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WATERWOOD WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

By Trista Byrd

Waterwood Women's League January News, Upcoming Meetings and EVENTS

Our January meeting was held on the 13th at Point Blank Community Church. It was great weather for our warm soup lunch with all the 'fixins'. We have some great cooks in the League!

Our guest speaker was Tom McDonough from the "Save Lake Livingston and Friends of the Reservoir" organizations. They work with some of the high schools in the area and the students and teachers get involved in planting the vegetation, the American Water Willow, in designated areas in the lake. The one of the plantings last year was in the Kickapoo Creek area. This is done to encourage fish breeding and protection, helps the filtration of the water, and encourages other water animals to take up residence in the area. They are hoping that this will help replenish the fish in the lake. There has been a decline in fish in recent years and this

is one way to help get them back. He also discussed other topics, such as how we can help and we had an opportunity to ask questions. He said they were always a need for volunteers and of course money. We had a chance to sign up to help and the League voted to donate \$200 to the project.

February Meeting

Our February Meeting will be our Valentine Meeting, on Saturday, Feb 13th at 11:00 and it will be one where the husbands or significant others are encouraged to attend. We will meet at a wonderful location-The Saint Francis Wolf Sanctuary, 2757 St. Beulah Chapel Rd in Montgomery, TX. It is a fascinating look, up close and personal, at rescued wolves and wolf dogs that are cared for and used for public education. The wolves work with children from abusive backgrounds, the elderly and individuals with disabilities. It is run by Reverend Jean LaFever, a minister and with a Ph.D. in pastoral counseling. The Sanctuary is a 501(c)(3) charity. There is no charge for the visit, but donations are appreciated. These are magnificent animals and you will learn a lot. It is an experience you won't want to miss. The website is WolvesOfSaintFrancis.org and the phone number is 936-597-WOLF (9653)

The visit will be followed by lunch at 1:00 at the Cozy Grape Wine Bar, 14340 Liberty Street in Montgomery.

**** It is very important that you let Lalla Goka know if you will be attending one or both of the events by Feb. 9th so that the Sanctuary and the Cozy Grape can prepare for the number of people. Her email is tomlalla@windstream.net or by calling her at 936-891-5962 or 832-837-9660.

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FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL BOARD (PART III)

By Justin Curren

The protective Covenants or Declaration of Restrictions govern the use, development, and maintenance of residential lots, so established to preserve the natural setting and beauty of Waterwood and to protect and promote the value of said properties.

It is often brought up that resident in NEIGHBORHOOD has painted their house in a black and white motif and it looks like a large Dalmatian trying to run away. Does this sound reasonable or even remotely possible? Well it hasn't happened to that level of absurdity but if the painters slipped in by the dark of night and worked real fast, well who knows? The fact is that there are several avenues that must be followed to prevent activity that is contrary to our goal of promoting and preserving the values of all our properties. The first step is the local homeowners own neighborhood Board of Directors and their own neighborhood covenants and restrictions. The applicable covenants are available via the Internet. The homeowner should prepare detailed plans and present them to the local Architectural Control Board and hopefully gain prompt approval.

The Chairman's next step (based on the scope of work) would be to meet with the Waterwood Board of Directors and the ACB committee. Actually based on the scope of work proposed, the ACB Chairman and or the WIA executive Director can take the next step.

The key to a smooth procedure is to acquaint yourself with the requirements and appropriate documents. The better the proposal the sooner the homeowner can begin the project with NO SUPRISES a few days down the road. Remember, the Executive Director and the members of the ACB committee are available to assist you in the process no matter the size and/or scope -No Dalmatians please.



Photo by John Charlton

A FEW FUN FACTS ABOUT TEXAS

- The term “maverick” is derived from the name Samuel A. Maverick (1803-1870), an early Texas lawyer and pioneer.
- The bowie knife is named after the Alamo hero Jim Bowie (1796-1836). His brother, Rezin, designed the hefty weapon.
- It is still a hanging offense in Texas to steal cattle or to put graffiti on someone else's cow. It is also illegal to indecently expose or swear in front of a corpse in Texas. In Galveston, Texas, it is illegal to have a camel run loose on the beach.
- Oscar, the Academy Award statuette, was named for Texan Oscar Pierce, whose niece worked in Hollywood for the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences. When she saw the gold statuette, she reportedly said, “Why, that looks just like my Uncle Oscar.”
- The Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW) is home to the world's largest parking lot. The Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport has the third largest runway in the world and is the alternate landing

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site for the space shuttle. Texas has more airports than any other state in the country.

- The word “Texas” was the Spanish pronunciation “Tejas” of the Hasinai Indian word meaning “allies” or “friends.” In fact, the Texas state motto is “friendship.” Ironically, many Native American tribes in Texas, including the Hasinai, were totally destroyed.
- Texas still owns all of its public lands. If the federal government wants to create a park or cut a stand of timber, it must first ask the state’s permission.
- The city of Slaughter, Texas, has never had a homicide.

TRAVEL ADVISORY

For travelers concerned about the Zika virus in Mexico, the Caribbean, and South America- this is a really helpful and informative article.

<http://www.travelandleisure.com/articles/zika-virus-facts>

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CLASSIFIED ADS

Canoe for sale - Old Town Discovery 133 Canoe - great condition - \$400.00- for additional information/questions - cpeplau@att.net or call - [281-851-6231](tel:281-851-6231)

EZ-GO golf cart for sale - '09 - stereo system and cooling fan - great condition - \$4000. - contact Tyler @ [832-405-6463](tel:832-405-6463)

Classified ads accepted at no cost.

Email tbrown72777@hotmail.com. Deadline is the 1st of the month and must be submitted each month. Keep it short and simple. Space will be limited to 10 ads per month in the newsletter.

WATERWOOD SERVICES

This will be a new addition to the WNN. Provide name and contact information for providers of services to Waterwood such as A/C, Plumbing, Stump grinding, Tree Service, Housekeeping, Handyman, etc. Send an email tbrown72777@hotmail.com to have a service added.

Realty

Amy Bunyard, Walzel Properties
Phone: 713-962-7523
Contact: amywbunyard@gmail.com
Website: www.amybunyard.com

Melanie Cook Owner/Agent
Palmer Real Estate
800-824-9416
www.palmerrealestate.com

Pizza

Simple Simon's Onalaska
936-646-7743
Hours 11:00 to 9:00 PM
Buffet 11 to 2 daily and Tuesday 5 to 8

Churches

Point Blank Community Church
432 Robinson Way
PO Box 274, Point Blank, TX 77364
830-329-3372
www.pointblankcommunitychurch.com

Grace Community Church
6801 FM 980 N
North of WW Parkway, past Poole Creek on the Left

Lawn Care

Metz Lawn Care and Fencing
(936) 355-9014

WNN ARTICLE DEADLINE

Send pictures and articles of interest to Teresa Brown at tbrown72777@hotmail.com. Dead line for articles and pictures is the 1st of each month.

Check out our Waterwood Texas Facebook page!

Happy Valentine's
Day!