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Neighborhood Update with ONA President Dylan Hedrick

by Dylan Hedrick
ONA President

Happy new year Oakridge neighbors! I hope you had a joyous holiday season and your year is off to a prosperous start. I am excited for what the new year has in store for the ONA as we are already planning some great neighborhood events for the new year.

A big Oakridge thank you to David and Sharon Parrish for helping provide meals to the firemen at Stations 3 and 11 on Christmas Day. Also thanks to the Daytimers for baking delicious holiday treats for the firemen as well.

Our next general membership meeting is scheduled for 7:00 P.M., February 28, at the Duck Creek Golf Clubhouse. Councilman Scott LeMay will be speaking about the proposed bond election scheduled for the May 4 election.

We are also planning a kid-friendly St. Patrick's Day celebration complete with face-painting and a bag piper at 11:00 AM on March 16, in the parking lot of Duck

Creek Golf Club. This will be a pot-"Luck of the Irish" lunch so bring a green or Irish food to share. Even if you don't have kids, come wear your green and celebrate this holiday with some traditional Irish music.

The votes are in for our ONA Holiday Decorating Contest. See the middle pages of this newsletter for the winners and visit our website oakridgena.org for color pictures. There were more lights put up this year than in recent memory, and it certainly made the drive around the neighborhood festive right before Christmas.

While on our website, you may notice that it has received an overhaul. We have simplified the menus and interface, provided pictures which better reflect Oakridge, and eliminated the need to log in to access the website. Also, the best part of the new website is it does not have the monthly fee!

We had previously used a hosting company, but the new website provides all the flexibility of the old website without the recurring cost. At the ONA we strive to be good stewards of your mem-

bership dues, and the new website is an example of that. Please provide your feedback on the new website to info@oakridgena.org.

Finally, a Nominating Committee is being formed to elect new ONA board members for the 2019-2020 year. Up for election are President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and District Directors for Districts 1, 3, 5, 6 and 7. If you would like to serve on the Nominating Committee or be a candidate for any of the positions, please contact Dianne Winter at 972-530-6210 or mdkwinter@verizon.net.

If you have any compliments, feedback or suggestions on what we here at the ONA can do better to serve you, please let me know. I have heard from several of you over the past few months, and I look forward to working with you to continue to make Oakridge the best neighborhood in Garland. Please email me at info@oakridgena.org or call me directly at 713-677-4999.



HAPPY ★ NEW YEAR

Lights to Make the Season Bright



Best Overall—2001 Rolling Oak Drive



Most Kid Friendly —2605 Oak Point Drive



Best Traditional —2016 Hearthside Drive

Best Block — 2100 Block of Diamond Oaks Drive

Congratulations to the 2018 ONA Holiday Lights Contest winners!

See **color** pictures on our website at oakridgena.org!

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Of all the Gin Joints in All the World...

by Ken and Johanna Weidaw
ONA Board Members

From looking at all of the places that we have lived, one might say that we were just as likely to end up on the other side of the world as we were to end up in Texas. To paraphrase the great Humphrey Bogart: of all the gin joints in all the world, Garland was an unlikely landing spot.

Johanna grew up living in three different continents. After attending school in Broomfield, Colorado; Santiago, Chile and various parts of Sweden, she moved to New York City for college. In 2005, she decided to move to Garland to be closer to her parents. Not ready to give up exploring the world, she told herself that the move was only temporary.

Ken grew up in Pennsylvania where he learned to love raking leaves, shoveling snow and the Pittsburgh Steelers. After attending school in Pennsylvania and Germany, Ken decided that he had had enough of the cold weather.

In 2005, he took a job in Dallas and quickly realized that warmer temperatures and amazing barbeque was something a northerner could really get used to. Still, much like Johanna, he told himself it was only temporary.

We met one another through a mutual friend. We quickly fell in love and were married in 2011. Soon after our wedding, we decided that we were ready to buy our first home. We looked at many areas of Dallas, but when we saw our home on Oak Point Drive, we knew that we had found a great place that we could really make our own.

Our home needed a lot of work, and it's still a work in progress, but that has



Johanna, Jakob, Issac,
and Ken Weidaw

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been part of the fun! In 2013, we welcomed our first son, Jakob, and two years later our second son, Isaac.

Jakob and Isaac are the first generation of Johanna's family born in the United States. With the birth of our children, our home began to have more meaning. It was where our boys took their first steps, where they said their first words, and where they learned to ride their tricycles.

We have lived on Oak Point Drive for eight years now. Johanna works in commercial liability insurance. She has a Master's of Science in Insurance Management, a Bachelor's in Economics, and four insurance-related certifications.

Ken leads digital marketing and strategy for a global food corporation. He has a B.A. in Marketing as well as advertising certifications from both Google and Microsoft.

While we had originally planned to just make our stay temporary, we ended up finding the hidden treasures that we had originally overlooked. We found obscure places where you can see breathtaking Texas nature, the local spots where you can get the best sandwiches, the awesome schools with the most wonderful teachers, and the best places to take long family walks together.

Our children bike to their grandparent's house, and our neighbors on every side, across the street and around the bend have become our family. We still know how to get to the airport whenever we want to keep exploring the world, but we couldn't imagine coming back home to any other place. Our house in Texas is no longer a "two-year landing spot", but instead, we are proud to call Garland our forever home.

"Now unto him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us."
Ephesians 3:20

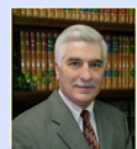
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Daytimers Celebrate New Year, Good Health

by Dianne Winter
ONA Daytimers

Hooray for good health!

After consuming the goodies of the holidays, the new year brings the realization that good nutrition and health may have been neglected. Daytimers reflected on this at the meeting on January 8th, at the home of Jo Ann Williams.

Food hostesses provided an array of food to tempt any resolve to change eating habits, so everyone enjoyed the goodies along with the conversation of friends and exchange of events that each one had participated in since the December meeting.

President Shirley Heald reported on the successful visit to the fire stations to take food for Christmas and Chris Beyers asked that the members save the date of May 13th for the Spring Luncheon. Dottie Mosely reported on members that needed care cards and Lori Oswald announced birthdays. Susan Conner announced the programs for upcoming meetings.

Then to enable the members to turn their attention to awareness of good health. Coach Bill Neal, from Richland College, challenged members to make healthy changes for 2019.

Sandra Stevens, introduced him as a "body scientist" and he gave tips about cardiovascular fitness and muscular strength, endurance, flexibility and coordination. Coach Neal answered many questions and the meeting ended with his greatest advice – "keep on moving".

Daytimers hope you will move to attend the next meeting on Tuesday, February 12th, 10:00am, at the home of Gloria Turner at 2309 Rocky Trail. It will be a "lovely" meeting with speaker, Dave Lieber, Watchdog columnist from the Dallas Morning News.

Daytimers is a social organization that requires residence in Oakridge and \$20.00 annual dues.

Daytimers promotes the Oakridge community and the Oakridge Neighborhood Association. Any questions should be directed to Shirley Heald at 972-414-0817.

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