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FROM THE WIA BOARD

The ballots for the open positions on the WIA board have been mailed out.

We have 9 candidates who have expressed an interest in 5 of the available seats on the WIA Board of Directors. We encourage everyone to read the bios below to be informed about the candidates and to be sure to vote. Ballots are due in the WIA office by the end of business day Thursday, October 8th.

CANDIDATE BIOS LISTED IN THE ORDER THEY WILL APPEAR ON BALLOT

Donald Marshall

My wife, Linda, and I have lived in Waterwood for 30 years. This is my home and I want to make sure my home is taken care of. I have seen Waterwood at its glory, and at its demise. Waterwood is at a crossroad now. It could continue to be stagnant or we can work toward progress. Having served on the WIA Board of Directors for 3 terms and being the President the last two years, I have heard many times of individuals and companies that want to rebuild Waterwood, but to date these efforts have not occurred.

We are going to have to rescue ourselves. In the past two years we have begun making arrangements to do just that. WIA purchased the land behind the office and a committee has researched the development of that area for the homeowners. We have repaired road and still provide services that normally a homeowners association does not provide, such as garbage collection, mowing, security, ambulance with a paramedic on board, street lights, and fund the fire department, of which I am a member. Over the past year we have new volunteers that have greatly aided the department. WIA has paid for 9 members to attend fire school at Texas A&M which will result in a better rating to reduce the homeowner's insurance. We are currently looking at a matching grant for an additional truck.

Waterwood has a chance now to grow and become a viable community and I would like to continue to be a part of that growth.

Jack B. Zimmermann

I want to make the Waterwood Community a great place to live, both for those who are still employed and those who are enjoying retirement. Ilene and I built our home here in 1996.

I graduated from the Naval Academy at Annapolis, the Graduate School of Management at Purdue, and the School of Law at the University of Texas. I served 14 years on active duty in the Marine Corps as an artillery officer, including command of two batteries in combat, and then as a lawyer. I served 16 years in the Maine Corps Reserve, including the command of an infantry battalion, and as a trial judge. I retired as colonel. In civilian life, I am a criminal defense lawyer, with my office in Houston, but I have tried cases from California to Virginia to Iraq. I like to teach, and have spoken in 25 U.S. states, Canada, Ireland, and Japan.

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I served on the board of directors and as president of both Houston homeowners' associations for the two communities where Ilene and I have lived, as well as on the WIA Board for many years. I was fortunate enough to be elected as president of the Board for eight of those years.

My view of the Board is one of openness, so that all residents feel comfortable to come to meetings or otherwise express their concerns, suggestions, or complaints. I have always strived to treat everyone equally and with respect, and if you think it is the right thing to do to elect me to the Board in this election, I will do my best to continue to do so. I believe I will bring maturity, good judgement, and experience, and integrity to the office. There are potential changes in the future in Waterwood, and I pledge to urge fiscal responsibility for WIA during times of transition, and to ensure our funds are spent wisely.

This is a beautiful community with wonderful people. I want to give back to it.

Eric Cooper

I'm Eric Cooper and I've lived in Waterwood for three years. I'm running for a seat on the WIA Board to work on behalf of the entire Waterwood community.

My wife Deborah (Debb) and I enjoy living in this community. We moved here from The Woodlands and appreciate the tranquility as well as the friendliness of our neighbors. Living in this area away from congestion & surrounded by nature makes this an ideal retirement home for us. From talking with many of you I understand that improving property values is a major concern. I'm willing to work in this position always keeping that goal a priority.

I'm retired but worked for over forty years in the construction industry. Thirty three of those years were spent at Johnson Controls Inc... an International

Company. Much of that time was spent in a managerial capacity and I finalized my career as a Project Manager on the Major Projects Team. My work experience gives me capabilities in managing projects and people, hiring sub-contractors, creating timelines, writing contracts as well as many technical skills. I believe my background would provide knowledge that would benefit the WIA board & community.

I'd appreciate your vote. Thank you, Eric Cooper.

Mike Bercu

The Waterwood Improvement Association and the Waterwood Community is facing significant challenges. There are uncertainties regarding the Marina, Waterwood National Golf Course and infrastructure. The Club ownership and/or Waterwood Partners have not yet come up with solutions to help the growth and vitality of Waterwood despite having large investments in Waterwood. As WIA, we should continue to look for solutions independent of them. While doing this, we must be mindful of our financial situation and look for solutions that cost wise are reasonable for Waterwood.

I believe my previous four years WIA board experience will be very helpful at this time.

Waterwood Experience: Sally and I have owned a house in the Waterwood Beach community since 1980 as a weekend retreat from Houston. We raised two "city" kids to enjoy Waterwood's wonders of nature, lake and outdoors.

I served on the WIA Board for four years and 6 months (filling an unexpired term). I chaired the Real Estate, Government Liaison and Social Committees. I am currently the President of the Beach Homeowner's Association.

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Other Community Experience: President, Homeowner Association in Houston, President, Southwest Houston 2000, Inc., Former Rotarian and Scoutmaster.

Business Experience: Now retired. Previous: Business consultant to IT Departments and Sales and Marketing Departments. Worked with Management to establish best practices.

Education: MBA

John Charlton

I was born and raised in Houston. I received a degree in Business Administration from TCU in 1966, and a Master of Science in Systems Management from Florida Institute of Technology in 1976. I spent 20 years in the Air Force flying fighters and observations aircraft. After retiring from the USAF I pursued a career as a real estate appraiser and became a certified commercial and residential appraiser. In addition, I have held several management positions both private and governmental. I have had the honor to server as President and Vice President of WIA and Vice President of the Waterwood Municipal Utility District.

With the closing of the club complex, Waterwood has faced difficult challenges and decisions. In the last few years, multiple investors have shown interest in redevelopment of Waterwood to no avail. I believe the time has come for the members of the community, through WIA, to take control of their own destiny. As a member of the WIA board, I will support the use of WIA's reserve fund to aid in bringing development to Waterwood.

George H. Russell

We first bought property in Waterwood in 1998 due to its natural beauty, the world class country club building and first class overnight and restaurant facilities.

Subsequently we invested well in excess of \$10,000,000 in order to protect and preserve the beauty of Waterwood and thus be able to prohibit mobile home parks, sub-standard housing, clear-cuts, junk yards in and around Waterwood.

I graduated from LSU in 1967, married Sue on graduation day, served on Active Duty as a Stratcom Crypto Officer from 1970-1974 with 3 years of overseas service as Executive Officer, Adjutant to the Commander, Secret Documents Custodian and Company Commander.

I am a strict financial conservative who believes that WIA could do a better job of protecting its member's economic resources from being dissipated through lack of sound financial management.

We have sadly watch as Waterwood's \$20 million dollars in world class facilities were senselessly destroyed, the golf course, deteriorate, the marina, gas station, grocery store, RV Park and other amenities be demolished or allowed to deteriorate.

This senseless destruction of the most valuable resources in Waterwood was done without any attempt by WIA to convince the owner to donate the country club building and cabanas to a consortium of universities including Rice, Lamar, Texas A&M to be used as an Institute of Strategic Biosperic studies which would have made Waterwood explode with new first class development.

For several years I have been working with various investors and developers in an attempt to restore Waterwood to first class status once again and believe that by being a WIA Board Member I can promote re-

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development based on my extensive real estate re-development experience in Texas and overseas including my role in bringing West Hill Mall out of bankruptcy and the restoration of historic properties in both Texas and Italy.

As CEO, EVN Inc. since 1989, I believe that I have the educational, military leadership and business background to improve efficiency in WIA's operations, prevent the waste of resources which have caused our dues to increase dramatically in recent years and hopefully be able to reduce WIA dues in the future.

Sandra Singletary

When Richard and I drove through Waterwood looking for a place to call home, we were struck by the beautiful environment and friendliness of the people. We knew we wanted to make Waterwood our home. We are now surrounded by nature as well as amazing neighbors that are an important part of our lives. We are truly grateful to call Waterwood home.

I graduated from SFA and worked for 10 years before staying home with our children. After 15 years, I went back to school to earn my teaching certification and have recently retired from teaching. When I stayed home, I volunteered in my children's school and in our neighborhood. I was PTA treasurer for 4 years and Treasurer of our previous homeowners association for 12 years. As treasurer of the homeowners' association, I developed a fair budget with an eye for present needs that also included long term planning projects. I was also on various committees for the PTA and neighborhood. I believe my previous experiences will be an asset to the WIA board.

I am running for the WIA board because I believe it is important to be an active member of my community and I have always sought ways I can make a positive impact. I want to help preserve our beautiful Waterwood and make a contribution toward its future. As a director I

will listen with an open mind to everyone's ideas and concerns. I will strive to protect what we have and work to create an even better community. I will work to be a part of a positive change that will hopefully bring new amenities to Waterwood that would benefit everyone while being financially responsible to our homeowners. My goal will be to make Waterwood an even better place to live and play. I would appreciate your vote.

Janas L. Goldsmith

I was born in Barbers Hill, Texas; my Mom had a boarding house there. Due to my Dad being a rigger in the oil fields, we traveled a lot in my younger years. We did settle in Houston in 1942, where I grew up.

I married in 1953 and had three wonderful children, after close to 27 years in this marriage, I divorced. I am now married to my wonderful husband Al, who brought to this marriage two great sons. Together we have nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. In our 21 plus years, Al and I have mostly lived in this area, moving to Waterwood in 2006. We really love our home and all of Waterwood's wonderful folks.

I started my career in 1962 with Anchor Hocking Glass, as a glass inspector. I worked in every department during my employment as an inspector. I quit and went to college and was rehired as an inventory clerk in 1971, where I moved into the Human Resources, six months later. I was responsible for all hiring, terminations, scheduling, retirements, and was over Safety, Health & Security. Our company was bought out by several other companies; they only bought the tableware division, so we became a glass container manufacturing facility only. We employed over 500 employees. Working under a Union really was tough at times, but very rewarding as well. I was a Human Resource Assistant until they shut the Houston facility, in 1997. I worked until June of 1998, retiring all employees that were eligible. I also worked for Texas Department of Criminal Justice for

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five years the last position was in the Human Resource Headquarters.

I can't say that I have extensive experience, but it was much diversified. I was exposed to all areas of Human Resources during my 34 plus years, in this position.

My wish for Waterwood and its people is that we work together to make our community into an even more wonderful place for all of us to live. I will work to continue this growth.

Living in Waterwood is like living in the arms of nature!!!

Pat A. Nabers

I have been a resident of Waterwood for 13 years. I served 2 terms on the WIA Board in the past. I can tell you that it is a thankless job, but a very necessary one even more so now. As you can see in every direction you may travel out of Waterwood.

We need a plan for our future, not just let it happen. It is going to take all of us working together to make our community vibrant and attractive. We all want more amenities for our families to enjoy. Maybe it is time to stop waiting for "someone" to provide those for us. We need to explore other avenues to those goals ourselves.

Yes, that does mean additional expenses for all of us, but in the end, we will all benefit. Let us work together for our better future.

Please vote for me and plan to attend WIA meetings.

TOWN HALL MEETING

A Town Hall Meeting hosted by Chuck Bordo and Rebecca Gilman is planned for Saturday, September 12, at 9:00 AM at the WIA offices (or Fire Station) for all the residents of Waterwood.

This is not a Board Meeting. It is a gathering of the residents to discuss ways we think we can make Waterwood a better place to live and to hear the candidates for Board seats talk about what they want to accomplish if they are elected.

Some examples of topics for discussion are:

- Road conditions
- Golf cart, trailer, boat and RV storage policies
- Dog attacks and possible licensing
- Security issues
- Personal residential insurance policy ratings – are they taking into account our proximity of hydrants, fire station, EMS.

All candidates are asked to attend the Town Hall Meeting. They will be asked to limit their presentation to five minutes so there is time for questions from the residents. Hopefully this will help us make good decisions when we vote.

Your topics and ideas are needed so that an agenda can be prepared and to assure your issues are addressed. Please contact Chuck Bordo at chasbordo@yahoo.com or call (936-581-2388) or Rebecca Gilman at becky1040@aol.com (312-952-2993) with your thoughts.

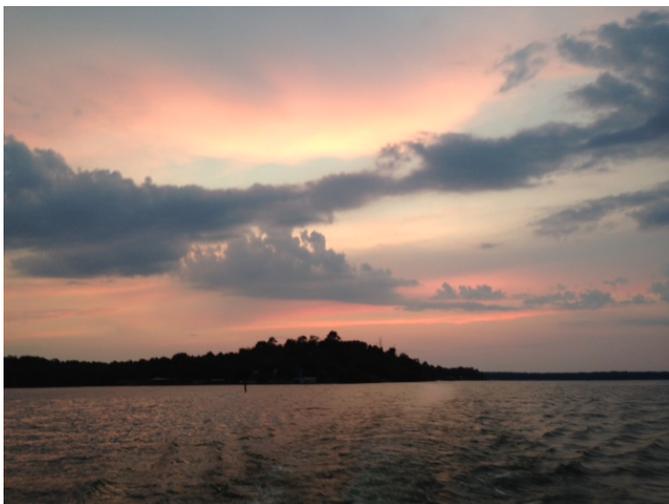
Also, let Chuck or Rebecca know if you will attend the Town Hall Meeting. Depending on the number of attendees, either the WIA conference room or the Fire Station will be reserved. If anyone has a microphone for the meeting, please advise. You are encouraged to bring your own beverage or snack.

Thanks, and we hope to see you on Saturday, September 12. By Chuck Bordo and Rebecca Gilman

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Picture by Teresa Brown

WATERWOOD WOMEN'S LEAGUE 2015-2016 EVENTS

Well, it's the beginning of an exciting new year for The Waterwood Women's League. For those of you unfamiliar with the Women's League, it is an organization that has been in existence since 1976. The purpose is to provide scholarships for deserving students in the Onalaska and Coldspring area and to offer some interesting programs to its members where they can socialize, learn something new and share ideas. It's a very worthwhile organization and one that helps many students attend a 4 year college or vocational school that would otherwise be unable to attend due to financial constraints. To date, the WWL has given out \$95,900 in scholarships to 56 students.

We have many great meetings and locations planned for this year that we know will be of interest to you all—something for everyone!

Our schedule for the year is as follows:

September 9 11:00a.m. - at Grace Community Church with a program by scholarship recipient Margaret Mitchke and Care Share representative, Nancy Woford. Lunch will be provided by some of the members.

October 3, the Women's League will have a booth for the Fair on the Square in Huntsville to make money for more scholarships.

October 14, 10:00a.m.- Visit to Sam Houston Museum in Huntsville and lunch at City Hall Café and Pie Bar.

November 11, 1p.m. –Lunch at Joe's Italian Restaurant in Livingston with a presentation by a Vietnam veteran

December 9, 11:00a.m. – Brunch and Cookie Exchange at the Grace Community Church with singing of Christmas Carols. Bring unwrapped toys in a gift bag for the Toys for Tots Campaign.

January 13, 11:00a.m. – Lunch with soups, chili, etc. at Point Blank Community Church. Speaker will be Tom McDonough from Save Lake

February 13** 11:00a.m. – Visit to St. Francis Wolf Sanctuary. 2757 St. Beulah Chapel Rd., Montgomery, TX. Lunch will be at 1:00pm at the Cozy Grape Wine Bar, 14340 Liberty St. Montgomery, TX. Spouses are invited and encouraged to attend since this is our Valentine's Meeting.

March 9, 10:00 a.m. – Visit to Kim's Nursery and Gift Shop in Huntsville. We'll have a presentation by Kim then have lunch at Bob Luby's Seafood Restaurant.

April 9** , 8:00 a.m. – Community Wide Garage Sale at the Waterwood Fire Station. Please save items in good condition for the sale (no electronics like computers, printers etc.) All proceeds go into the scholarship fund.

May 11th 10:00 a.m. – Herb program in Riverside with lunch. Details to follow later on in the year.

** change of date from second Wednesday of the month

We have a great slate of officers this year. They have great ideas and are very excited about what we are going to be doing.

This year's Women's League Officers are:
Jackie Holt- President
Lalla Goka – Vice President/Membership Chairman

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Karen Lane – Secretary
Pat Chandler- Treasurer
Scholarship Chairman – Carol McVay
Trista Byrd – Publicity Chairman
Care Chairman- Dona Curren
Care Share Chairman – Tracie Taylor

If you are not a member of the WWL and would like to join us or find out more about the WWL, we ask that you contact Lalla Goka at email tomlalla@windstream.net or calling at 936-891-5962 or 832-837-9660.

Hope to see you ladies at our meetings.
Jackie, Lalla, Karen and Pat

CONTRIBUTION FOR GOLF COURSE

Dear Waterwood residents.
As most of you know, the golf course is maintained only through voluntary donations by Waterwood residents. Many contributors are not golfers, and they donate to help keep the neighborhood looking good, and their property values high. Those of us who do play golf donate to have a place to enjoy the game.

There are approximately 400 property owners in Waterwood and only about 25 to 30 are regular contributors. I am sure that some property owners are enjoying playing the course and are not aware that we can't afford to continue maintaining the property without voluntary donations. If you are an occasional player, we ask that you give \$25 per round to help with our costs. If you do not play but live on or near the golf course, we ask that you consider donating whatever you can afford to keep Waterwood looking good for everyone and to enhance our chances to attract more people to purchase property in this wonderful neighborhood.

Donations can be made to WMGA (Waterwood Mens Golf Assn). Checks can be left in the WIA

office, or mailed to WMGA, 18 Waterwood, Huntsville, Tx 77320.

Thank you,
Steve Morrell, WMGA president
Raymond Ramirez, WMGA vice president
Rick Brown, WMGA treasurer

REMINDER OF EMERGENCY PROCEDURE

Should an emergency arise, remember - CALL 911 first. Give the 911 operator your address and let them know that you are in San Jacinto county. Then call Waterwood security 936-661-2800.

CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale: Concrete picnic table with 3 benches. Great condition \$200. (Very heavy). Contact Maryann or Mike at 936-891-7118.

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.

RECOMMENDATION

Willie Wigington recommends Mark Price in Hunstville, 946-439-3105 for inside and outside painting. He says he did an excellent job and kept everything cleaned up as he worked and is very dependable.

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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.

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.

Realty

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

Melane 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

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Paid Advertisement

Metz Lawn Care and Fencing

My name is Robert Metz and I have been providing lawn care, landscaping, roof/gutter debris cleaning, power-washing and fencing around the neighborhood. I do have many "Handy Man" skills. Our hours are daylight to dark but, if it is an emergency please call and I'll be there.

My pricing is very reasonable. Since I live here, I don't need to add the 25 plus miles others have to factor in their cost.

We use all commercial equipment such as, Dixie Chopper, Stihl, and Echo to name a few. I would like to purchase some specialized equipment and have investment opportunities. If you're interested please contact me.

My wife Carol and I have been married 28 years. We both graduated from Huntsville High School. We have two children, Ashley 24 and Patrick 19 who are also on my team. **(936) 355-9014**

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GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

6801 FM 980 N – North of WW Parkway, past
Poole Creek on the Left

You Are Very Welcome
to Join Us

Breakfast - Sunday Morning

9:30 AM

Sunday School 10:15 AM

Sunday Worship Service

11:00 AM

Sunday Evening Worship

6:00 PM

Wednesday Prayer Meeting

7:00 PM

Brother B. J. Johnson, Pastor -
Presiding