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Handley, Texas

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Jack Storey; 12/04/1929
Billie Erickson; 12/05/1928
Chuck Robbins; 12/05/1950
Diann Kimsey; 12/07/1941
Maxine Hester; 12/08/1920
Bonnie Opitz 12/17
Doris R. Thomas; 12/17/1928
Marjorie Davis; 12/22
Betty Averitte 12/23/1927
Sandra Taylor; 12/23/1938
Clifford Polk; 12/26/1932
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Next
Meeting:
December
12
Handley
United
Methodist
Church

Starting
at 6:30



Our Christmas Tree Lighting



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Have a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. Winter begins on December 22nd and colder weather will be welcomed after the summer we had. We had a fun November meeting playing Bingo. This is one of our more popular meetings and everyone enjoys playing.

At this meeting we also had election of 2012 Officers. Elected were:
 Joann Ehlers, President
 Bill Stevens, Vice-President
 Shirley Collins Cornwell, Secretary
 Betty Coomer, Treasurer
 Lucy Jane Mock, Member-at-Large

Janice Cox will continue as Sunshine Chairman and Judy Taylor as Code Compliance Chairman. I want to thank Nedra Dryden for the suggestion to establish a committee to call members to wish them a Happy Birthday or Anniversary each month. She will chair this committee and Joann Wells has offered to help. Joann has asked to be relieved of Yard of the Month, so we need a volunteer to take over this task. Anyone interested, please give me a call. We are also discussing a membership committee to contact former members and new residents to encourage returning or joining the association. Also a big Thank You to Lloyd for complying and getting published our association Newsletter. This is a big job as he also is working full time and going to school. He does a great job.

Graffiti had been sprayed on the cement wall at the end of the track at the new middle school on Forest. The school was notified and it was painted over within the hour. Graffiti can be either tagging, drug or gang related and needs to be reported immediately. If you see any on building, signs or any surface, call the Graffiti Abatement unit at 817-212-2900. They take care of the problem usually within 24 hours.

Code Compliance is another issue that affects Handley. If you see a problem, please call Audrey, our Code Compliance officer, at 817-733-9596. Audrey is very determined to keep Handley in compliance. One of our more important persons helping Handley is Kim Gardner, our NPO. Kim keeps us advised of crime in our area and explains how to handle problems. If called, she will always check out the problem. Her number is 817-994-0597.

Next year we are planning to move our meetings to the Handley Cultural Center on Forest. This is the old Handley Masonic building on Forest on the middle school grounds. It has lots of storage for our supplies and comfortable tables and chairs. Heating is being installed and air conditioning is already in place. We will want to offer a big Thank You to HUMC for allowing us to hold our meetings in their building for last several years.

I want to thank all the members who have contributed help, food, ideas and money for the last year and have attended the meetings. Without you there would be no HNA.

Our next meeting is Monday, December 14th at HUMC, 2929 Forest. Dinner at 6:30 P.M. HNA will furnish chicken and members are asked to bring a pot luck dish. A Chinese gift exchange, with a \$5.00 limit on gifts, will be held. Entertainment is still pending.

Come and join us for a fun evening with your neighbors.
 Joann



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HANDLEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MINUTES NOVEMBER 14, 2011

The Handley Neighborhood Association met on Monday, November 14, 2011 at the Handley United Methodist Church. President Joann Ehlers called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Prayer was given by Nedia Dryden. All guests and members were welcomed. There were 34 in attendance.

The minutes and treasurer's reports were approved and seconded.

President Joann announced that Councilman Frank Moss had quadruple bypass surgery and was recuperating at home.

Judy Taylor, Nominating committee chairperson introduced the 2012 slate of officers. Ballots were passed out to all members. The ballots were counted and the new officers for 2012 are:

President – Joann Ehlers, Vice President – Bill Stevens, Secretary – Shirley Cornwell
Treasurer – Betty Coomer, Member at Large - Lucy Jane Mock

Sheavon Warner, Coordinator of Volunteer Recruitment for Meals on Wheels spoke on the need for volunteers in the Handley area.

Code Compliance chairperson Audrey Joiner reported on areas brought to her attention at last meeting have been checked out and are in compliance.

NPO Kim Gardner gave the crime report for the past two weeks. Crime is still up in residential break-ins and everyone should report any suspicious activity.

Betty Coomer, Code Blue reported that everyone should keep their vehicles locked and valuables hidden.

Yard of the month award was given for November to Mr. & Mrs. Finnes, 7141 Robinhood.

The program for the evening was playing bingo with all enjoying the evening. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectively submitted by

Shirley Collins-Cornwell



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TREASURER'S ISLAND



Hi--I hope everyone had a marvelous "Turkey Day" with family & friends. I had a marvelous Thanksgiving with all friends. I was invited by Linda & Paul Kerpoe to share their table with the two of them and Paul's Mom, Grace. The food was delicious as well as ample. I have never seen so much food.. There was just 10 of us including Brad, Ray and Brad's folks, Linda, Paul, Grace & I and 2 friends of mine, Joe & Francine Adams. If you want a delicious meal next year, make reservations at Brad's Handley Station Cafe for next year's Thanksgiving Dinner. You won't be sorry.

There is so much coming up in December. You need to mark your calendars. Some of these dates will be over with by the time you receive this, but the dates were also in the November Newsletter. On November 27, 2011, I attended the Handley United Methodist Church "Hanging of the Greens" celebration. It was my first time to participate. After the service in the chapel we adjourned to the fellowship hall for Plum Pudding. Handley United Methodist Church will be losing our Pastor, Gus Guthrie. Gus is retiring the first of the year. He will be missed by many people. I will always remember Gus for being there for Cecil & I at the hospitals for both Cecil's and my many surgeries and then when Cecil was in Hospice. I don't think a day went by that he wasn't there for us and I will always be grateful to him.

We got the Christmas Tree all decorated at the Gazebo on Wednesday before the winds and bad cold weather arrived. Thanks to Joann Ehlers, Judy Taylor, Bill Stevens and yes I helped too. My biggest job was finding all the stuff in my garage for us to drag out. Wouldn't you know that the tree fell over 4 times before we finally got it anchored down. The wind was terrible. It was so windy & cold time Saturday evening came, not many people

came out for the official lighting of the tree. Kirk Lancaster bought us a live tree, but we felt it was too fragile this year to weight it down with lights and ornaments. M & M Resale Shop gave us a beautiful artificial tree to put inside the Gazebo. We served hot chocolate and hot apple cider and had cookies, brownies and some delicious cake Brad made. We didn't tarry too long since it was so cold. Gary Kauth & his Mom, Marie, from Eastside Antiques walked up a few minutes. Ira Noble came and played Christmas Music for us. James from M & M Resale Shop came over. He put the tree back up twice when the wind blew it over. He came back later with his brother & his brother's girlfriend.

Thanks to James for mowing the Gazebo property so that it would look nice for Saturday night. Those weeds were getting mighty tall. We all had a good time and appreciated the few who came by .

The Captains meeting for December has been changed to December 19, 2011

The Handley Code Blue Meeting and Christmas Party will be on December 19th. We will have potluck and have the Chinese Gift Exchange. Ryanwood Neighborhood Meeting, the last one for this year, will be November 29th.

The big Eastside Code Blue Christmas gathering is on December 5th at the Meadowbrook United Methodist Church.

We are to bring Desserts and also Dog or Cat Food for our furry friends. The Christmas decorating at the Caboose will already be finished by the time you receive this newsletter. Festivities at the caboose with Santa will take place on Saturday December 3, 2011. The Weiler House, Bill Ryan, will be having a silent auction on December 3rd with some of the proceeds going toward the clock for our area. He will be open till 9:00 p.m. that night. We have a lovely beautiful antique quilt we are selling tickets for and the proceeds from that sale will

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also go toward the purchase of the clock. Just think folks, for just \$1.00 a chance you may win this beautiful quilt , which was donated by Jody Hughes. One quilt has already been sold for \$300.00. The quilt is on display at the antique mall. You do not have to be present to win.

Come on by the antique mall and buy some tickets, so you can say you had a part in helping purchase the clock. On Saturday, December 3rd, 1st Saturday of the month, the antique mall will be having another sidewalk flea market outside. Friends of Old Towne Handley will have a booth of donated items to sell with the proceeds to go toward the clock. Thanks to those who gave us some items to sell. This is an on going endeavor, sooo we would appreciate any donations we could sell. We will also have tickets for sale there for the quilt.

The Handley Cultural Center (Museum) will start opening on Saturdays 10-5. It is located in the old Masonic Lodge (Odd Fellows) Building on Forest & Church. Tony Blauvelt with Edward Jones is having his open house on Tuesday , December 6, 2011 from 11:30 till 3:00 P.M. HANDLEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC. WILL BE HAVING THEIR CHRISTMAS PARTY AND MEETING ON DECEMBER 12TH. WE WILL BE DOING A \$5.00 CHINESE GIFT

EXCHANGE. On December 9th, the Genesis Sunday School will be having a get together at Jean McClungs home. We will also have the Chinese Gift Exchange, Mexican Dinner and then we will stuff stockings for our shut ins.

I am also stuffing stockings for my Meals on Wheels clients. Thanks to our HNA & Handley Code Blue groups for donating to the cause. It is greatly appreciated and I know my clients will enjoy the goodies .

Eastside Ministries is still in need of volunteers and also clothes and food. Let's help the needy in our area. Meals on Wheels is also in need of volunteers to help deliver the food.

On New Year's Day, Brad, with the Handley Station Cafe will be serving free Black Eyed Peas & cornbread. Come by and get your luck for the New Year 2012.

For those of you who remember Dr. Randy Kunze, the dentist on Canton Dr. and his parents, Joe & Lucille Kunze, Randy passed away recently from cancer. To his Mom, children and family we extend our sympathy.

Our new officers in HNA are Joann Ehlers, President, Bill Stevens V.-Pres., Shirley Collins-Secretary, Betty Coomer-Treasurer and Lucy Jane Mock-Member at Large. Congratulations to all.

Thanks to all of our ad sponsors. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to all of you who sent in checks donating to the clock fund. Remember for all of those who contribute \$100.00 or more, your name will go on a plaque either on or by the clock.

Smitty's Little Church is finally getting worked on and is taking shape. Brad, Ray, Joe and others are doing a fantastic job restoring it. We think it will be finished by Christmas, so we can all once again enjoy it.

When you drive down Handley Dr. look in my drive way- I have the large cactus all aglow with lights . The cactus used to set atop Kirk Lancaster's office building. Thanks to James from M & M Resale Shop for spending hours on it putting new lights on it. It was quite a job. Thank you, James. Go by & see James. There's bound to be something there you can't live without. He loves to talk & he loves to sell.

Please remember your 2012 dues are due now. Please save us time and postage by paying now. Dues are due January to January and are just \$12.00 yearly. You don't want to miss getting your newsy monthly newsletter. Starting February 1st you will not continue receiving the newsletter if you haven't paid your dues current.

Please remember our sick & bereaved members in your thoughts and prayers. Jody Hughes is still recuperating from her broke hip. Doris Thomas is home and is doing lots better. I've got one of my partners in crime back now.

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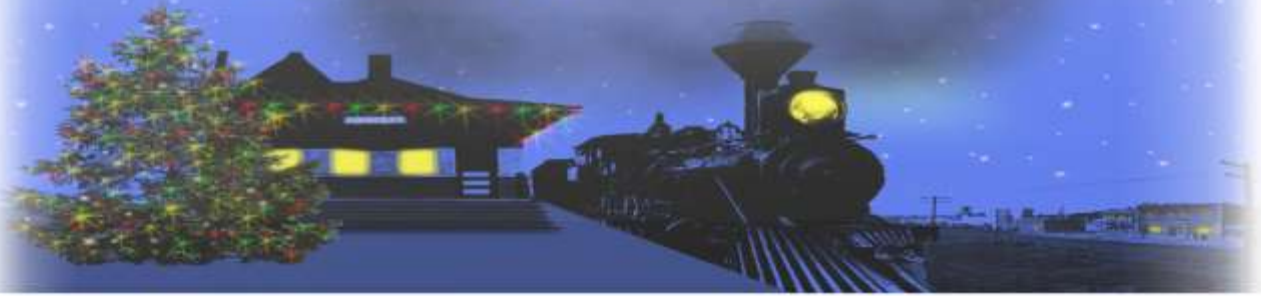
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Begun as Tidball and Wilson, Bankers by Thomas A. Tidball and John B. Wilson, Fort Worth National has grown steadily with Fort Worth. This expansion and development brought many changes.

Within a year after its founding, local residents headed by Major K.M. Van Zandt purchased an interest in the bank, and its name was changed to Tidball, Van Zandt and Company, Bankers. Major Van Zandt became president, a post he held until his death in 1930.

In 1884, the bank was reorganized under a federal charter and was renamed The Fort Worth National Bank. During the next 43 years, The Fort Worth National completed mergers with the State National and Farmers and Merchants National Banks, increasing its size by nearly 1,000 percent and bringing it to its present 3-block home along Seventh and between Commerce, Main and Houston Streets.

During its history, the Fort Worth National has been tied closely with Fort Worth, first as a major factor in the fight to bring the railroad to the city and later by providing the major financial support for the development of the meat packing, grain, cotton and oil industries of the city and area.

The "old-time" western heritage of the Fort Worth National is evident still in the atmosphere of friendliness and hospitality found there--one part of The Fort Worth National's heritage which will never change.

The Story of Fort Worth from Outpost to Metropolis FORT WORTH

Fort Worth today is a great and growing city of soaring skyscrapers, sprawling industrial plants, bustling freeways, spacious parks, fine museums, beautiful residential areas, churches and schools.

It has not always been this way.

From a lonely outpost on the Trinity River little more than a century ago, Fort Worth has evolved into the city it is as a result of the actions and influence of many people and historic events. It is a fascinating story and one in which all of us can take pride.

The Fort Worth National Bank is proud of the fact that for more than 90 years it has played an important role in the growth and development of our city.

Therefore, in grateful acknowledgment of the privilege we have had of serving our city and trade area for these many years, The Fort Worth National Bank is pleased to present this brief history of Fort Worth, with the hope that a better understanding of the past will inspire the young people of today to build an even greater city tomorrow.

All illustrations are from the files of the Fort Worth National Bank. Many are on display in the bank's historical gallery, located in the pedestrian tunnel connecting the Installment Loan Department and the Main Bank Building.

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When the first settlers began moving into Texas, the land on which Fort Worth now stands was Comanche territory. Other tribes that had made North Texas their home had been driven away by the savage Comanches.

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Jerry Tijerina & Chuck Robbins are not doing very good at this time. Did you know they are brother & sister?

Until next time, take care and have a wonderful "Merry Merry" and a "Happy Happy" and an abundance of good health in the New Year 2012. Merry Christmas from Betty Coomer, Rotel, Heidi and my little imp from hell dog ,Toby.



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Dear HNA Member:

Your dues are due for 2012. Our dues run from January to January of each year and are only \$12.00 a year. For this \$12.00, you receive our newsy-gossipy Handley Neighborhood Newsletter, "Handley Happenings" once a month. If you attend our meetings you always get something to eat or drink—usually both and at Christmas time HNA furnishes the meat for our Christmas party, as well as the drinks and other goodies.

We have door prizes at most meetings and also have guest speakers, who keep us up to date on happenings in our area. Where else could you get all of these benefits for just \$12.00 a year? Remember, to be able to vote, your dues must be paid current. Please help us save money on printing & stamps, by sending your dues in now. Your dues also help pay for the printing and postage of our newsletter every month.

Thank you,
Betty Allene Coomer

Betty Allene Coomer, Treasurer



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