



# POQUITO TIMES

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## The President's Corner

*Janet Guzalak, PBCA President*

WOW! That's all I can say regarding the wonderful response to my article in the October Poquito Times in pledges for the swings for our children and grandchildren. We now have \$2,900 pledged. Only \$100 more to go. That is fantastic, folks. I just knew the good people of this community would respond, and respond you have. I met with the Okaloosa Parks Advisory Committee on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> and gave a presentation asking them to approve our request for swings. While Okaloosa County has never installed swings in a county park, they approved our request, I think because they were so impressed by our coming up with the needed monies in such a short time. The next step is for our request for swings to be installed in Leo Norred Park to be presented to the Board of County Commissioners. Their next meeting is November 17<sup>th</sup>, but if it isn't scheduled for November, then it will be scheduled for the December meeting. I will keep all of you advised as to the outcome.

Our Veterans Day Ceremony was another success! There were at least 75 people in attendance. We might have had even more except that it was a bit chilly and very windy. We now have 80 plaques honoring our veterans from Poquito Bayou. I urge all of you who have loved ones names on the plaques to visit the memorial and see what has been done. None of this could have been accomplished without the help of those who worked preparing the poles, painting them and then fitting them into the ground. The last is a huge job that requires muscle to wrestle the poles into the correct positions. A big thank you goes to Gary Colsch, our Vice-President and Carpenter Extraordinaire who provides the needed guidance and muscle, also thanks to Don Kreis, Jeff March, Andy and Jerry Rush, my husband Johnny, Mike Wienewski, Keith Greene, Curtis "Jack" Fulton, Lendy Edwards, and Tom Deerfeld all of whom put in many hours of work. A special thank you to Sophie Beedie, who not only worked on the poles, but also did a fabulous job landscaping around the memorial. Lastly I have to thank our Past President, Jane Fedosky who continues to help out in many ways, painting poles, helping with landscaping, buying supplies, etc. It's because of her vision and determination 3 years ago that we have this Veterans Memorial in Poquito Bayou.

We have a couple of events coming up in December; see the box below and mark your calendars!

Till then, have a Happy Thanksgiving, a blessed Merry Christmas, and a very Happy New Year!

## Upcoming Events!

- Saturday, Dec. 19, 9:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast with Santa
- Sunday, Dec. 20, after dark – Holiday Light Judging

## Emergency Action / Neighborhood Watch

*Gary Colsch, Chairperson 651-1710*

It hasn't been that long ago (last month) that I wrote about a thorn that seems to be pricking a lot of our Poquito Bayou (PB) residents. The thorn is back, if in fact it ever left. The removal of the radar speed signs doesn't mean it is okay to drive as fast as we desire or not to think about our speed. Speeding is one of our residents' major concerns. Whether it's being done by PB residents, PB workers, or PB drive-thru's doesn't matter. Fifty miles-per-hour is 50 mph and over any PB speed limit.

The 15 mph curve on Poquito Road is of particular concern. The narrow road, close ditches, and obstructed view make it dangerous for vehicles, pedestrians, bike riders, and any other mover or shaker. Speeding compounds the danger.

Shortly before I moved here over 25 years ago several individuals were injured and killed in a VW Bug crash there. The street has not since changed; it is still dangerous. More speed does not improve the situation.

I don't think anyone wants the Bob Hope Village "Speed Limit 17 1/2 Caution Grandparents at Play" signs but if they get our attention, they're worth a try. Think about what we are doing and where we are. **Think safety. DRIVE SAFELY.**

## Pancake Breakfast with Santa

*Sally Davis, Coordinator*

Plans are in the making for our children's Christmas event here in the community. We know there are plenty of children in our neighborhood - the Halloween party proved that. On Saturday morning, Dec. 19, 9:30 - 10:30, at the Bob Gates Welcome Center in Bob Hope Village (please use the Sunset Lane entrance), we are hosting a free pancake, sausage, coffee, hot chocolate and orange juice breakfast for PB families. Contact Sally Davis (651-3034 or rucifoy@cox.net) or Janet Guzalak (651-6847 or nanaguz@cox.net) before Dec. 13 (the earlier the better) and tell us how many adults and children will attend. We need a headcount for the food preparation. No one can be admitted without a reservation. Please join us for a Merry Christmas breakfast with Santa!

## Christmas Outdoor Decorating Contest

Cassidy Greybill, Chairperson

On December 20<sup>th</sup>, the neighborhood junior directors shall be judging the outdoor decorations of the neighborhood. Cash prizes will be distributed to the winners of these categories:

- *Best Holiday Theme- Religious*
- *Best Holiday Theme- Whimsical*
- *Best Mailbox*
- *Best Use of Lights*
- *Best Overall*

Please be finished with your works-of-art by dark, Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. I, as well as the other junior directors, am excited to judge this year. We are eagerly looking forward to viewing all the enchanting displays.

## Halloween Party 2009

Sally Davis, Coordinator

The weather for Saturday, 31 October, was not looking good. Forecast was T-storms possible and winds 7-15mph. But the "not-so-nice" forecast didn't deter PBCA planners. The Halloween party was a go. At 10 till 2 one of the judges commented, "Where are the kids?" And just like past years, they came to the park from every corner at the designated time. Our judges this year (Bert Beavers, Marianne Coil, and Alice Kindzierski) were supposed to be decked out in cute pumpkin hats. Marianne wore hers but the other two didn't survive the winds. I appreciated the adults who showed up in costume (thanks, Michael Taylor), which added to the festivities. As usual, it was difficult to choose the winners for the different categories, but the judges prevailed. The winners were:

1. Most Creative – Baby Bumble Bee – Dillan Dutkiwicz
2. Scariest – Grim Reaper – Johnson Sullivan
3. Funniest – Blow-up Ballerina – Sarah Davis
4. Super Hero – Transformer – Blake Archer
5. Best Overall – Flowers – Grace and Jasella Fulton
6. Animal – Dog – Ary Pote (real dog)

After the costume contest, the games began. The children were divided into 3 age groups: 2-4, 5-7 and 8-11, and my teenage helpers stepped in. Games included a bean bag toss, tootsie roll hunt, pumpkin sweep, witch hat toss, mummy wrap, apple dunking, and candy corn count. Some of the game winners were: Chris Pote, Jeffery Billings, Quin Zink, Jonathan Scooler, Michael Ingram and Megan Archer.

Refreshments were pretzels, gold fish and Cheetos (not the animal kind) and Alice Kindzierski's adorable witch hat cookies and cupcakes. To quench the thirsty palates, apple juice or water was available. Ika Billings, who I count on year after year, made Apple Bites for the kids after the apple dunking.

A big hearty THANKS to my teen helpers who gave time on three Saturdays to plan the games, prepare the 35 goody bags and perform other tasks I asked. The ones who made this Halloween Party a success were: Cassidy Greybill, Ike Brunner, Zoe Brunner, Robert McMorrow, Joey Yount, Kai Billings, Marisa Halprin and Maddie Batey.

Not only do I have the honor of working with some great kids, there's a few others who need a pat on the back. Thanks to Ika Billings for all the milk carton skeletons, Jerry Rush for helping at the last minute to put up the ghosts, Jane Fedosky

for all the fuzzy critters, Alice Kindzierski for the special goodies, the judges, my husband, Bob, for putting up with it all and the Studleys for their storage space. WHAT A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE. THANK YOU ALL.

## PBCA Annual Election Results

By Gary Colsch, Chairman, Nominating Committee

All positions were filled at the PBCA election of its board of director's for the 2009/2010 Fiscal Year beginning November 1, 2009 as follows:

### Officers – One Year Term:

Janet Guzalak, President  
Jeanette Abbate, Recording Secy.  
Gary Colsch, Vice President  
Mary Rush, Corresponding Secy.  
Pat Hollarn, Treasurer

### Directors – One-Year Term

Cathy Halprin, Editor  
Cassidy Greybill, Jr. Director  
Mary Rush, Editor

### Street Directors – Two Year Term beginning in odd # years for these streets:

Sally Davis, 1-51 Poquito Rd. Cindy Henry, Maple Ave.  
Glenda Bryant, Magnolia Ave. Betsy Nielson, 94-149 Poquito  
Patricia Drew, Birch Ave. Vivian Marcus, Japonica Lane  
Note: The street directors for Holly, Poplar, Walnut and Hickory Avenues, and #52-93 Poquito Road were elected in 2008 and serve until their term expires on October 31, 2010.

A complete listing of the board of directors and committee chairpersons with contact information will be published in the January 2010 *Poquito Times*.

## Annual Membership Meeting

Mary Rush, Editor & PBCA Corresponding Secy.

Despite a fabulous speaker, outstanding door prizes, the annual election of board officers, and great refreshments, just 22 people attended the informative and interesting Annual Membership Meeting on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

PBCA President, Janet Guzalak, welcomed guest speaker, Greg Donovan, Okaloosa County Airports Director. Mr. Donovan explained that he is the director of Crestview, Destin and Northwest Florida Regional Airports. He gave a brief summary of his credentials and experience. He explained that ~~all the airports in Okaloosa County are self-sufficient~~; no monies come from the county for their support. The airports support themselves from money generated by airlines, car rental agencies and other businesses that use the facilities. He said this is very unusual because most get some subsidy from the county/community in which they are located. Also, since the runways are shared with Eglin, the Air Force Base shares their maintenance costs.

He presented a slideshow, showing destinations from the NW FL Regional Airport (NWFRA). He explained that drawing Southwest Airlines to our local airport with incentives got very wild. The St. Jo Paper Company donated land and money to draw Southwest Airlines to the new Panama City International Airport (now renamed Beaches International Airport). They have also designated that Southwest cannot fly to any airport within 80 miles of that new airport, thus closing out our local airport. All of these maneuvers are in the hopes of a downward trend in airline prices for their airport. Donovan stated that rental cars are a

number one source of income for the airport and a new rental car facility is being built at the airport and will be ready in the spring of 2010.

Mr. Donovan showed the population of the areas surrounding the three airports and said that people tend to go where the fares are cheapest. He is hopeful that people would choose to use the NWFRA for its convenience and destination locations. He said they are pursuing a new airline, West Jet, from Toronto, Canada, which would provide Customs both going and coming from the Toronto airport, therefore eliminating having to have a Customs center at NWFRA.

Donovan showed the newly renovated Crestview Airport and explained that it has many military contractors housed in its facilities, an important contribution to our local economy. He suggested locals go to see the new facilities.

Donovan said the airports belong to the National Business Airport Association, a volunteer organization that helps promote regional airports, and of which Pat Hollarn is a member. He stated that the Destin Airport, owned by land developer Jay Odem, has excellent facilities and is held to a high standard. He concluded his presentation by mentioning having hosted the Honor Flight earlier this year, a wonderful success that they hope to do again. He concluded by answering questions.

**Editor's Note: The information about the guest speaker's talk was provided from the Minutes of this meeting prepared by Recording Secretary, Jeanette Abbate.**

After Mr. Donovan's presentation the meeting was called to order, Minutes of the April 23, 2009 presented and approved, 2009/2010 Operating Budget presented and approved, committee reports presented, and the election held. (Election results can be found in a separate article.)

A drawing was held for the door prizes. Pat Colsch and Brenna Halprin each received a gift card for one dozen donuts; Janet Guzalak was awarded a \$20 gift card for Domino's Pizza, and Neal and Betty Haars were the lucky winners of a \$100 gift card to Ruth's Cris Steak House.

During the evening those present enjoyed refreshments provided by PBCA and its wonderful baking ladies: Jeanette Abbate, Benita Brunner, Amy Boyd, Karen Greybill, Sherri Hartman, Carla Hunt and Nancy Lacy. Thank you ladies, everything was delicious!

A printed copy of the minutes is available from Mary Rush: 651-7079 or [MaryPBCA@aol.com](mailto:MaryPBCA@aol.com).

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## Good Contractor List – New additions

Please add "Tom's Pool Services" (863-3030) to our recommended pool installer list. He did an awesome job replacing my pool's liner and skimmer." (Sophie Beedie, 16 Poplar Ave.)

We signed up for Longwood School's recent family portrait day, to support the school and with the thought of Christmas gifts in mind. Many shots were taken over the course of an hour and the results are wonderful. We highly recommend Linek Photography & Design, 217-5504. Nivaska Eastwood, owner and photographer, made the experience delightful and each pose captured the best photos ever taken of our family and at very reasonable prices. We give her artistry the highest recommendation. (Mary Rush, 23 Poquito Road).



## Bob Hope Village

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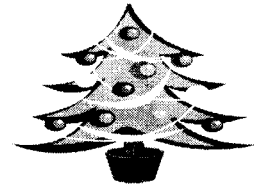
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All residents are welcome!

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