature food, culture and live music. Check out: <http://cityofirving.org/1311/Canal-Fest>. Come by the LCA Dog Watering Station to say 'hi!'

Coming up on its fifth year at the Las Colinas Country Club, The **LPGA Volunteers of America Texas Shootout** will kick off the DFW golf season during April 24-30th. Tickets are \$25 and the kids under 17 get in for free. Admission is also free for retired and current military members with an ID. For more information

on The Volunteers of America Texas Shootout, check out: <http://www.lpgatexasshootout.com/>.

Coming this May:

The AT&T Byron Nelson Golf tournament in Las Colinas will take place May 14-21. Tickets can be purchased at <http://www.attbyronnelson.org/spectators/tickets/>.



Taste of Irving, an outdoor festival hosted by the City of Irving will feature a stage, restaurant row, beverage tent, craft market place and live music. This family-friendly event will kick off on Saturday, May 20 from noon to 6 pm. For details go to: <http://cityofirving.org/1282/Taste-of-Irving>.

The annual **DFW Dragon Boat, Kite and Lantern Festival** hosted by the Marco Polo World Foundation is scheduled for Sunday, May 21st. This is a free event that will highlight dragon boat racing; different cultural performances and a parade. For more info, go to <http://www.dfwdragonboatfestival.com/>.

CONSTRUCTION

Irving Music Factory is slotted to open in September of 2017. For more information, check out: <http://musicfactory.com>. The community can expect many restaurants including Yard House which will feature up to 250 taps of specialty beers.

Gables Water Street, the mixed-use development in the Urban Center is still on track. Visit <http://retailstreetadvisors.com> for updates. Restaurants will include *Olivella's Neo Pizza Napoletana*, *Twisted Root Burger Co.* and many others.

MOMENTOUS INSTITUTE THRIVES THANKS TO THE AT&T BYRON NELSON GOLF TOURNAMENT

The AT&T Byron Nelson Tournament attracts many different walks of life, from glamorous celebrities, golf enthusiasts, to affluent locals, families and the average Joe. However, there are others; unseen children and families, that are also connected to the famed golf tournament. The tournament, hosted by the Salesmanship Club, is the primary fundraiser for the Momentous Institute in Oak Cliff.

The Momentous Institute is divided into two sections with one section dedicated to the mental health of young patients and another dedicated to education: kindergarten through 5th grade. The school also hosts education conferences and shares research with other institutions. Typical students live within a 5-mile radius and are also on free and reduced lunches which means that their average household income is around \$21,650. Poverty is the number one risk factor for kids succeeding with education.

Momentous Institute Media Relations Manager, Meagan Abendschein says that at the Momentous school, “kids have always been the focus, in building their mental health and what we now call social-emotional health”. Social-emotional health, the foundation of the school’s philosophy, has to do with communication, problem-solving, empathy and encouraging positivity. Self-regulation is a biggie for the children which helps them manage their emotions and behavior. “Settle your glitter” is a saying used for children who are in a moment of duress, to grab a jar full of glitter and water and to shake it so they can settle their emotions.

The Salesmanship Club might seem like a small player when it comes to the Momentous Institute but they are much more. The “Red Pants”, as the kids know them, spend many hours onsite and even participate in their reading buddies program. How much of an impact has Momentous Institute made? Actually, students have had a 99% graduation rate and 86% of them enroll in higher education. Students may not have had the opportunity at other schools but thanks to the Salesmanship Club and the AT&T Byron Nelson Golf Tournament they do.



Hallways are textured at the Momentous Institute to encourage sensory experience.



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his time here with the tournament but more vividly remembers that 2015 brought on a 100-year flood, an earthquake and a destructive tornado, all in one year.

“The Saturday before the tournament, we had a tornado that touched down just to the left of the fairway, it just exploded a tent! There are parts that we still haven’t found; we found pieces of tin on roofs and parts on the enclave. Getting through those things to finish on Sunday and watch that champion raise his trophy, those are the things that we remember the most.”

On moving to a new host community, “We’ve had a wonderful 35 year-run in Las Colinas. We watched it grow” Drago affirms, “We’ve made a lot of very positive relationships there and that part is going to be difficult but the support that we’ve had and the way it has grown, we have a lot to celebrate...it’s important to us that this year, the final year in Las Colinas, that we focus our attention on celebrating our 35 years together.”



Golf Champion Byron Nelson, Courtesy of www.attbyronnelson.org

The AT&T Byron Nelson Golf Tournament tees off on Monday, May 15th, 2017. Aside from the exciting tournament, the event features a youth golf clinic, nightly after-hours events, Kidzone, wine bar, digital charging station, golf shop and various other vendors.

The trophy presentation will end the event on Sunday, May 21st at the 18th green. For more information, go to: <http://www.attbyronnelson.org/>.

THE TASTE

By Amanda Star Cline

The cozy café, Granada Market & Deli is nestled at 387 E. Las Colinas Blvd, near the Alesio Urban Center entrance. Parking is tricky so you might look for it on Las Colinas Boulevard as you approach the location. Granada's most requested items are sandwiches, especially the pastrami sandwich. They use Boar's Head meats so you know sandwich ingredients are high quality. When you walk in, you will first notice that not only is it a deli, it is a grocery too. This deli operates old school-style; order at the bar, take your food and lastly, pay at the cash register at the front of the building. Quick, convenient and easy! The dining area holds around 30 people but they also have a patio that can seat around 20 people, and maybe a few



friendly dogs.

I went for lunch on a Tuesday and opted for their Greek Tour Combo Meal which included 4 different kinds of hummus, tabouli, and tzatziki. Of the hummus offerings of chipotle, cilantro, red pepper, and

traditional-the chipotle was my favorite! It wasn't spicy at all. As far as the variety goes at the Deli, they have something for everyone, even that picky co-worker who is not feeling hungry for their

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AFTER 5 IN LC

Located in the pedestrian-friendly Las Colinas Urban Center, and down the street from Water Street, the Underground Indian is serving up whiskey, wine, and a variety of Indian spice-infused cocktails. The Mumbai Mule goes beyond the traditional Moscow Mule by incorporating saffron bitters. There is also the Masala Martini, a twist on the classic but with an addition of masala spice. For the beer drinker, there are plenty of popular beers that one would expect but King Fisher is a refreshing Indian Pale Ale worth trying.

A spacious open area with 2 TV's set the scene for happy hour here. The space can accommodate up to 35 people with 10 people seated at the bar top. Along with authentic northern Indian cuisine,

the restaurant offers appetizers like samosas and chicken tikka. With plenty of seating, food, a variety of drink options and a central location, Underground Indian makes for a great meetup spot after 5 in Las Colinas.

What you should order:

Top sellers include the Bollywood Bloody Mary and the Masala Martini.

Happy Hour Info:

Every day from 5pm-7pm.

Underground Indian is located at 220 E Las Colinas Blvd #264, Irving, TX 75039.

After 5 in LC seeks to inform locals on happy hour hotspots in Las Colinas. Where do you and your friends go to unwind? Please email Amanda Cline at acline@lascolinas.org.



Masala Martini



Mumbai Mule



FEATURED BUSINESS

Environmental Systems Design(ESD)

ESD(Environmental Systems Design Incorporated) is a 50-year-old niche engineering consultant firm that provides clients with interdisciplinary teams to create custom solutions for buildings. The teams are made up of professionals from fields including construction, architecture, mechanical, electrical, plumbing and information technology.

The company's mission is to improve society through the built environment. ESD teams do this by creating custom solutions for buildings with energy conservation, systems analysis, code review, fire protection, cabling systems, energy audits, security systems, data networks, voice systems and other services. For instance, ESD uses daylight harvesting which is an energy conservation technique that saves electricity by programming indoor lights to dim in response to natural light thus using less electricity. The City of Irving actually has code provisions for encouraging daylight harvesting.

Antwain George, Senior Associate and Texas Operations Director says that ESD strives to "give people a brighter more environmentally-friendly workspace so they can be more productive in their environment."

The firm, who has recently renovated DFW Airport's terminal B, has also consulted on high rises, mixed-use developments, stadiums, data centers and the soon-to-be-tallest building in the world- 70 floor Kingdom Tower in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

While the company boasts an impressive clientele including Chicago's McCormick Place Event Center, the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, San Francisco International Airport United Airlines, Seattle-Tacoma

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pastrami sandwich. The Granada Deli has soup, enchiladas, spaghetti and a build-your-own-salad bar with all the fixings. They even have premade meals and salads in the fridge next to the deli area so you can grab something on the go. Every item on the menu is homemade and made fresh every morning, by the way. Like any good deli, they have a variety of coffee and espresso. Be sure to get a flat white made by Evelyn. It definitely brought back memories of Italy for me.

The Taste is a section where I try local restaurants so you know where to go for great experiences and great food!

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International Airport United Airlines and Charlotte, North Carolina's Bank of America superblock project/ Ritz Carlton, the company has also gained the trust of many top Fortune 500 companies.

Las Colinas is an ideal spot for ESD because of the local construction boom but up to 20% of ESD's projects are Texas-based, so moving to the area "made good business sense," George says.

When it comes to business, "The big thing that determines your success is how you perform," Danny Gibson, Senior Associate, "We believe in doing business person to person..." George agrees, "We're in the relationship business".

ESD is located at 545 E John W Carpenter Fwy, Irving, TX 75062. For more information: <http://www.esdglobal.com/>.

PAST AREA EVENT: ZestFest 2017



Zestfest 2017 was held at the Irving Covention Center January 27th-29th. In addition to spicy rubs and sauces, this event featured cheese , chips, salsa, oils and wine products.

OUR COMMUNITY

Las Colinas, a renowned, self-managed, master-planned community located in Irving, Texas. Be part of our newsletter and submit your story, photo or nomination via our Facebook page, Las Colinas Tex, or by emailing acline@lascolinas.org before the 10th of the following month in order to be considered for publication. Thank you for helping us make Spirit of Las Colinas representative of our community.



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NEW MEMBER PROFILE

JULIE & DANIEL VAN ORDEN

Why Las Colinas?

We were actually looking for a more urban setting but we looked at a property in Hackberry Creek and fell in love with the community, our home and the golf course! We felt the HOA fees were reasonable and we liked the feel, organization, and beauty of the master planned community.

What are your hobbies? What groups are you involved with?

Dan enjoys home improvement projects and also looks forward to improving his golf game. Julie is a runner and has been active with an athletic and social group called Team Red White and Blue (supporting veterans) Houston Chapter. She looks forward to joining the DFW chapter and maybe the Irving Running Club. Dan and Julie are still members of Lakewood Church in Houston and have been visiting local churches in DFW to find their new spiritual

home.

Where did you move from?

In 2007, Dan retired from the US Navy while stationed in Maryland. A few years ago, we moved from Maryland to Houston to be near our daughter and then we moved to the Dallas-Fort Worth area after Dan's company transferred him. We are originally from Arizona.

Favorite food?

We love eating out and tend to choose places that offer fresh and healthy selections. We love sushi, an excellent steak and good Italian food with homemade pasta. Our favorite local restaurants so far are "The Ranch" and "The Italian Café" which was so good, it put us in a food coma!

What restaurants, stores, events or activities would you like to see here?

We would like to see more locally-owned restaurants that serve fresh, healthy local fare and are not part of a chain. Except for Lupe Tortilla,



we would love a Lupe Tortilla in Las Colinas! We are especially happy that The Joint, Airrosti Therapy and Massage Envy are nearby. They are great prevention/wellness services we use often. We look forward to enjoying good country music and wouldn't mind improving our swing and two-step with some lessons!