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Hello, ONA members. As always, thank you for your support and encouragement.

It's time to start giving some serious thought about how you might want to support your Oakridge Neighborhood Association for the upcoming June 1, 2005 through May 30, 2006 term. Some new blood, some new ideas on the ONA Board, can't be anything but good.

Here are some abbreviated descriptions of positions that may be available as of June 1:

President -- coordinates all ONA activity; facilitates the monthly Board and quarterly General Membership meetings; represents the ONA at occasional City functions.

Vice President -- fills in for the President as needed; represents the ONA at occasional City functions.

Secretary -- keeps the official minutes for all ONA meetings; contacts the ONA Board for the ONA President as necessary; provides general support of all ONA Board members as needed.

Treasurer -- keeps the ONA "books"; bills our advertisers; checks the ONA PO box. Note: Our current Treasurer has our "books" in such outstanding order, this job would be painless to take over.

District Directors -- keep on top of what's going on in their district; report at all ONA meetings; put out and take down ONA Christmas decorations.

Crime Prevention and Safety -- coordinates Oakridge's crime watch program with the Garland Police Department (GPD). Note: Official GPD training is required.

Membership -- maintains ONA membership list; sends out yearly invoices; produces ONA Directory.

Please give these positions some serious thought -- your neighborhood truly needs your new ideas and help. Please give me a call (972-495-7769) if you'd like to discuss one of these positions further.

And, please join us at the March 24 General Membership Meeting; 6:30 p.m. social; 7 p.m. meeting; Oakridge Country Club. We'll be electing a nominating committee for the '05-'06 Board, and we'd love to go ahead and pencil in your name for one of these positions.

See you on the 24th. Nelson



God Bless America



MARCH 24

ONA General Meeting

where - Oakridge Country Club

time - 6:30 Social

7:00 Meeting

Meet the candidates — Mayor
District 7

Elect the 2005 ONA Nominating Committee

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OAKRIDGE DAYTIMERS by Dianne Winter

Members greeted January with a meeting at the home of Sally Weiss. Food hostesses were Barbara Brunette, Jo Dietz, Mary Jo Herring, Chris Beyers, and Doris Autrey. The surprise guest entertainer was Carol Brandon who presented "Showstoppers" – hit tunes from Broadway shows. The ever - gracious hostess, Sally, joined in the performance. This was a great way to start the New Year.

Garden Club met January 26th at the home of Suzanne Snow to hear Norma Babbitt from the Dallas County Master Gardener's Speakers Bureau. Norma addressed the process of starting rosebushes from cuttings. She presented each one in attendance with a cutting from a Caldwell Pink rosebush. Ask Betty Prickett about the significance of this rose.

The Book Club met at the home of Mary Pattie and enjoyed a long discussion of the book, "Tell No One". In February they will meet on the 18th at the home of Mary Musseman to discuss, "Their Eyes were Watching God" by Zora Neale Hurston.

The February Fun on the Run Activity includes a tour of the Garland Performing Arts Center with lunch to follow. Call Sharon Carlton (973-530-4317) to be listed and meet at the pool of Oakridge Country Club at 10:30 on February 24th.

Highlight the 8th of February at the home of Betty Prickett and then the 8th of March at the home of Ruby Nell Ormon to attend these Daytimers meetings. SURPRISE entertainment and guests have been appearing at each meeting so come prepared for a treat.

Other groups as Canasta, Stitch and Chat, and Bridge are enjoying their routine schedules. ETC has regrouped, so listen for plans and announcements from this group.

We wish members Charlotte Vaughter and Audrey Castleman well as they recuperate from surgeries.

Daytimers send wishes for a Happy Valentines Day!

Daytimers is a social organization that requires residence in Oakridge and \$12.00 dues. Daytimers promotes the Oakridge community and the Oakridge Neighborhood Association. Any questions should be directed to Mary Musseman, 972-414-1098, or Suzanne Snow, 972-414-3747.

Notes from Councilman Monroe

Hello to all:
Here we go again---it is election season in Garland and I wanted to share with you the items that will be on the ballot. First, the Mayor and Council Districts 3, 6, 7, and 8 will be up for vote. There will also be two referendums on the ballot for consideration. The first one is to eliminate the club card membership requirements for restaurants that serve alcoholic beverages and the second is to allow beer and wine sales with in the city limits.

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"LET SUE DO IT"

SO THE REFRIGERATOR REPAIRMAN IS COMING TODAY BUT YOU HAVE AN IMPORTANT MEETING?



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SATURDAY
MAY 14, 2005**

Mark that date on your calendar as it will be the first all Oakridge residents family picnic.

Watch for details in next months newsletter

NEWS FROM THE WELCOME WAGON

This is to inform all that I have resigned from the Welcome Wagon duties and **Gail Durbin**, my associate, is taking over that position. Gail's phone number is **214-459-4706**. Please call Gail whenever you have a new neighbor move in.

A hearty 'Thank You' to all our neighbors who have been so good to call us when new neighbors move into Oak Ridge. It is so helpful in being able to make a timely visit.

Thanks again.

Fern Cook

SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW EVERYTHING?

A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.
A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
A crocodile cannot stick out its tongue.
A dragonfly has a life span of 24 hours.
A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds.
A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.
A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.
A snail can sleep for three years.
Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer.
All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill.
Almonds are a member of the peach family.
An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

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Technologically Challenged ? *author unknown*

Compaq is considering changing the command "Press Any Key" to "Press Return Key" because of the flood of calls asking where the "Any" key is.

AST technical support had a caller complaining that her mouse was hard to control with the dust cover on. The cover turned out to be the plastic bag the mouse was packaged in.

Another Dell customer called to say he couldn't get his computer to fax anything. After 40 minutes of troubleshooting, the technician discovered the man was trying to fax a piece of paper by holding it in front of the monitor screen and hitting the "Send" key.

A Dell technician received a call from a customer who was enraged because his computer had told him he was "Bad and an invalid." The tech explained that the computer's "bad command" and "invalid" responses shouldn't be taken personally.

An exasperated caller to Dell Computer Tech Support couldn't get her new Dell Computer to turn on. After ensuring the computer was plugged in, the technician asked her what happened when she pushed the power button. Her response, "I pushed and pushed on this foot pedal and nothing happened." The "foot pedal" turned out to be the computer's mouse...

Another customer called Compaq tech support to say her brand new computer wouldn't work. She said she unpacked the unit, plugged it in and sat there for 20 minutes waiting for something to happen. When asked what happened when she pressed the power switch, she asked, "What power switch?"

Another IBM customer had trouble installing software and rang for support "I put in the first disk, and that was OK. It said to put in the second disk, and had some problems with the disk. When it said to put in the third disk, I couldn't even fit it in." The user hadn't realized that "Insert Disk 2" implied removing Disk 1 first.

A story from a Novell NetWare Sys Op:

CALLER: "Hello, is this Tech Support?"

TECH: "Yes, it is. How may I help you?"

CALLER: "The cup holder on my PC is broken -and I am within my warranty period. How do I go about getting that fixed?"

TECH: "I'm sorry, but did you say a cup holder?"

CALLER: "Yes, it's attached to the front of my computer."

TECH: "Please excuse me. If I seem a bit stumped, it's because I am. Did you receive this as part of a promotional at a trade show? How did you get this cup holder? Does it have any trademark on it?"

CALLER: "It came with my computer. I don't know anything about a promotional it just has '4X' on it."

At this point, the Tech Rep had to mute the caller because he couldn't stand it. He was laughing too hard. The caller had been using the load drawer of the CD-ROM drive as a cup holder and it had snapped it off the drive.

A woman called the Canon help desk with a problem with her printer. The tech asked her if she was "running it under windows." The woman responded, No, my desk is next to the door. But that is a good point. The man sitting in the cubicle next to me is under a window and his printer is working fine.

And last but not least:

TECH SUPPORT: "O.K. Bob, let's press the control and escape keys at the same time. That brings up a task list in the middle of the screen. Now type the letter "P" to bring up the Program Manager."

CUSTOMER: "I don't have a 'P'".

TECH SUPPORT: "On your keyboard, Bob."

CUSTOMER: "What do you mean?"

TECH SUPPORT: " 'P' on your keyboard, Bob."

CUSTOMER: "I'm not going to do that

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I would like to take this opportunity to announce that I will be seeking a second term as District 7 Councilmember. It has been a rewarding time in my life and I am excited at the possibility of continuing the work that I have started. I am truly humbled by the fact that the constituents and citizens of Garland have allowed me to serve them.

Just a few updates on some issues. This month, the demolition process of the Villages of Eastgate has begun and next month we will have the grand opening of Fire Station 11. It is great to see development of this type come to fruition and realize their long lasting positive effect on Garland as a whole.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mark Monroe
Mayor Pro-Tem
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Oakridge Women's Club (OWC)

We have changed our meeting night! If you couldn't meet with us on Tuesdays- Join us for our new night- the first **THURSDAY** of the month!

The next meeting is at Nedley's. It is Thursday March 3rd at 7 p.m. We will be planning the spring party!

Mark the following date in your calendar:

Sunday March 6th 2:30pm is our Annual spring party at the Park. The kids love this event! We have a piñata and egg hunt along with our picnic!

At our February meeting we planned the progressive dinner. We all had a great time at the dinner! Thank you Rita, Sharron and Pam for hosting in your lovely homes!

If you would like more details and directions about the upcoming events or joining the OWC, please contact our President, Rita Morrison 972-495-2961. Or you may e-mail Libby Morse at TOMLIB@comcast.net

The Oakridge Women's Club is open to all women in the Oakridge neighborhood who share a common bond in the love of our children and families. We welcome prospective new members at all meetings! Annual dues are \$20.00.

The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket..

The sentence: "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter of the alphabet.

The words 'racecar,' 'kayak' and 'level' are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left (palindromes).

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Councilman, Mark Monroe	972-495-8028	NPO Tony Blassingame	972 -205-2740

Operator: "Thank you for calling Pizza Hut. May I have your national ID number?" Customer: "Hi, I'd like to place an order." Operator: "I must have your NIDN first, sir?" Customer: "My National ID Number, yeah, hold on, eh, it's 6102049998-45-54610." Operator: "Thank you, Mr. Sheehan. I see you live at 1742 Meadowland Drive and the phone number's 494-2366. Your office number over at Lincoln Insurance is 745-2302 and your cell number's 266-2566. Email address is sheehan@home.net. Which number are you calling from, sir?" Customer: "Huh? I'm at home. Where d'ya get all this information?" Operator: "We're wired into the HSS, sir." Customer: "The HSS, what is that?" Operator: "We're wired into the Homeland Security System, sir. This will add only 15 seconds to your ordering time" Customer: (Sighs) "Oh, well, I'd like to order a couple of your All-Meat Special pizzas." Operator: "I don't think that's a good idea, sir." Customer: "Whaddya mean?" Operator: "Sir, your medical records and commode sensors indicate that you've got very high blood pressure and extremely high cholesterol. Your National Health Care provider won't allow such an unhealthy choice." Customer: "What?!?! What do you recommend, then?" Operator: "You might try our low-fat Soybean Pizza. I'm sure you'll like it." Customer: "What makes you think I'd like something like that?" Operator: "Well, you checked out 'Gourmet Soybean Recipes' from your local library last week, sir. That's why I made the suggestion." Customer: "All right, all right. Give me two family-sized ones, then." Operator: "That should be plenty for you, your wife and your four kids, and your 2 dogs can finish the crusts, sir. Your total is \$49.99." Customer: "Lemme give you my credit card number." Operator: "I'm sorry sir, but I'm afraid you'll have to pay in cash. Your credit card balance is over its limit." Customer: "I'll run over to the ATM and get some cash before your driver gets here." Operator: "That won't work either, sir. Your checking account's overdrawn also." Customer: "Never mind! Just send the pizzas. I'll have the cash ready. How long will it take?" Operator: "We're running a little behind, sir. It'll be about 45 minutes, sir. If you're in a hurry you might want to pick 'em up while you're out getting the cash, but then, carrying pizzas on a motorcycle can be a little awkward." Customer: "Wait! How do you know I ride a scooter?" Operator: "It says here you're in arrears on your car payments, so your car got repo'ed. But your Harley's paid for and you just filled the tank yesterday" Customer: Well I'll be a *#@*# ! Operator: "I'd advise watching your language, sir. You've already got a July 4, 2006 conviction for cussing out a cop and another one I see here on September for contempt at your hearing for cussing at a judge." "Oh yes I see here that you just got out from a 90 day stay in the State Correctional Facility. Is this your first pizza since your return to society?" Customer: (Speechless) Operator: "Will there be anything else, sir?" Customer: "Yes, I have a coupon for a free 2 liter of Coke". Operator: "I'm sorry sir, but our ad's exclusionary clause prevents us from offering free soda to diabetics. The New Constitution prohibits this. Thank you for calling Pizza Hut!"

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The ONA Board sets the dates for the General Membership meetings. Mark your calendars: September 23, 2004
March 24, 2005
May 26, 2005
Check the ONA web site for current information
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The ONA Board meets the Third Thursday of each month to conduct the business of the ONA.

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