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SUNBURST

Remembering Merium Malik

Jamie Gifford



On March 3, 2008, El Dorado, EDHA and our Sunburst lost one of our own. Merium Malik was a long-time supporter of El Dorado, and a long-time contributor to and one-time editor of our Sunburst.

By the time I became involved with EDHA, Merium was a bona fide legend in El Dorado. I had read all of her articles in the Sunburst over the years, and was aware that she was incredibly involved in the community, but didn't really know her personally. After I became the Sunburst Editor in 2007, I got to know Merium a little better. By this time, Multiple Sclerosis had taken its toll on her body, but her spirit was unbreakable. She was always (and I mean always) upbeat and cheerful, and I never heard an unkind word cross her lips. If she was suffering physically, and I'm certain she had to be, you wouldn't have known it. I was inspired by Merium and I would say that the way she lived her life and confronted the obstacles placed before her was the personification of grace. Yes, that's it. Grace.

I asked her former long-time neighbor, Lorraine Hanna, what she remembered most about Merium. Here's what she had to say:

"Merium Malik was more than just the lady who lived next door; she was a great neighbor who made sure the new family in town felt welcome. On a hot day in June, as we were moving into our house, with 5 kids and not knowing any one in town, Merium brought over sandwiches, cookies, and Kool-aid. What a welcome break! Our kids were always welcome at the Malik's house, from spending countless hours during the summers playing Monopoly, to turning the backyard into a fundraiser for MS. As well as having an open house for the kids, Merium was always ready with a listening ear when I needed someone to talk with. We were very blessed to have a friend and neighbor like Merium Malik."

Merium is survived by her husband, and EDHA Treasurer, Donald Malik; children, Mary K. Malik, Anne M. Hanson, and Robert J. Malik; grandchildren, Travis and Caitlyn Hanson, and Ashley and Aaron Malik.

She is also missed by her El Dorado and EDHA families.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Rent the clubhouse—Call Cathy Freeman 657-3002*
- *Next EDHA Meeting—Dec.10,2012 6:00 p.m.@ the clubhouse*
- *Deadline for any article to the Sunburst—by 15th of the current Month*
- *Membership year runs from May 1-April 30*

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HATS OFF!

HATS OFF to Manuel Quinones for repairing the tiles on the entrance at El Sendero!!

Thank you for your service to El Dorado!! You do great work!!

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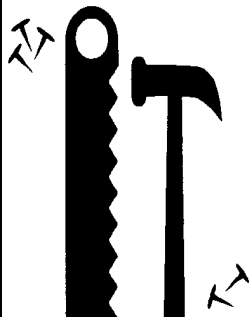
PRESIDENT'S NOTES

A HUGE THANK YOU to all of you who have served and you who continue to serve our community with your talents and labors of love. Many of you serve behind the scenes, sawing dead tree limbs, cleaning up litter, mowing common areas. Don't think it doesn't matter. Your work is not in vain. You are making a difference! You are what this neighborhood is all about.

If the foot says, "I'm not a hand, so I'm not part of the body," that doesn't make it stop being part of the body. And if the ear says, "I'm not an eye, so I'm not part of the body," that doesn't make it stop being part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, how could it hear? There are many parts, yet just one body. So the eye can't say to the hand, "I don't need you;" or the head to the feet, "I can get along without you." On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be less important turn out to be all the more necessary. So it is with El Dorado. Each of you has God-given talents and a passion for specific things. You are important! You are necessary! We are not whole or able to function properly without you! Know that there is room for you at the table. There is no better way to develop ourselves than to work on our common goals together. Feel free to contact me or your area representative with your questions, suggestions, comments, and ideas.

For December our monthly meeting December 10 is moved up to 6pm to hear from and to ask questions of SAWS concerning the rate increase. I am limiting them to speak not more than 10 minutes. After that dialog, we'll discuss the 2013 El Dorado budget. Following the meeting we will celebrate the season at the Christmas Potluck at 7 PM. Your spouses and children are all welcome. Please contact your area representative (me for Area III) to let them know the headcount and what side dish/dessert you will bring to feed more than your family. The board will furnish brisket and everything else. Music will be provided. You are loved!!! You are very special!

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2nd Place \$50 toward 2013 Maintenance Fee

3rd Place \$25 toward 2013 Maintenance Fee

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Breakfast with Santa

Santa will be making
an early stop in El Dorado
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EXEMPLARY HOMES IN EL DORADO !



The Exemplary Homes Campaign is a way to recognize and thank those residents who help make El Dorado a nice place to live through payment of their annual association maintenance fees and by keeping a well maintained home and property.

The guidelines for participation in the event are pretty simple: just pay your annual association maintenance fees and keep up your property's curb appeal by having nice landscaping and high maintenance standards.

Great job on these two homes pictured here!



KNOW AN EL DORADO RESIDENT WHO HAS GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND? NOMINATE THEM
FOR REGONITION IN OUR REGULAR COLUMN,

“HATS OFF TO...”

CONTACT THE EDITOR OR ANY EDHA

BOARD MEMBER WITH YOUR

NOMINATIONS!

Thousand Oaks Branch Library**December 2012****4618 Thousand Oaks Dr.****657-5205****Hours of Operation****Mon. & Wed. 12-8p****Tue., Thurs.-Sun. 10a-6p****Dec. 1st (Saturday)****10:00a-3:00p Friends of the Library Book Sale!**

Come in and discover some great books, DVDs, audio books and other fun items.

There will also be bargains galore! All proceeds support the Thousand Oaks Library.

Dec. 3rd (Monday)**6:30 Monday Evening Book Club**Discussion of the book *The Imperfectionist* by Tom Rachman**Dec. 15th (Saturday)****10:30a Friends of the Library meeting****Dec. 20th (Thursday)****2:00p Thursday Book Club**Discussion of the book *Peter Pan* by J.M. Barrie**Mondays (Dec. 3rd, 10th, 17th & 31st)****1:00p [eReader U] Tutoring**

Need help with your eReader, or using the library's digital downloads services?

Bring your device and computer for a one-on-one session with the library's digital experts.

Appointment is preferred. Call for appointment: 207-9190.

Wednesdays (Dec. 5th, 12th & 19th)**5:00p Teen Time**

Games, books, crafts, movies and snacks...ages 13 and up.

Thursdays (Dec. 6th, 13th & 20th)**Story time****10:00a** Toddlers actively participate in stories, music and movement enhancing their social, emotional and language development. Recommended for children 18 to 36 months.**11:00a** Preschoolers enjoy stories and songs that develop early

literacy skills and foster curiosity. Recommended for three to five year olds.

Call library for details for any of the above mentioned programs and/or events.

DAY December Holiday's

2	Advent Begins
8	EDHA-Breakfast with Santa Hanukkah Begins
10	EDHA– Neighborhood Mtg
16	EDHA-Christmas Lighting- Judging
20	Go Caroling Day
23	Winter Solstice
24	Christmas Eve
25	Christmas Day
31	New Year's Eve

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TUE**WED**

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