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#### WOSCA Board Members to be Elected at Annual Meeting

Two WOSCA Board members who have faithfully served the community have decided they will not run for re-election in 2020; therefore their seats on the Board are open. Would you like to be involved in volunteering to make our neighborhood even better or helping to set policies that affect the neighborhood? The qualifications for running for office follow:

- Be a **Full** member of the WOSCA willing to serve a two year term
- Attend monthly meetings from 6:30-8:15 PM on the second Wednesday of each month
- Be willing to volunteer for special projects and events in addition to regular meetings

Only one person per residence is allowed to run for office. Another member of the Association can nominate you at the Annual Meeting, or you can nominate yourself.

If you are interested, contact one of the current Board members or attend the Annual meeting.

#### **WOSCA Annual Meeting**

The annual WOS Community Association Meeting will be held **Thursday**, **February 20**, **2020 at 7:00 PM** at the WOS Clubhouse (*not at Locke Hill Elementary as in some previous years*).

Make plans to be there. We have important information to present, including our Association's goals and the budget for 2020. Discussion and question time will follow.

If you are a member but cannot attend the meeting, please complete the proxy form below and ask a neighbor (who must also be a member) to vote in your place. If you do not know of anyone who plans to attend, please check the appropriate box and the Woods of Shavano Board members will vote your proxy.

If your membership is up for renewal, you may pay your dues at the meeting. (Credit Cards now accepted.)

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## Farewell from a Departing Board Member

For the past 6 years I have had the honor and pleasure of serving on the WOSCA Board, the last 4 as Board President. The experience has been more rewarding than I can describe! I am especially grateful to Ruby McDonald, Patti Massey, and all the other Board members and to the WOS community at large.

Ruby is the heart and group memory of the Board as well as the Board Secretary. She handles the newsletter, agendas, meeting minutes, and Clubhouse rentals. Patti is not only a Board member but also the Pool Manager, and (together with her husband Bill) she saves us a lot of money by maintaining the pool equipment and doing countless other jobs in the Clubhouse and the Indian Woods Park.

Newer Board members including Andrew Denoncour, Pramod Dibble, Danny Thomas, and Heather Pilkington have brought new innovations. Andrew made it possible for us to take credit card payments. Pramod served as Board Treasurer and helped us manage our finances; Danny created the July 4th Parade and enhanced the Neighborhood Night Out program as well as becoming our voice on nextdoor.com; Heather resurrected the Neighborhood Garage Sale Day and is our voice on Facebook.

John Haines, our Vice President, gets a paragraph to himself for all the work he and his Boy Scout Troop have done to repair and improve the Clubhouse infrastructure, the pool decks, and the parking lot. They also installed basketball goals at the Indian Woods Park and at the Clubhouse.

Other Board members have contributed in other ways. Carla Munoz and Debbie Perez judge the Holiday Decorating Contest, serve food at pool functions, and will soon be walking the neighborhood to solicit new members. Anne Shevlin, our newest member, brings a sharp mind to analyzing our expenses and looking for new ways to save money and improve services.

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During these 6 years, we have achieved many things. The resurfacing of the pool and the Indian Woods tennis courts are huge accomplishments. There are also many less obvious yet no less significant projects such as the rain garden and the ongoing operation of the pool, the swim team, community parties, etc.

I wish I could tell you that I am leaving the WOSCA in great financial shape. Unfortunately, that is not so. Although we have been giving our best efforts, we find ourselves chronically in need of members and income. Membership has actually held steady at 400 families. However, there are 1,100 houses in the WOS. If 50 more families joined, we'd be OK. If 100 more families joined, we'd be in excellent shape. If there is anything you can do to convince a friend or neighbor (in the WOS or in a nearby subdivision) to join, that would be wonderful!

I'm leaving the Board but not leaving the WOS. You'll probably see me at the pool and around the neighborhood. Although I won't be a Board member, I will continue to do my part for the WOSCA. I hope you will too.

# Yoga Returns to the Woods of Shavano



What intentions do you have for the new year? If you're prioritizing your health, you

may be pleased to learn weekly yoga sessions are returning to the Woods of Shavano community beginning in March. Classes will take place in the clubhouse, and participants may pay on a dropin basis or prepay for multiple sessions in advance. Rates are discounted for all Woods of Shavano Community Association members. Whether continuing a regular practice, resuming a former one, or practicing for the first time, you're welcome to join us on the mat!

On Thursday nights at 6:00 PM, Michelle Scherer will lead ReNEW & RePOSE hatha yoga sessions. Each 70-minute session will include pranayama (intentional breathing), a series of asanas (physical poses) and savasana (a period of final relaxation). Michelle has a 200 RYT certification in yoga instruction and has enjoyed sharing yoga with her fellow humans since 2009. If you have questions, she may be reached at renew.repose@gmail.com





#### Post a Reminder on Your Calendar Woods of Shavano Swim Team Registration

Get ready! Registration for the 2020 Shavano Sharks Swim Team will be held on the following dates and times:

- Saturday, March 21, 2020, from 11:00 AM 2:00 PM
- Saturday, April 4, 2020, from 11:00 AM 2:00 PM
- Saturday, April 18, 2020 from 11:00 AM 2:00 PM

We're looking forward to an even larger team than last year. Swim team members need not live in the WOS. Ask your friends to join the team. Watch your March newsletter, WOS Facebook page, and WOS website for additional information.

Go Sharks!!!

#### Volunteer of the Year

**Danny Thomas** was elected to the Board at our WOS Annual Meeting in February, 2019. From the beginning, he has been an enthusiastic member. Some, not all, of his accomplishments since joining the Board follow:

- Organized the Fourth of July Parade.
- Was instrumental in arranging a blood drive at the Clubhouse which raised 19 pints of blood.
- On National Night Out, Danny encouraged volunteers from the community to donate food and pet food for the Food Bank. A total of 549 lbs. of food, 91 lbs. of pet food, and a \$75 cash donation to the Food Bank were contributed.
- Solicited several gift certificates for a drawing for members of the community who had National Night Out gatherings.
- Kept members of the community updated on events in the neighborhood through Nextdoor.com
- Most recently, he has begun setting up a new website for the Woods of Shavano

We are indeed thankful to have such an enthusiastic go-getter serving our community.

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#### Volunteer of the Month

At the December, 2019 WOSCA Board meeting, members of the Board voted to recognize members of the community who make significant contributions of service to the community through their volunteer efforts.

At our January 8, 2020 Board meeting, Board members voted to recognize **Adrian Sommerfeld** as Volunteer of the Month. He has accepted the challenge of completing a very large project of rebuilding the large deck at the WOS pool. For the past several years our Association has invested money each summer to replace and restain rotted sections of the deck. For his service project to earn the rank of Eagle Scout, Adrian proposed to rebuild the large deck using a composite material called Trex which has up to a 25 year warranty. The materials are expensive, but it would no longer be necessary to invest money each year for a short-term fix.

In an effort to raise money for his project, many of you may have met him and his Scout leader Board Vice-President John Haines as they call on homes in the neighborhood asking for donations. Many of you have contributed, and we appreciate your investment.

During the holidays, with the guidance of Mr. Haines, they deconstructed the top level of the deck, exposing the foundation, which is in good shape. Now the building must be done.

If you would like to invest in this young man's worthy project, contact the woodsofshavano@yahoo.com

If you know of someone you feel deserves to be named "Volunteer of the Month", email us with information.



# Valentine's Day – A Celebration of Love and Affection

Valentine's Day is celebrated each year on February 14th. It originated as a Western Christian feast day honoring two early saints named Valentinus. Today it is a significant cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romantic love and affection in many parts of the world. People express their feelings with gifts of flowers, chocolates, and cards.

The United States Greeting Card Association estimates that approximately 190 million Valentines are sent each year to husbands, wives, other family members, and friends. With school Valentine exchanges, the number grows to 1 billion, with teachers receiving the most. When the tradition of exchanging cards first began, most were hand-made and included lace; cutouts of cherubs, hearts, and fans; photos, and flowers. Children often make their own in school craft projects, but most are commercially produced. This Valentine's Day celebrate with loved ones and friends with a card, a gift, or words of affection.



## Suggested Valentine's Day Books to Read with Your Children

Some suggested books to read with your children this Valentine's Day follow:

*Happy Valentine's Day, Mouse* by Laura Numeroff & Felicia Bond

**Love From the Very Hungry Caterpillar** by Eric Carle

Roses Are Pink, Your Feet Really Stink by Diane deGroat

> Love Monster by Rachel Bright

The Day it Rained Hearts by Felicia Bond

There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Rose by Lucille Colandro

**The Biggest Valentine Ever** by Steven Kroll

**Llama Llama, I Love You** bu Anna Dewdney

**Groggle's Monster Valentine** by Diana Murray



# Movie Night at the WOSCA Clubhouse

Mr. John Haines has scheduled another Kids' Movie Night on Friday, February

21, 2020, at 6:30 PM in the WOSCA Clubhouse. To vote for the movie you want to see and to find more information, please check the WOS Facebook page.

#### **Mark Your Calendars**

On **Tuesday, March 3, 2020,** a primary election will be held. For your convenience, voting will be held in the Woods of Shavano



Clubhouse from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM. Do your research so you can vote for the most qualified candidates.

Remember to bring your voter registration card as well as an accepted form of identification. It's a right and a privilege to be able to vote. Please exercise your right.

## Reservations for Clubhouse on the Rise

The Woods of Shavano Clubhouse is available to rent for members and non-members. All full members are eligible for one free rental subject to a \$60 Use Fee *after renewing their full memberships*. Supporting members and non-members may rent the clubhouse for a fee.

The Clubhouse holds up to 52 people. We have eight six foot tables, two three foot tables, and 52 chairs available for use.

Currently we have several bookings in March, May, June, and October. If you want to reserve a special date, contact us as soon as possible.

A \$100 refundable security deposit is required for all Clubhouse events.

**Why clean house before and after your event?** Call Ruby McDonald today at 210-408-8331 to reserve your date!

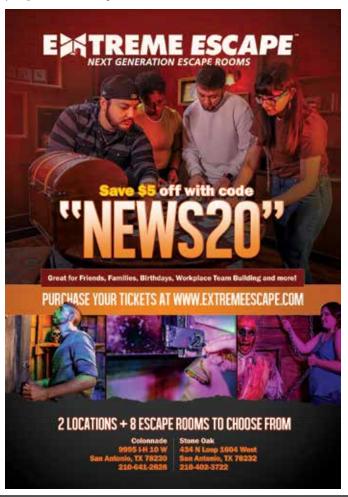


#### **History of Membership Fees**

Recently a resident of the community spoke with one of the Board members asking about how often the Association dues have been increased and by what amount. I did some research and this is what I found:

Year	Membership Dues	Level of Membership
2014	\$180	Full
	\$55	Support
	\$215	Outside
2015	All fees remained the same as 20	14
2016	All fees remained the same as 20	14
2017	\$190	Full
	\$55	Support
	\$230	Outside
2018	All fees remained the same as 20	17
2019	All fees remained the same as 20	17
2020	\$209	Full
	\$60	Support
	\$250	Outside

Every time you go to the store it seems that everything you buy costs more. Board members understand that many are on fixed incomes and every increase may cause a hardship, even a small one. We have tried over the years to keep increases to a minimum, but the cost of upkeep to our Association's assets continues to rise. We take the stewardship or our Association's money very seriously. One thing that would help would be an increase in membership. If you have a friend or neighbor who hasn't joined our Association yet, please encourage them to do so.





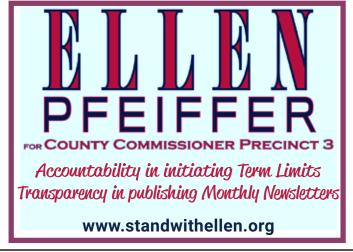
## Membership

Board members frequently talk with residents of the Woods of Shavano asking them to join the Association. Many respond positively and join. Others say they moved to the Woods of Shavano because ours is a voluntary rather than a mandatory Association. Does that mean they shouldn't join to support the community – NO! Think of the many things you do every day that benefit yourself, your family, and the community.

- No one compels you to brush your teeth every day. You do it to prevent decay and expensive dental bills.
- No one forces you to exercise. You do it because it's good for your health.
- The same can be said for membership in a voluntary Community Association. We can't force you to
- Paint your house a specific color
- · Conform to HOA rules
- Pay your dues or go to court.

That's an even greater reason for you to join and support the WOS Community Association. We are a neighborhood of friendly people who care about their neighbors and their homes. To prevent decay to our assets, we willingly choose to support the Association. Won't you please join us?

Is it time for you to renew your membership? Have you been meaning to join for the first time, but it's still on your "To-Do List" and you just haven't gotten around to it? *Carpe Diem! Seize the Day!* Now is the time to become a fully participating member of your community. The membership application is in the back of this Newsletter. Wait no longer – do it TODAY! Ours is a very minimal fee compared to other nearby neighborhoods, and we have much more to offer – tennis courts, a pool, a park, and a clubhouse. Your membership dues are used for the upkeep and improvement of all community assets. Show your pride in your neighborhood and JOIN TODAY!



#### WOSCA Statement of Cash Flow December 31, 2019

Beginning Cash Balance	48,422.36
Revenue:	
Donations - Capital Improvement Fund	511.94
Rental Income Clubhouse November Election	200.00
Full Memberships	950.00
Supporting Memberships	995.50
Interest Income	58.57
Total Revenue	2,716.01
Evnences	
Expenses: Administrative Supplies, black print cartridge	24.89
Landscaping	365.00
Pool Manager Payroll	330.00
Resident Manager Payroll	330.00
Payroll Taxes	53.66
Utilities	756.79
Total Expenses	1,860.34
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Ending Cash Balance	49,278.03
Capital Improvement Fund	
December 1, 2019 Balance	4,921.18
December Donations	511.94
Total Capital Improvement Fund	5,433.12



#### **Need a Job?**

The Woods of Shavano Newsletter contains a Teen Service Directory each month that lists teenagers who are interested in babysitting, animal care, and lawn care for Woods of Shavano residents. If your family is a member of the Woods of Shavano Community Association and you would like to include your name on the directory, call 492-9809 to have you information listed. If your name is on the list but you want it deleted, please let us know that as well.

#### Woods of Shavano Community Association Teen Service Directory

Name	Phone Number	Child Care	Animal Care	Lawn Care
Taylor B.	493-7869 or 324-4044	Yes		
Colin E.	254-2942	Yes	Yes	
Carsyn E.	254-2942	Yes Yes		
Warren E.	912-5452	Yes	Yes	Yes



## **WOS Facebook Page**

Have you checked the WOS Facebook page recently? A Woods of Shavano Board member, Heather Pilkington, volunteered to make postings on the site. You can get the latest information about events in the neighborhood by checking it out. Don't forget to LIKE the articles you enjoy.

#### Facebook Page:

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#### See What Happens - Monthly Woods of Shavano Board Meetings

The Woods of Shavano Board of Directors meets the second Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8:30 PM at the Woods of Shavano Clubhouse. All Woods of Shavano residents are welcome to attend. The first 15 minutes of each meeting are reserved for resident input. If you would like to attend – join us! **Our February Meeting will be held on February 12, 2020.** 



# WOODS OF SHAVANO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 13838 PARKSITE WOODS SAN ANTONIO, TX 78249

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		Membership Levels	
☐ Full Membership	\$209.00	Full use of pool and tennis courts (Pool passes are as	ssigned, may not be shared)
☐ Non-Resident Membership	\$250.00	Full use of pool and tennis courts (Pool passes are as	ssigned, may not be shared)
☐ Supporting Membership	\$60.00	Supports Landscaping in Park and Entries – no pool / tennis court privileges	
regulations. I understand all dues a	re paid annually in th	association for membership as indicated above and agree month I joined on the day set by the board. For Full on my household is true and correct.	
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