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2017 WILLIAM D. BARNEY MEMORIAL CHAPBOOK AWARD WINNER, ANN HOWELLS, TO SPEAK SEPTEMBER 9

Ann Howells will be the guest speaker at PST's September 9 meeting in Dallas. Ann will talk about how to put together a manuscript and will read from her chapbook *Softly Beating Wings*. In 2001, the city named Ann a "Distinguished Poet of Dallas." She serves on advisory boards and panels for various literary organizations, as a judge for various poetry competitions, and belongs to a team that takes poetry into the schools, elementary through college. She has received four Pushcart nominations, and she has served as Senior editor of *Illya's Honey* since 1999.

KICK OFF THE NEW PST CALENDAR YEAR WITH THIS INTERESTING PROGRAM! SEE YOU ON SEPTEMBER 9 IN DALLAS



The Art and Soul of Poetry

The 2017 NFSPS Convention, hosted by Texas in Fort Worth, and chaired by our Poet Wranglin' Trail Boss Linda Banks, has become a Headline in History!

In Texas, we don't do historic Footnotes, we do historic Headlines.

"Remember the Fort Worth Convention!" now joins the historic Texas Headline: *"Remember the Alamo!"*

'Cause this summer we threw a Big Ol' Texas Size Poetry Party, and invited poets from all over the United States to get on the trail and ride on down to Texas and join us. Our Get'er Done Trail Boss, Linda, is gonna tell ya'll about it, startin' right here. After you finish this page, go on to page 2 and keep on readin' about all the stuff we did in Fort Worth.



The Poetry Society of Texas hosted the 2017 NFSPS Convention at the historic Hilton Downtown Fort Worth on June 29-July 2. More than 120 poets, guests, and speakers celebrated The Art and Soul of Poetry with entertainment, music, drama, dancing, singing, listening and learning, visiting with old and new friends, enjoying some sights of Fort Worth, and having a great time.

The Convention Committee—consisting of past PST presidents: Linda Banks, J. Paul Holcomb, Catherine L'Herisson, Budd Powell Mahan, Jimmie Inez Sessions, Marilyn Stacy, Pat Stodghill, and Jeannette Strother—took turns emceeding sessions, each reading an invocation poem before a meal. The poems, legacies left by longtime PST members, highlighted the different regions of Texas. Table favors were decorated throughout the convention with colors of both the Texas and US flags. Catherine L'Herisson was responsible for obtaining and organizing decorations and favors. Jimmie Inez Sessions and other PST members assisted in placing the decorations and favors on the tables before meals. Catherine also gave out door prizes at each meal.

Several early arrivals went to Billy Bob's on Wednesday and enjoyed a meal while listening to live music. On Thursday, others went to the Stockyards and museums in the Cultural District. Charles L'Herisson, Steve Sanders, Fil Peach, Michael Baldwin, and Catherine L'Herisson were volunteer drivers.

Thursday evening, Linda Banks welcomed attendees and introduced NFSPS president Jim Barton of Arkansas. Before Jim's opening remarks, he read a poem he wrote about Texas. Linda told

the audience that Jim had mentioned in the April *Strophes* that the rest of his family came from Texas, and he was the first to be born in Arkansas. Linda then presented to him a proclamation from Governor Greg Abbott, making him an Honorary Texan. Catherine L'Herisson followed up with the gift of a Texas t-shirt.

After the meal, Doc Gibbs entertained with humor and music. At one point, he played "Elvira" and several from the audience, including Doc's wife Vera, joined in by line dancing on one side of the dining room. He also played "Deep in the Heart of Texas" while the audience sang along. Doc and Vera ended the program by singing a duet.

J. Paul Holcomb announced the winners of the Convention Contest. The top six winners received checks and certificates and read their winning poems. They were: 1st—Lucille Morgan Wilson of Des Moines, IA; 2nd—Eleanor Berry of Lyons, OR; 3rd—Susan Mardele of McKinney, TX; 1HM—Lisa Salinas of Spring, TX; 2 HM—Michael Owens of Cypress, TX; and 3HM—Lucille Morgan Wilson of Des Moines, IA. The judge also named six alternates, who received certificates: Clarence P. Socwell—Ogden, UT; Robert Schinzel—Highland Village, TX; Von S. Bourland—Happy, TX; Ruth M. Schmidt-Bauemler—Two Harbors, MN; Jim Barton—Huttig, AR; and Lisa Salinas—Spring, TX.

Convention Contest Judge was Alan Berecka, a reference librarian at Del Mar college in Corpus Christi, who has published several books of poetry and has had many poems published in various periodicals.

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After Friday's lunch, PST's *Bulletin* editor, Valerie Martin Bailey, also on NFSPS' Executive Board as 2nd Vice-Chancellor and *Encore* Editor Emeritus, was surprised to be honored by NFSPS for serving 12 years as *Encore* Editor. On behalf of NFSPS, 3rd Vice-President/Special Awards Chair, Charmaine Pappas Donovan, presented three lovely gifts and a generous cash award for her years of service. She continues to serve as distributor of *Encores* 2015 and earlier and manages mailing and postage records.

Workshops covered several aspects of poetry writing. Scott Wiggerman demonstrated the use of sounds in several of his own poems and others.

Urania Fung discussed momentum in our poems, and she was joined by Edmund Spenser (aka Steve Sanders in costume), who insisted he should read his own poem, "One Day I Wrote Her Name Upon the Strand," which Anne had projected on a screen for discussion. Anne McCrady talked about making our lines of poetry dance. She illustrated by teaching an actual line dance to "Does Fort Worth Ever Cross Your Mind." In conclusion, everyone got up and danced the complete dance.

Dr. Nathan Brown discussed strategic ways to help us edit our poems, and in a later program read his poetry and played the guitar and sang, despite a recent injury to his hand.

Diane Glancy read from her book that won the 2016 Lubbe Prize from the Poetry Society of Texas, interspersing her readings with comments about creating a manuscript.

Pat Stodghill read from her two books that also won prizes from PST, and Karla Morton read from her latest book. Beth and Mark Ayers, dressed in period costumes, did a Magic Lantern presentation with a poetic theme.

Carmen Tafolla, our keynote presenter, entered the meeting room dressed as a bag lady, creating momentary confusion in the audience until she took the stage. With minor changes to her costume, she became different characters, emphasizing the beauty and dignity of cultural differences.

Beth Ayers was our registrar, ably assisted by husband Mark and others who helped at the registration table. Beth also provided dulcimer music throughout the Mix and Mingle prior to the closing night banquet.

Catherine L'Herisson sang "The Wayward Wind" on Saturday evening, and on Sunday evening, Michaud Lamrouex played *Amazing Grace* on the trumpet and fluehorn, while attendees sang along.

One of the convention highlights was the Poetree Project. Marilyn Stacy was in charge of setting up the art table—available to attendees throughout the convention. They were to write haiku on index cards, then decorate them with various art supplies. About thirty poets went to the Fort Worth Water Gardens on Sunday morning. After a few minutes of touring the water displays, Marilyn made a short presentation, then each poet read his or her haiku and tied it with a ribbon to a designated tree, with a sign at its base that invited the public to "Pick a Poem."

When Mark Ayers returned late Sunday afternoon to remove any poems that remained, he found that all the haikus had been "picked" from the trees by other visitors to the park. Barbara Blanks took pictures of the event and has posted them on the PST Facebook page.

Aman Khan served as the official convention photographer. His convention photos, as well as others by his friend Zia Khan, will appear on the PST website. Aman also did a beautiful 2018 calendar, featuring Texas scenes, and generously donated many of them as door prizes.

Patrick Marshall handled audio-visual set-ups and assisted speakers with handouts and other arrangements. He also set up the DPA display of art and poetry throughout the book room.

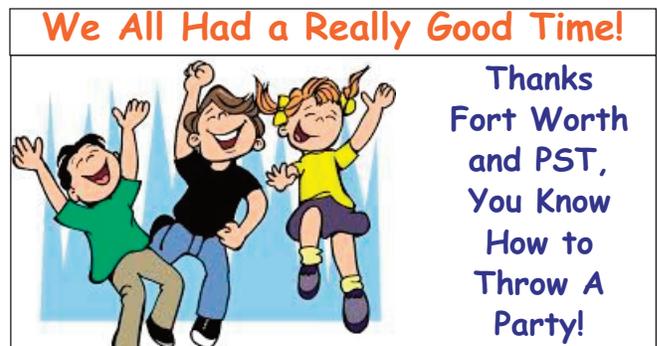
Michaud Lamrouex expertly managed the book room, which did a booming business, due in large part to his suggestion that we set up credit card sales, which he not only suggested, but also implemented.

The program handout featured poems by Budd Powell Mahan and Naomi Stroud Simmons.

Texas poets took home the most awards in the NFSPS poetry contests. A complete list of winners is available at nfsp.com.

Catherine L'Herisson served as convention treasurer, and has gratefully reported that we came out ahead financially, due in large part to the generous donations of many individuals, especially our Light Brigade contributors. Gold Star: Barry and Von Bourland, Diane Glancy, Aman Khan, Maxine Kohanski, Catherine L'Herisson, Anne McCrady, Poets Northwest Chapter of PST, Robert Schinzel; Silver Star: Anonymous, Nancy Baass, Michael Baldwin, Barbara Blanks, Denton Poets Assembly, Manuel L. English, Florene Flatt, Inez Grimes, Kate Lacy, Sylvia Medel, Barbara G. Powell, Sharon Martin Turner, Sharon E. Young; Bronze Star: Bob Anterhaus, Mark and Beth Ayers, Christine Irving, Naomi Simmons, Marilyn Stacy, Carol P. Thompson, Loretta Diane Walker.

Many convention attendees have generously praised our programs, activities, and accommodations. Linda Banks, who coordinated convention planning, gives credit for the convention's success to all those listed in this report, as well as those she overlooked because of fatigue or forgetfulness, but certainly not by intent. Looking back and moving forward, she asks that we remember these words by Carol Ryrie Brink: "The most truly generous persons are those who give silently without hope of praise or reward."





BEAUMONT CHAPTER

Barbara Green Powell Reporting

Beaumont Poets must find a new home as Calder Wood Retirement home is growing and undergoing renovations, so the last two months they have had to cancel their meetings. In July, we will meet in the home of President Birma Castle. It will be nice to get back to our meetings. We have really missed seeing each other and sharing our poetry.

Members Birma Castle and I are attending Nationals in Fort Worth June 29 through July 2. We are looking forward to this momentous occasion and are hoping to see some of you there. It will be this reporter's first time to attend a National Poetry convention, and I am excited. It will be a celebration for me after finishing cancer treatments June on 14. I am giving praise to fellow Beaumont Chapter members for their support, especially Birma Castle who is also a cancer survivor. Hopefully, I will be able to turn my experience into poetry to help other cancer patients.

Congratulations to Dorothy Sells Clover for promoting poetry by hosting Southeast Texas Third Thursday Poetry event at the Art Studio, 720 Franklin St. in Beaumont. She recently had Black Snow as a featured speaker. He's also known as "The Third Coast Poet," a veteran spoken word artist from Houston. He brought poetry and down-home humor to Southeast Texas.

We look forward to seeing you in Fort Worth.

DENTON POETS ASSEMBLY

Richard Weatherly Reporting

Denton Poets' Assembly enjoyed a productive summer of events that are highlighted in this submission.

The winners of the People's Choice Award for the 2017 Merging Visions Exhibit were announced on Sunday, June 25 at the end of the public exhibition. The following artist-poet pairs received awards of achievement and have their names inscribed on a plaque commemorating the exhibit:

- Angelia Ford, artist; artwork entitled *Jones*, paired with Jacqueline Stem, poet; poem entitled "The Ballad of Malachi Jones."
- Mindy Faubion, artist; artwork entitled *Released*, paired with Beth Honeycutt, poet; poem entitled, "No More Than."
- Lorraine Hayes, artist; artwork entitled *It's a Hectic Life*, paired with Bethany Roth, poet; poem entitled "Examen."

DPA members represented the chapter well at NFSPS. Diane Glancy enchanted the crowd with her presentation, "Extract the Signature, How to Shape a Manuscript." Chris Irving won the top prize, First Place in the NFSPS Founder's Award: \$1,000. Seven of our members won awards in the NFSPS Poetry Contests, a stellar showing, taking 22 awards, representing 45% of the contests. An honorable mention in this contest typically means you are in the 2-5% of the poets that entered. That is a significant achievement.

In July the chapter elected a new slate of officers for 2017-18 President: Richard Weatherly; Vice-President: Betty Roberts; Web-

master: Bethany Roth; Secretary: Shiny Wu; Treasurer: Christine Irving; Director: Beth Honeycutt; Director: Cindy Wood; Honorary Board Member: J. Paul Holcomb. Poetry presentations by J. Paul included "Let's look at a faux form, Billy Collins' 'paradelle' for example," and "Heroes."

Denton Poets' Assembly meets on the third Saturday of the month at the Emily Fowler Central Library in Denton.

FORT WORTH POETRY SOCIETY

Anne Jones Reporting

Anne Jones opened the meeting by reading several poems by Randall Jarrell. He is known for his poems about the Second World War, and one of these poems was "The Death of the Ball Turret Gunner." The other poems were from the *The Bat-Poet*.

In new business Steve has been contacted by Sun Rise, an assisted living community that would like our members to present a program to them. Steve and Mike were in Saginaw at the Restaurant of the Mind, and they also requested that we present a program or readings there. Members voted that they would be interested in doing this.

In announcements, it was mentioned that Nathan Brown, a poet laureate, will be speaker at Second Friday. Poems critiqued were by Anne, Susan Taylor, Marilyn Komechak, Mike, Susan Campbell, and Fil Peach. Fil's poem was about seeing a Holograph of the Shroud of Turin, in Turin, and was much discussed. Many good poems.

GULF COAST POETS

Daniel Carrington Reporting

This summer, Gulf Coast Poets welcomed local luminaries Bucky Rea and Mike Alexander in June and July respectively. Both poets turned in terrific featured readings at the monthly meetings, and GCP wishes to thank them for sharing their work. Also in the news, GCP member Matt Riley and the Friendswood Public Library will host the finale of their 2017 Ekphrastic Poetry Contest at the library on August 19, revealing the winners at that time. Good luck to all who participated!

After the August hiatus, GCP will turn its attention again to more great poetry from Weasel Press contributors in September. In addition, the group will start to gear up for Poetry Out of Bounds, our tie-in event for the upcoming Houston Poetry Fest in October.

HOT POETS SOCIETY

Sandi Horton Reporting

Several members of our chapter attended the National Federation of State Poetry Societies Annual Convention in Fort Worth. We were inspired by the presenters and enjoyed being in the company of poets from around the country.

Our chapter was asked to host the Poetry Society of Texas Conference in the summer of 2018. A steering committee of members: Kay Bell, Chris Boldt, and Sandi Horton have already started

planning the big event! All three committee members attended the NFSPS Convention.

The HOT (Heart of Texas) Poets Society along with board members of Cultural Arts of Waco hosted an open mic at Klassy Glass Wine Bar in Downtown Waco on Tuesday, July 11 from 7-10 pm. American born 'storytelling' poet Erin Fornoff, who has lived in Dublin, Ireland the past six years, was the featured poet. She was visiting her grandparents in Waco. About 20 people attended the event, including two Waco musicians: poet songwriter Katie Stewart and Baylor opera singer Edgar Sierra.

The Hot Poets Society met on Saturday, August 5 from 3-5 pm at the Waco Hippodrome (upstairs dining room) for an afternoon of Jazz Poetry. Jen Evans, who hosted a successful open mic for years at a local coffeehouse until it closed, was the MC. She also explained the genre of Jazz Poetry. Featured poet Michael Baldwin from Benbrook (near Fort Worth) and local musician/Baylor Professor Keith Sanford entertained a crowd of about 20 people before the public open mic.

HOT Poets Society will celebrate its one year anniversary in September 2017.

PERMIAN BASIN POETRY SOCIETY

Kat Copeland Reporting

A poetry slam was held on July 28, 7:30-10 pm at Kamiposi Art Gallery in Midland. More than fifty attended. President Daniel Ramos hosted and Kat Copeland provided information to the public. Thanks go to the Lunsfords for providing the venue; thanks to all the contenders and guests from Abilene, Crane, Ft. Stockton, Midland, Monahans, Odessa, and Rankin. Congratulations to the first place winner of \$100—Shaobeny Chanprell, and the second place winner of \$50—Daniel Sherman aka Oh Danny Boi. Those who received T-shirts with PBPS logos were: LaRon Wright, aka DJRTR for third place, Nic D. Stephenson in fourth place, and fifth place, Adrian WreXalot Vasquez. Thank you to our five random judges from the crowd. They also received T-shirts.

A big welcome to our new member Laurel Santiago.

August 17 at 8 pm will be the next open mic, located at Brew St. Bakery, Coffee & Tea, 4610 N. Garfield in Midland. All ages are welcome.

On September 30, from 7-11 pm. A local event, 100,000 Poets & Others for Positive Change, will be held at Dee's Bistro, 620 N. Lee, in Odessa. All ages of visual and performing artists are welcome to sign up at Facebook: Permian Basin Poetry Society.

POETS NORTHWEST

Lynn Roberts Grice Reporting

Poets Northwest's Summer meetings were filled with getting ready for the PST Annual Contest in August and our own Anthology in September. Experienced and new members got poems critiqued in June, asked questions and shared helpful information about the PST Contest in July, and in August, we visited two exhibits at the Pearl Fincher Museum, where we meet, for inspiration in writing

ekphrastic poems for our September Anthology.

Lynn Roberts Grice, Michael Owens, and Lisa Toth Salinas attended the NFSPS Annual Convention in Fort Worth and came home inspired! Maxine Kohanski, Karen Mastracchio, Michael Owens, Lisa Salinas and Jenna Pashley-Smith all placed in the NSFPS contest, and Mike and Lisa also won Honorable Mentions in the Texas Hold 'Em contest for convention attendees.

PST member and Councilor, Maxine Kohanski, lost her daughter, Schemen in July, after a long, hard-fought battle with multiple health issues. She is very appreciative of the PST members who traveled long distances to be at the service.

If you plan to be in the Houston area on the third Saturday of the month, please join us at one of our monthly meetings at the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts. Poets and guests are encouraged to read original or favorite works during the second half of the meeting. Our PST chapter is on the web at <http://www.poetsnw.com> and on Facebook at <http://facebook.com/PoetsNorthwest>.

POETS OF TARRANT COUNTY

Angie Goin Reporting

The minutes of the June 5 meeting of the Poets of Tarrant County are as follows: President Ron Eddins called the meeting to order with a couple of announcements, then turned the meeting over to Naomi Simmons who introduced her long-time friend, Dr. Jeffrey DeLotto as the program speaker. Dr. DeLotto is a professor of English at Texas Wesleyan University. His presentation titled Birds, Bugs, and Other Beasts, featured inspirational tips and ideas for writing nature poetry. The program included a helpful handout citing examples and exercises for hopeful poets.

Mona Lynn McDaniel introduced her guests, Sharon Foster and Tad Sanders. Naomi Simmons introduced guest, Ray Henson. The Contemporary Poet reader was J. Paul Holcomb who read poems from Alan Berecka's book, *With Our Baggage*. Vice-President Barbara Goerdel was the Spotlight Poet followed by Secretary Angie Goin who read the May minutes. Treasurer Barbara Berry gave the treasury report, and Historian Lynn Lewis gave an update on PTC member, Masood Parvase, and his newly published book, *Flowers, Thorns and Other Offerings*.

After reading the Kudos list, President Ron Eddins addressed the spontaneous concept of "the continuum of time." Announcements were made and assignment poems were read on the subject of Misguided Love. President Eddins adjourned the meeting.

SAN ANTONIO POETS ASSOCIATION

Valerie Martin Bailey Reporting

Fourteen members attended SAPA's May 20 meeting with president Pat Gibbs presiding. After the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence, the minutes were approved and Michaud Lamroux presented a treasurer's report with a healthy balance. He then donned his program chair hat and introduced our Spotlight Poets, Charles Jones and Mary Cervantes who presented a selection of their poems.

Webmaster Michaud Lamrouex announced that he will open the Website for poems and will send out an announcement when he is ready to receive our poems. He also expects to post many of the great photos taken by our historian, Charles Jones, who does an excellent job of documenting our memories.

Seven SAPA members plan to attend the NFSPS convention in Fort Worth, including our President, Pat Gibbs and her husband John. Others who will attend are: Michaud Lamrouex, who will manage the bookroom, Valerie Bailey, Sharon Turner, and Loretta and Wallace Vaughn.

The winning poems for April, judged by Barbara Berry of Mansfield were read. Winners in the assigned topic were: Valerie Bailey-1st, Loretta Vaughn-2nd, Lois Heger-3rd, and Iris Maahs-HM. Winners in the open contest were: Sheila Moore-1st, Lois Heger-2nd, Valerie Bailey-3rd, and John Friedland-HM. We thank Barbara Berry for her time and expertise.

We took a break for refreshments provided by Valerie Bailey and Michaud Lamrouex. They also brought a birthday cake to celebrate six members with May birthdays.

Sharon Turner asked for suggestions for next year's contest topics. Ideas can be e-mailed to Sharon. Poet Laureate score sheets were made available and all are encouraged to join the competition for this honor. The new Poet Laureate will be announced in September.

Our May contest poems were read and these will be judged by Michael Baldwin of Benbrook. We held our monthly book raffle and then President Pat Gibbs adjourned the meeting with a poem titled: "In Your Garden."

TYLER ROSE GARDEN POETRY SOCIETY

Mary Tindall Reporting

The Tyler Rose Garden Poetry Society met Thursday, August 10 at the Hanks Senior Center. Regular meetings continued through the summer, although travels and illnesses diminished attendance numbers. Discussions included tips for entries, ideas for suitable contests, and clarifications as requested. Poets found much benefit from critiqued poems and expressed gratitude for the suggestions made by judges. Updates on the sick members were offered. Travel news was passed along.

Plans are underway for sharing our poetry with the local library in the coming months. The afternoon included reading poems around the table with considerations offered for improved word choice and clarity. Refreshments included pear bread from the summer crop. Writers find support, friendship, and information each time the Rose Garden Poets meet.

WICHITA FALLS POETRY SOCIETY

Linda Smith Reporting

Six members of WFPS met in the Texas Room of the Kemp Center for the Arts on Saturday, May 20. The meeting was chaired by Webb Key. Roll Call was answered by each member naming his/her favorite poet. The minutes of the April meeting and the Treasurer's Report were both accepted, with minor corrections.

Sheri Sutton gave a report on the May 4 meeting of the WFPS Poetry Festival Committee and the CEO of the Arts Council. The festival date is October 7 from 1-4 pm and will be held in the North Light Gallery of the Kemp Center in conjunction with the Kemp's Mystery Art event. Details will be discussed at the July 8 summer workshop.

Daryl Halencak had information about the Rolling Plains Poetry Festival in Crowell in August. As the time approaches, details of our participation will be finalized. Members received yearbooks prepared by Geneva Rodgers, and then we took a break to enjoy refreshments.

Webb presented a program on the history of poetry and read poems that were samples of those written during the different time periods. September contest poems on any subject, any form with a 24-line maximum are due to our Treasurer Sheri Sutton by midnight August 31. Results of the April contest for the best Triplet, judged by Susan Maxwell Campbell of Mansfield, are: 1st: Lynn Hoggard, 2nd: (a tie) Geneva Rodgers and Sheri Sutton, 3rd: Linda Smith, 1HM: Webb Key, and 2HM: Daryl Halencak.



NEW MONTHLY CONTEST CHAIRMAN

There were no monthly contests in June, July, or August. To enter the September contests, you should have submitted poems by August 15. Send contest entries before the 15th of each month to the new Contest Chairman: Budd Powell Mahan, 7059 Spring Valley Rd., Dallas, TX 75254.

Budd's e-mail address is: buddmahan@att.net.

Our thanks to outgoing Monthly Contest Chair, Irene Robertson for doing an excellent job.

Congratulations Jenna Pashley Smith of Richmond, Texas The new Editor of *A Book of the Year*

NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS BEGIN DUTIES ON SEPTEMBER 1

The Executive Board Contact Information on Page 6 will be updated in the September issue of the *Bulletin*.

Bulletin Reporters

Please remember! The deadline for Bulletin news is now the 14th of each month by 6:00 p.m.

HELP OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIR ...

Keep our membership roll up to date. Notify Lynn Lewis right away if there is any change in your contact information: address, phone number, or e-mail. Lynn's e-mail address is: elsquared59@yahoo.com, and her telephone number is: 817-921-9322.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT ~MAY 2017
from Membership Chair Lynn Lewis

Active Members.....203	Sustaining Members.....5
Associate Members.....13	Recently Deceased.....0
Life Members.....46	Renewing Members.....47
Student Members.....28	New Members0
Supporting Members.....1	Current Member Total....295

MEMBERSHIP REPORT ~JUNE 2017
from Membership Chair Lynn Lewis

Active Members.....208	Sustaining Members.....5
Associate Members.....13	Recently Deceased.....0
Life Members.....46	Renewing Members.....28
Student Members.....36	New Members2
Supporting Members.....1	Current Member Total....309

MEMBERSHIP REPORT ~JULY 2017
from Membership Chair Lynn Lewis

Active Members.....217	Sustaining Members.....4
Associate Members.....13	Recently Deceased.....0
Life Members.....46	Renewing Members.....27
Student Members.....36	New Members7
Supporting Members.....1	Current Member Total....317

WELCOME NEW PST MEMBERS

Mary Creviere Turner ~ Houston (June)
 Ann Coberley ~ Canyon, (June)
 Nathan Brown ~ Wimberly, (July)
 Gwendolyn Cappel-McCoy, McKinney, (July)
 Susan Duty, Woodway, (July)
 Ashley Mag Gabbert, Dallas, (July)
 Timothy Huan, Kerrville, (July)
 Daniel Hunter, Houston, (July)
 Courtney Pederson, Austin, (July)

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BOOK DONATIONS REPORT

From PST Librarian Barbara Blanks

Librarian Barbara Blanks reported that the following books were donated in **June and July** to the permanent collection of the Dallas Central Library:

- Flowers Thorns And Other Offerings:*
 Poetry by Masood Parvaze
A Galaxy of Verse, Spring/Summer, Vol. 37 No. 1
 Edited by Barbara Blanks
The Keyboard Letters, by Diane Glancy

If you have published a collection of poems or if your chapter has published an anthology, please consider donating a copy to this collection. Please send your books to Librarian Barbara Blanks at 1518 Running River Road, Garland, Tx 75044-7254.



Our Deepest Sympathy
Is Extended To The Following:



Maxine Kohanski's beloved daughter, Schemen, died on July 9. The funeral service was held on July 13 in Spring, Texas. A number of PST members were able to attend the service. Maxine lost her husband, Bob, last May. Messages of comfort are always welcomed.

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