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ROYAL RIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Happy New Year to Everyone. We are pleased to welcome **Gary Harmon**, **Jr**. as the new editor of the *Royal Ridge Recorder*. We are also happy that **Cathy Steinman** has agreed to continue as advertising editor. A special thanks goes to **Janet Latiolais** for her many years of service as the editor of the *Royal Ridge Recorder*. We look forward to a continuation of the news of our neighborhood, and the events that impact our quality of life and the value of our homes in Royal Ridge.

For many of the people reading this, you are receiving your Royal Ridge news both electronically and paper copy. If you want your copy of the newsletter via email (and did not get it), please be sure to send your email address to me at <u>lee.mays@royalridgesa.org</u>. I will add it to our distribution list for the next issue. As always, you can find the most current and past issues of the *Recorder* on our website at <u>www.royalridgesa.org</u>. Just click on the *Recorder* link, and the issues are listed there on the web page.

There has been a change for the *Royal Ridge Recorder* subscription. After reviewing finances, it will not be necessary for the Royal Ridge Neighborhood Association (RRNA) to charge for paper copies of the newsletter. If you have paid \$3.00 for the year, you may request a refund.

We prefer email delivery, but you can continue to receive home delivery of each issue of the paper *Recorder* at no cost. Please let us know your delivery preference on the attached one-page information sheet. You can either mail it, or drop it off at my house at 6307 Royal Ridge 78239.

I know that many of us are absent over the holidays, but lights on a timer, or Christmas lights on a timer, can greatly change the odds of a home burglary. Neither you nor I want to return from vacation and find that we have been a crime victim. We then have to replace televisions, electronics and other personal property. An ounce of prevention, or 60 watts of light or music, can help us all.

One neighbor reported to me that a woman rang

her doorbell at night and asked for money for gasoline. While we all try to help people in need, please decline such requests. We do not want to invite a possible home invasion. Be aware that some doorbell ringers may just be trying to determine who is at home and who isn't.

As many of us do, let your neighbors know when you plan to be out of town. You can also let a neighbor know if his security light in the alley is no longer working or if he has accidently failed to close the garage doors. With neighbors helping neighbors, Royal Ridge will continue to be the best residential area in San Antonio.

Our great neighbors who do citizens-on-patrol (COP) are a big deterrent to folks that want things without bothering to work for them. If you have not done so, please consider volunteering. Contact **Bob Robbins** at <u>bob.robbins@royalridgesa.org</u> for information on classes and volunteering.

Thanks again to all of our friends and neighbors who make Royal Ridge such a wonderful place to live.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Beginning with this issue of the newsletter, I am pleased to assume responsibility as the *Royal Ridge Recorder* editor from **Janet Latiolais** who did a great job. My e-mail address for those of you who send in articles is <u>gharmon@idworld.net</u> and my phone number is 884-6926.

I retired from Randolph AFB in 2007 after over 40 years as a civilian employee. **Carla** and I moved to Garden Homes I on Archwood in 2005 to be closer to our oldest son and his family. I have served as both Secretary and Treasurer of Garden Homes I.

Let me add another point about security. One of the best deterrents is an operational driveway security light. One with a light and dark sensor is the best. Some have a regular light on a switch but forget to turn it on at night. Some have a burned out bulb or a bad sensor. Believe it or not, some are not aware their lights are broken. Be aware and let your neighbors know when their light is not working as it should be. Finally, if you have any comments, questions or suggestions about the newsletter, please let me know, **Gary H. Harmon, Jr**., 884-6926.

ROYAL RIDGE RECORDER–NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2015

We are trying to determine those who wish to receive an emailed copy of the *Royal Ridge Recorder* versus those who prefer to receive the *Recorder* as a paper copy. (We prefer email delivery to make it easier for the volunteer-distributers and to save on printer costs.)

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If you previously requested email delivery and have received the Jan-Feb 2015 Issue by email, you do not need to do anything. Also, the most recent issue of the *Recorder* newsletter is always available on-line at <u>www.royalridgesa.org</u>. Just click on the *Royal Ridge Recorder* web page.

Good news! We previously requested a payment of \$3.00 per year for the paper *Recorder*. After reviewing our finances and with a number of neighbors requesting email delivery, we no longer need to charge for paper copies. Therefore, we expect to be able to refund the \$3.00 to anyone who has paid for 2015, and requests a refund. You will continue to receive paper copies of the *Recorder*.

To reflect your delivery preference, please drop this completed page off at **6307 Royal Ridge** (preferred). You may also call or leave a message at 210-967-6501, but I have only a 50% chance of writing your information down correctly.

Lee Mays

ROYAL RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Shannon Kalisky and Annie Ruesga, Counselors, 407-7024/7025

Royal Ridge school is looking for mentors for the 2015 school year. All mentors need to be Department of Public Safety (DPS) cleared. Both the mentors and the students benefit from their time together. If you have time to give to a student, please contact **Shannon Kalisky** at 407-7024 or **Annie Ruesga** at 407-7025.

MONTHLY SOCIALS

There were no November and December socials but they will resume in January 2015. It will be the fourth *Friday, January 23, at 5:30 PM*. All adult members of the RRRC are welcome. Visitors are welcome to come and see if they would be interested in joining RRRC. Drinks are provided for a small donation and people are asked to bring finger foods to share. Hope to see you there! For more information, please contact **Bonnie Hopkins** at 650-0852.



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YOUR NEIGHBOR

The annual Royal Ridge Recreational Clubhouse (RRC) Christmas Party was held at the clubhouse on December 13th. However, the turnout was much lower than expected. **Diane Luna** and **Lee Mays** are warning us that the clubhouse facility is in grave danger due to lack of participation and funds. There were many friends from all areas of the neighborhood who moved away or passed away who were active participants of any social activities. Where are the new families that have moved into these homes? Come out and support the activities of the recreational club. Diane and **Debbie Kennedy** work so hard to have activities for you to enjoy.

The annual Polar Bear Plunge took place on January 1st. There was good conversation, laughter, and food. Please make a New Year's resolution to meet your neighbors and get involved with the community; it's a great resolution to keep.



Residents enjoy New Year's Day lunch at the Polar Bear Plunge

ROYAL RIDGE CITIZENS ON PATROL

Bob Robbins, Coordinator, 655-4226

Thanks to all concerned and involved Royal Ridge residents and especially our nearly forty Royal Ridge COP members, including those who retired and joined us this past year, we had another moderately secure year. Certainly we weren't crime or concern free with roughly forty-five calls a month to police from our residents, but that number is relatively low compared to nearby neighborhoods.

I encourage all Royal Ridge residents to resolve to be involved, continue the good work of those who have laid the groundwork for our current neighborhood programs and let's see if we can't drive the crime numbers down further! It can be as simple as picking up the phone and calling the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) on seeing things that don't look right, attending SAPD COP training to better understand how the SAPD and COP programs work, or attending the training and joining Royal Ridge COP in patrolling our neighborhoods once or twice a month for a couple of hours.

Want to know more? Give me a call or attend **SAPD COP Training**. The next classes are **Saturday, January 10** from **9 AM to 1 PM** and then **Monday, February 2** from **6-10 PM**. All classes are held at the North Patrol Substation at 13030 Jones Maltsberger. RR COP can always use more members—attend the training and join us at our monthly **RR COP Meetings at 7 PM the second Tuesday** of each month at the RRRC Clubhouse to get started and be involved.

Happy New Year to all with best wishes for a safe and secure 2015.

ROYAL RIDGE RECREATIONAL CLUB

Diane Luna, President, 393-6976 Like us on Facebook @royalridgerecreationalclub Website: <u>3Rclub.webs.com</u>

TIMES ARE A'CHANGING. Hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season. ANOTHER year has come and gone and with it came many changes. One huge change was the attendance at our annual club members' Christmas Party held on December 13th. Attendance was at its' lowest ever with only 15 participants. It seems like many of our members were away with family and/or on cruises.

Perhaps, this is a sign that times are changing and this event has run its course An event that we hope will not run its course is the New Year's Day Polar Bear Plunge. By the time you read this, we hope we will have had enough interest to continue this tradition. This event is open to the Royal Ridge community and is a great way to come and meet your neighbors. What a better way to start the New Year than with good food and good company.

I would like to give a special thanks to some very special ladies, **Peg Coy**, **Peg Mahan**, **Carmen Dreumont**, **Shirley Bryant** and **Kathie Obeck** for doing an awesome job of putting up the tree and decorating the interior of the clubhouse. Also, a special thank you to **Ernie Jones** for giving the clubhouse a most festive look with the addition of outside lights.

In lieu of the November monthly RRRC Board meeting, we held our first SAVE OUR POOL meeting. We had a great response attendance-wise with many ideas exchanged as to how to possibly meet our goal of \$25,000. A tentative date to meet again is in process and will be announced via e-mail once decided.

An area requiring major change is our Volunteer Days/Pool. In comparison to years past, it seems like our volunteer group is next to nothing. In order for us to continue our operations running within budget, we need volunteers. We are in desperate



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need of assistance in lawn maintenance and pool maintenance. We presently have two volunteers doing these tasks but these are the same individuals who have been doing this for years. We need to ease their workload by adding volunteers. We are also putting an early Call Out for Pool Personnel and CPR Volunteers. Please contact **Deb Kennedy**, 219-2426 or via e-mail dkenn78239@gmail.com with any questions/concerns.

In the last few years we have seen many changes with regard to clubhouse and community activity. We have seen a decline in membership along with disbandment of the Women's Association. Many of our original residents are moving to assisted living establishments or with family. This results into new families moving into the neighborhood and initiating the need for change to attract new members. This past year we were presented with a new deed which will lead to many changes going forward in 2016.

During the upcoming months, we will continue to strive to make the clubhouse facilities more accessible whether it be via membership or an event open to the community. We need to revive the spark within our community and make our clubhouse facilities the hub of fellowship.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

RRRC Volunteer Days

Saturday, January 31 Saturday, February 28 9 AM - Noon

Community Garage Sale Saturday, March 13 9 AM – 2 PM

NEIGHBORHOOD LADIES LUNCHEON

The monthly Neighbor Ladies' Luncheon has had a good response. Any lady or her adult female family member can join us. It is a great way to meet ladies throughout Royal Ridge. For more information, please call **Janet** at 655-1873. Ladies, please join us on the following dates:

> *Monday, January 26, 11:30 AM* Dragon Lake Restaurant 2040 Universal City Blvd, 659-3168

Tuesday, February 10, 11:30 AM Cracker Barrel Restaurant 98 NE Loop 410/Jones Maltsberger, 525-8110

> Carpool available from the RRRC Parking Lot at 11 AM



Neighborhood News

GARDEN HOMES I

Polly-Dee Burrowes, Reporter, 599-1352 Jerome Allen, Reporter, 999-5485

Barry and Terry Allison spent Thanksgiving in Alabama where their sons live. They had a great time with both families and the grandchildren and great grandchildren. Christmas was a different story as their RV broke down and had to be towed to the dealer in New Braunfels. They spent a quiet Christmas at home.

Bruce and **Polly-Dee Burrowes** had a houseful on December 28th with their two sons Paul and Tim and their families including seven grandchildren from age 4 to 19. Having the whole family together is the best present of all.

Thomas and **Michelle Steinman** took a trip to Europe and visited Germany, France, and Italy. They had an enjoyable time visiting close friends in Germany, but their favorite cities were Rome and Venice.

Gary Harmon III and his wife, **Cathy**, just returned from Nashville, Tennessee where they visited with Gary's family in December. While there, Gary and Cathy toured the Battle of Franklin Civil War site and Carnton Plantation. They also attended an NFL Game in the cold rain to watch Cathy's favorite team, the Tennessee Titans, get beat by the Indianapolis Colts. In November, they watched the Titans lose to the Texans in Houston, Texas. They still enjoyed themselves at both games, met friendly people, and are true fans.

For Thanksgiving, **Thomas** and **Yongcha Steinman** had visitors from Cincinnati, Ohio to include their niece Terri. It had been many years since they had seen each other; and they spent a lot of time catching up.

Have a wonderful 2015 and call or send in your news.

GARDEN HOMES II

Janet Latiolais, Reporter, 655-1873

Welcome to the New Year; a nice way to begin with rain since we've had many dry months for some time now.

Many of our neighbors did an outstanding job of expressing their holiday joy with yard decorations. It was so pretty to see all over Royal Ridge as my family drove through the subdivision.

The second annual homeowners' meeting took place on November 30th where the results of the Dedicatory instruments vote were all approved as yes. If you wish to read all the details, you may go to the <u>www.royalridgesa.org</u> and click on the Garden Homes II (GHII) section. In addition, there are other items of interest concerning GHII you may wish to read.

The result of the annual officer election for Garden Homes II is: **Lee Mays**, President; Vice-President vacant; **Janet Latiolais**, Secretary; and **Teri Sandoval**, Treasurer. Teri has asked me to remind you that your annual fees are due by January 31.

Several neighbors have been ill over the holidays but are on their way to getting well. And, lots of neighbors had family and friends come for visits.

My visitors from Frankfurt, Germany were so much fun. We did all the touristy things in and around Bexar County as well as an one-day trip to Austin, Texas where we took in the "Gone with the Wind" exhibit on the University of Texas campus. It has just closed or I would recommend it to you as a day outing. Yes, the "curtain" dress was on display, but my favorite was the stunning red dress Scarlet wore for the final scene when Rhett walks out on her.

The neighborhood puzzle trade-off continues on a bi-weekly basis in GHII. We now have about six families participating in the trading. It's amazing how one little activity can make so many people happy at such a cheap price; plus bringing folks together to visit with each other. And, when the puzzle has made the rounds in our neighborhood, it gets taken to another neighborhood in Converse, Texas where more families enjoy the puzzles.

Enjoy the rest of the winter, as well as Valentine's Day in February for all you "old" couples. I recently saw a personality on TV say he's been married for 36 years; it's not something you hear a lot of anymore.

PATIO HOMES I

Catherine "Taffy" Haenze, 424-0110

First, a bit of housekeeping needed again: same two subjects. Someone has a large dog and seems to think the rest of us enjoy the aroma of

his leavings. Please, dog owners, pick up after your own dog.

The speed limit in the alleyway is 30 miles an hour (mph). However, some of you don't seem to understand that 20 mph would be safer for you, children, others and certainly the animals. I was nearly run over by a car going at least 35 miles an hour (I heard it downshift to second). I never saw it until it sped by me while, having tripped trying to get out of the way, I lay on the ground. I doubt he ever saw me. Had I fallen the other way, that driver could possibly be facing very serious charges, or serious bruising and dislocations to his victim. After all, he could have run into a garage trying to avoid me at the very last minute.

I have learned to walk on the outside of the curve. Please remember that 20 mph is a much safer speed for all involved; and gives us time to get ourselves and our pups safe. Even as late at 11:30 PM and as early as 5:30 AM, there are walkers in the alleys. Where are you going that late/early that you have to speed, putting our lives in danger?

I saw more beautiful Christmas lights this year than in years before. Lower Royal Bend was particularly bright as was the bend of Royal Club. More of us on Royal Ridge put up extra lights too. It certainly brightens the holidays.

Last but not least, the *Patio Homes I Annual Association Meeting* is the third *Wednesday*, *January 21, 2015* at the RRRC Clubhouse at 7 PM.

PATIO HOMES II

Kathie Obeck, Reporter, 967-5038

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Joe Eckhart** who headed up Security Patrol in Patio II for many years, and to the family of **Sam Hoffman**.

Judy Howse has moved to the Forum in Lincoln Heights, she loves her new home. Judy was very active in Patio II, she was the former editor of the *Royal Ridge Recorder*, was a Patrol driver and very active in our exercise sessions at the clubhouse for many years. I know she would love to hear from you.

I would also like to welcome back **Mike** and **Haydee Sandlin** once again on Grandwood and to **Ellen Hughes** and her sister **Sue Hughes** on Royal Ridge, **John** and **Layla Garza** on Grand Circle, **Daniel** and **Marion Garcia**, **Roger** and **Nancy Martin**, **Jesus** and **Kelly Rosales**, **Pearl** and **Bobby Bartley**, all on Archwood. If you see our new neighbors, please give them a nice welcome.

Congratulation to **Sarah Hassell**, daughter of **Sue Hassell**, who married **Robert Miller** October 20, 2014 in Seattle, Washington. The reception was held on October 25, 2014 at Paloma Blanco. What a beautiful bride.

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RRRC Website/Email/Clubhouse Phone

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Royal Ridge I	Volunteer Needed	
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Royal Ridge Citizens-on-Patrol (COP)

CALENDAR

January 2015

- 07 Wed 10 AM, Women's Bridge
- 09 Fri 7 PM, Tripoley
- 10 Sat 9 AM-1 PM, SAPD COP Training Class
- 10 Sat 7 PM, Pair's Bridge
- 12 Mon 10 AM, Monday Bridge
- 13 Tue 7 PM, Citizens-on-Patrol Meeting
- 20 Tue 6:30 PM, RRRC Meeting

21 Wed 7 PM, PHI Annual Association Meeting

- 22 Thu 7 PM, Party Bridge
- 23 Fri 5:30 PM, Monthly Social
- 26 Tue 11:30 AM, Ladies' Lunch Dragon Lake
- 31 Sat 9 AM-12 PM, RRRC Volunteer Day

February 2015

02	Mon	6-10 PM, SAPD COP Training Class
04	Wed	10 AM, Women's Bridge
09	Mon	10 AM, Monday Bridge
10	Tue	11:30 AM, Ladies' Lunch - Cracker Barrel
10	Tue	7 PM, Citizens-on-Patrol Meeting
13	Fri	7 PM, Tripoley
14	Sat	7 PM, Pair's Bridge
17	Tue	6:30 PM, RRRC Meeting
22	Sun	Royal Ridge Recorder newsletter articles due
26	Thu	7 PM, Party Bridge
27	Fri	5:30 PM, Monthly Social
28	Sat	9 AM-12 PM, RRRC Volunteer Day

PATIO HOMES I ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

Wednesday, January 21, 7 PM

RRRC Clubhouse

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