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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

You're invited to the February Meeting of the Civic Club on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1988, at 7 P.M., GARDEN OAKS BAPTIST CHURCH. At long last, our speaker will be John Koros of Mercer Arboretum. His topic will be Native Landscaping. I know it will be worth our long wait. Bring your questions.

In January, we had an interesting discussion by Dr. LaNell Says, Cluster Supervisor of H.I.S.D.'s District 13, and Garden Oaks Elementary Principal Jean Dodd. If you have further questions about our public schools, please write Mrs. Dodd, Dr. Says % Waltrip High, or Mr. Ed Cline, Assistant Superintendent, 3830 Richmond. We each have the right and the responsibility to be informed about our tax-supported schools. I am hopeful that our School Board can begin to work together on the real problems that face H.I.S.D. now that Dr. Raymond has the support necessary. Our schools deserve a chance at their best effort.

Three Cheers for Terry Weinberger, the new Chair for the 1988 Home Tour. It will be held APRIL 10. If you'd like to help in this fun project, check out the committees Terry has organized, and choose your area of interest.

Thank you, Civic Club, for the lovely telephone/appointment book. It makes it easier to call on you Volunteers? Hope to see you at Civic Club. Are you a DUES-PAID 1988 MEMBER yet? Come join us.

HAPPY VALENTINES

GRACE



BIRTHDAYS

Andrew Bell	5 Yrs.	Feb. 15
Devin Black	5 Yrs.	Feb. 15
Lauren Hall	9 Yrs.	Feb. 14
Michael Keegan	4 Yrs.	Feb. 14
Ryan Kriechbaum	8 Yrs.	Feb. 6
Georgann Paul	10 Yrs.	Feb. 21

GOOD NEIGHBORS

THANK YOU Terry Jeanes and Eileen Hartman for donating the smoked turkey door prize at the Dec. Party.

THANKS to Sammie Broaderick and James Mabry for removing the Christmas trees from Garden Oaks Blvd.

At last month's meeting, the Civic Club collected Safeway receipts from a few good neighbors. When totaled these receipts came to over \$4,000, which will bring in \$40 for our Civic Club. If this is what a few people saving receipts can do, imagine what we would receive if everyone remembers to save their receipts from Moores' and Safeway. Please bring them to the next meeting or call Cindy Weed at 864-1844.

THANK YOU to Gael Bell, Isabella Keegan, Linda Gugliemi, Nancy Rogers, Terry Weinberger, Kay Paul and Amy Voorhees for supplying wonderful refreshments at our January Meeting.

Come to our Feb. Meeting and enjoy pizza donated by the new Bambolinos on Ella Blvd.

FOUND: In Section 1 of Garden Oaks; Adult male dog, black and tan Shepherd-mix; collar, with tags missing. Friendly, good disposition. Looking for owner or a good home. Call 862-6138 and leave a message. Found 1/8/88. Andrea Spiering or Bart Moery.

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CRITTER CORNER

by David Horsley

An early morning constitutional on a frigid morning. No, that's not a newspaper -- it's a walk through the neighborhood. As the sun peeks up in the East, I head down the street, breath-vapor trailing behind me. Perfect day for a walk.

First, I notice that our rooftops have been dusted heavily with frost. It's easy to tell who has attic insulation and who doesn't: those without it have no frost on the roof, except maybe around the edges, just above the eaves. Some of us are paying good money to keep our roofs frost-free.

Next, I begin to notice how the frost has bitten the shrubbery. Variegated liriope drooping flat against the ground. Yesterdays's impatiens a withered shadow of their former selves. Once-proud giant philadendron hanging limp as if someone let the air out. And yet, lots of other shrubbery looks just fine, like cold weather agrees with it. Lesson: use native shrubs for landscaping, and skip the old blanket beddy-by routine with your azaleas.

If you lean toward the lazy side of the birdwatching scale, this time of year is for you. All through the neighborhood I see flocks of birds mobbing the feeders. The birds will come to you for a handout, and you can enjoy them from the safety and comfort of your home.

Earlier this week, I was doing exactly that, watching a big gang of little brown and yellow birds with white wingbars. They were taking turns drinking from the bath, maybe fifteen at a time. Must have been fifty or more in all. I got up to fetch the glasses and spooked them all, and in their haste to flee, one of them flew smack into the front window, THUNK!, and fell dead to the ground. Respectfully I waited a few minutes before retrieving the body, and spent the time looking the little rascals up in the book. The Pine Warbler comes as close as any. Do they flock up that way in winter? The book doesn't say.

When I picked up the dead bird for a positive ID, suddenly ZIP! and it was gone. Flew right out of my hand, up into the treetops, kept going until it was out of sight. For a dead bird that little guy could move!

Back on this morning's walk, I see nary a living soul stirring, save one would-be church-goer with a dead battery. That must really be the pits -- get the kids up and dressed and out the door in time for the early service (in order to be home in time for the playoff game, see?) and then the car won't start. He lifts the hood and mutters to the engine as I pass by.

I walk a little further and hear a growling noise behind me, growing louder. Somebody's pit bull is about to clamp onto my leg? A car with four flat tires is about to run me down? Slowly I turn around.....

"Hi, David! Aren't you cold?" Good Heavens, it's the little neighbor girl with trainer-wheels on her bike. She's bundled up like an eskimo, riding down the street. Her Dad tries to keep up,

I want to remember the way our neighborhood looks this morning. I want to save this memory, with the sun gleaming off the hoary rooftops, and keep it on ice until this summer. Long about August, when we walk with our clothes stuck to our skin, I will get it out and dust it off.

HELP WANTED

The HOME TOUR COMMITTEE is looking for VOLUNTEERS to help with the APRIL 10, 1988 GARDEN OAKS HOME TOUR. If you could help in any of these areas, please let us know!

- PUBLICITY - CHAIRMAN Gail Bell
694-5016
- DONATIONS (Corporate Underwriters) -
CHAIRMAN Marian Mabry
956-9469
- TICKET SALES - CHAIRMAN Danese Mc-
Whorter 864-6021
- DOCENTS - CHAIRMAN Carolyn Gorski
682-8144
- SET UP - CHAIRMAN Jerry Cockburn
880-5458

Everyone's help is needed to make this the most successful tour ever! For further details call TERRY WEINBERGER - 692-7248.

Save your Safeway and Moores' receipts. Call: CINDY 864-1844.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS? Call and let us know for our Gazette: MARTHA 864-0038.

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