



Waterwood Neighborhood News



*Red Hat Society of Waterwood
Members Enjoy a Meal at the Club*

The Red Hatitude of Waterwood

By: Wanda Gardner

If you've ever seen several ladies, dressed in purple, wearing a red hat, having lunch, browsing an antique store, or wandering the streets of Old Town Spring, undoubtedly they were laughing and having fun. You may have questioned just why they were wearing such odd colors so, as my grandchildren say, "Here's the skinny".

(Part of the poem)
When I Am An Old Woman
By: Jenny Joseph

When I am an old woman I shall wear purple
With a red hat and satin sandals.
I shall spend my pension on brandy
And gobble up samples in shops.

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Bridge at Waterwood

Did you know that "Waterwoodians" play bridge every Thursday night at the 19th Hole. The weekly event has been on going for over 20 years.

There is a hamburger buffet at 6:00 PM. Play begins around 6:45 and usually ends around 9:00. There is a bartender available for a beverage to stimulate your card playing.

Carol McVay says, "We try to play our cards to the best of our varied ability. We are not dead pan serious, cut throat bridge players. We simply play for fun and enjoy the company of other friendly folk. We welcome any one who would care to join us."

The cost to play is \$1.00 per player and all of the money is returned as prizes. Sometimes there is a table for beginners with one of the seasoned players to help them learn. Carol says, "It only takes a short time before the novices are ready to play the game."

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Welcome to WNN



ne month of 2008 has passed and we've had a cold and wet weather so far this year. This means our weather will get a whole lot better soon.

It looks like "Waterwoodians" will be getting a new EMS service starting this month. The WIA Board of Directors voted to sign a 12 month contract with Legacy EMS service. The ambulance and crew will be assigned to Waterwood from 8 AM to 8 PM daily.

Remember, Legacy will bill **you** for the service. WIA pays the Legacy a fee to have the crew and vehicle on site in Waterwood daily.

GOOD NEWS: Watch for a new land development on the Waterwood Parkway, just south of our dump area. Anthony Properties of Ft. Worth will be developing approximately 212 acres on the west side of the Parkway.

It is reported approximately 150 home sites lots of an acre to 1 ½ acre will be sold. The development will be called Summer Set Grove.

DUH! Have you noticed the yellow arrows pointing into the drive way at the Post Office? Some of our neighbors evidently don't understand that you are supposed to go into the parking lot at the arrows going up and out of the lot on the arrows going down. Folks, be careful out there.

Remember, our Security Team is there to help us. We can help them by reporting any unusual vehicle movement around our neighborhood.

Please call them at **661-2800**.

Have a GOOD February.

THE WNN IS PUBLISHED ON A MONTHLY BASIS. THE ARTICLES AND COMMENTS ARE WRITTEN TO INFORM AND ENTERTAIN THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE WATERWOOD COMMUNITY. IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT US AT:

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Things to Do and People to See

The February 2008 edition of the WNN will feature a new column on food and service firms who have provided good meals and service.

BARBER – The Barber Shop in Stubby's Plaza in Onalaska. Martha runs an old fashion Shop with good cutting as well as current event discussions.

EATING OUT

Breakfast – **The Yellow Rose Café** on 190 in east Onalaska. Good food at a reasonable price.

BBQ – **Bobs BBQ** on Hwy. 156, south of Point Blank. Home cooking and the price is right.

Fun & Good – **The Hen House** is located in Riverside on 980, just as you pass over the railroad tracks. Warm, friendly and the food is tasty.

Hamburger - **Nell's Burgers** is one of the best spots around Lake Livingston to eat a burger. It is located in a small building behind the Shell Station at the intersection of 190 and FM 2457. GOOD!

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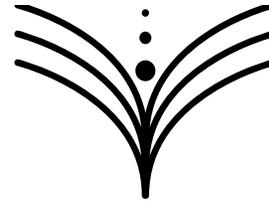
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Mexican – **El Mante** is located on 190 in the old Dairy Queen building in East Onalaska. The food and service are good and the price is reasonable.

PLUMBER – Onalaska Plumbing Services offer professional plumbing services and supplies. The owner Ed Syyah welcomes “do-it-yourselfers”.

The above mentioned firms have been recommended to WNN. WNN does not guarantee or warranty the products and/or services of these firms. These firms are close to our neighborhood and “Waterwoodians” may want to try them.

If you have any places or services to recommend, please email us at: wnn@waterwoodwia.com.

ENJOY!



Red Hatitude

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I shall make up for the sobriety of my youth
By going out in the rain
And picking flowers from other people's
gardens,
But maybe I ought to practice a little now?
So my friends who know me are not surprised
When I am old and start to wear purple.
(adapted)

Some 30 odd years ago, Sue Ellen Cooper read the above poem. It was on a T-shirt hanging on a wall in a bookshop. The poem made a lasting impression. Some months later she had a friend who was having a 55th birthday.

Remembering the poem, Sue Ellen had a copy framed, bought a red hat for her friend, and also wearing a red hat and purple; present the gift to her friend at a birthday luncheon.

Soon a red hat and poem hung on several walls and the gals would meet for lunch, proudly dressed in purple, wearing their red hat wall décor, declaring for the world to see that the age fifty didn't mean the end of fun.

Today there are over 42,000 Red Hat Chapters worldwide. The original chapter, which started in California, celebrates its tenth year in 2008.

The chapters range from three members to well over one hundred members. There are no dues, no hidden agenda, the goal is having lunch once a month with friends, having fun and celebrating our senior years. The Red Hatitude of Waterwood chapter came into being on February 5, 2005, when Pat Floyd, a long time Waterwood resident went on line and filled out the necessary paperwork.

She started issuing verbal invitations to all Waterwood ladies to join her chapter. The first luncheon was held at the Junction Restaurant in Huntsville. We were four strong. Today our chapter has 36 members.

You don't have to be fifty to join, but you do have to wear lavender with a pink hat. You know none of us Waterwood women would cheat by wearing pink and lavender to disguise our age. We may have thought seriously about it but decided we didn't get all this gray hair to cover it with a pink hat. We are bold, not old. wearing a red hat and purple; present the gift to her friend at a birthday luncheon.

I am Vice-Queen of our fun loving chapter. I'm also known as "Lady Net-Nut". I have the fun task of emails to our members, informing them of when and where monthly luncheons will be held.

When we have events with sister chapters, I send information to over 200 Texas chapters and I don't have nearly all of the registered Texas chapters in my e-address book.

To date, we have held four large parties inviting other chapters. The first was a Christmas party at Waterwood Country Club (WCC) in 2005. Our

second large party was a Spring Fling, held in March of 2007, at the WCC.

In July of 2007, we hosted a luau at the WCC with 120 people attending. The husbands and/or the significant others were judges of the hula dance contest and a participated in the limbo. We had a blast.



Waterwood Red Hat "Sisters"

On January 19, 2008, we hosted 80 Red Hat sisters from 21 chapters across the state to a Red Hat Breakfast with Elvis. This was held at Magnolia Lake.

Harvey McFadden of Point Blank did a fabulous Elvis impersonation. The breakfast consisted of a Mimosa drink, coffee, biscuits, scrambled eggs, sausage, potatoes, gravy and various fruits. Fun was had by all.

If you'd like to be a Red Hatter and join the fun, please call Pat Floyd at **(936) 891-1059**.

You'll be most welcome, and we do have fun. How can you not have fun when meeting with ladies of chapters named: Classy Lassies, Southern Belles, Scarlet Ya-Ya's, Super Chicks of Bentwater, Red Hat Baby Boomers, Razzle Dazzle Ruby Chapeaux, Lone Star Road

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Computer Corner

by John Charlton



Spyware! Just the name is enough to scare you, and it should. When you search the web, websites interact with your computer and place 'Cookies' on your hard drive. The maker of web browsers invented cookies to speed your web browsing. Generally that's a good thing. When you return to a website the site looks for its cookies and takes action based on some formula.

Well, it did not take long for other folks, without such

benign motives, to figure out they too could use these cookies to find things out about people surfing the web. They created software that would track where you went on the web and reported back to their site without asking your permission. For the most part spyware is benign. The information returned does little harm, other than slowing down your web browsing. In other cases it can be downright dangerous. An example of how dangerous are programs designed to return your passwords and logons back to their site. This could be a disaster if they returned your bank account information.

As with the other programs we have talked about, there are commercial and freeware available to mitigate spyware. I use two, Lavasoft's Ad-Aware, and Spybot Search and Destroy. It seems like there is no single program that finds all spyware. You could run more than two, but for me these two do a good enough job.

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Lavasoft's commercial version has a program that will attempt to prevent programs from putting spyware on your computer. The free version does not have this. However if you run it's scanner regularly I think it will keep your computer clean enough. If you have never run a spyware program on your computer don't be surprised at the number of things these two programs will find. It's been a month since I ran Ad-Aware and it found 93 items that should be removed.

You generally have three choices when these programs find spyware, you can remove it, you can quarantine it, or you can ignore it. I always remove it. If you choose to quarantine the file, that file will not be usable unless you un-quarantine it.. If you are afraid of removing something you might need later, this is a good choice. Like I said, I remove it. All of it, and I have never had a problem. The choice is yours.

So I recommend you get an Anti-Spyware

program and use it at least monthly, more often depending how much surfing you do. You may just see a slight increase in your surfing speed.

OK, you have ZoneAlarm firewall, AVG anti-virus, and you have installed and run Ad-Aware. So now it is time to go to your email and enjoy some SPAM. Because, if you use email, you have or will have Spam. So next month I'll share some thoughts for some free anti-spam solutions.



Bridge at Waterwood

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The bridge group needs more players. If you are interested in joining or just want additional information, please call Carol at **891-5056**. You will enjoy participating in the fun and games.



Neighborhood Pets



Rascal Russell looks out over Lake Livingston from a rock next to his home.

This edition's neighborhood pet is Rascal Russell. Rascal, a Boston Bull Terrier, was discovered about two or three years ago lost at the Country Club. For a time, he slept under the bushes and was fed by members of the staff. They finally decided to take him to the shelter. Sollie Jackson then intervened and took him to the home of Kenneth and Marjorie Russell to see if they would like to have him. Marjorie had been allergic to some animals and was hesitant. But he was so interesting she decided to let him stay for a few days. Fortunately, she was not allergic to him so she decided he could stay there.

He was such a feisty little dog that one day Marjorie called him a little rascal. The name seemed to fit, so he still goes by that name today.

It took Rascal three or four weeks to completely feel at home at the Russells. He was constantly looking for his old home. Marjorie thought he must have been owned by an older couple and that he was dropped off at the Club because they could no longer care for such a feisty and energetic little dog. He had been vaccinated and well cared for.

Rascal was Marjorie's constant companion in her final days. Today, although he misses Marjorie very much, Rascal lives a very happy life with Kenneth. As responsible pet owners, the Russells have given Rascal further veterinary care and attention. It hasn't slowed him down at all. If given the opportunity, he can run with the family golf cart at 20 miles an hour for an entire mile!



Marjorie, Kenneth, and Rascal Russell

If you know of special Waterwood pets you would like to be featured, contact us at wnn@waterwoodwia.com!



Red Hatitude

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Runners, Sassy Red Pearland, Merry Maids of Mirth and Madness, Dazzling Red Hat Bunco Squad, The Yellow Rose Red Hatters, or The Scarlet O'Hatters?

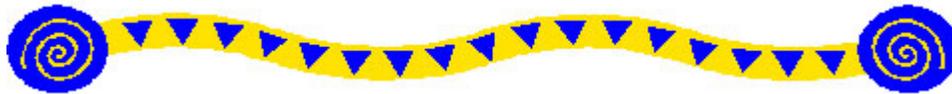
EDITORS NOTE:

We were on a cruise two years ago and a large group of Red Hatters were on the ship also. We can testify that they have a REAL GOOD time.



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