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MEETING: DEC 13TH 7PM XMAS PARTY @ CIVIC BLDG. Terry Jeanes, Editor 922 West 41 st. Street Houston, Texas 77018 680-8550

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE the last time

I thought the first one of these I wrote was difficult but this one is harder. What do you say after two years?

The most important thing is "THANK YOU" to everyone who has even in the smallest way contributed to our Civic Club over the past two years. Without all of you my job would have been impossible. A special thanks to the officers for their dedication. No one was ever lacking in preperation, enthusiam, or experience.

I must take one last oppurtunity to remind you of several things I have pushed for over the past two years.

- 1. Pay your dues and get involved in your Civic Club.
- 2. Join the Garden Club.
- 3. Protect your home and be on watch all over the neighborhood.
- 4. Get a smoke detector/alarm.
- 5. Keep you dog in a fence.
- 6. Put up visible house numbers.
- 7. Learn the numbers of the city services you need and use them. (Be persistant)
- 8. Alert the Board of Trustees to deed violations.
- 9. Make new neighbors welcome .
- 10. Do anything you can to keep Garden Oaks a great place to live and be proud of.

It has been a honor for me to be your President and instead of rejoicing right now I feel sad. I know Terry and the new officers will do a fine job and I plan to be there to see it. Please give them the same support and help you gave me, and we will have another Thank You! great year.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Civic Club - Garden Club Annual Christmas Party will be held on Thursday December 13th, at 7:00 pm, at the Civic Club Building. We hope to have some entertainment and we know we'll have a lot of great food. Coffee and punch will be provided. We request that everyone bring either small sandwiches, chips, dips, cookies, or other dessert. Bring the kids - This is a family event.

We had an excellent turnout last year and really had a good time. Let's end this

year with a bang.

Remember we will be drawing the winners of all the raffle prizes that evening and you might possibly be one of them.

The new officers will be introduced and will become official after this party.

NEW OFFICERS

The new officers elected at the November meeting:

Terry Jeanes - President - 680-8550

Jim Alexander- 1st. Vice President

Cindy Weed - 2nd. Vice President Gazette

864-1844

Caye Siems - Secretary 869-0038

Willard Mills - Treasurer - 686-6592

Please keep these numbers and use them when required. Let Jim know if you have any suggestions for programs. Cindy is Gazette Editor and needs to know of news events around our neighborhood.

Special Thanks

Tommy and Betty Cole extend their thanks to the many G arden Oaks neighbors who came to their aid so wonderfully when David was born on August 25th. A very special " thank you " goes to those who have kept Jennifer during our daily visits to the hospital. At 3 months, on November 25, David weighed 3 pounds. We hope he will be home by Christmas.

GARDEN CLUB CLIPPINGS

Join us for the join us at the joint Garden Club and Civic Club Christmas Party On Thursday December 13th at the Civic Club Building at 7:00 pm.

Congratulations to Mr. Florian at 1058 West 43rd. for his receiving the Yard of the Month award. The late Mrs. Florian was quite instrumental in the establishment of the lovely yard which people view as they drive down West 43rd.

The Garden Club is seeking to increase membership and looking for new officers for the 1985 year. If you are interested in becoming a new member or taking an active part through the role of an officer please phone Lucann Nietmann 862 5656.

GARDEN OAKS CLEAN-UP A HUGE SUCCESS

Thanks to the effortsof 32 of our neighbors in Garden Oaks, the appearance of the neighborhood was vastly improved on November 10th. On that day, the Garden Oaks Civic and Garden Clubs co - sponsored our semi-annual clean up, the efforts of which are clearly visible as you drive down Shepherd. Underbrush was cleared, sidewalks uncoverd, crepe myrtles pruned and dead trees removed by our volunteers. Not quite visible are the results of our Adopt A Truck program. Our volunteers filled five truckloads of trash from backyards and garages

A lot of effort goes into the planning of these events. Refreshment committees are formed, signs are made, volunteers are organizedn and efforts of the Departments of Solid Waste, Public Works, and Parks are coordinated with our Civic Club. The reward of seeing 32 neighbors work together to improve the appearance of our community makes all the planning worthwhile. It is so pleasing to see the increasing participation in this semi-annual effort. The dirty dozen who participated in last autumn's program grew to 22 last spring and 32 this autumn.

Our sincerest thanks to all those who participated in our community project. The performance of a strong, active civic club is the finest way to preserve the value of your home and Garden Oaks.

The spring clean up will be in April.

GARAGE SALE -Saturday & Sunday ?

How many of these signs have you seen sprinkled about Garden Oaks on the esplanades or our community circles? These not very attractive signs do provide a service - they inform us of a local sale in which we are often buyers and ocassionally sellers. To maintain the integrity of the neighborhood, however, please remove these signs promptly after the sale is over. Even if the sale is not yours, your removal of the sign is appreciated. Last week Rich Schneyer, our clean up coordinator, returned three of these signs to their rightful owners, two which were in Shepherd Park Plaza and one in Oak Forest. He politely requested that future signs be removed promptly as Garden Oaks discourages these signs. If the owner is not at home, or you do not wish to confront the sign owner face to face simply return the sign to the owner's front lawn or front door. Rich feels that this will get the message across.

AND THE WINNER IS

Don't forget about our fabulous Holiday Raffle being sponsored by the Garden Oaks Civic Club. Tickets will be drawn at the Civic Club Garden Club Christmas Party on Thursday December 13th. Fabulous prizes are in store for all the winners. If you are interested in selling or purchasing raffle tickets please give one of the following parties a call. Cindy Weed 864 - 1844, Lana Miller 864 - 5819, Kay Paul 861 - 0328, or Terry Jeanes 697-5220 (w) or 680 - 8550. Remember the array of prizes:

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