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Happy Thanksgiving!

Those who didn't attend the October meeting missed a fun evening. We had a night of Bingo with great prizes. As everyone enjoyed the game, we decided to make it a yearly event.

We did very well at our booth at the festival. We made \$410.00 selling crafts and raffle tickets for the quilt. My granddaughter, Jennifer Schubert, won the quilt and no I did not draw the ticket. It was drawn by a person in another booth. A big thank you to all who donated items to sell and to Doris H., Lucy Jane, Oglia, Brenda and Walter for working the booth on a chilly day.

Got the official notice that the Daiquiris To Go on E. Lancaster was denied the alcohol permit and also that their appeal was denied. As the quote on the front of the newsletter states **"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has". Margaret Mead**

Betty Coomer and I attended the city council meeting in support of St. Rita's Church and School, who were asking the council for a resolution restricting the sale of alcohol within 1000 ft. of the church.

Starting the last of November, our Code Compliance officer, Stephanie Menefee, will be moved to the North side. Our new officer will be Anthony Wytij. Stephanie will attend the November meeting to explain the move. We will miss Stephanie as she has done an outstanding job for us.

Bob Taylor is still working on plans for the Handley Cemetery. He found that we don't need conservatory-ship to maintain the cemetery and that the \$500.00 grant is no longer available. He has gotten quotes on fencing for the front and is working on getting sponsors to help with the cost. We are very glad and lucky to have Bob working with us.

Don't forget early voting started October 19th and continues thru October 30th at Handley-Meadowbrook Community Center. Election day is November 3rd.

Our next meeting is Monday, November 9th at Handley United Methodist Church, 2929 Forest Ave. Program will be a speaker from East Side YMCA regarding the programs they offer for all ages. As usual a light meal will be served at 6:30 P.M. with the meeting starting at 7:00 P.M.

Please come and get involved in continuing to make Handley a great place to live and work.

Joann



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MINUTES

OCTOBER 12, 2009

The Handley Neighborhood Association met on Monday, October 12, 2009 at the Handley United Methodist Church. President Joann Ehlers called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

The minutes were read and approved as read. The treasurer's report was also read and approved. The following announcements were made by President Joann Ehlers:

The HNA booth at the Festival made \$410 profit.

The quilt was won by Jennifer Shubert.

Early voting begins October 19-30, 2009 with Election Day being on November 3rd. Fort Worth will have a request to reauthorize the half-cent sales tax to fund the city's Crime Control and Prevention District.

Daiquiri's to Go was denied a liquor license but will probably appeal.

There was no new or old business.

The following reports were made:

NPO Kim Gardner reported that crime has decreased with only seven offenses this past week. The Crime Lab ground breaking will be October 13, 2009 at 9:00am.

A Halloween Party will be held at the YWCA on Saturday, October 17, 2009 from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Betty Coomer reported that Code Blue is in need of more people patrolling.

An enjoyable evening was spent playing bingo with many winning some wonderful prizes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

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Hi- It's that time of month again for our HNA newsy newsletter for November to come out. Our HHDC Street Festival was a big success. You really missed a fantastic day. It was estimated that 30 to 40 thousand people attended the event. The chilly weather didn't deter the people and luckily the rain didn't come till afterwards. There were all kinds of food to eat from "Funnel Cakes" to "Turkey Legs." The artist section had many kinds of goodies to buy, from jewelry to decorated old furniture—there was just a huge selection of everything to choose from. Just ask me—I was again everyone's best customer. The entertainment was fantastic—the bands, Elvis, and the car show. Plans are now underway for next years fundraiser street festival. We could sure use more support from everyone. I don't think people are aware of how much work and time that goes into the planning of these things. You have no idea what a job it is. A big hand and congratulations goes to those few people, who every year put their hearts and sole into making this a successful event for families to bring their children to. Thank you for a job well done. Special thanks go to Mike Harrison, Lloyd Jones, William Ludwig, Wayne Ludwig and Lynne Moninger, just to name a few for making all of this happen and for all your hard work throughout the past year in planning the event.

I would also like to thank all of our businesses

for supporting us in letting us place collection cans on their counters for our Historic Handley Rail Road Museum Project.

Out of all 30 cans that were placed in businesses, we just had one business that said they didn't have room on their counter and couldn't find the can for me to take back when I went back to exchange the cans. I would like to thank them for their support too. ANGER is a condition in which the tongue works faster than the mind. Everyone needs to be loved, especially when they do not deserve it.

The Handley High School Alumni Luncheon held at the Handley United Methodist Church on the 10th of October had approximately 92 in attendance. Our caterer, Donald Dilks, passed away a short time before our luncheon. To his family, we express our deepest sympathy. Smokey's on East Lancaster came to our rescue and catered the affair. The food was outstanding and many, if not all, expressed wishes to have them to continue catering our twice yearly get together. It was good to have Sid Landrum back with us.

Thanks to those of you, who dug deeper into your pockets to help pay for the extra dinners ordered for those who didn't show up. It was greatly appreciated.

Another Handley High School Alumni dinner was held at the Handley United Methodist Church on Friday night, October 9th. It was prepared and catered by the church and served by

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the United Methodist Men. It was a delicious meal. A good visiting time was had by all. Bob and Marvel Storey as well as Jack Storey, all from Oregon, were in attendance.

You missed a good time at our October, Handley Neighborhood Assoc. meeting. We served sandwiches and all the trimmings and then everyone had a good time playing "Bingo."

The Handley High School Class of 1958 met at Jean McClung's beautiful home for their get together the night of October 10th. Some of our classmates were off on trips to see the fall foliage. Jerry Young and Robert Wynn crossed paths on their trips—both on separate busses and tours. We all brought potluck and had a good time reminiscing about olden times. We missed Charles Kelly's delicious microwave "Banana Pudding."

It sounds like all we do is eat, eat and eat some more—no wonder I am kinda at a stand still these last several months on losing weight.. Oh well, it seems as though as I lose weight , over 130 lbs., I am losing it in my brain power and rememberer too, besides I've lost my insulation and I get cold. Guess, that's the price we pay, but it's worth it.

October 6th was our Texas Night out Against Crime. Due to the cold, rainy weather, we had to move it from the Gazebo to the fellowship hall at Handley United Methodist Church. We had quite a few people turn out for that, but not as many as we had hoped for. We served hotdogs and all the trimmings. Yes, it was another eating gathering. Oh me. Remember, all people smile in the same language. I always tell people, "smile,

it's going to get worse."

We're beginning to start gathering Christmas decorations for our Christmas Tree at the gazebo. I came home yesterday and found 4 boxes of Christmas decorations on my front porch. Several years ago we had help un-decorating the tree after Christmas and we hadn't been able to locate any of the items since then. We now have them to add to our other Christmas goodies. If anyone has some extra ornaments they aren't going to use, we could sure use them too. Keep in mind now that we will be decorating the gazebo & Christmas tree sometime in November and we can sure use some help as well as moral support on accomplishing this task. We might even have a small Christmas Tree decorating party of some kind.

The "Fly'n Pig Pizza place on Meadowbrook Dr. is still open.

Don't forget that October 27th is Ryanwood's Neighborhood Assoc. quarterly meeting and it is a pot luck meal.

Our festival booth at the Handley Street Festival brought us in some extra money for our kitty. The quilt was won by Joann's granddaughter. Congratulations to her.

If you are in any of our businesses and see our bright colored cans labeled, "Historic Handley Rail Road Museum Project", please feel free to donate your pocket change and green stuff into them. They get mighty hungry. We are trying to realize a dream and goal with this funding & are possibly going to turn the old Odd Fellows Lodge on Forest into our railroad mu-

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seum.

My little dog from hell, "Toby", has been at it again. I started out my front door and she ran past me—I grabbed for her, but missed her & I fell out my front door on the cement on my hip and leg. You've never seen such scrambling in your life, as I had to wallow up & chase her down the street & the more I called her the faster she ran in the opposite direction. I finally caught her up at the next corner and had to carry the little tub of lard all the way home. She's leading me a dog's life.

Dub and Freddie Holcomb, Evan Wincovitch and Betty Coomer (me) just finished a 12 week course (36 hours) of the CPA police training. (Citizens Police Academy Alumni). We will graduate on October 27th. It was a very rewarding and informative course.

We need more Code Blue Patrollers to help make our city safe. It's well worth your time and effort to get involved in something like this.

Please remember our sick and bereaved members in your thoughts and prayers.

Thanks to our businesses who advertise with us. We appreciate your support and the ad's help pay for our newsletter that comes to you every month and helps pay for the food we serve at the meetings. Please feel free to bring some goodies to add to our spread. With the high cost of food these days, we ask that you do not take food home with you for meals the next day or for family members at home. The left over food can be frozen and used at a later date. This is for our HNA and Code Blue Meetings and especially in our Code Blue Meetings,

we need to remember that the food we serve is paid for by our members who get out and patrol. If you are not patrolling, then you are not doing your part. We will soon start taking those patrollers out to eat, who patrol at least twice a month for 3 months at a time.

Monty Lambert is starting a new CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) class on Tuesday, October 27th. It is Class #17 and is a 24 hour class to be held at the Police and Fire Training Academy at 1000 Calvert, Ft. Worth, TX 76107. For more information you may go to www.fwcert.org.

Until next time, be careful and have a fantastic October and November,
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October 13, 1949

I thought some of you might enjoy some of the clippings and items taken from the newspaper –formerly named “The Handley News” put out by Kimsey & Son, H.L. Kimsey, Owner and M.L. Kimsey, Publisher. This paper was put out every Thursday and was located at 3120 Halbert Street.

This item was written back in 1949. This cold war we are having is a war against the Christian religion. If it develops into a hot war, it will still be the same. The forces that would destroy our Christian civilization are the forces of the anti-Christ.

Handley continues to build. If you have not driven over the little city within the last several months, it will be an eye-opener to you to do so. Scores of new houses have gone up and are still going up in many parts. These houses are substantial, moderate structures and for the most part are being and will be occupied by owners. Local home builders are doing their best to solve the local housing shortage and are doing a very good job of it. They have the co-operation of real estate dealers also. This is the best place in the Fort Worth area in which to establish a home. There are still to be had good locations with favorable surroundings and conveniences for happy and comfortable home building. One can do no better than to locate in HANDLEY. We are a part of Fort Worth, but we are still HANDLEY and always will be. All rivers in Texas flow to the southeast.

A tendency of government today is to legislate everything and everybody to success. As a matter of fact, success lies within the individual, or else there is none, legislation or no legislation. The more the government monkey with individual initiative, the bigger mess it makes in matters.

How many of you remember Jim Hawthorne’s Service Station at 6817 E. Lancaster?

Then there was McLeod’s Radio Service at 3125 Halbert St., Cantrell Bros. Garage—Columbus-Nelson-Travis, Clark’s Washateria at 1051 Forrest, Hibdon Radio Service at 6063 E. Lancaster, Stout Plbg. & Heating Co., at 5701 E. Lancaster, Padgett’s White Castle Café at 6001 E. Lancaster, Handley Cab O., whose motto was “You’re Safe in a Handley Cab, anywhere—anytime,” The First National Bank of Handley—Bumps Ahead” And business too is not going to have the easy going that all of us have enjoyed in the past. What’s to be done? Save something now, no matter what the sacrifice. There’s nothing like cash in the bank to smooth the road, help you over the rough spots that lie ahead. We’d like to help....may we? The First National Bank of Handley.

There was the Handley Lumber Company at 6701 E. Lancaster, Lynch Pharmacy at 6519 E. Lancaster, Robbins’ Red Chain Feed Store at 6600 E. Lancaster. They advertised a PHILCO up-right freezer and included a free Schwinn- Built Bicycle. We had a Handley Shoe Shop, Ward’s Texaco Station at 6801 E. Lancaster, Compton’s Handley Hardware at 6511 E. Lancaster and they gave S & H Green Stamps. There was Copeland’s Grocery Store at 6607 E. Lancaster., Davenport’s Gulf Service Station at 6300 E. Lancaster, W.B. Grove & Company at 3132 Handley Dr. advertising Fire Prevention Week—Fire losses in the United States in 1946 exceeded by almost 25 per cent the damage done by the German incendiary blitz on England during 1940-1941.

In 1949 W. B. Grove & CO. had already served this vicinity for 42 years. We had a J. B. Miller—The Friendly Food Store—in Handley. Do you remember “The Pike Drive In Theater?” It was entertainment under the stars—showing the finest movies made—there was a speaker in every car. I remember the cowboy with the rope on

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Did you know that Texas is larger than the combined area of France, Portugal and Switzerland? Sweetwater, Texas gets its water supply from bitter creek. Sally Rand, with her all girl review was featured at the 1949 State Fair of Texas. She was the famed fan dancer. There was a membership drive to get people to join the Handley School's PTA. There are so many memories we can all share here in our Historic Handley area.

I hope you have enjoyed reading about some of our long ago Handley Businesses.

Betty "Drinkard" Coomer



Pat Carr, President

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