



# Oakridge News



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

Being ONA President has been quite a learning experience. My lessons started within a week of taking the job when I learned that having an 8-foot fence meant I was a hypocrite. I'd always thought hypocrites were those who widened their phylacteries and lengthened their tassels. I guess I lengthened my tassel when I put up the 8-foot fence -- I can't imagine it had anything to do with my phylacteries.

We have a celebrity in our midst, as I am the "Dr. Phil of Oakridge" according to one neighbor who wrote in. He (or she -- it was unsigned) read my article about being a good neighbor and was pretty upset about my mention of those who line our streets with their cars. I'm guessing he, or she, hasn't had to thread the Stoneridge needle yet.

I thought I was a good student, but I'm barely passing (as a writer) as one neighbor indicated by returning something I'd written with a D- grade on it.

One neighbor threatened to "address" at our March general membership meeting his belief that the ONA was directly responsible for vandalism done to his cars parked on the street over the Christmas holidays. Truth is, we were all too busy baking for the firemen that month to do any vandalism. Our Neighborhood Police Officer, Tony Blassingame, generously stayed the entire meeting in case this person showed up to "address" his issue -- he didn't.

Sherri Rutherford was always my buffer -- she picked up the mail. She'd call and say she had some mail addressed to me, and did I want her to bring it over. I'd always reply -- if it's nice, yes please bring it over; if it's not nice, I can wait until the Board meeting. Most times she'd say she'll just bring it to the Board meeting. Sherri did, however, bring over a couple of heartfelt notes from the Oakridge Daytimers and the Hanas family back in December after my father died.

Your 2004-2005 ONA Board was very fruitful. And, I say the ONA Board because I've been involved with the ONA since 1998, and I've never seen a group of people work together any harder than this Board. Some of our team efforts included the Oakridge legacy of roses at each entrance, ONA decals, a bartered storage unit for all the ONA stuff, irrigation along Buckingham, lighting of the main entrances, up lighting of the trees at the Ridge Oak entrance, refurbishing the bridge, finally going non-profit, and the First Annual Oakridge Neighborhood Family Picnic.

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**God Bless America**

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## Thursday, May 26

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**ONA General Meeting**

Where - Oakridge Country Club  
 Time - 6:30 Social  
           7:00 Meeting

Program - "Controlling the Red Imported Fire Ant"  
 by Kimberly Engler, Entomologist and Program  
 Director for Texas Cooperative Extension

**Elect the 2005-2006 ONA Officers**

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Now that my term comes to an end, it's time to get back to focusing on being a good neighbor -- getting my yard back in shape, cleaning out my garage, sweeping the curb in front of my neighbors' houses, getting back in shape. It's not that I stopped doing those things because being ONA President kept me so busy. Rather it was the guilt that, whenever I wanted to do some of those things, I really should be using that time to be a better ONA President. So, instead of doing either, I'd just go take a nap.

Now, the guilt is gone, and I can just get back to being a neighborly Oakridge resident. But first, though, I think I'll just stretch out for a few minutes.

See you on the 26th. Nelson

## Nominating Committee Report

The committee hereby submits the following ONA 2005 –2006 candidate slate for consideration:

**PRESIDENT — KEITH ENGLER**

**VICE PRESIDENT — JIM NORRIS**

**SECRETARY — KAREN ENGLER**

**TREASURER — SHERRI  
RUTHERFORD-FRANKS**

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**DISTRICT 2 — JOE AND BETH  
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**DISTRICT 4 — ART AND JO ANN  
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**DISTRICT 5 - TONY & TILLIE  
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**DISTRICT 6 — PHIL HANAS**

### “ LET SUE DO IT”

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COMING TODAY  
BUT YOU HAVE AN IMPORTANT  
MEETING?



### “LET SUE DO IT”

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DON'T WANT TO GO TO THE KENNEL?

### “LET SUE DO IT”

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Some ways of dealing with the Burdens of Life

- \* Accept that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.
- \* Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.
- \* Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be recalled by their maker.
- \* If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.
- \* If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
- \* It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.
- \* Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.
- \* When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- \* Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.
- \* We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names, and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.

A simple friend has never seen you cry.  
 A real friend has shoulders soggy from your tears.

A simple friend doesn't know your parents' first names.  
 A real friend has their phone numbers in his address book.  
 A simple friend brings a bottle of wine to your party.  
 A real friend comes early to help you cook and stays late to help you clean.

A simple friend seeks to talk with you about your problems.  
 A real friend seeks to help you with your problems.

A simple friend thinks the friendship is over when you have an argument.  
 A real friend calls you after you had a fight.

A simple friend expects you to always be there for them.  
 A real friend expects to always be there for you!

**WORLD'S EASIEST QUIZ**

*(Passing requires 4 correct answers)*

- 1) How long did the Hundred Years War last?
- 2) Which country makes Panama hats?
- 3) From which animal do we get catgut?
- 4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
- 5) What is a camel's hair brush made of?
- 6) The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal?
- 7) What was King George VI's First name?
- 8) What color is a purple finch?
- 9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
- 10) What is the color of the black box in a commercial airplane?

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Hello to all in Oakridge,

I wanted to give you a quick update on the ongoing projects with in our neighborhood. The City of Garland's Street Department has advised me that they should be complete with their repairs by the end of the month. It is quite messy and sometimes difficult to maneuver, but the end is near! Your patience is appreciated.

Verizon is adding fiber optics throughout the neighborhood. There is not a specific date of completion as every block can present a different challenge to Verizon. I have been told that once complete, the DSL service can run up to 10 times faster than the current service provided by Verizon. I believe that this technology improvement will be an advantage to us and will be able to provide many products in the future. I wanted to share some exciting personal news. I have been accepted by the University of Texas at Dallas to begin my masters in Public Administration. I enjoy working with the community to make Garland a great place to live and realize that I would like to have a career in the public service sector after my new term expires. As many of you know, I have refereed college basketball for some time, but I feel it is time for me to let that avocation go. It is somewhat heart breaking, but I do believe this is best for my family and our future.

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

*Mark Monroe  
Mayor Pro-Tem  
972-495-8028  
mmonroe@ci.garland.tx.us*



#### OAKRIDGE DAYTIMERS *by Dianne Winter*

In May the Daytimers enjoy a fellowship of food and conversation since the monthly coffees will not resume again until September. This year the venue for the luncheon was Siciliano's Taste of Italy Restaurant on Buckingham Road, on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

More than 40 Daytimers wore "hats" with flowers, ribbons, and other decorations that were made by the ETC group while they dined, visited and chatted about summer plans.

Outgoing president, Mary Musseman, was presented with the gift of a rose bowl for her year's leadership.

The officers, chairpersons and group leaders for the upcoming year were introduced.

President – Mary Musseman

President -elect – VP – Cecile La Bossier

Treasurer / Membership- JoAnn Williams

Hospitality – Jo Dietz

Nametags – JoAnn Williams

Sunshine – Audrey King

Secret Pal – Ruby Nell Ormon

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Historian/ Scrapbook - Beverly Pierce

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Newsletter – Dianne Winter, Chris Beyers

ETC – Jo Dietz

Book Club- Betty Thomas

Bridge – Dot Mohrle

Canasta – Barbara Brunette

Stitch and Shat – Norene Murphy, Mary Musseman

Late Bloomers – Doris Autrey

Other activities included a Late Bloomers' trip to view the garden handiwork of Nell Carter in East Texas in April and an ETC lunch at The Lavender House in Mc Kinney in May.

Many groups will continue to meet during the summer – until then – we will see you at the **September Coffee** at the home of **Cecile La Bossier – 3218 Bending Oaks on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.**



*Daytimers is a social organization that requires current or prior residence in Oakridge and \$12.00 dues. Daytimers promotes the Oakridge community and the Oakridge Neighborhood Association.*

*Any questions should be directed to Suzanne Snow, 972-414-3747.*

Interesting Facts

If you are an average American, in your whole life, you will spend an average of 6 months waiting at red lights.

It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.

Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors.

Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.

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

There are only four words in the English language which end in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous

There are two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order: "abstemious" and "facetious."

TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.

All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill.

**WORLD'S QUIZ ANSWERS**

- 1) *How long did the Hundred Years War last?*  
\*116 years
- 2) *Which country makes Panama hats?*  
\* Ecuador
- 3) *From which animal do we get cat gut?*  
\*Sheep and Horses
- 4) *In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?*  
\*November
- 5) *What is a camel's hair brush made of?*  
\*Squirrel fur
- 6) *The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal?*  
\*Dogs
- 7) *What was King George VI's first name?*  
\*Albert
- 8) *What color is a purple finch?*  
\*Crimson
- 9) *Where are Chinese gooseberries from?*  
\* New Zealand
- 10) *What is the color of the black box in a commercial airplane?*  
\*Orange, of course.



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<b>Councilman, Mark Monroe</b>	972-495-8028	<b>NPO Tony Blassingame</b>	972 -205-2740



# An Important Message

The Library Advisory Board is seeking Garland citizens interested in the future of our Library System. If you are, or are willing to be, an *advocate* for the Ridgewood, Walnut Creek, North Garland, or South Garland Branches, or the Central Library that serves the entire city, or if you live in northeast Garland, where a future branch library is planned, please contact me or Board Member Bettye Haynes.

Dr. Grace Smart, Chair  
Library Advisory Board

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## Oakridge Women's Club (OWC)

We want to thank the ONA for a great Oakridge picnic. We enjoyed the hot dogs and hamburgers and the entertainment was fun!

In June we are meeting at Desperadoes. Join us at 7 pm on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

We had a great time at the melting pot for girl's night out. Thanks Sharron for organizing!

The Oakridge Women's club is seeking new members! Please join us! We would love to meet you and your family! If you would like more details about the upcoming events or joining the OWC, please contact our President, Rita Morrison at 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 strong and common bond in the love of our children and families. We welcome prospective new members at all meetings! Annual dues are \$20*



## ONA Picnic Observations:

**Hot:** The weather was very cooperative with plenty of sunshine and a breeze that would just not stop.

**Happy:** It wasn't just "HaHa the Clown" carrying around a big smile. Kids enjoyed the ample room to unwind in the "Bounce House". From the City of Garland info table to the Garland Parks and Recreation demonstrations, there were plenty of smiling faces to go around.

**Hotdogs:** From the grill man to the fire men, good food, good friends, good neighbors, good time.

May 14<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, was our first annual (we hope!) ONA Picnic. A lot of effort went into the planning and execution, but the pay-off was tremendous! The weather cooperated beautifully and we had such a great turnout. Saw many old friends and made some new ones. The City of Garland did a great job for us, as did the Police and Fire Departments. We'll do a few things differently next year ( such as force our cooks to wear sunscreen and buy more drinks and hamburgers!) but for the most part everything went smoothly. Thanks to all who helped pull the whole thing off and look for us out there again next year!

The ONA's first annual picnic was held on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. If you missed it you missed a fun time and a chance to meet your neighbors. There were between 200-250 neighbors who attended!

There was entertainment – Ha-Ha the clown was there to make a balloon animal or paint a face! We had a performance of Tai Chi; belly dancers, even a fencing exhibition! There was a bounce house for the little ones.

It was informative – there were representatives from both the Daytimers and Women's Club – Oakridge organizations. There were representatives from most of the City of Garland departments – Code Enforcement, Police and Fire to name a few.

And food! There were hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and drinks. A special thanks to Chuck Teske & Nelson Prater – ONA's personal chefs! Thanks to Sherri Rutherford Franks for shopping for the food. Thanks to Phil Hanas for getting the bounce house! Thanks to Kelly Prater and Karen Engler for their hard work serving. Thanks to Martha Dollar for her work on the survey. And thank you to everyone else on the ONA board who participated to make this a success!

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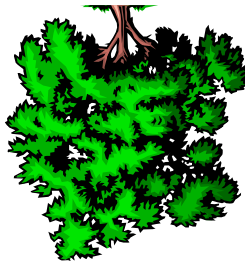
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The ONA Board meets the Third Thursday of each month to conduct the business of the ONA.  
The ONA Board set the dates for the General Membership meetings.  
Mark your calendars:  
September 23, 2004  
March 24, 2005  
May 26, 2005  
Check the ONA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