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More is not always better — except with ONA membership

By Keith Engler ONA President

There are some relationships that you strive for but you never reach. The words "more" and "better" can lead to this kind of relationship, because they do not imply finite goals. If somebody says they will be happy when they have "more" money, then they most likely will never be happy. I want to be a "better" golfer, but each goal I reach leads to a new goal.

On the contrary, striving to have a "better" relationship with your spouse is good and admirable. You never want to say, "Our relationship is good enough, so I am going golfing now." You should say something like: "Darling, you look beautiful today. I

am going golfing now."

Since becoming the ONA president, I asking "more" been why have membership is important. Of course, we are limited to 100 percent membership, so this goal is finite. But it really seems i nfinite because some people will never join. I am torn between thinking our membership is good enough and saying we can make it better.

After posing the question to many people, I think that reason for increasing membership essentially comes down to three things: neighborhood beautification, building community, and neighborhood involvement. These are things we can strive to have "more" of and to make "better" with very good consequences.

use revitalization and beautification. The shrubs around the entrances are neat but outdated. Oakridge started with some really classy black streetlights, but somehow we now have a mismatch of various kinds of lights. We do not have any park benches, and the street signs are just ordinary.

We can make Oakridge look new again! We can pull the neighborhood together and apply for the \$100,000 grant from the Garland Neighborhood Vitality Program. Oakridge will have to raise 25 percent of those funds, which we can do simply by an increase in membership. We currently have 462 members in the ONA, but we have 1,168 homes in Oakridge. An ONA

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Oakridge is 20 years old and could

New mall makes Garland a destination point

By Mark Monroe District 7 City Councilman

This past weekend I had the opportunity to see some of our residents out at the Firewheel Town Center. I can not tell you how many great comments I have received about the new center. I believe that Simon has done a terrific job with this development, and for those that are able to stop by, take a look at the development in the surrounding area. I am positive that with this concept and the development that occurs around the area, Garland will become a destination point for many.

There are a few important items that are coming up this month. First, the City of Garland will be holding its third Neighborhood Development annual Workshop on October 29. This has been a great source of information for those that want to make the neighborhood associations stronger.

I will have to brag again as Oakridge Neighborhood Association has set the bar for the rest of the non-mandatory neighborhood assoc-iations. Oakridge continues to lead in this area and this year there will be presentations that use

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Oakridge as an example of how to get things done.

Secondly, Halloween is upon us and we must use care driving in our neighborhood as it seems more and more little ones are out and about.

Finally, I am hopeful that we will have a new program in place to deal with illegal signs in the medians and right-of-ways. The Sign Bounty program will clean up road ways and provide a 50-cent bounty to those nonprofit organizations that seek to earn a few extra dollars.

Many of you might not have noticed, but the traffic light at Big Oaks and Shiloh is functional. Please use caution, as it will take sometime for everyone to get used to it.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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More members could mean better Oakridge

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membership of 75 percent will allow us to meet our budgetary goals.

Even more important than beautification is the improvement of neighbor-to-neighbor relationships. We created a new position on the ONA board called the Special Events Coordinator. Sherri Rutherford Franks is leading this committee along with performing the treasurer's duties. (We are still trying to find a new treasurer.)

The details about this position were in the July newsletter, but let me summarize again: committees will form to cast the vision for an event and set the budget. Examples of events we have had in the past are a spring picnic, Fourth of July parade, and Oakridgewide garage sale. Ideas for future events include a fall picnic, neighborhood block parties, professional fireworks displays, Christmas caroling, an Oakridge tour of homes, neighborhood golf tournaments, ski trips, gambling trips, and outdoor concerts. Other ideas are to create an ONA team for, say, a Komen walk or bicycle rally, in which we show our pride with ONA T-shirts.

Of course, the ONA could not completely sponsor all these events, but the ONA can be a central focus for the organization of the event. The sky is the limit in what will bring us closer as a community, but the budget and the commitment of individuals is the reality within which we work.

It will take neighborhood involvement to make all these things happen. Many people asked to help the ONA by checking the "willing to help" box on their invoice. The board decided to invite them to a party at our home. I apologize if you missed the party, but we will have more. This party was just our first step in getting people involved and acquainted. We want everyone to feel connected with the neighborhood.

As you can see, Oakridge is great, but it can be better. We can improve the entrances and create park-like settings. You may know your neighbor, but there are other people in Oakridge who would like to know you and would like to be known. Knowing and being known are admirable goals for all of us! You have gifts and strengths that are not being fully utilized, and the neighborhood could use your help. Striving to make Oakridge "better" is as good and admirable as striving to improve your other relationships.

You never want to say, "Oakridge is good enough today, and I am going golfing now." You should say something like, "I paid my ONA dues and met a new neighbor today, and I am going golfing now." The Oakridge community can be "better" *and* we can have "more."

Women's Club prepares Halloween party

By Libby Morse Oakridge Women's Club (OWC)

In October we met at Pancho and Lefty's and discussed upcoming events you won't want to miss!

Don't forget the **Children's Hallo**ween Party on Sunday, October 23 at 2 p.m. at Amy J's! The little goblins are so cute!

Our next meeting is Thursday, November 3 at Amy J's at 7 p.m. We will be discussing holiday events.

Shop 'til you drop! Join us on our shopping spree at Firewheel Town Center on Saturday, November 5. We are meeting at Sheila's for coffee at 10 a.m.

Welcome to our new member Amy

Anderson. We look forward to getting to know you and your family!

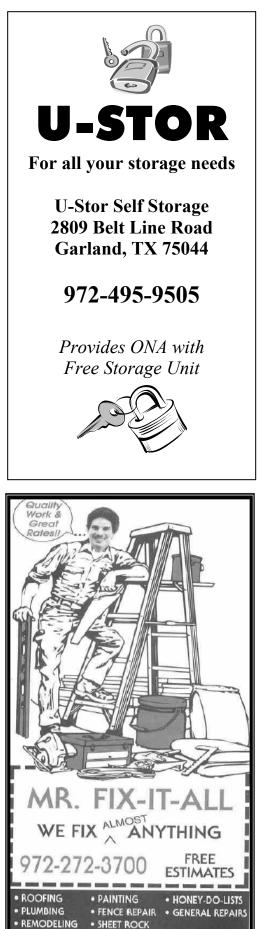
The **Oakridge Women's Club** meets the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m.

If you would like more details about the upcoming events or joining the OWC, please contact our president, Sheila Wange, at 972-496-3161. Or you may e-mail Libby Morse at TOMLIB @comcast.net.

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 \$20.00.

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The ONA board meets the third Thursday of each month to conduct the business of the ONA.

It also sets the dates for the general membership meetings, which take place at least three times each term, which runs from June until the following May.

The next general meeting is scheduled for March 2006.

Stay safe on your evening of trick-or-treating

Compiled by Nelson Prater Oakridge Webmaster

The Los Angeles Fire Department offers the following safety tips for those who will be doing trick-or-treating.

- Plan costumes that are bright and reflective. Consider adding reflective tape to costumes or trick-or-treat bags for greater visibility.
- Think twice about using simulated knives, guns, or swords.
- A good meal prior to trick-or-treating will discourage youngsters from filling up on Halloween treats.
- Have flashlights with fresh batteries for all children and their escorts. This is also a great time to buy fresh alarms.
- Review with your children the principle of stop, drop, and roll, in case their clothes catch on fire.
- Openly discuss appropriate and inappropriate behavior on Halloween.
- Stay in a group, walk slowly, and communicate where you are going.
- Only trick-or-treat in well-known neighborhoods and at homes with a porch light on.
- Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk. If no sidewalk is available, walk at the farthest edge of the roadway facing traffic.
- Never cut across yards or use alleys



- Never enter a stranger's home or car for a treat.
- Obey all traffic and pedestrian regulations.
- Always walk. Never run across a street.
- Remove any mask or item that will limit eyesight before crossing a street, driveway, or alley.
- batteries for your home smoke Don't assume the right-of-way. Motorists have trouble seeing trick-ortreaters. Just because one car stops doesn't mean others will.
 - Never consume unwrapped food or open beverages.
 - No treats are to be eaten until they are thoroughly checked by an adult at home.
 - Wait until children are at home to sort and check treats. Throw away any suspicious items.
 - Make sure items that cause choking (such as hard candies) are given only to those of an appropriate age.
 - Notify law enforcement of any suspicious or unlawful activity.

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NEWS FROM THE GOLF SHOP Seasons change, but goings-on remain plentiful as ever at OCC

By Amanda Fine Oakridge Country Club

Oakridge Country Club is taking steps toward preparing for the upcoming winter season. We have over-seeded the greens and tee boxes, along with the surrounding clubhouse property. In addition, we have applied pre-emergent throughout the course to prevent weeds next spring. We are proud of our standing within our community, and we will make every effort to ensure that Oakridge Country Club remains a beautiful asset to the neighborhood.

Oakridge Country Club has three active golf associations. They consist of the Men's Golf Association (OMGA), the Women's Golf Association (OWGA), and the Seniors' Golf Association (OSGA). The OMGA has three major tournaments each year: the Member-Member, the Member-Guest, and the Match Play Championship.

They also have Saturday tournaments once per month. The OWGA also has three major tournaments each year: the Member-Member, the Member-Guest, and the First Lady Tournament. They also have play days on Wednesday mornings.

The OSGA has two tournaments: the

OSGA Championship and the Match Play Championship.

Participants in the golf associations play all season long to qualify in our annual Oakridge Cup Tournament. This is a two-day tournament held in November in which the MGA and OWGA challenge each other.

We would like to congratulate the winners of the 2005 Oakridge Club Championship: C.J. Brock and Della Miller, as well as Gail Graves, senior club champion! Way to go!

OMGA Member-Member Results

First Flight:

- 1. Jeff Stone, Lee Ramos
- 2. Andy Roberson, Jay Houston
- 3. Rick Smith, Robert Watkins

Second Flight:

- 1. Fred David, Tom Brocker
- 2. Sonny Parks, Charlie Boxwell
- 3. Mike Ubben, Chuck Corley

As always we love to see our neighbors out at the club! Please join us for a special ONA Open House Champagne Sunday Brunch on Sunday, November 6 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Amanda Fine is the membership director for Oakridge Country Club. If you are interested in learning more, please contact her at 972-530-8008, ext. 241.



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NO JOB IS TOO SMALL

Daytimers break attendance record: 60 members present at meeting

By Dianne Winter Oakridge Daytimers

The anticipated October 11 Coffee at the home of Dana Hopkins will tell us that hang-ups are not only for the telephone. That review will be included in next month's newsletter.

The September 13 Coffee was held at the home of Cecile La Bossier. We exceeded our high attendance record as 60 members gathered to visit and meet new and previous acquaintances. Most sections of Oakridge were represented, and the buzz of 60 lively voices filled the entertainment area of the home. One member not sure of the address found it by tracking the noise. Even members Carolyn Wallen, Pat Cathcart, Barbara Brunette, and Roberta Jones, all previous residents, returned to visit.

After a time of socializing and sampling the food furnished by the hostesses, Mary Jensen, Charlotte Vaughter, Dana Hopkins, Martha Boyette, and Sharon Carlton, the president, Suzanne Snow, introduced the visitors, Robbie Lang, Julie Spears, Janet Taylor, Jewel Wooldridge, and Fran Hager. Announcements were made and JoAnn Williams distributed membership envelopes to collect dues. Roberta Jones was presented with a group picture of the Daytimers to honor her for organizing the club.

Group reports demonstrated that

everything was running smoothly.

The **Book Club** continues to meet on the third Friday of every month and will be discussing the book *The Sugar Camp Quilt* by Jennifer Chiaverini at the home of Suzanne Snow on October 21. The discussion leader is Carolyn Wallen.

The **Bridge** and **Canasta** groups continue to meet at the same times. Ask the Wednesday morning bridge group about a discussion concerning a name change; the majority voted for the name to remain as is.

The **Garden Club** is really blooming with new ideas, and ETC has some diverse activities planned. The Late Bloomers and ETC are planning a trip to the Arboretum on October 17. Contact Sally Weiss if you haven't made arrangements to go.

Norene Murphy announced the gathering of the **Stitch and Chat** group, which continues to meet at her home on the third Tuesday of the month. Bring your project and join the fellowship of this group.

Ladies Night Out meets at the Oakridge Country Club on October 27 from 4 to 6 p.m.

All meeting places and times can be found by consulting your Daytimers calendar or by calling the numbers at the end of this article. Also consult the ONA website at <u>www.oakridgena.com</u> for more information. This Web site is very informative for all Oakridge residents.

Recipe for Frozen Fruit Salad

Ingredients: 6 bananas, 2 cups sugar, 1 15 oz. can of crushed pineapple, 2 15 oz. cans of apricots, 12 oz. of water, and 2 tablespoons of lemon juice

Blend together in processor. (Will not fit all at once in a processor bowl. Takes a large bowl to hold it all after your process it.) Freeze until solid. Makes three 9-by-9-inch pans, or 3 doz. regular-sized, paper-lined muffins, or probably 12 doz. mini-sized muffins.

courtesy of Charlotte Vaughter

Charlotte Vaughter's much requested recipe, which was served at the Coffee and is listed above, appears on the Web site along with other articles and dates.

If you want to know how stories get around in the neighborhood, come to the **November 8** Coffee at the home of Sally Weiss at 10 a.m. at 2733 Big Oaks. There will be a whole lot of storytelling going on. You don't want to miss it.

Audrey King reminded the group of the **October birthdays** for Charlotte Vaughter, Beverly Pierce, Martha Boyette, Jackie Tucker, and Dianne Winter. Audrey does a wonderful job of writing to members to communicate our gratitude, concern, and encouragement in various situations.

Questions? Want to join? Contact **Suzanne Snow** *at* **972-414-3747.**

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Cold weather will bring heat-seeking spiders of all sorts indoors

By Kimberly Engler Program Specialist, Urban IPM Texas A&M University

As winter weather approaches, spiders are sure to come inside the home. Spiders are closely related to ticks and scorpions, all belonging to the class Arachnida. Most spiders are small and considered harmless to humans. In fact, they are beneficial to our environment by controlling insect populations. However, there are two groups that are considered harmful to humans: the **black widows** and the **recluse spiders**.

As a warning, all spiders will bite if provoked. Many people are afraid of spiders and some people are allergic to their venom.

Dangerous Spiders

Recluse: There are five species present in Texas, but only two species are considered dangerous. Their color varies from orange-yellow to dark brown, and they are about the size of a quarter. The most distinguishing trait is its eye pattern and violin marking on its back. These spiders have six eyes arranged in three pairs that are arranged in a semicircle. The eyes also form the base of the violin shape that extends to

its abdomen.

Recluse spiders are shy and hide during the day. They are most active at night, so people are usually bitten at night. Recluse spiders are usually found in garages, wood piles, cluttered attics, closets bathrooms, bedrooms, and under furniture.

The recluse spiders' bite may cause effects immediately or be delayed, depending upon the amount of venom injected. The bite usually causes a stinging sensation followed by intense pain. Within 24 to 36 hours, fever, chills, nausea, weakness, and joint pain may result from the bite. The bite will also produce a blister surrounded by a swollen area. The venom kills the skin tissue, producing a growing sore until medical attention is sought.

Widow Spiders: There are four species of widow spiders that exist in Texas. Their color varies from brown to black, with two united reddish triangles forming an hourglass on the underside of their abdomens. They are $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches long and have eight eyes in two rows, a common eye pattern for spiders.

They tend to inhabit protected areas around houses and may live in garages, basements, furniture, shrubbery, rain spouts, gas and electric meters, and other

undisturbed areas. They spin coarse, irregular webs that expand over time.

A widow's bite may feel like a pin prick that leaves a swollen area with two red spots in the middle. The pain usually becomes worse, causing tremors, nausea, vomiting, leg cramps, perspiration, loss of muscle tone, a rise in blood pressure, and even death. However, death results in less than 5 percent of the people bitten.

Control Options

Seal cracks using caulk, weather stripping, and screens to prevent spider entry into the home.

Make sure that all stored boxes are taped and sealed.

Vacuum up webs throughout homes to prevent spider eggs from hatching.

Only use products labeled for spider control or for areas where spiders are found. These products may contain active ingredients such as permethrin or bifenthrin. For outside treatment, spray or dust outside under roof eaves, porches, and window ledges. For inside treatment, spray around windows, door frames, baseboards and in attics and other places of storage.

To read the full version of this article, please visit the ONA Web site at www.oakridgena.com.



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The Donut Depot

Do you know about the Donut Depot? It's the little donut shop that's in the shopping area at the northeast corner of Buckingham and Plano Road. (The shop actually faces Plano Road.) Well, if you haven't ever been in there, you ought to check it out.

It's owned and operated by 15-year Oakridge residents Young and Jamie Kim. He cooks. She runs the shop. They bought the shop 21 years ago, in August 1984, and have been making donuts there ever since.

They don't just have great donuts (\$4.25 a dozen), but also croissants, muffins, Danish, baked cinnamon rolls, apple fritters, French crullers, eclairs, breakfast sandwiches, kolachies (also called sausage rolls or pigs in a blanket), and, of course, donut holes. All are made fresh every day right there at the shop by Young.

A Monthly Restaurant Review

Customers claim these are the best donuts in town. They might be right.

I know that from time to time I used to pick up a couple of dozen donuts there on my way to work, before I retired. I'd take them into the office, set the box down, go turn on my computer (about ten feet away), and hope there would still be a donut left when I got back.

Young Kim immigrated to Dallas from Korea in 1980. The company Jamie worked for sent her over here in 1982. Jamie met Young at the Korean First Baptist Church of North Dallas, where they were married in 1983, and bought the donut shop in 1984. They have three children: Jeanie, 21, a junior at UTD, Connie, 19, a sophomore at Texas A&M, and James, 16, a junior at North Hill Charter School in Irving.

The Donut Depot is open from 5 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday and 5 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Enjoy!





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November 17 ONA Board Meeting

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