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# Oakwood East Newsletter

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**President's Farewell:** This is the final "Sullivan newsletter for Oakwood East.

My husband and I purchased a home in Oakwood East April 1997. We immediately liked our neighbors and glad for the move.

After a few months, talk of dissention between the homeowners and the developer spread. Like several concerned residents, I attended most of the association meetings. Residents elected to the "Board" didn't stay very long. There was very little constancy and confusion reigned. The Bylaws and Covenants weren't followed either. I was voted to the "Board of Directors" in the summer of 1999. In November the President walked out and said she couldn't handle the angry phone calls anymore. That left 3 of us still on the "Board" attending the meetings. The January 2000 annual meeting required a President. I was told by the 2 remaining Directors that I would be the President.

All of this was a new experience for me. I accepted the challenges ahead with enthusiasm, determined to make Oakwood East a beautiful and safe neighborhood. Residents wanted a proper walking path around the ponds. There was very little money in the bank. Carla Garcia helped find a company to do an asphalt path – several bids were sought. Then she helped "measure" and helped fill out the required paperwork for Midwest City approval. I then went to First Fidelity Bank and took out a loan, using my signature as personal collateral. We paid the loan in full within 3 years. The residents wanted a pavilion. Again bids were sought and discussed by the "Board." I took out a loan again with First Fidelity Bank using my signature as collateral. Within 3 years that loan was paid in full also. During this time money from the assessments could not pay for the repair and maintenance of the 4 entrances and park/pond area. Therefore, for 9 years I planted and weeded the 21 gardens in our addition free of charge. My husband Donald has changed out dozens of sprinkler heads, repaired and replaced lights, playground equipment and many odd jobs FREE of charge for 11 years. The ponds are free of algae after 6 years of my husband gradually adding safe chemicals to get it under control and now they look beautiful.

Also in 2000, the well pumps were worn out and did not work. Both pumps/motors and 80 feet of rusted pipe was replaced. These wells supply the water for irrigation around the ponds. Several trees died since the well pumps had been broken for several years. Both fountains needed repair. It seemed like one thing after another was broken – expensive things.

As a safety problem increased with so many NON-residents using our facilities at the ponds, a resident suggested getting the license tags to find the addresses for the vehicles. Over 200 letters were written to non-residents reminding them they had used our “Private Property” with no payment to us.

Attorney Richard Rice has guided me on many occasions keeping the association legal, often without a fee. We have found a conscientious bookkeeper in Sharon Boone.

The January 2011 annual meeting will be my last meeting as President and Director. Thanks to all who have supported me and my husband. We wish you all many good days. Sincerely, Grace Sullivan

**OEHA Annual Picnic:** We had our annual picnic August 3, 2010 at our pavilion in conjunction with “National Night Out” honoring our local firefighters and police. We had similar attendance as last year of about 165 people. Mike Murphy from City Café catered with 1/3lb. hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, beans, chips and all the dressings; everything was delicious! One comment was, “it was one of the best burgers I ever ate.” MWC Neighborhood Initiative Coordinator Teresa Morris supplied the drinks and ice. Lt. Dukes, MWC Police Supervisor, helped with setting up the picnic. Our bookkeeper Sharon Boone & husband Willard brought homemade chocolate chip cookies – sorry, all gone!

Those in attendance, State Rep. Gary Banz, County Commissioner Brian Maughan and his Community Relations Rep. Safari McDoulett, MWC Mayor Jack Fry, City Manager J. Guy Henson, Police Chief Brandon Clabes and

Neighborhood Services Supvr. (code enforcement, animal control & other services) Mike Stroh.

We had the “Summer Song” ice cream truck again. We also had “Tiger Safari” from Tuttle, OK again. They brought a Chinchilla, Lemur, 2 Ferrets, 1 yellow snake, 1 large tortoise, 1 Gecko and 1 tiny turtle. Many of us enjoyed holding and petting the animals.



### **Riding the Tortoise & Holding the Lemur”**

**Annual Meeting:** Your annual meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2011 at 7:00PM at the Midwest City Community Church of the Nazarene Church, 10200 SE 15<sup>th</sup> Street, across from Phil’s Gas Station. Reminders will also be included with your annual assessment invoices and on the marquees. All homeowners are members of the association and have one vote per household, provided assessments are paid up-to-date. Please come and exercise that vote. You can review and ask questions on the budget and proposed projects for the coming year, and address other matters of interest. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be held the next Thursday, January 27, 2011, same time and place.