

NEIGHBORHOOD MUSINGS

On behalf of the ELE Board of Directors, I'd like to share with you some of the exciting things happening in our neighborhood for the remainder of the year. As you know, we are in the process of remodeling our club house. Work is progressing at a rapid pace and should be completed before Christmas. Soon thereafter Angie Woods will be accepting requests for parties and other events.

We will soon be asking for volunteers to help install Christmas lights at all of our entrances and at the clubhouse

In our last newsletter we

introduced some of the new homeowners in our neighborhood, We are happy to have you join us!

As we all approach the Holiday Season, my hope is that you and your families will find joy and happiness.

Ryan Baresh, Pres.





Andy Cox, Treasurer says

"I'm thankful we live in the ELE community. Having served as Treasurer for the last 10 years, I've had the opportunity to meet a lot of really good people who have given their time and talents to serve on the board.

Angie Woods, Social, is thankful for her family and friends, and thankful to live in America.

Michael Tejada, Grounds, gives thanks for his family, their good health, and the fortune to live in the community he does today.

Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are looking forward to the rest of the Holiday season.

NEW FLAG FLIES FOR VETERANS' DAY



A new U.S. flag was raised for Veterans' Day at the ELE main entrance against a beautiful clear blue sky.





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Upcoming Dates:

- December 10, 4:30 pm ELE Christmas Party
- December 14, 7 pm
- December 19-20 AISD Exams/ Early Dismissal
- December 19, 20, 21 Oakridge Early Dismissal
- December 21-Jan. 8 AISD Holiday
- December 22– Jan. 5 Oakridge Holiday

ELE NEWSLETTER

FIRST YARD OF THE MONTH

he diligent work of Jennette and Fred Woodard in their yard has earned them the first "Yard of the Month" award in Enchanted Lake Estates in more than 30 years. Yes, this award was presented in the early 80's by the ELE Garden Club. (See Page 3 for some of the early winners.)

Jeannette and Fred have been active neighbors since they moved here from Fort Worth 18 years ago. Both of them were with the FWISD, Jennette as an Orchestra teacher and Fred as a principal and administrator. Both have now retired and enjoy working in the yard. Fred does not do as much as he once did, leaving it to Jennette who enjoys gardening more than anything, next to music. She says she talks to them and fills them with praise. "Just like a beautiful woman glows when complimented".

Lantana is one of her favorite perennials to grow, because it is so happy in the hot Texas heat. She also likes roses and zinnias which also thrive in our climate. She has carved out a spot in her side yard where she has a clear view of the lake. She sits here to read or to contemplate the beauty of nature and all of her blessings.





THE SUPER STAR NEXT DOOR



Back in 2010, Lisa Sawyer attended a baby shower at the home of Mary Hibbs for April Nohinek. She was impressed that so many of the guests were actually neighbors of Mary and April that she decided she wanted to live in a neighborhood where the people actually knew each other. Just a few months later, Lisa and her This section is going to be your shout-out to neighbors who go above and beyond to keep ELE a great place to live. Send me a "cheer" to acknowledge anyone you would like to see thanked or given special recognition. This includes your kids who have made the honor roll or completed a project or had their first piano recital. Dorothy Tejada 817-228-8200 dmtejada@sbcglobalnet

husband Gene Gehring, along with their son Will, moved into their home on Lake Tahoe.

Since then, she has been a driving force here. She served on the ELE board both as Social Chairman and as President. An active member of the ELE Women's Club, she served as secretary for two years.

Her family originally moved to Arlington in 1976 when she started high school at the old Bowie High, now Workman Jr. High. She graduated from UT Austin with a degree in Public Relations and a minor in Marketing.

In 1996, she and Gene moved back to Arlington to join Budget Host Inns, a motel franchise that her father started. She currently serves as president of the company.

She has held a number of volunteer positions in Arlington over the years

with Leadership Arlington, Junior League, Arlington Arts League, Arlington Choral Society and the Oakridge School.

Lisa admits that when she turned 50, she took up golf. She loved it so much, she turned her



master bedroom into a practice room. She mirrored a wall and installed a very large net. In that magic room, she can hit every club!

Lisa always greets the world with a smile and a can-do attitude. She definitely is an asset to our neighborhood.

CHILLIN' WITH SANTA

et ready for the annual Christmas Party at the clubhouse on December 10 from 4:30–7:30. Santa and Mrs. Clause will be there from 5:30 to 6:30 to hear everyone's wishes.

Pull out your favorite chili recipe and start cooking. Contact Angie Woods (SWOODS718@gmail.com) to let her know what you're bringing because she's looking for plenty of kid friendly food also.

And, we're going for a hayride around the neighborhood after Santa Clause visits. At about 7:00 the hayride will start it's trek through our streets.



FORMER "YARDS OF THE MONTH"

CAN YOU RECOGNIZE THEM NOW?

Here are a few old pictures of yards selected for "Yard of the Month" in the early 1980s. Do you recognize maybe your house or your neighbor's? So much change has occurred.













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Welcome Hughes Family

Emily and Gary Hughes joined the ELE family earlier this year. They didn't have to come far—only from Ennis, but they had to answer the call of their first grandchild. Best Reason for a move ever! They live at 3621 Lake Tahoe.

Gary works for the City of Dallas and Emily is a Federal Employee. They have three grown children and two fur babies at home, Jackson and Tinker.

They already are a dynamic force in the neighborhood. They love to play all kinds of games and have started a monthly neighborhood game night. If anyone is interested in joining in the fun, you can contact Emily or Gary at 682-587-4984 or at <u>gandehughes@yahoo.com</u> for more information.

We still have a couple of new neighbors who have not been introduced. We will continue to try to meet them soon..

While everyone is in the Christmas Spirit, the Club House is in need of a new gas grill. If you get a new grill for a gift, consider giving your old, but still useable, grill to ELE. It would be greatly appreciated by all those who grill all summer at the pool. Contact the board members at eleboard@eleboa.com

ELE Women's Club News

The ELE Women's Club's 2017 Christmas auction is going to be held at Kathleen Valentine's home, 3517 Lake Powell on December 14 at 7 pm. This is the event for which many await. Every year bids go up for spa packages, dinner offers, home decorative items that threaten to draw cat fights!! There is no junk in this auction. Each year the money raised goes to the charity being sponsored by the Women's Club for that year as well as the Martin Bahama Bash, the Public Library and school libraries. This year the charity is yet to be chosen.

It has been suggested that many neighbors come just for the fun of watching the bidding and the food and drink. And that is a fine reason to come, and to share a good time with old friends and new. Meet your neighbors in a fun relaxed atmosphere.

The November meeting was a warm up for the auction. Lori Urso was hostess and everyone brought three of their favorite small things to share. Each person went home with three different items and some fun ideas for holiday stocking stuffers or gifts.

CLUB HOUSE REMODEL

The Club House remodel is coming along right on schedule.

As of Mid-November, the walls have been covered, textured, primed and painted. No more cinder-block walls.

The woodwork is painted a darker shade which gives it a very contemporary look. There is still plenty of work to do on the floors, bathrooms and ceilings, but it already looks 100% better.

The celebration of the completion will be the Chillin' with Santa Christmas Party on December 10. Makes plans to be there!







The storage doors look brand new.



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