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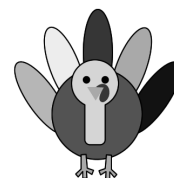


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Congratulations to Diana Camacho who won First Place in El Dorado's Cook-Off , on October 17, with Choco Flan!



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“The Girls”
arriving at
the Lake

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Our good neighbors in Valencia invite you to subscribe to their email distribution list to receive timely updates from VHOA regarding happenings in the neighborhood and other important information that affects us all. Please email Ed Alexander at ed.alexander13318@att.net to add yourself to his email list.



Hats Off To... Stanley & Michelle Golob

for planning and organizing the most fun and well attended National Night Out El Dorado ever had! Kudos!!!

Know an El Dorado resident who has gone above and beyond?
 Nominate them for recognition in our regular column,

"Hats Off To..."

Contact the editor or any EDHA Board Member with your nominations!

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president's Notes

By Reinette King

Hi, Neighbor! Happy Autumn!

We had an amazing time for National Night Out! El Dorado's got talent! There were several outstanding singers! Billy Joe Hanson, a professional singer who resides in our neighborhood, judged the contest! We enjoyed meeting neighbors we had never met before! Some offered to help mow the lake area, others volunteered to help in other ways! The DJ was fantastic and everyone had a great time! Kudos to Stan and Michelle Golob for a job well done!!

This is the time of year when we think more about giving thanks. Elizabeth Peale Allen reminds us to thank God for His love, His grace, His righteous laws, His redemption, His goodness and His faithfulness. Elizabeth stated that training our hearts to be thankful keeps us from bitterness, arrogance and discouragement. It also protects us from letting our lives be defined by what we don't have. It keeps us humble and reminds us of our need for God.

Several business leaders have stated that successful people have a thankful attitude. Some advise us to start each day writing

down 10 things you are thankful for. I found it really gets your brain moving in a positive direction that sets the course for your whole day! Tony Robbins demonstrates in his conferences that we have the power to change our emotions by changing our stance, our words and by movement. I do remember even going for a walk got me out of a pretty bad attitude! By the time I got back home I was smiling! Scientists have proven that singing, dancing, or exercising stimulates endorphins that interact with the receptors in your brain that reduce the perception of pain and stress. They also trigger a positive feeling in the body. A by product is improved self esteem. Keep this in mind over the holidays. You could be a catalyst to help someone defeat depression!

Many, many thanks to you for supporting El Dorado with your prayers, your dues, your labor, your Sunburst ads, your donations, your clubhouse or pool rentals, your many talents! You are making a difference! (- :

To each reader, we wish you a very Happy and blessed Thanksgiving!

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Northeast News

The Pay As You Throw garbage collection will soon be coming to our neighborhood. This program will allow you to choose what size brown garbage cart based on how much trash you throw away every week. Currently, everyone has a 96 gallon garbage cart at a cost on your utility bill of \$20.93/month. With the new program, the cost of this cart will go up to \$22.18. You will have the option of downsizing to a 64 gallon cart for \$20.93 or a 48 gallon cart for \$20.43. We will receive door tags from the city with instructions and additional details.

The new Northeast Senior Center is open as of Oct 30th! The center is located at 4135 Thousand Oaks (at the corner of the I35 frontage road). Seniors can enjoy the many activities offered by the center, such as arts and crafts classes, field trips and recreational activities. The center will offer many other programs and services in the areas of health and wellness, employment etc. Give them a call at 210-207-4590.

Medicare Open Enrollment

Medicare's annual open enrollment period began on Oct. 15 and runs through Dec. 7. Medicare-eligible people can browse their options now at www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan. Those satisfied with their coverage don't need to take any action during open enrollment, but should realize some features of their health plans could change Jan. 1, such as monthly premiums, annual deductibles, co-pays, which physicians are in network or which medications are covered. Patients should review their annual notices of change announcing any adjustments or revisions for 2016. Those should have arrived in seniors' mailboxes by Sept. 30.

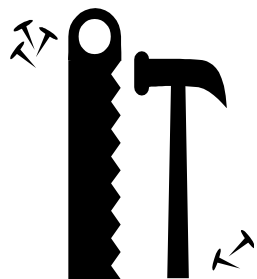


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On Nov 11, 1921, an unknown soldier, exhumed from a World War I American cemetery in France, was laid to rest at the tomb in a ceremony officiated by President Warren G. Harding who presented the soldier with the Medal of Honor and the Distinguished Service Cross. Following the ceremony, the soldier was awarded the highest military decorations from seven other U.S. allied countries. In 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill selecting unknown soldiers from World War II and Korea to be given the same final resting place. Both soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor and were interred next to their WWI comrade on May 30, 1958. On May 24, 1984, an unknown soldier killed in the Vietnam War was placed at the tomb and given the Medal of Honor by President Ronald Reagan who presided over the ceremony. President Reagan also acted as next of kin and accepted the interment flag at the end of the ceremony.

The remains of the Vietnam soldier were exhumed Mar 14, 1998 and through DNA testing were identified as the remains of Air Force 1st Lt. Michael Joseph Blassie, who was shot down near An Loc, Vietnam in 1972. He was reinterred at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis, Missouri where his father, a veteran of World War II, is also buried. It was decided that his place at the Tomb will remain empty

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier has remained guarded 24/7 – through any weather - since 1926. They are soldiers selected from the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment – the oldest active infantry unit in the military (since 1784) and known as "The Old Guard". These soldiers are considered the best of this elite unit, and not all who volunteer for Tomb Duty make the cut.

The Unknown Soldiers laid to rest at the Tomb represent all missing and unknown service members who have made the ultimate sacrifice defending our country's citizens. In the words of President Ronald Reagan, we will "write no last chapters, close no books, or put away final memories".

To all soldiers, both past and present, we Thank You!

LAKE CLEANUP NOV. 7

Hi all. Weather is cooling down and the lake is like that drawer in the kitchen. Neglected and full of trash. Time to whistle whilst we work. I'd like to see new young faces. It's from 9am to 11am. Just a short time to get a lot accomplished. All the cool kids will be there.

John

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Annual Meeting Report

At our Oct. 12 annual meeting, Sara Beesley, Center Director of the Mitchell Lake Audubon Center, explained how Mitchell Lake was transformed from a dump site to a wildlife conservation site. She distributed San Antonio Landscape Care Guides which include water conservation ideas, gardening ideas by season and tips for feeding winter birds. She invited us to tours at the center which are conducted and to sign up for programs and events. She answered many questions and offered to be a resource for our upcoming Community Garden that will be constructed over the old tennis courts next to the clubhouse. We are certainly going to take her up on her kind offer! Our second speaker was Jeff Judson, a think tank fellow and former president of the Texas Policy Foundation. He was named by Express News to be one of the most influential persons in San Antonio. He spoke to us about school taxes as relates to public policy and answered several questions. Each committee reported progress for the year. The Area Representatives for Areas I and III, Alia Garrett and Karen Easterling, respectively, were reelected. The Secretary, Lola Olsmith and Treasurer, Pam Gonzalez, were also reelected. Area V still remains without any representation on the Executive Board.

Breakfast with Santa will be at 9am on Dec 5 at the Club House. Kids, come out for hot cocoa and donut holes, crafts and a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus!

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November 3rd (Tuesday)

4.00p-5.00p Lego Time

Come be creative with Legos!

Recommended for school-age children.

Please note: Lego creations must stay at the library.

November 9th (Monday)

6.00p-8.00p Geek Gaming

Do you know how to play Red Dragon Inn,

Last Night on Earth, Munchkin, Fluxx or other fun games?

If you already know how to play games like these, or just want to learn, you are welcome to join us for our gaming nights! Adults only please.

November 14th (Saturday)

2.00p-4.00p Make your own greeting card!

Do you love stamping? Scrapbooking? Cardmaking? See a demonstration and make your own greeting card!

Ages 10 and up.

Younger students will also have a project to make.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

November 17th (Tuesday)

10.00-11.30a Play and Learn. Let's Go Camping

Whether you're gathering 'round the campfire, doing a little fishing, or tracking wild animals, children and their grownups will be talking, singing, reading, writing and playing. Designed for children five and under to build early literacy skills.

Wednesdays (Nov. 4th & 18th)

5.00p Teen Time

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

Thursdays (Nov. 5th, 12th & 19th)

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.

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THANK YOU to everyone who planned, cooked for, invited friends to, attended and/or volunteered for the First Annual Cook Off, Popsicle Eating Contest and Carnival! Over one hundred people participated on Oct 17! Thank you to each cook who shared your delicious cooking with the attendees! It was such a smash hit we will be planning next years a year in advance!



Reinette King, Linda Garriss & Conrad Boeck enjoying the Cook-Off/Carnival on October 17

Cook-Off Winners:

1st place: Diana Camacho,
Choco Flan

2nd place: JoAnn Clinton,
JoAnn's Spicy Chili

3rd place: John Easterling,
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DUCKS AHOY!

Hi Neighbors.

Do you miss seeing ducks on the lake and surrounding neighborhoods? I know lots of us do.

THE GOOD NEWS:

Several weeks ago, our lake welcomed two new winged residents, who, until are named properly, shall be referred to as "The Girls." A lovely gal named Carolyn Asselborn from The Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation Center brought and released the ducks and is trusting us with their care. Thank you to Reinette King for arranging this.

"The Girls" were set free on the bank of the east side of our lake and were promptly greeted by a large and handsome Male Muscovy duck "Webster" (in residence), who proved to be both personable and an enthusiastic host to his new friends. I think his lonely days are over.

THE BETTER NEWS:

The girls have been seen adapting to their new home and seem to be thriving!

It seems like just a year or so ago, there were



"The Girls"

ducks galore swimming and nesting on and around the lake, and waddling around our neighborhoods. These new ducks are our chance to have El Dorado lake busy and active again. Along with the beautiful cranes, herons, fish, turtles, etc. It's all a balance and such a joy!

THE FUTURE NEWS:

We would love for these ducks to be a part of the comeback of that thriving environment. It would be wonderful to welcome new ducklings in the spring, and bring even more smiles (you know you do) and joy to even more of us.

These are OUR ducks, OUR cranes and wildlife, and its OUR lake to enjoy and to share.

Please respect them all and their habitat and continue to enjoy it ALL. Besides...what's not to love? Duck antics and the fact that they eat insects is, after all, reason enough!

Again, a heartfelt thank you to Reinette, Carolyn, and The Roger & Phyllis Sherman Animal Care Complex.

-Suzanne Wayne



Webster & "The Girls"



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