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WE WELCOME 2019!

**MAY WE LAUGH MORE, ENJOY
LIFE AND BE A COMMUNITY
THAT PROSPERS IN
GENEROSITY AND KINDNESS**



CHRISTMAS DECORATION AWARDS



GRAND PRIZE WINNER – THE LOYS

Santa has voted on the beautiful WIA Christmas lights and these are the results of our contest:

Grand Prize – The Loys on Edgewood Court

Homes – Sally and John Charlton on Doral Drive

Homes – Carole Magee and Wayne Morris on Oakland Hills

Condo/Townhomes – The Tass's on Pools Creek

Congratulations! Thank you to everyone who decorated! It was really a treat seeing all the beautiful lights!

Gift certificates to the Farmhouse Restaurant were awarded to the winners!

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

By Tana Davis



Our December Meeting theme was “Spreading Christmas Cheer” and our women’s league did just that by visiting Carriage Inn in Huntsville. We sang Christmas Carols, passed out yummy decorated cookies, and gave lots of hugs. It was a special treat to see a few of our former Waterwood neighbors!



Our Fairy Garden Workshop focus for December was polymer clay. We made lots of mushrooms, snails, and other adorable whimsical creations. **The next Fairy Garden workshop is scheduled on Wed. Jan. 16th at 1pm at Sally Charlton’s house.**

Upcoming events for January:

1-9 - Meeting 10:00 AM at the WIA office - This meeting will be such a special event! We’ll welcome Ms. Una Grace Nash, sister in law of Dixie Thornton. Una Grace will be presenting a book review and playing the part of Mrs. Sam Houston. You won’t want to miss this meeting! Light refreshments will be served.

1-23 - Quilting with LuAnne 9:30 am at the WIA office

Waterwood Women’s League is a great way to meet new ladies in the area, learn something new and give back to our wonderful community. Monthly meetings are held September-May and many fun social events are planned throughout the year. Please note that there are no minimum meeting attendance requirements, so please consider joining even if you’re currently employed, or a part-timer here in Waterwood! Many of our fun social outings are on the weekends.

Dues are only \$20 per year and you are welcome to join at any time! If you have any questions or wish to become a member of WWL, please contact us at Waterwoodwleague@gmail.com.

We’d LOVE to have you join us!



Jane Presley - Host of luncheon

WOMEN'S GOLF

By Sandy Singletary

The December rains prevented the Women's Golf Association from playing our year-end golf scramble, but we still enjoyed our luncheon and meeting. Eleven ladies attended the delicious luncheon hosted by Jane Presley. Jane's White Bean Cassoulet was divine! Recipe follows. During our meeting we discussed the upcoming events for 2019.

This year the WGA will become a part of the Waterwood National Golf and Recreation Association, (WNGRA). The WGA will continue all of our golf functions including interclub matches with Elkins Lake and Panorama Golf Club, 9-hole play during the week, and Saturday scrambles once a month. We look forward to helping the Golf Community in Waterwood grow with new members and events. This should be a great year for Waterwood Golf!

Whether you are a beginner or experienced golfer we hope that you will join us for a fun time on the

course. Any questions, please contact Sandy Singletary at ssingle1@gmail.com.

White Bean Cassoulet

From the Food Network

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 10 cloves garlic, diced
- 1 medium white onion, diced
- 2 carrots, diced
- 4 stalks celery, diced
- 1 herb bouquet tied with kitchen string: 4 stems fresh rosemary, 8 stems fresh oregano, 10 stems fresh thyme
- 1 dried bay leaf
- 2 cans cannellini beans, or 3 cups prepared white beans
- 2 quarts chicken stock
- 4 links spicy cooked chicken Italian sausage, sliced, recipe follows
- 1/2 cup Spinach Pesto, recipe follows
- Garlic-Parmesan Crostini, recipe follows

Sauted Italian Sausage:

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt (cont.)
- 6 spicy chicken Italian sausage

Spinach Pesto:

- 1/2 pound spinach leaves
- 5 cloves garlic, smashed and minced
- 1/2 cup toasted pine nuts
- 1 1/2 cups extra-virgin olive oil
- 3/4 cup grated Parmesan
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon fresh white pepper (cont.)

Garlic Parmesan Crostini:

- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1 French style baguette, cut into 24 (1/2-inch thick) slices
- 10 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup shaved Parmesan

Directions:

Heat the oil in a medium stock pot. Add the vegetables to the oil, stir frequently, and cook until lightly brown around the edges. Add remaining ingredients, except sausage, 1 at a time. Bring to a boil and simmer for 45 minutes to 1 hour. Stir in sausage and allow to cook for 10 more minutes. Place in bowls, spoon 1 tablespoon of pesto and 1/4 to 1/2 cup of sausage into each bowl. Serve with Garlic-Parmesan Crostini.

Sauted Italian Sausage

Heat the olive oil in a large skillet over high heat. Season the sausage with salt, to taste, and carefully place in a single layer across the skillet. Cook the sausage for 3 to 5 minutes over medium-high heat or until browned. Turn the sausages and repeat on opposite side. Remove from heat and allow to rest for 5 minutes. Slice into 1/4-inch slices.

Spinach Pesto

Combine all ingredients in a food processor and puree until smooth.

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Garlic Parmesan Crostini

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F.

Heat the oil in a small skillet. Add the garlic and cook for 5 minutes or until garlic begins to brown. Remove from heat. Brush the garlic oil on the top and bottom of each slice of bread. Place the bread in a single layer over a sheet pan. Sprinkle each slice with parmesan. Bake for 10 to 15 minutes on the middle oven rack until bread browns over the top. Serve.



Beautiful table setting at Jane Presley's

WELCOME TO THE NEW WATERWOOD NATIONAL GOLF AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION

By Steve Turchi

Did you know there is a beautiful greenspace located within Waterwood that is open to all property owners and residents to use and enjoy? This greenspace contains approximately 4 miles of paved paths for non-motorized vehicles, walking and biking, rolling hills, golf course, fishing, photography and nature watching. The owner, Joe Nocito, has generously provided this multi-use greenspace for our use and enjoyment, for simply sharing in the cost of grounds keeping and maintenance. The social and recreational opportunities of the greenspace are valuable and attractive amenities to us all. The greenspace clearly increases property values for all Waterwood property owners.

Please take some time to ask about WNGRA. We welcome your enjoyment of the greenspace, your participation in our social events, your help in maintaining this beautiful amenity and are inviting you to join the Water National Golf and Recreation Association (WNGRA).



**Waterwood National Golf Course and
Recreational Greenspace**

Historically, the Waterwood Men's Golf Association has managed the Waterwood community share of the greenspace maintenance. As we start 2019, the Waterwood Men's Golf Association has undergone some significant changes. First, we changed the name to Waterwood National Golf and Recreation Association (WNGRA). We have modernized the bylaws to ensure our organization is more inclusive, transparent and sustainable. We are refocusing ourselves to be more inclusive to the entire community. We welcome non-golfers and ladies into our association. We have all come to realize, the golf course space is much more than just a golf course. It is also a greenspace to be enjoyed by all the Waterwood property owners and property owner tenants. Starting January 1, 2019, we have initiated a membership recruiting drive for the new association and creating a new membership roster. If you are a property owner or a tenant of a property owner, we are inviting you and encouraging you to join the new Waterwood National Golf and Recreation Association (WNGRA).

Why you should join the WNGRA:

- If you are a Waterwood property owner, your property values are enhanced by the amenities of the golf course/greenspace.
- If you and your family members ride golf carts and non-motorized vehicles on the cart paths for pleasure.
- If you and your family enjoy walking or biking in the greenspace.
- If you enjoy bird watching, fishing and otherwise enjoying the natural beauty of the greenspace.
- If you are a golfer (casual or serious).
- If you enjoy the social aspects of our community and want to have fun with your neighbors.
- If you simply want to help preserve the functionality and beauty of the golf course/greenspace.
- The WNGRA has benefits for everyone in Waterwood and we welcome all ideas and suggestions. (cont.)

Please join our new association for the social activities and help us promote and maintain this enjoyable and valuable greenspace. If you desire to

be a member of WNGRA, please contact one of the below individuals for additional information. We look forward to your 2019 participation and embracing new members to our Waterwood National Golf and Recreation Association.

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MAINTENANCE

By Paul Fink

Happy New Year to all of Waterwood residents.

Brief report from Maintenance this month: The month of December was spent finishing up the majority the mowing and weed eating for the year. Also, it appeared to be a neverending battle to stay ahead of the leaf cleanup, Blue and his crew have done a great job considering the rain and wind we had in December. They will continue to stay on top of the leaves, gutters and fallen trees for the next couple of months and other issues which may come up.

We have tried to focus on the keeping the trash dump as clean as possible. It is checked first in the morning and the last stop of the day, as well as throughout the day. We had a couple of times over the holidays in which the dumpsters were overflowing, we have been working to resolve this problem.

The entire community can help with this problem by helping in 2 areas. First, the dumpsters are for household trash only. Second, please take the time to break down any boxes. This can help immensely with providing much more space in the dumpsters. Thanks to everyone's help in this matter.

NEW WIA BOARD MEMBER – PAT NABERS

We are pleased to let everyone know that Pat Nabers has accepted a position on the WIA Board.

A position was open due to Paul Fink resigning for personal reasons. Paul wishes to thank everyone who voted for him and he says he felt honored to have been elected.

Welcome Pat!

WW VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

By Corey Jackson, Fire Chief

I would like to thank everyone for a great year. I hope that 2019 brings everyone great joy. Waterwood Fire Department would like to thank 980 North Fire Department, Pointblank Fire Department and Oakhurst Fire Department for assistance on a recent garage fire. Also, I would like to remind everyone that we are looking for firefighters and rehab personnel. On Monday, January 7th, we will have our business meeting at 7:00pm. If you would like to join, please feel free to come and fill out an application. The department has 4 grants in with the Texas Forestry Service and we are hoping to get awarded grants soon. In closing, I want to thank everyone for supporting the Fire Department and I'm looking forward to another great year as chief. And thank you to all my members - we couldn't do it without their support.



SINGING IN THE RAIN!

Picture of Gene Kelly

By Earl McVay

Rainfall as recorded at Earl and Carol McVay's house at the 17th tee box show the wettest December, 14.25", and the wettest year, 79.20", in the last 28 years of record keeping. The previous wettest year during this time was 75.70" in 2017. Normal yearly rainfall for San Jacinto County, as recorded in official records in Coldspring, is 51.77".

**Side note from Editor – Earl! It is so cool that you've kept records for the past 28 years! Thank you so much for this most interesting information!

Quote of the month...

"And now we welcome the new year. Full of things that have never been."

Rainer Maria Rilke

CONTACT EMAILS

Sometimes we have questions about Waterwood that we want answers to right away!

The email address for general questions concerning Waterwood is wia@waterwoodwia.com. You may also go to the website, www.waterwoodwia.com and you will find information about covenant and deed restrictions there as well as an abundance of other helpful information. The WIA Office phone number is 936-891-7710.

The email address for articles and pictures for this newsletter is waterwoodwnn@gmail.com. This email address is not monitored daily, so please, do not send an email to this address if you have an email that is needing a timely answer.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified ads accepted at no cost.

Please note the email for classified ads: waterwoodwnn@gmail.com. Deadline is the 1st of the month and must be submitted each month. Keep it short and simple. Space will be limited to 10 ads per month in the newsletter.

WATERWOOD SERVICES

Provide name and contact information for providers of services to Waterwood such as A/C, Plumbing, Stump grinding, Tree Service, Housekeeping, Handyman, etc. Send an email waterwoodwnn@gmail.com to have a service added.

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Melanie Cook
936-661- 7767 cell
Engagement, senior, events, and more

Pizza

Simple Simon's Onalaska
936-646-7743
Hours 11:00 to 9:00 PM
Buffet 11 to 2 daily and Tuesday 5 to 8

Embroidery

Mary Fox
936-891-5180

House Cleaning

Dust Bunnies Housekeeping Services
Waterwood resident
Contact Debbie Neal
281-610-1678
Excellent References

Churches

Point Blank Community Church
432 Robinson Way
PO Box 274, Point Blank, TX 77364
936-218-963
www.pointblankcommunitychurch.com

Grace Community Church
6801 FM 980 N
North of WW Parkway, past Poole Creek on the
Left

Onalaska Church of Christ
13570 Highway 190 W
[936-646-3517](tel:936-646-3517)
Sunday classes 9am worship 10 am and 6 pm
Wednesday classes at 6:30 pm

Computer Service

ABitPersonal (Tim Bryant)
Highway 190 & FM3186
Onalaska, 77360
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Tomthemovingman@yahoo.com

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Piano Tuner

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Custom Stained Glass by Appointment Only
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WNN ARTICLE DEADLINE

Send pictures and articles of interest to Teresa Brown at waterwoodwnn@gmail.com. Deadline for articles and pictures is the 1st of each month.