



## C.O.P. Training Class

*Bill Johnson*

Volunteers wishing to assist in our Citizens On Patrol (C.O.P.) activity are required by the sponsoring Garland Police Department to attend a training class before doing active patrol duty. This class is presented by Police Officers.

A tentative date of Saturday, April 1st has been set for the next class, pending sufficient class attendees. These classes are held on an 'as needed' basis, so we need to take full advantage of this opportunity. Anyone wishing to join in this neighborhood safety activity should contact Bill Johnson at (972) 414-1665 before March 1st.

We are always looking for new volunteers to help patrol our neighborhood. The visible presence of someone patrolling the area looking for unusual activity or suspicious situations is a tremendous deterrent to criminals or vandals. Your friends and neighbors have already logged over 1100 hours of patrol duty, checking our streets and alleys. Come give

## The Poet's Corner

*Bill Johnson*

Here's a delightful bit of nonsense taken from Ann Lander's column.

The Mirror

By John T. West, Jr.

The other day, I happened by chance,  
As I passed a mirror, to give it a glance.  
And I wondered who that old man could be,  
Who, with his mouth wide open, was looking at me.  
His bald head was sprinkled with a little gray fuzz,  
And he wasn't at all handsome (like I always was).  
He looked like a sack of mis-mated parts,  
Put together without aid of instruction or charts.  
And while I know that my shoulders don't slump,  
This person's were misshapen in one ugly hump!  
Now, if that was my image, I can only say,  
They don't make mirrors like they did in my day.

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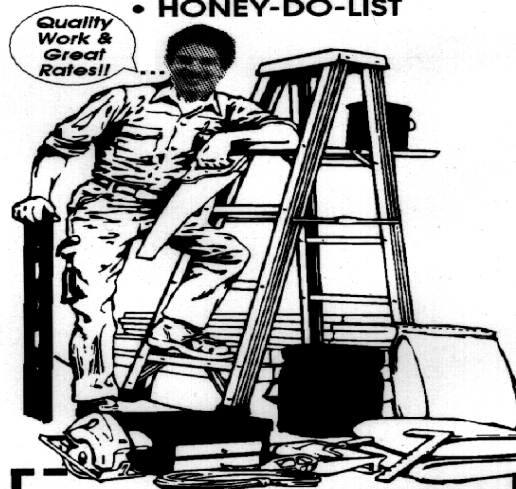
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## NOTABLE NEIGHBORS

Norene Murphy will celebrate her 89<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 7, 2000. She was born a "west Texas girl" in Cisco, Texas.

Her two sons have contributed 6 grandchildren and one great grandson to her family tree. You can see the pride she has in her family demonstrated by the pictures she displays when you visit her home on Stoneridge. Her family has honored her in many ways: the family attendance at church, special gifts, and even being escorted by her grandson as his date to a Valentine's Day Dance.

Norene has "traveled all over" accompanying her first husband of 17 years who was in the Navy. He was the father of her 2 children but died when the youngest one was just thirteen days old. Her second husband whom she married four years later, loved and adopted her children and she was married to him for 17 years also before his death in 1979. Norene's employment started in Crane, Texas, as a telephone operator for Southwestern Bell (chief operator for 15 years) but she used that skill in many different cities and then worked as a Postmaster in Ira, Texas, for 15 years. She has been a Sunday School teacher "nearly all my life" and presently serves as substitute teacher at First Methodist Church, Garland.

She stays busy with needlework - mainly crocheting and quilting. These hobbies keep her busy while viewing her favorite sport and team-baseball and the Texas Rangers. Norene practices her philosophy of "staying busy all the time" by leading a crafts group for the Oakridge Daytimers with her neighbor Jackie Tucker. Jackie, who is an accomplished quilter herself, reports that Norene accomplished the impossible last year by completing two Christmas quilts for her family in the span of one year. This year she is working on Christmas tree skirts with she and Jackie directing the construction of one for the Daytimers.

Her family requests her Homemade Noodles and her Maple Nut Ice Box Pie, but the best things Norene serves up are her smile and kindness. Oakridge is proud to have a neighbor like Norene Murphy who reports that she has "had a full life".

(as told to Dianne Winter by Norene Murphy)

This is a new feature to acquaint Oakridge neighbors. If you would like to submit suggestions for "Notable Neighbors" please call 972-530-6210 or e-mail [ddwinter@home.com](mailto:ddwinter@home.com).

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## Oakridge Women's Club

*Libby Morse*

Last Month: We had a great turnout for the "Meet the babysitter Night". We met 7 girls. They will all make great babysitters! We will be calling! Our packets should be ready by our March meeting. Thank you Trisha for putting them together!

Our couple's activity on the 19<sup>th</sup> was the annual progressive dinner. We had a lot of good food and fun!

Next Month: Our next meeting is March 7<sup>th</sup>. It is tentatively scheduled for the Oakridge Country Club. We will be making our Easter party plans. Don't miss it!

Member News: We had Three new members join this month! Welcome Rebekah Dowdy, Tracy Murphy and Lianne Merger. Welcome to the OWC.

If you are interested in joining the Oakridge Women's Club please call Kay Steelman at 972-495-4879.

IT is a great way to meet your neighbors and have fun!

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**Crime Statistics:**

*Luanne Payne*

Once again I do not have a complete list of crime statistics to report to you. The police department is still converting and updating their computer system. They are still unable to furnish detailed information of the offenses that have occurred in our neighborhood. They have asked us to be patient while they work to get this program working the right way. In the meantime I have two interesting stories I can share with you. The first event happened the first week in February and I will call it "The Tale of the Phantom Intruder".

The lady of the house came home one afternoon to find several articles in her living room in disarray. Things were knocked off the tables and windows and she immediately thought someone had broken in her home. She quickly called the police and they soon arrived. After inspecting all doors and windows, the police could not find any forced entry to her home. The police sometimes aren't known for their "bedside manners" when they ask questions. They asked the lady if someone that had a key to her home, such as her daughter or even her husband, were mad at her about something. She was quite insulted by the questions but assured the police that she knew of no one that would do something like this. Later, her husband arrived home and he soon found evidence of a possible intruder. The evidence found was animal droppings and little black paw prints. With further investigation throughout the house, the intruder was found – a squirrel! They called the police back, as well as Animal Control to help get the little critter out of the house. The squirrel had come down the chimney and once in the house could not get out. Animal Control was able to guide the squirrel out of the house and the homeowners had a chimney cap installed the next day.



The next event occurred on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>. I am sure many residents would be interested to know the details of this story which I will call "The Runaway Suburban".

This story, which is not funny at all, occurred on Diamond Oaks at Golden Oaks. There were two teenage boys, driving a Suburban on Diamond Oaks and lost control of the vehicle when they turned left onto Golden Oaks. The driver ran into the yard on the corner, hit the house and ended up in the backyard swimming pool. Thankfully, no one was injured in this accident. But there is another reason I am sharing this story with you because the people who live in this house were not home and none of their neighbors knew how to get in touch with them. Our wonderful Fire Station No. 3 boarded up the damaged corner of the house and put up a temporary fence to keep out any intruders. My point to this story is, you need to leave an emergency number with someone you trust in the neighborhood. Whether it be your next door neighbor or you could even leave an emergency number with the ONA Membership chairman, Mary Musseman. She could put this in the files to keep in case of emergencies. Of course you have to be an ONA member to take advantage of this. You could also notify the police of any emergency numbers when you will be away for any length of time. How would you like to come home to an unexpected surprise like this? Last year, a home had a gas leak and would have exploded had it not been for our own "Let Sue Do It" taking care of their house and pets. Just remember, pipes break, water heaters go out, air conditioners & heaters fail, and roofs leak. It is a good idea to leave the numbers of your favorite repairmen along with any numbers where you can be reached. This is what neighbors are for! Let's all try to be a better neighbor in this new century.

FROM THE DESK OF ANNIE DICKSON  
FOR  
MAYOR 2000

Thank you for the opportunity of addressing you in this issue of your newsletter. On October 10,1999, I submitted to the Garland News announcing my candidacy to run as mayor of Garland, Texas. The election for office will be May 6, 2000. After many years of citizen involvement and four years ( two terms ) as a city councilwoman, I know I can make a difference

The population of Garland is over 200,000 making us the 10<sup>th</sup> largest city in the State of Texas. We are a growing, changing city and as citizens, business and policy makers, we are rediscovering and redefining ourselves. My reason for this decision comes from my love for the citizens of Garland. In the new century we will have significant budgets and utility challenges and I am committed to the preservation of each Garland neighborhood and business. I feel that my vision of young and fresh ideas will enhance city government, energize the way we conduct business in our city and bring more citizens into the process.

The following is a partial list of my accomplishments during my four years as city councilwoman for Garland:

- Initiated the oversized vehicle ordinance i.e. prohibiting tractor-trailers from parking in residential areas to limit their impact in our neighborhoods.
- Initiated the Rental Housing ordinance requiring landlords to register rental properties to preserve quality housing.
- Took an active role in bringing business to Garland as well as keeping the ones we have.
- Assisted community group in relocating proposed motel from building in South Garland residential neighborhood.
- Strong support of Neighborhood Revitalization.
- Initiated city of Garland Beautification awards for residential, commercial and civic sites.
- Chaired Development Services Committee charting positive growth, infrastructure need, standards and trends.
- Served on the City Council's Public Safety Committee to enhance police, fire and emergency services.

Current activities; 12/99 graduate Garland Citizens Police Academy, school volunteer at Hillside Academy and Williams schools, member of the Garland Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation, East Area Implementation Committee and other civic groups.

I have given you a brief overview of some of my accomplishments as Councilwoman for the city of Garland. I invite you to call me for an exchange of your ideas and concerns or to speak with a group of your neighbors and friends. Together we can make a difference. I've already started; *Will You Please Join With Me !!*

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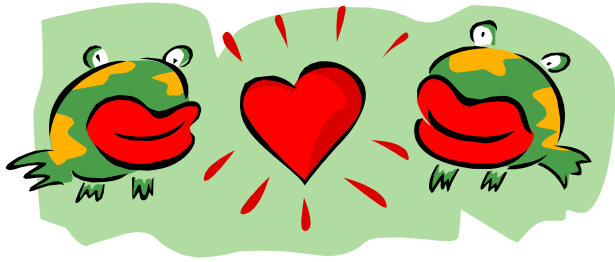
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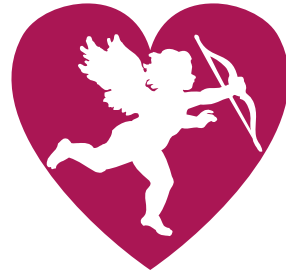


## GHS Golf Tournament

Garland High School class of 2001 is putting on a golf tournament on Monday, March 6, 2000 at Oakridge Country Club. They are looking for donations to help with this tournament or golfers who would like to join us for golf.

They have great prizes to give away. First Place is \$400 a team, Second Place is \$300 a team, Third Place is \$200 a team. Byron Nelson tickets, autographed footballs, putter, driver, sand wedges, gift bags with a sleeve of balls, tees, gift certificate and much more. Please come and join them on March 6, 2000 at Oakridge for a fun time!

Any questions, feel free to call Marsha Dickens at 214-349-5559 or Kim Long at 972-729-1283.



TAKE TIME  
TO TRAVEL

### Oakridge Daytimers

*Diane Winters*

Squirrel stories, recipes, hand cream, smiles, and heartfelt memories were shared in the friendship time of the Daytimers Coffee held at the home of gracious hostess, Gail Durbin, on February 8<sup>th</sup>. These Oakridge neighbors welcomed each other and visitor, Becky, from Germany, and enjoyed refreshments made by Linda Horton, Trudy Schmidt, and Brenda Britton. All the sweets were lip-licking good and Linda was assaulted with requests for the cookie recipe with boiled raisins. Ask Jo Ann Williams to tell you her squirrel story and we are waiting for Mary Jo Herring's hand cream recipe.

Announcements were shared and decisions on upcoming events were made including plans for a new antiquing group led by Ruby Nell Ormon.

The treasurer announced a total of 29 members were ready to be included in an upcoming directory. To pay your membership dues of \$12 in time to be added to this list, please call Mary Pattie -972-496-6486 by March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Book Club will meet Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> at Sarah Traylor's: 3222 Bending Oaks.

Crafts Group is involved in beginning a Christmas tree skirt for our group - meet at Norene Murphy's-2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays.

Out to Lunch on

Feb.23, at Sweet Temptations-Call Barb Brunette-972-530-4288.

March 28 at Cheesecake Factory-Call Gail Durbin-972-495-6045

Check your calendars that were distributed by Jo Ann Williams for additional February and March dates. Interested non-members can call president, Roberta Jones -972-414-7277, or any member listed above for more information on membership or events.

Remember your Secret Pal or your neighbor with a kind deed, and also remember:

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**Welcome Wagon:**

*Luanne Payne*

The Welcome Wagon has been rather behind for several reasons that I won't go into, but I am back on track now and trying to get caught up with all the new residents, whether your three months new or six months new. As always, if you know of any new neighbor who has moved in on your street or elsewhere in Oakridge, please give me a call at 972-530-9323. Listed below are the new neighbors who I have welcomed in the past two months. If they happen to be on your block, stop by and say hello.

**Dist. 1:** Ms. Rhonda Twitty  
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Ms. E. J. Tanner (joined ONA)  
3129 Ridge Oak Dr.

Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Herring  
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Mr. & Mrs. Kim  
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Mr. Don McCormack  
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**Dist. 4:** Mr. & Mrs. Yehia Hussein  
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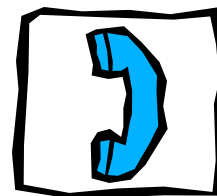
**Dist. 5:** Ms. Mary Kesler  
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**Dist. 6:** Ms. Betty Eades  
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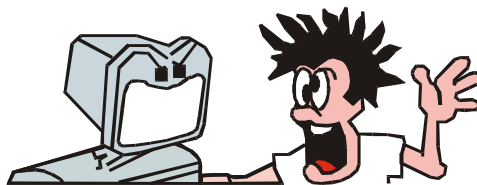
*Mary Musseman*

As of February 11, 2000 our membership is at 420 members. Now you may be thinking we're going down in numbers instead of up. IT'S TRUE. We're getting a few new families to join but we're losing members because they're moving out of our neighborhood. Spring and summer does seem to be the time for people to move, so keep an eye out for new faces and go make them feel WELCOME.



**CORRECTION** - An error was made on the PC House Call ad in the January issue. The company name was wrong and the phone number omitted. I deeply regret any problem this may have caused. Please make a note of the new advertisement. The editor.

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