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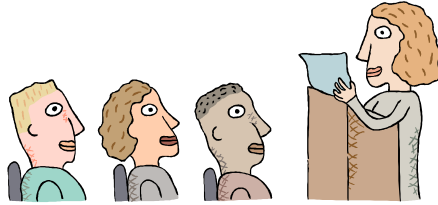


**“ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT IN
SAN ANTONIO”**

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CHARLES MARTIN WENDER.
DEVELOPER

October 30
Gloria Duhaime
“What the Tax Law Changes
Mean to You”



OUTSTANDING YOUTH AWARD

Alexis Reneé Wright, is a senior at Memorial High School. She has been Captain of the Speech and Debate Team since her freshman year. She is class Vice President, President of the National Honor Society, is a National Hispanic Merit Scholar, has been honored by the Edgewood ISD and the Texas Board of Education for her scholastic achievements, is on the Academic Decathlon Team, plays Varsity volleyball, was named YMCA Teen of the Year and Texas Lions Club Queen. Alexis has the Edgewood speech record for “most consecutive 1st places” in UIL competition. Her goal is to attend MIT and major in Aeronautical Engineering. Her Debate & Speech coach says Alexis is the most outstanding student he has had in 22 years.

GUESTS

Our visitors on October 16 were Rose Ann Barajas, mother of our high school honoree; Margaret Sanchez, counselor at Memorial High School and Tim Horton, Debate and Speech Coach at Memorial.

COMMITTEE HELPERS

Thanks to those of you who have returned the green committee interest forms that are available on the back table. It is very helpful to Vice Presidents James Halsell and Howard Kasanoff as they are organizing for the club’s activities this year.



FAMILY NIGHT AT THE SYMPHONY

Our first outing on September 21, was very successful. Pianist Sergio Tiempo, from Argentina, inspired our youngsters to persist in their piano lessons. “What a pleasure it was to come down with the whole family to listen to such peaceful, soothing music,” said

Past Pres. Tom Trimble. “Where else can you take your children these days for \$2.00 and have such quality entertainment?”

The next Optimist Family Night will be Friday, November 9. This concert will feature Mozart’s Requiem as well as the 122 voice Symphony Mastersingers Chorus. Free parking will be available at the Hermann Sons Grand Lodge, and we can walk as a group, as we did last time, over to the Majestic Theater promptly at 7:30, to arrive in time for the 8 p.m. performance.

Again, tickets are half-price for adults (\$17.50) and \$2.00 for students. To guarantee your seat, you are advised to call James Halsell, 226-9261 ext 228, no later than Monday, November 5.



OLD GOLF

1) If you hosted an individual or a team of golfers in our recent tournament, please make sure the club office has a correct mailing address for each person. We want to send a thank you letter to everyone to let them know we appreciate their participation. Since there were several last minute substitutions, your help in getting the mailing list updated is really needed.

2) While the tournament is still fresh in your mind, please take a few minutes to put in writing or email the office any changes that should be considered, things that went well or that could be improved. We want to do better every year.



NEW GOLF

The 2002 committee for the Second Annual “Friend of Youth” Golf Tournament will have its first meeting at Noon on Monday, October 22, at Cascabel Restaurant of the DoubleTree Hotel, Loop 410 @ McCullough. Anyone who wants to help with next year’s tournament is welcome to attend. Be sure to give your name to Kate so she can keep you informed of the activities.



DOING A GREAT JOB

Dr. Calvin Finch, Manager of Conservation for the San Antonio Water System, says that since the Edwards Aquifer established pumping restrictions San Antonians have worked hard at conserving water. We have gone from using 213 gallons per person (1984) to 146 gallons per person (2000). We have learned that even if we limit landscape watering we can have colorful, green yards by planting the right kinds of grass and drought-tolerant trees, shrubs and flowers. Do you have a leak? Get it fixed! A dripping faucet can waste 1,000 gallons per year. Replace your old commode with a low-flow toilet. You can qualify for a \$75 credit on your SAWS account. (All toilets manufactured since 1994 are low flow. If you go to the Habitat Re-Store you will find the top-rated one). Monitor your winter water usage; this is the time when your sewer rate for the coming year is determined. Water rates are graduated; big users pay more than low users. When watering restrictions are in force, most complaints about water wasters can be handled by an educational visit to the offender from SAWS. Ticketing by “water police” is not that common.

(print and save for your directory)

A RE-ENLISTMENT

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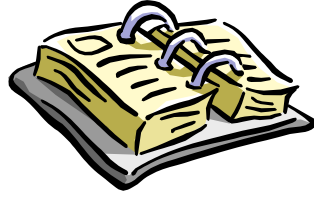
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Wife's name “Sarah”

Enrolled by Randy Wilson

The Joker Is Wild!!
October 16 ... Dale Clark ... Queen Clubs
\$175.25



CALENDAR

October 23 - Marty Wender, Economic Development in San Antonio
October 30 - Gloria Duhaime, "What the Tax Law Changes Mean to You"
November 2-4 - District Meeting, Corpus Christi; Radisson Beach Hotel
November 6 - Dr. Victor Rodriguez, "The Teacher Shortage"
November 6 - Board of Directors, 1:00 pm
November 20 - NO MEETING, NO BULLETIN...THANKSGIVING WEEK
(office closed)

MEETING HELPERS

Greeters for October: Allison, Amari, Anthis, Bath
October 23...Table Host: Kasanaoff
October 30...Table Host: Westerman

OPTI-MRS. NEWS by Alberta Mischer

Betty and Rudy Cermin, accompanied by their oldest daughter and her husband, recently enjoyed a charming long-weekend in New Orleans.

They flew to New Orleans to attend the wedding of Betty's cousins and stayed at the re-furbished St. James Hotel, which was one of the grandest hotels at the time of the Civil War. The hotel was converted to an infirmary and was the inspiration for the hit tune "St. James Infirmary". It has gone full circle, and travelers can again enjoy the special ambiance of this historical building.



The pre-wedding dinner was held at another of New Orleans' historic structures, the old Trade Center. After the beautiful wedding ceremony there was a lively New Orleans-type reception, with a complete jazz band furnishing the "lively".

For the past year Leroy Muehlstein has served as President of the National Fraternal Congress of America, a world-wide organization having ten million members. Linda and Leroy attended a convention of the organization held in Orlando, Florida. They weren't able to do much sight-seeing because Leroy was so busy with his duties as out-going President. They did take time out to visit Epcot, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Linda also reports that her 11-year-old granddaughter and 6 year-old grandson entered their pigs at the Texas State Fair, and one of the pigs took 5th Place! The children are members of the Comal County 4-H Club. Linda, please extend our congratulations to the children on their accomplishments.