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From The President

Submitted by Julie Pompa, ELE President



The new ELE Board of Directors is hard at work planning for the upcoming 2010 calendar year. We have officially begun work on the Preliminary Budget and everyone is committed to fulfilling their specific roles and is dedicated to do their very best for the benefit of the entire neighborhood.

If you should encounter one of your fellow Board members, please thank them for their service. Remember that they are volunteers and that they have agreed to donate their own private time to serve our neighborhood and make it the great place it is!

That being said, I would like a very special **THANK YOU** to go out to Dwain Brown, our outgoing President. He was truly a spectacular leader and full of knowledge. He administered, dealt with and solved many issues throughout his Presidency and through his entire term on the Board.

We really are going to miss him and even tried to get him to stay! He voluntarily offered to continue to serve as the Chair of the Oil & Gas Committee and we gladly accepted!

Thank you Dwain for your tremendous service

to our neighborhood!
YOU ARE AWESOME!!
I have very big shoes to fill!

As the holiday season approaches, I want to remind everyone to be mindful of your property and of those around you. Theft always tends to increase during this time of the year.

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Santa Is Coming to ELE!



Santa will be at the ELE clubhouse on Sunday, December 6th!

Come to the ELE Christmas party from 6pm-8pm on Sunday. There will be soup, chili, desserts, and of course

Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus!

This wonderful annual event is not just for the little guys! We encourage all ELE residents to come, have some Christmas fun,

meet neighbors, eat some great food, and tell Santa what YOU want for Christmas!

HO HO HO

**Merry Christmas
ELE Neighbors!**

Women's Club Annual Holiday Auction



Join the Women's Club for our Annual Holiday Auction

Tuesday, December 8th @ 7pm

The home of

Kathleen Valentine

3517 Lake Powell Drive

Shopping * Refreshments * Friendship*

A perfect night during the holidays.

Please bring a gift for the auction valued at \$25 or more.

All money raised goes to area charities.

Bring a friend or many friends, the more the merrier!

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Make sure you are taking the normal precautions to secure your house and vehicles – locking your doors, closing your garage doors, removing temptation from your vehicles, etc.

contact me as well so that we as a Board are in the loop about any such situations.

Hope to see you all around the neighborhood!

Happy holidays to all!

If you should see or hear any suspicious activity, please notify the Arlington Police Department immediately. Please feel free to



Welcome New ELE Neighbors!



Jeff & Sarah Cowman moved into 3706 Falcon Lake Drive along with their four children,

Jake 9, Brendan 7, Ben 7, and Avery 5.

Jeff is a 2nd grade teacher with Mansfield ISD and Sarah is a 3rd grade teacher with Arlington ISD.

**Check out our
Neighborhood Website
elehomes.com**

The Above and Beyond Award submitted by Evelyn Bowen



When John Burrus and his lovely wife, Tammy, moved to our neighborhood two years ago, it was easy to see that they were friendly and hardworking. For months before moving into their new home, they worked weekends and nights remodeling the interior and beautifying the exterior, doing most of the work themselves. Then they rebuilt their deck, which became the envy of all who saw it. We soon realized that John had talents and skills that many of us lacked; he can build or fix almost anything. But that is not what makes John such a special neighbor. It is the way that he always takes the time to help out with anything that needs to be done.

It would be difficult to relate all the times that he has shown up at our door or gate to repair something, lift a heavy object, or just stop by to see if we needed anything. This past December, John noticed that I was outside struggling to hang Christmas lights. He showed up with his ladder and staple gun and began helping me. Many times after a heavy rain when the canal becomes littered with trash and debris, John and Tammy have

cleaned up the area without saying a word to anyone. When the fence that separates the ELE grounds from the park had a large hole that was allowing uninvited guests onto the grounds, John found a way to patch it and thereby make our community more secure. When his home was broken into recently, he looked for ways to make all on our street safer. He personally installed a fence in our yard and provided locks for our gates. Although newcomers to our neighborhood, John and his wife, Tammy, volunteer on two advisory committees that assist the ELE Board of Directors.

One of my favorite memories of John is the time that he rescued a duckling that had become separated from its mother and was being pursued by one of my cats. The cat had already caught the baby duck in its mouth and was trying to get away with it when I spotted him and began chasing him and yelling for him to drop that duck. He did release the duckling that then began trying to flee for its life. A neighbor and I were chasing it as it ran under shrubs and ground

cover. We could hear it chirping frantically but we could not catch it. Finally after the two of us saw that we were getting nowhere, we called John. He appeared in minutes and somehow swooped up the duckling and reunited it with its mother.

I could go on and on about John, but you can see what a great neighbor he is and why I am nominating him for the ELE Above and Beyond Award.

Do you know an ELE neighbor who goes Above and Beyond?

Someone who demonstrates unusual kindness, is helpful and makes our neighborhood a better place to live?

If you do, email your nomination and story to

jean@christenberry.com

Holiday Safety for your fireplace



- Before lighting any fire, remove all greens, boughs, papers, and other decorations from fireplace area. Check to see that the flue is open.
- Use care with "fire salts," which produce colored flames when thrown on wood fires. They contain heavy metals that can cause intense gastrointestinal irritation and vomiting if eaten. Keep them away from children.
- Do not burn wrapping papers in the fireplace. A flash fire may result as wrappings ignite suddenly and burn intensely
- Set up Christmas trees away from the fireplace and keep live tree reservoirs full of water so the tree does not become dry and a fire hazard

Happy Holidays To You And Yours This Season!

Wishing You Health, Happiness and Good Cheer!



Have Something You Would Like to See In The Newsletter?

Do you have an idea that you would like to submit to the Newsletter?

Simply email jean@christenberry.com

Are you interested in serving on an ELE HOA committee?

Email any board member via our HOA website **elehoa.com**

We would love to hear from you!