

# THE BULLETIN



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### THE PST MONTHLY MEETING REPORT

Submitted by Barbara Blanks, Recording Secretary

*Saturday, February 8, 2014*

President Jimmye Inez Sessions called the meeting to order. She welcomed our speaker, Anne McCrady from Tyler, our guest, Amanda Elliot from Dallas, and two members who joined recently and were present at the state meeting for the first time: Rusty Smith and Wes Vines. Past presidents in attendance were Catherine L'Herisson and J. Paul Holcomb.

Treasurer Aman Khan gave the January Financial Statement. We are solvent.

Director David Knappe gave the January membership report for absent Membership Chair Lynn Lewis (see the membership report and the Librarian's book report on page 6).

President Sessions announced that the 2014 *A Book of the Year* is being produced by Linda Banks, with assistance from Barbara Blanks.

President Sessions also announced Pat Randolph's retirement after seven years of service as the Spotlight on Members Chair. A round of applause was given to Pat for her dedication and service.

Corresponding Secretary Jessica Gonsoulin volunteered to fill the position. Members who would like to be in the Spotlight may contact Jessica at: [jlgonsoulin@yahoo.com](mailto:jlgonsoulin@yahoo.com). Spot-lighted poets may read up to 60 lines of poetry, whether from one or several poems. A member does not have to be present at the meeting to be in the spotlight. Someone in attendance can read for the spotlighted poet. This is an excellent way to have your poetry heard. A short bio of the poet is also read before the poems are presented.

Program Chair Catherine L'Herisson introduced our speaker, Anne McCrady, who, with her husband Mike, recently moved from Henderson to Tyler. Anne has won the top prizes in both PST and NFSPS contests. Her book, *Along Greathouse Road*, was an Eakin Award manuscript winner. Her newest book, *Letting Myself In*, was published by Dos Gatos Press. The editor actually approached Anne about publishing her poems, since she has been in the *Texas Poetry Calendar* more than anyone.

Anne said, "I can't overestimate the impact PST has made on my life." She also stated, "Poetry is a pretty lonely business, and PST gives you the opportunity to publish and to communicate with poets all over the state....We write because there are people in our lives who need to speak from their hearts, and when they cannot or have no outlet to do so,

we are charged with making that happen."

Anne writes poetry, fiction, and creative non-fiction. This dynamic speaker read from both her books and from her chapbook, *Under a Blameless Moon*, telling stories or histories about each poem she read. Anne has a science background, and science and nature are close to her heart. She also loves metaphors because they are "the magical part of poetry." Please visit her Website at [www.inspiritory.com](http://www.inspiritory.com).

The speaker for the meeting on March 8 has not yet been announced.

After the break, President Sessions donned her Contest Chair hat and announced the winning poems for February. The winning poems are listed in the Monthly Contest box below.

If you have never been to a state meeting, you are encouraged to attend. The meetings are friendly, informal, and lots of fun...and there is usually chocolate.

### MONTHLY CONTEST WINNERS

February 2014

**Critic Judge:** Loretta Diane Walker, Odessa

**First Place:** Barbara Blanks, Garland ~ "Recognizing Time"

**Second Place:** Catherine L'Herisson, Garland

**Third Place:** Von S. Bourland, Happy

### 10 Poems Read at The Meeting

#### Book Prizes

**Reader:** J. Paul Holcomb, Double Oak

**Popular Prize:** Jessica Gonsoulin, McKinney

**A Galaxy of Verse Prize:** J. Paul Holcomb, Double Oak

**Poetry for Poets Award:** Richard Peake, Galveston

**William Barney Memorial:** David Knappe, Plano

**Wendy Dimmette Memorial:** Sylvia S. Medel, McKinney

**M. Tandy Duemke Prize:** Tony Dickensheets, Coppell

**Other Poems Read By:** Jacinta Mooney, Budd Powell

Mahan, Aman Khan, and Miriam Hassert.

#### Laugh Lines

**Judge:** Marilyn Stacy, Dallas

**Winner:** Barbara Blanks, Garland

*Love is a smoke made with the fume of sighs.*

~ William Shakespeare ~



*Happy Valentine's Day*





## From Our Member Chapters... Poetry NEWS from Across Texas

### ALAMO AREA POETS OF TEXAS

*Iris Maahs*

Members who attended the February meeting had the pleasure of hearing poet, musician, and pastor Rudy Harst, who read from his book of poems and essays, *Hurry Slowly*. It was a special treat when he played his guitar and sang "The House of Yes." Members even sang along on the chorus.

The following awards were presented for January poems in the open category: Dee Carter (2nd HM); Peter Holland (1st HM); Peggy Mott (3rd place); Sheila Moore (2nd place); Don Mathis (1st place). Winners of the January assigned category are: Don Mathis (1st HM); Sheila Moore (3rd place); Peter Holland (2nd place); Peggy Mott (1st place). Many thanks to Von Bourland of Happy, Texas, for judging the January poems.

After the awards, members enjoyed refreshments furnished by Vivian Skinner and Pat Walker. It was also a time to get acquainted with guests: Shirley Campbell, Susan Salsman, Desiree Harst, Zet Baer, Susan Damian, Lanab Assef Al-Jundi, Rudy Harst, and new member Margie Cook.

AAPT members who belong to the "Writers Take a Walk" group went to the Martin Luther King March, then wrote poems about their experiences on the march. Their poems were submitted to the *Rivard Report* for publication. Don Mathis, leader of the group, also had his poem, "A Look Back at 2013" published in the *Arkansas Sandyland Chronicle*.

President Sheila Moore updated everyone on several members who have not been able to attend recently. Dee Carter is recovering from surgery and doing well.

**Editor's Note:** As this *Bulletin* was being prepared, we received the sad news that Harvey Maahs passed away on February 13. Harvey was the husband of Iris Maahs and former president of the San Antonio Poets Association and member of both AAPT, SAPA, and the Poetry Society of Texas. Harvey's funeral was February 20, with burial at Fort Sam Houston with full military honors.

### AUSTIN POETRY SOCIETY

*Beth Kropf*

On February 8 Patricia Fiske had a book signing for her new book *Secrets I Couldn't Tell My Children*. On February 15, the APS monthly meeting will feature Thom the World Poet on the topic of "Continuous Festivals." The "Valentine Tribute 2 Woman" will be on February 14 and will feature Usha Akella, Thom the World Poet, Peter Sebert, Magic Jack McCabe, and Christine Gilbert. Usha Akella's second book titled *The Rosary of Latitudes* is forthcoming from 2Leaf Press. Scott Wiggerman will be featured at BookWoman on March 13 and will host a workshop on March 15 titled "Sex, Gender, Desire: Exploring Queer Identity through Poetry and Art." On Sunday, March 9, at 3 p.m. at The Twig Book Shop, 306 Pearl Parkway, Suite 106, in San Antonio, the Spring KinCity Reading Series 2014 will highlight Carmen Tafolla, Stacy

Christie, Amaris Diaz, Cyra Dumitru, Wade Martin, Trey Moody, and more.

Please see [austinpoetrysociety.org](http://austinpoetrysociety.org) for a complete list of poetry events and member accomplishments.

### BEAUMONT CHAPTER

*Barbara Green Powell*

Beaumont Chapter President, Birma Castle, otherwise known as our poetry cheerleader, organizes and leads the Lucidity Poetry Retreat held in beautiful Eureka Springs each April. This year the retreat will be held April 22-24, 2014. If you are a new poet or semi-new, the critiquing sessions will be a blessing for your poetic skills. This year two PST poets, Charlotte Renk and Anne McCrady, are the main featured speakers. This will be Charlotte's third year as a featured speaker. Please contact us if you are interested in this retreat. We guarantee a fun learning experience and a wonderful vacation in the beautiful Ozarks.

Beaumont Chapter will sponsor a contest in memory of Violette Newton (Poet Laureate of Texas 1973-74) in the upcoming PST annual contests. Be thinking about a poem to honor this wonderful poet. If you never had the privilege of meeting her, read one or more of her books to acquaint yourself with Violette through her writing. In our Galaxy of Verse contest a poet who had never met Violette wrote a wonderful poem in tribute to her; so can you. We look forward to reading your poems.

We meet the third Thursday of each month at Calder Wood Retirement Community from 10 a.m. till noon. We read/critique our poems from the previous month, read our new poems for the current month, then Lou Whittaker sends our poems to Evelyn Appelbee to be critiqued. Thanks Evelyn, we appreciate your dedication to helping us become better poets.

Here's hoping all of you keep warm during this wintry winter. Wish we could bottle it up for this summer.

### DENTON POETS' ASSEMBLY

*Richard Weatherly*

Denton Poets' Assembly met on Saturday, February 15. Members read their sestina poems from J. Paul Holcomb's meeting in January.

J. Paul Holcomb presented a lesson titled, "Close Counts." Members and guests also read free choice poems, something we do at each meeting.

The next Merging Visions release is only a couple of months away. Members proofed the final presentation copies of entries as a final step toward this year's Merging Visions exhibition. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting and enjoying your poetry!

Denton Poets' Assembly meets on the third Saturday of the month, 10 a.m.–noon at the Emily Fowler Central Library, 502 Oakland Street, Denton, TX 76201. Meetings are free and

open to the public. Everyone is welcome. For more information, visit [www.DentonPoetsAssembly.weebly.com](http://www.DentonPoetsAssembly.weebly.com).

If you have questions or comments, contact: Richard L Weatherly, Denton Poets' Assembly President. His e-mail address is: [weatherlyr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:weatherlyr@sbcglobal.net).

### **FORT WORTH POETRY SOCIETY**

*Ann Jones*

President Steve Sanders opened the meeting with a poem by Keith Douglas, from the anthology, *The Great Modern Poets*, edited by Michael Schmidt. This excellent collection, is available at Barnes & Nobles and would make a nice addition to your book shelves.

Our old business was three-fold. Steve handed out our constitution's old bylaws, which need updating. Members can look them over and send him suggestions or offer them at our March meeting. Hilda Mendoza affirmed that our Web site has been hacked. She cannot revise or add anything to it. She offered several remedies that included making a new Web site and having more than one person able to access it. Steve mentioned that since we have a Facebook page we might consider using it as well. We had a rather lengthy discussion about the third bit of old business, the chapbook contest we would like to offer through PST. Several suggestions were made that Steve will pass on to PST.

New business concerned an event where our members could present a program of poetry. A committee was formed that included Steve, Mike Baldwin, and Anne Jones. Some of the venues suggested were the Modern Arts Museum, the zoo, some places in Mansfield and in Denton. Because some of the workshop poems were based on paintings, Mike projected them on a screen for us, as well as several other pictures for the various poems. It added to our enjoyment. A lively and helpful critique session followed.

### **HI-PLAINS CHAPTER**

*Von Bourland*

In spite of snow falling, the weather forecast looks good for our February 15 meeting. Hi-Plains meets bi-monthly beginning in February at Amarillo Sr. Center, Seminar Room, 1217 S. Tyler Street, 2 p.m. Contact info: Mary Yokum, President, (806) 355-1986. All are welcome.

### **MOCKINGBIRD CHAPTER**

*Jessica Gonsoulin*

At the February 1 meeting, Bob Ball, a neighbor of Gene Perkins, was present as a guest.

Collin County Contest Chair Beth Ayers distributed contest poems to various members for judging.

New bylaws, under consideration for several months, were approved as amended.

Sylvia Medel, head of the nominating committee, who was absent because her husband was sick, sent nominations for officers in an envelope that was opened and read by Jimmie Sessions. They were, as follows: President, Irene Robertson; Vice President/Treasurer, David Knape; Secretary, Jessica Gonsoulin. After several additional nominations from

the floor, a vote was taken, and the slate approved. The meeting then adjourned for chocolate chip cookies baked by Irene.

### **PERMIAN BASIN CHAPTER**

*Jennifer McNeely*

The Permian Basin chapter elected the following officers for 2014-2015: Jocelyn Mosman, President; Tony Henniger, Vice-President; Kayla Keel, Secretary; Kat Copeland and Loretta Diane Walker, Treasurers; Daniel Carlo Ramos, Event Coordinator; and Jennifer McNeely, Newsletter Editor for the State newsletter. Poets performed at two new venues locally, the Pine Box in Midland and the Black Box Theater in Odessa, where they plan to continue holding open mics and slams.

On January 11, local poets participated in a poetry slam and haiku death match at the Ground Floor in Midland. Winners were: 1st place—Gerik Fowler, Midland; 2nd place—Ray Wells "Nuff Said," Slamarillo; 3rd place—Gunnar Rogers, Andrews. Winners for the Haiku death match were: 1st place—Dalyn Spurgeon "Mute," Slamarillo; 2nd place—Daniel Carlo Ramos "DCR," Midland; 3rd place—Jocelyn Mosman, Odessa. On February 1, the poets competed in a poetry slam once again at the Pine Box. Slam winners were: 1st place—Gerik Fowler, 2nd place—Ray Wells, 3rd place—Gunnar Rogers.

The group hosted its monthly meeting and writers' roundtable on January 25 at the Ground Floor, as well as an open mic night on February 8 at the same venue. Local poets are encouraged to attend these monthly events on the last Saturday at 2 p.m. and the second Saturday at 7 p.m., respectively.

The Permian Basin chapter has several upcoming events to showcase local poets. A poetry slam is planned at the Black Box on February 15, as well as a haiku workshop on March 15. This was requested by Pat Peek, a longtime member of the Permian Basin group and a state councilor. The poets will have a booth April 5 at the centennial plaza in downtown Midland for the annual Celebration of the Arts event, and they are planning a summer event for 100,000 Poets for Change. A slam is being planned in May for the Black Box as well. Also in the works is a state summer conference in Midland slated for 2015 or 2016.

Forrest Fest in Lamesa is planned for April 24-26, and several Permian Basin poets will attend. Forrest Fest is a multicultural international poetry festival with a mission to provide literary, educational and quality of life opportunities for a diverse economically disadvantaged community. For more information, visit the Forrest Fest Web site at [www.forrestfest.wordpress.com](http://www.forrestfest.wordpress.com).

The Permian Basin chapter continues to promote poetry through its own Facebook page and through West Texas Poets—a Facebook page created by the Permian Basin chapter. This page is a collection of poets of all ages, male and female, who want their voices heard throughout the community. Poets who participate on the page are from a wide range of cities in West Texas, including Odessa, Midland, Gardendale, Big Spring, Lamesa, and Lubbock.

Jocelyn Mosman, head administrator for the page, invited interested poets to join, saying, "Any poet can post onto the page or message us and we will be happy to give feedback on

the writing we receive. We accept a variety of styles and forms, from haiku to spoken word. Let us know if you have any questions or comments regarding our work.” Check them out at: [www.facebook.com/TexasPoets](http://www.facebook.com/TexasPoets).

Well wishes go out to member Loretta Diane Walker, who is also a state councilor and prolific published poet. She is recovering from breast cancer. Permian Basin Chapter also sends its well wishes to Connie Lane Williams, the founder of Forrest Fest, who is recovering from ankle surgery.

## POETS OF TARRANT COUNTY

*Lynn Lewis*

The February 3 meeting of the Poets of Tarrant County was called to order by President J. Paul Holcomb. The minutes from the January meeting were accepted as read. Treasurer Chuck Poole gave the treasurer’s report, and as the Contemporary Poet Reader, he read “I Walked with my Daughter Today” by Steven Fromholz.

The following announcements were made: Roberta Bowman is back home from her stay at a rehab facility and is accepting phone calls. The inaugural meeting for Poetry of Johnson County will be at the Cleburne Cultural Arts Complex. World Music concert at the Botanic Garden on February 8 will be a fundraiser for Camp Dos Cabezas.

The Spotlight Poet was Patricia Ferguson. Carolyn West spoke about her Thank You Darlin’ Foundation’s after school programs, and she read a review by J. Paul Holcomb. She is recruiting volunteers to help with various aspects.

Vice-President Hollis Davis introduced our featured speaker, Jan Spence, who read from her chapbook, *Navigating the Old Road*. Assignment poems were read after the break, and the meeting was adjourned by President Holcomb.

## POETS NORTHWEST

*Carol A. Taylor*

PNW held its January 18 meeting in our new location at the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts. Meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m.–12 noon. The Museum welcomed us as part of the Complex’s mission to open cultural experiences to the community. Members read their winning poems from state, followed by our usual read-around.

Our February 15 meeting featured David Orchard, poet and geologist, who gave an interesting program. He traced the occurrence of geology through prose and poetry from the late eighteenth century to the present. The Museum is hosting a “Poetry in Motion” program for children, and we look forward to having them join us for the read-around.

New members and guests are always welcome. Copies of our bi-annual PNW anthology are available for sale at the meetings, or can be obtained by contacting Lynn Grice. PNW will host the PST Summer Conference, and we hope to see you all in Houston in July.

## RUSK COUNTY POETRY SOCIETY

*Vina Hathaway*

The monthly meeting of RCPS was held on January 16 at 2 p.m. at the South Main Church of Christ with 13 attending:

Sue Roberts, Sharon Taylor, Vina Hathaway, Reta Maxted, Mary Tindall, Tammy Hoffman, Carol Thompson, Joye Greenwalt, Mary Wood, Fairon Spears, Jane Cheatham, Richard Hurzeler, and Joyce McGee. President Sue Roberts opened the meeting with a greeting to all members; a welcome to returning member, Jane Cheatham; and recognition of newest members Tammy Hoffman and Carol Thompson. Fairon Spears opened the meeting with prayer.

Joyce McGee read the November minutes, and Sharon Taylor gave the treasurer’s report. A discussion of sponsoring a \$25 category in the annual PST contests resulted in a motion, which was seconded and passed. It was announced that the yearbooks have been compiled and completed by Vina and are ready for distribution upon payment of yearly dues. Tammy Hoffman provided information for a free writing workshop to be held at the Rusk County Library in Henderson on January 27 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

The installation of officers was conducted by Carol Thompson who read several quotes and swore in the following officers to serve consecutive terms: President, Sue Roberts; Vice-President, Sharon Taylor; Corresponding Secretary, Vina Hathaway; and Recording Secretary, Joyce McGee. Carol finished the installation with a poem about writing by Joyce McGee.

Joye Greenwalt, Spotlight Poet for January, read three of her poems, noting that one poem was actually words to a song she is in the process of getting published.

Vina Hathaway presented the lesson on “writing a riddle using alliteration and assonance” through an “I spy” technique with a painting. She also passed out a crossword puzzle sheet regarding the lesson. During refreshment time, members were encouraged to study the painting and write a four or eight line riddle from objects observed in the painting. After the break, the lesson continued as members shared what they had written. The homework assignment was to get inspiration from a picture, collage, etc. and write a riddle using the lesson and the “I spy” technique.

Anne McCrady will be Lesson Poet in February, and Richard Hurzeler is Spotlight Poet.

## SAN ANTONIO POETS ASSOCIATION

*Valerie Martin Bailey*

In January, 15 members and 2 visitors attended our first meeting at our new location in the Beacon Hill Presbyterian Church. The visitors were: Khalilah Bilal and Pastor Tom Heger, who graciously led the invocation, offering two prayers: one traditional and one an informal blessing on our group and our new “home” in their facility. The church gave us a warm welcome by providing signage to direct our members to the meeting room with bouquets of fresh flowers at the signage stations and our sign-in table.

Wallace Vaughan brought a long-stemmed red rose for each lady in attendance and reported that his wife Loretta’s knee replacement surgery had gone well. At this writing, she is now at home, and SAPA is eager to have her back at our meetings and venues soon.

Program Chair, Michaud Lamrouex conducted our

program—an ekphrastic poetry contest. Most participants brought the art item featured in their poems. The contest was judged by the membership. All were excellent poems, but Margaret Mayberry's poem, "The Hay Wain" by John Constable, was judged the best.

Contest Chair Wallace Vaughan announced the winners of the December contests, judged by Michael Baldwin of Benbrook, Texas. Valerie Bailey won 1st place in both the assigned and open contests. Other winners in the assigned contest were: Margaret Mayberry (2nd), Wallace Vaughan (3rd), and Jean Jackson (HM). Other winners in the open contest were: Jean Jackson (2nd), Sheila Moore (3rd), and Margaret Mayberry (HM).

Refreshments were provided by Pat Gibbs, Margaret Mayberry, and Mary Cervantes.

### TEXOMA POETRY SOCIETY

#### *Frances Neidhardt*

The February program drawn from the popular "Downton Abbey" PBS series was presented February 1 at 2:15 p.m. in the Sherman Public Library. President Peggy Ritzer welcomed the group of 22 and recognized new member Tohnie Hynds for a poem mentioned at the PST Awards Banquet. Titles of Peggy's second place award and 6 mentions at the banquet were read by Frances Neidhardt.

For the program, Peggy presented Susan McGinn, a native of Canada and formerly of Vermont who lives in Sherman. A free-lance writer, editor, and activist with the Sherman Community Players, she is the wife of Austin College music professor, Dr. John McGinn. A Harvard cum laude graduate in literature and history, she attended college as a Presidential Scholar, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and was on the literary magazine board. McGinn's original program, "On the Poetry Shelf of Downton Abbey," covered some of the poets likely enjoyed by characters supposedly residing in Highclere Castle, the residence portrayed as Downton Abbey. She read primarily from Victorian and Edwardian writers, but also added a few modernist poets of the 1920s.

Nadene Dean, a local writer, appeared with much dignity in a surprising walk-on role, dressed head to toe as the Dowager Countess (Violet) of Grantham. She welcomed the guests, then was seated to hear the program.

For the March 1 program, local actor Darrah Dunn, who wowed everyone in October with his Shakespearean presentation, will return to read and discuss Robert Frost.

### WICHITA FALLS POETRY SOCIETY

#### *Linda Smith*

The WFPS met January 18 at 2 p.m. in the Texas Room of the Kemp Center for the Arts with 10 members present. President Doc Wood presided, and roll call was answered with the last poem each had written—circumstances and type. Brag Time followed. Sheri Sutton reported that she had been around Texas at book signings and to date has sold about 500 copies of her book of devotionals, *And So It Is*.

One topic of business concerned tickets to the February Arts Alive! Home & Garden Festival. As a member organiza-

tion of the Kemp Center, WFPS has the option to sell tickets to raise funds for Society expenses. This year's theme is "Springtime Sonnet." Doc Wood was contacted by the Kemp to write a sonnet for the show's publicity. Doc had copies of his sonnet for members. Everyone was pleased and proud. Good publicity for the WFPS! Tickets are bought for \$1 from the Kemp and sold for \$5, thereby netting WFPS \$4 per ticket sold. Kemp Center Liaison Linda Smith will handle ticket sales, with Treasurer Sheri Sutton collecting the money.

Doc asked members to consider serving as an officer of the WFPS. This is usually decided in the spring, with yearbooks which include programs and officers to be ready by the May meeting. The Christmas meeting was so successful, it was decided that we should go ahead and schedule a December meeting in the Texas Room.

The WFPS will offer a PST contest in memory of long-time member Leta Hedrick who died last fall. Members will give a \$100 donation to one of the programs of Leta's church.

Karen Nadeau presented a program on Musical Poetry. Her examples were her poems that have been set to music. February's contest will be a Christian or religious theme poem (24 line limit) in any form.

Winners in the January contest for the best Nonet are: Linda Smith (1st), Webb Key, new member (2nd), Deborah Kegley (3rd), Doc Wood (1HM), Rosellen Sheetz (2HM), Sheri Sutton (3HM). The Critic Judge was Linda Banks of Mesquite, Texas.

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR PST MEMBERS

**The Women of the World Poetry Slam:** In Austin March 19-22. The four-day festival features 72 of the best female poets in the world competing for the WOW Poetry Slam championship. The festival also features workshops, open mics, performances, special nighttime events, book signings, and parties. Events are open to the public—free with a festival pass. Registration closed in January; however the last open spot will be awarded to the winner of the Last Chance Slam, which takes place at Spiderhouse Ballroom on Wednesday, March 19. Sign up is at 7 p.m. and the slam starts at 8 p.m. Event is limited to 12 poets. If more than 12 sign up, there will be a random drawing for the 12 participants. The winner wins the last spot in the Slam, with registration paid for by Poetry Slam, Inc. In order to participate, the winner must be a member of PoetrySlam, Inc. and meet all other PSI requirements in order to participate. For questions about attending or volunteering at the event, Email: [info@wow.poetryslam.com](mailto:info@wow.poetryslam.com). For questions about competing or participating, Email: [executivedirector@poetryslam.com](mailto:executivedirector@poetryslam.com).

**Arkansas Writers Conference:** The annual Arkansas Writers Conference is June 6-8 at the Pulaski Technical College.

**Indiana State Federation of Poetry Clubs** announced its Fall Rendezvous Contest brochure is available. It's not too early to start thinking about entries in these contests. If you would like to receive a Word Doc. brochure with information on either of these send an e-mail request to the *Bulletin* editor at [vbaileyBulletin@satx.rr.com](mailto:vbaileyBulletin@satx.rr.com).

## THE JANUARY 2014 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

*from Membership Chair Lynn Lewis*

Active: 164; Associate: 4; Honorary: 5; Library: 3; Life: 62;  
Student: 24; Supporting: 1; Recently Deceased: 0

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP TOTAL: 263  
New Members: 3 • Renewing Members: 2

### WELCOME NEW PST MEMBERS

**Joined January 2014:**

Jocelyn Mosman ~ Gardendale, Texas  
Dora Robinson ~ Austin, Texas  
Carol P. Thompson ~ Tyler, Texas

### RENEWING PST MEMBERS

Thomas McChesney ~ Fort Worth, Texas  
Pamelyn Casto ~ Granbury, Texas

#### NOTICE TO ALL PST MEMBERS:

If there has been any change in your contact information (address, phone, or e-mail), please let our Membership Chair, Lynn Lewis know so she can update our roll. Thanks.  
*(Lynn's contact info is in the Executive Board box below)*



### Book Donations Report from Barbara Blanks

At the February meeting, Librarian Barbara Blanks reported that no new books were donated to the PST's permanent collection at the Dallas Central Public Library. Anne McCrady agreed to donate a copy of her new book, *Letting Myself In*, if any were left after her book signing.

If you have a book(s) you would like to donate to the collection, please send it to Barbara Blanks at the address listed in the Executive Board box.

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### *The Poetry Society of Texas Extends Deepest Sympathy to the Following:*

*Catherine L'Herisson and Family  
at the death of her father, Alton Lloyd Townsend  
on January 28, 2013.*

*Catherine L'Herisson served as our 22nd president  
and currently serves on the board as vice-president.*

*Her beloved father served his country with  
distinction and had been a former prisoner of war.  
He was 92 years old and resided in Natchitoches, LA.*

*Iris Maahs and Family  
at the death of her husband, Lt.Col. Harvey Maahs  
on February 13, 2014.*

*He served his country with distinction for 30 years as  
a pilot in the U.S. Air Force, flying the  
Berlin Air Lift, serving in Vietnam and the Pentagon.  
He was buried at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery  
with full Air Force Honors.*

*Evelyn Corry Appelbee and Family  
at the death of her beloved sister, Dorothy Ben Ronan  
on February 17, 2014  
Service arrangements pending; not known at this time.*

Members are encouraged to send messages of condolence to these bereaved members via cards, e-mails, and Facebook.

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