

# Brook Meadows Messenger

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## Social Calendar and Important Events

Wine Club & Holiday	Dec 1	7:00 PM	David & Leslie Shammas	4506 Shadywood Lane
Ornament Exchange	Dec 13	7:00 PM	Alice Elkins	4613 Green Oaks Drive
Men' BS Exchange	Dec 13	7:00 PM	Ron's Corner Tavern	1829 Airport Fwy
Book Club	Jan 20	6:00 PM	Brad & Vangie Jensen	3004 Meadowview Ct
Book Club	Feb 17	6:00 PM	Jo Carol Haynes	2903 Shenandoah Place
Book Club	Mar 17	6:00 PM	Walter & Doris Aue	4808 Green Oaks Drive

## Halloween - Brook Meadows Style



The rain did not stop the trick or treaters. The kids who stopped at Dave and C.J.s home hit the candy jackpot with treats from all the party attendees. So much fun!

## Message from the President

*By Tony Elkins*

### **Holiday Greetings...and a Challenge!**

As we approach the Holidays, I want to wish everyone a great Holiday Season with lots of fun with family, friends and safe travels! If I may, I'd like to take a moment to encourage all of us to contemplate how very fortunate we all are. All of us without exception have houses, food and possessions that much of the world would consider beyond their dreams. Please consider how fortunate we are and count your blessings...be grateful! Make a point during this time to help another person through a random act of kindness, be it large or small...it all makes a difference!

So, a quick personal story, followed by a challenge: Prior to moving to Colleyville, Alice and I lived in North Arlington and would go to Mission Arlington 3- 4 times a year to help the less fortunate. I can assure you that if you show up with a pickup, you will be placed on furniture duty! That means either hauling furniture to people who desperately need it, or picking up furniture to be delivered at a later date to those in need. If you deliver furniture to others, I can promise you that you will see very quickly how blessed and fortunate you are!

Here's the challenge: I am going to begin identifying an organization that we can work with and through so as to provide a local community service effort sometime in the January/February time frame. I already know there are MANY (Mission Arlington, Catholic Charities, several others in the immediate vicinity). If you have any in mind, please let me know... we should be able to pick one pretty

easily. Then, the challenge is to join me one Saturday in the January/February timeframe to have the First Annual (as far as I know) BMHA Community Outreach event. There is no lack of opportunity, so I encourage us all to step up to the challenge! In the meantime, keep doing random acts of kindness...it matters!



### **Dec 1 – GrapeNuts Holiday Edition: Winenot?**

*By Brett Flournoy*

This year we will combine our Holiday Party with Wine Club at the home of **Leslie and David Shammass, 4506 Shadywood Lane, 7:00 PM on December 1st!** Please bring an appetizer or similar dish to share.

The theme will be ABC Whites, or "Anything but Chardonnay". This will be a great chance to try white wines for your holiday table, and we are expecting a lot of range in the flavors you will taste. The rules are pretty simple: Have dinner prior to arriving, bring your own stemware, and bring a bottle of chilled white wine per couple. You will be issued three stickers for voting (gold, silver, bronze), and opening and tasting will begin immediately upon arrival. Mid-party we will have a humorous Q&A, and some information about the sommelier qualification process.

Sample pours should be 1oz or less (please no hefty pours!) and vote whenever you feel ready by putting your

stickers on the bottles of choice. Also, PLEASE take home your bottles if not obviously a finalist, as we hate pouring out wine!!! We will gather the winners and publish the results on the following Sunday. To be included in the Grapenuts email group, just contact me:

Brett Flournoy: [brettflournoy@gmail.com](mailto:brettflournoy@gmail.com)

Text or call: (214) 695-0780

See you there! Brett



## **Dec 13 – Ladies Ornament Exchange**

*By Alice Elkins*

The Ladies Christmas Ornament Exchange will be hosted by **Alice Elkins** on **Thursday, December 13th** from **7:00 to 9:00 PM** at **4613 Green Oaks Drive**. Please bring an ornament or decoration to exchange, an appetizer to share and \$10 to cover the champagne. Last year was a well-attended great time!

## **Dec 13 – Men's BS Exchange**

*By Brett Flournoy*

Although Last Tuesday is complete for this year, you don't have to wait until the end of January to shoot the breeze ... and the other stuff. While the ladies have their fun at the Ornament Exchange party the men can attend the second annual **Men's BS Exchange** on **December 13** at **7:00 PM** at **Ron's Corner Tavern** in Bedford, **1829 Airport Freeway**. It was quite a big hit last year and the women didn't miss us at all. Brett



## **Jan 20, Feb 17, & Mar 17 BMHA Book Clubs**

*By Stacey Taylor*

**Sunday January 20th at 6:00 PM 2019**, we will be discussing: "Killers of the Flower Moon" by David Grann; hosted by **Brad & Vangie Jensen 3004 Meadowview Court**.

On **Sunday February 17<sup>th</sup>** we will be discussing "The Portrait of Dorian Gray" by Oscar Wilde hosted by Jo Carol Haynes. Then on **Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>** we will be discussing "Educated" by Tara Westover hosted by Walter and Doris Aue.

Hope to see you at one or all of these meetings!

Stacey Taylor [Stacey.1965@yahoo.com](mailto:Stacey.1965@yahoo.com)

## **Andrea Nolan - RIP**

It is with great sadness we mention the passing of our dear friend and longtime neighbor Andrea Nolan, known more casually as Andi, on October 16, in Napa, California following a tragic accident. Andi was gracious, giving, and so, so effervescent; a true friend to so many of us. She and her husband Larry (who passed away approximately one year ago) were famous for their Cinco de Mayo party in our neighborhood which was a highlight of the year. Rest in Peace Andi, you are reunited with Larry but are so, so missed here on Earth.

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### Teenage Job Seekers

Name	Age	Baby Sit	Pet Sit	Yard Work	Phone #
Bulger, Kathleen	13	Y	Y		817-917-2109
Limosnero, Roland			Y		817 925-1713
Norwood, Alexis			Y	Y	817-540-2522
Russell, Joseph	16	Y	Y	Y	817-358-1910
Shuckerow, Alex	13		Y	Y	469-579-9040
Shuckerow, Lucas	11		Y	Y	469-604-1878

The Job Seekers listing service is provided free to all Brook Meadows teenagers seeking work

Each month the newsletter includes a list of teenagers in the neighborhood seeking employment; i.e. baby-sitting, yard work or pet care. With so many new people moving into the neighborhood this is a great reference for anyone in need of such a service. If you or your child is looking for a job in the neighborhood, please provide your information including name, age, telephone number, email and the job being sought. We'll include in the next and future issues of the e-newsletter.