

# THE BULLETIN



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Carmen Tafolla

Don't miss this fabulous event that will feature Dr. Carmen Tafolla of San Antonio as Keynote Speaker. Dr. Tafolla is loved throughout the world for her moving performances and poetry readings. A full slate of notable speakers will also inspire and entertain us at the 2017 NFSPS Convention in Fort Worth June 29–July 2. Pat Stodghill, Karla K. Morton, Diane Glancy, Anne McCrady, Nathan Brown, Urania Fung, Doc Gibbs, Scott Wiggerman, and Beth and Mark Ayers will make this a convention to be remembered for a lifetime. This is your last chance to get in on the fun. **June 6 is the deadline** for the special hotel rate. There will be a cut-off on meal registrations a few days before the event. Registration forms are still available, along with complete convention information—click “Events” at [www.poetrysocietyoftexas.org](http://www.poetrysocietyoftexas.org). You may also still donate to help PST make this a memorable convention. Send your donations to Convention treasurer: Catherine L’Herisson at 518 Grinnell Dr., Garland, TX. 75043. Rooms are going fast, so hurry and get in on the nation’s best poetry event right here in the Lone Star State. Yee-Haw!

### Minutes of the Poetry Society of Texas Meeting Saturday, May 13, 2017 – 2:30 p.m.

Submitted by Barbara Blanks, Recording Secretary

**President Budd Powell Mahan** opened the meeting by welcoming our guest Judy Kirkley of Dallas, and recognizing past presidents: Marilyn Stacy, Linda Banks, J. Paul Holcomb, Jimmy Inez Sessions, and Catherine L’Herisson.

**Treasurer Aman Khan** gave the April Financial Statement. The largest expenditure was for printing *A Book of the Year*, copies of which were given to attending members. The rest will be mailed soon.

**Director Barbara Goerdel** gave the April Membership Report for **Membership Chair Lynn Lewis**. The report can be seen on page 6.

**Librarian Barbara Blanks** announced five donations to the PST collection held at the Dallas Central Library. These donations are listed on page 6.

**The Nominating Committee for the Executive Board** for 2017-2018 consisted of Chair Linda Banks, J. Paul Holcomb, Marilyn Stacy, Jimmie Inez Sessions, and Jeannette Strother. Linda took the lectern and announced the proposed slate of officers: President: Budd Powell Mahan; Vice President: Aman Khan; Treasurer: Patrick Lee Marshall; Corresponding Secretary: Jessica Gonsoulin; Recording Secretary: Barbara Blanks; Directors: Beth Ayers, Susan Maxwell Campbell, and Irene Robertson.

She then opened the floor to nominations. There were none. Linda asked for a motion to approve the new board: Catherine L’Herisson moved and Jimmy Inez Sessions seconded the motion. The new board was elected with no dissent. The new Board will be seated on September 1, 2017.

Both current Vice-President Catherine L’Herisson and Director Barbara Goerdel had chosen not to be on the board for another term. They were thanked for their service.

**President Mahan** announced the appointment of an Auditing Committee consisting of Aman Khan, Linda Banks, J. Paul Holcomb, Barbara Blanks, and new Treasurer Patrick

Marshall.

He also reported on the Student Awards Program, held April 22 at the Dallas Central Library. There was standing room only in the auditorium—at least 200 students, parents, and teachers attended. He was assisted by L.D. Carter, Beth Ayers, Catherine L’Herisson, and Barbara Blanks.

*The PST Student Awards Anthology* was given to all winners, plus several other copies were sold. This year the book’s dedication went to Patrick Marshall, with thanks also to Andrea Marshall, for all the contests they sponsor, and their efforts to encourage student and sponsor participation.

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**There will be no monthly contests in June, July, or August. To enter the September contests, please submit poems by August 15.**

### MAY MONTHLY CONTEST WINNERS

**Critic Judge:** Michaud L. Lamrouex, San Antonio

**First:** Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas ~ *Fort Worth*

**Second:** Dr. Amanulla Khan, Dallas

**Third:** Barbara Blanks, Garland

### Book Prizes

**Reader:** Amy Sandberg, Mesquite

**Popular Prize:** Marilyn Stacy, Dallas

**A Galaxy of Verse Prize:** LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK

**Poetry for Poets Award:** Catherine L’Herisson, Garland

**William D. Barney Mem. Award:** JDarrell Kirkley, Dallas

**M. Tandy Duemke Mem. Award:** Von S. Bourland, Happy

**Robby K. Mitchell Mem. Award:** Naomi Stroud Simmons, Ft. Worth

**Other Poems Read By:** Tony Dickensheets, Manuel L. English, Florene Flat, and Sylvia Medel.

### Laugh Lines

**Judge:** Barbara Blanks

**Winner:** Budd Powell Mahan

Send contest entries before the 15th of each month to the Contest Chair, Irene Robertson at 1625 Gayla Creek Drive, Little Elm, TX 75068. The e-mail address is: [yranie@att.net](mailto:yranie@att.net)

**Extension Chair Susan Maxwell Campbell** reported she had written to all the PST councilors to introduce herself, anticipating further interactions, and included her printed bookmarks with short poems for Poem-in-Your-Pocket Day. Susan also announced that she has agreed to be the Contest Chair for the NFSPS Annual contest next year.

**Vice President Catherine L’Herisson** urged everyone to make their convention hotel reservations ASAP to ensure getting a room since a large wedding party is booking during that time also. NFSPS attendees receive a reduced rate. Catherine also thanked all who donated toward convention costs. Their names (not donation amounts) will be printed in the convention booklet, and their name tags will have a gold star.

**Registration Chair Beth Ayers** said registering for the Convention is not the same as reserving a room. Send registration forms to her. You can attend for one day (\$40), or the entire convention (\$75). That does not include meals. Registered attendees will receive a gift bag that includes the NFSPS *Encore* 2016. Also, if you can assist at the registration desk, please contact her for details.

**Linda Banks** has retired as editor of *A Book of the Year* after about 10 years of service. If you are interested in this position, please contact President Mahan. She was given a round of applause.

**Spotlight on Poets Chair Susan Maxwell Campbell** presented **Laurie Kolp of Beaumont** via audio/visual spotlight. Laurie read several poems from her book, *On the Blue*

*Couch.*

**Program Chair Catherine L’Herisson** introduced our program speaker **Michael Baldwin**, who is a self-professed descendent of Crazy Horse. Born and raised in Fort Worth, he now resides in Benbrook with his wife. He holds a BA in Political Science, and a Masters in both Public Administration and Library Science. He writes poetry, novels, science fiction, and a children’s book, *Space Cat*, illustrated by JDarrell Kirkley. Much of Mike’s writing stems from “an early and enduring love of nature and his exploration of it through science, particularly astronomy.”

His program was titled “On the Nature of Nature Poetry.” Nature poetry didn’t exist until about the 1800s, except as use in metaphors about other subjects. Nature was a thing to avoid or to control. Several “revolutions” occurred in the 1800s—scientific, literary, spiritual, and industrial, which is when the art and poetry of the Romantic Era began changing. William Blake and Robert Burns were among the first to write poems about nature itself. Mike also read poems that contrasted the Eastern way of thinking to the Western. An example given was a haiku by Basho, who simply admired and saw the mystery in a flower blooming, compared to a poem by Tennyson who wanted to analyze what he saw in a crannied wall. Mike closed his program by reading four of his own nature poems.

After the break, **Barbara Blanks** announced the winners in the May 2017 Monthly Contests for **Monthly Contest Chair Irene Robertson**. See the contest results on page 1.

## News From Our Member Chapters



## From Across the Great State of Texas

### AUSTIN POETRY SOCIETY

#### *Elzy Cogwell Reporting*

On May 20, APS held its Annual Awards Ceremony, at Yarbrough Branch Library. Winners of the annual contests received their cash prizes and read the winning poems (those not present will receive their checks in the mail). The annual *Anthology* of winning poems was distributed. Diana Conces and Cathleen O’Shea will coordinate production of the 2016-2017 *Anthology*. Anjela Villarreal Ratliff completed a year of editing the *Museletter*. Members were encouraged to volunteer to edit the newsletter beginning in August. Members were also encouraged to attend the National Federation of State Poetry Societies Convention in Ft. Worth, June 29–July 2. Kathleen Burke will help coordinate a few workshops for APS next year.

Monthly meetings are suspended for the summer, resuming in September, and the *Museletter* also takes a summer sabbatical. The APS Critique Group and the Fourth Thursday Open Mic Readings continue. For information about upcoming events, visit [www.austinpoetrysociety.org](http://www.austinpoetrysociety.org). To receive the monthly APS *Museletter*, which features a list of publishing opportunities, please join online. The Poetry Caravan, which takes poetry to disadvantaged audiences in women’s shelters, senior homes, educational institutions, and hospitals, continues through the summer, organized by notable international poet

Usha Akella. Volunteers are eagerly invited.

### BEAUMONT CHAPTER

#### *Barbara Green Powell Reporting*

The Beaumont Poetry Society had great fun on April 18 when we had a Read-Around at Calder Woods Retirement Center. A retired 93-year-old university professor, sharp as a tack, volunteered to read one of Birma’s poems aloud and he had not lost any of his ability to put proper expression into a cold reading. He plans to attend our next meeting. We meet there every third Thursday from 10 a.m. till noon.

We were privileged to judge Caldwood Elementary School’s Haiku Contest. The winners were awarded medals that night at an Awards Ceremony. PST’s Laurie Kolp teaches First Grade there. She reported that the Second Place winner was one of her students.

Dorothy Clover’s poem, “The Front Porch” and an article about her mother were featured in the May issue of Beaumont’s prestigious *VIP monthly* magazine. Congratulations to Dorothy. Congratulations also to Lanell Stuart, who was privileged to have her prose poem, “Old Stone Church” published in *The Pagosa Springs SUN* in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. <http://www.pagosahun.com>.

Poetry was alive and well at the Lucidity Poetry Retreat in

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Eureka Springs, Arkansas with eleven new attendees and more than thirty others who attend the event each April. It was a grand reunion of our poetry family from several states. What a thrill it is to be with people of like interest! Plan to attend our next retreat and see what we are excited about. Birma, her daughter, Vicki, and this reporter traveled together and shared a wonderful, sunshiny day. Most years we have to travel in rain. The gorgeous weather made the trip shorter than its usual eleven hours.

Birma Castle, Laurie Kolp, and Barbara Powell are planning to attend the National Convention in Fort Worth, starting the end of June. We are looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting many new ones. Hope to see you there.

### **DENTON POETS ASSEMBLY**

#### ***Richard Weatherly Reporting***

Denton Poets Assembly welcomed members and guests to our monthly meeting and critique session for April 2017. A critique session began at 9 a.m., regular meeting at 10 a.m. We started our regular meeting after an opening discussion. Members read assigned poems from J. Paul Holcomb's April lesson on "How do you decide between a form and free verse? Let the poem decide."

Following the readings, J. Paul Holcomb presented the May lesson. Members and guests read free-choice poems during the last hour of our meeting.

On the morning of April 26, PST & DPA member T. Jervis Underwood passed away. He was honored in a beautiful memorial service on Sunday May 7 in Denton. Patrick Marshall read one of Jervis's favorite poems during the ceremony. Jervis leaves behind a memorable legacy.

Denton Poets Assembly meets on the third Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. – noon at the Emily Fowler Central Library in Denton. Meetings are free and open to the public. Everyone is welcome. For more information about our group, please visit [www.DentonPoetsAssembly.weebly.com](http://www.DentonPoetsAssembly.weebly.com).

### **GULF COAST POETS**

#### ***Daniel Carrington Reporting***

In May, Gulf Coast Poets welcomed teacher and poet Carrie Kornacki as our featured poet. Carrie's reading showed why she's a fixture on the Houston poetry scene, and we're thankful to her for sharing her art with us.

Also in the news this month, submissions for the 2017 Houston Poetry Fest are open as of May 15. Headed by GCP honorary lifetime member Robert Clark, the event has been held annually since 1985. For more info, please visit [houston-poetryfest.info](http://houston-poetryfest.info).

Elsewhere in May, GCP member Matthew Riley's *Off the Page* poetry series at Friendswood Public Library featured fellow member John Gorman along with Seattle-based poet Lyn Coffin. Matthew also announced that FPL will host an ekphras-

tic poetry contest with submissions open through July 1st. For more info, please visit [fplrefdesk.blogspot.com](http://fplrefdesk.blogspot.com).

Finally, member Glynn Monroe Irby was among the featured readers at this month's installment of Public Poetry's Library Reading Series. Congratulations, Glynn!

### **HOT POETS SOCIETY**

#### ***Sandi Horton Reporting***

The HOT Poets Society met on Saturday, May 6 for their monthly meeting at Fortune Cookie Express in Downtown Waco from 3-5 pm. The group discussed the upcoming WORDFEST, part of the Waco Cultural Arts Fest, to be held October 6-8, 2017, <http://www.wacoartsfest.org/>.

All poets are invited to submit poems for the anthology. Last year 72 poets from around the world were included in the anthology. PST members are encouraged to submit!

WordFest —CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS: DEADLINE July 4, 2017.

Submitted poems for the 2017 anthology should include a title and be 24 lines or less in Times New Roman 12 point font. Poems can NOT be previously published. Each poet may submit two poems on any family friendly topic using any style.

Send your poetry entries in the body of an email to [wacowordfest@yahoo.com](mailto:wacowordfest@yahoo.com)

Contact information should include name, mailing address/city/state/country, email address, and phone number at the bottom of the entry. If the submitter is under 18 years old, please note age beside the name. A special youth section will be included in the anthology.

There is no fee for entering. Deadline is July 4, 2017. Poets selected will be notified by July 30. They will be invited to a Distinguished Writers' Reception at 6 pm Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017 where they will receive a complimentary copy of the anthology and will be invited to read their poem from the anthology at a public reading at the Waco Convention Center on Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017 at 7 pm. Poets unable to attend the reading will have their anthologies mailed to them later in October 2017.

### **MOCKINGBIRD CHAPTER**

#### ***Jessica Gonsoulin Reporting***

Attendance at the May monthly meeting was sparse after all the activities of April.

President Alice Parker complimented Sylvia Medel on the Collin County Community College awards ceremony. The accompanying book is beautiful. Ed Burke presented the winners with gift cards. Total attendance was 235. The open mike reading for Poetry Day was less successful.

Sylvia announced that a local retirement home is asking for weekly poetry readings. Several members were interested. Sylvia also sponsored "poem in my pocket" day.

Ed said that negotiations had begun with Collin County

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Community College and our group for joint activity.

The NFSPS Convention will be held this year in Fort Worth with local participants. Information is available on the PST Website. Beth and Mark Ayers will perform.

### **POETS NORTHWEST**

#### ***Lisa Salinas Reporting***

On May 20th we celebrated our 30th annual Spring Fling: a much-anticipated afternoon of poetry readings by winning poets in our thirty contest categories. The event included a banquet and silent auction benefiting Poets Northwest.

Member news: David Orchard and Mary Diaz both had poems featured within *di-verse-city*, the anthology of the Austin International Poetry Fest. Karen Mastracchio, Mike Owens, Lisa Salinas, and Sharon Young attended Poetry at Round Top.

Poets Northwest is in the process of compiling members' ekphrastic poetry to be featured in this year's anthology to be published in Fall 2018.

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://www.facebook.com/PoetsNorthwest>.

### **POETS OF TARRANT COUNTY**

#### ***Angie Goin Reporting***

The May 1 minutes for the Poets of Tarrant County are as follows: President Ron Eddins called the meeting to order. Vice-President Barbara Goerdel introduced and welcomed program speaker Dr. Curt Rode who teaches creative writing, American literature, and new media at Texas Christian University. He also serves as Director of the TCU New Media Writing Studio. Dr. Rode read a few of his traditional poems, before presenting examples of his more contemporary work in digital poetry and writing for the Web.

Treasurer Barbara Berry was the Spotlight Poet, and Hollis Davis was the Contemporary Poet, reading a poem titled "They" by Poet Laureate David Parcells. He also read two untitled poems, one by author Wendell Berry from his book *Leavings*, and the other by Jim Harrison from his book *Songs of Unreason*.

President Eddins read the Kudos, Treasurer Berry gave the finance report, Secretary Angie Goin read the minutes, and Historian Lynn Lewis gave an event report. Following the assignment poem readings, President Eddins asked for announcements, then adjourned the meeting.

### **RUSK COUNTY POETRY SOCIETY**

#### ***Mary Tindall Reporting for Jo Morrow***

The April 20 meeting of the Rusk County Poetry Society was

held in the multipurpose room of the South Main Church of Christ. The officers met at noon at the Fillin' Station to consider matters for discussion. At 2 p.m. Sue Roberts asked Richard Hurzeler to open the meeting with a prayer. Members present were Sue Roberts, Jackie McVey, Mary Tindall, Cherry Day, Richard Hurzeler, Carol Thompson, and Joyce McGee. Several members were out due to illness.

After discussion, members voted to have the Celebration of Poetry on October 14, 2017. Sue, Carol, and Joyce brought news and excitement from the annual Poetry in Schools Awards events earlier in the week. Richard had Eleanor Eilenberger's new book, *The Learning Dance* available for purchase. Carol, Jackie, and Mary attended an open mic poetry reading at Barnes and Noble arranged by Peter Hoheisel in celebration of National Poetry Month. Joyce provided bright colored bookmarks for members to pass out on April 27, "Poem in Your Pocket" day.

### **SAN ANTONIO POETS ASSOCIATION**

#### ***Valerie Martin Bailey Reporting***

SAPA met on April 15 with fourteen members present to celebrate poetry month. Former president of SAPA, Margaret Mayberry flew in from Florida to bring the special Poetry Month program. Everyone was looking forward to seeing her and she was looking forward to being with us. But she was unable to come to the meeting because of severe spasms in her back. She had to stay home at her son's home in San Antonio. Michaud Lamrouex, program chairman who had planned for her to present the program and Valerie Bailey who had selected and printed out the poems SAPA members most wanted to hear, took over for Margaret and took turns reading the poems she had planned to read. They did a good job, but there is no substitute for her inimitable style and wonderful English accent. We are insisting on a raincheck and hope she can come back to Texas again soon.

The winners of the March contests were then announced. The assigned subject was "Supernatural" and the winners were: Lois Heger—1st place, John Friedland—2nd place, Loretta Vaughan—3rd place, Valerie Bailey—HM. Winners in the open topic contest were: Valerie Bailey—1st place, Lois Heger—2nd place, John Friedland—3rd place, Sheila Moore—HM. The judge for the March contests was Jimmie Inez Sessions of Lewisville. Our thanks to Jimmie Inez for her time and expertise in judging for us.

We took a break for delicious refreshments provided by Jean Jackson and John Friedland. After the break, we read our poems for April. The assigned topic was "Freaky Flowers," an odd subject, but our members stepped up and brought many delightful and unusual poems. They will be judged by Barbara Berry of Mansfield who will also judge the open topic poems.

We then held our monthly book raffle, and this time we also raffled off a luscious strawberry pie provided by President

Pat Gibbs. The lucky winner was Michaud (Floyd) L. Lamrouex, who let out a whoop of joy at his good fortune in winning the pie. Historian Charles Jones took a group photo and we closed with a poem, *Jelly Bean Prayer for Easter*. The meeting was then adjourned or we would have made Michaud cut the strawberry pie and share it.

### THE SAN JACINTO CHAPTER

The members and officers of the San Jacinto Chapter met May 13 from 1–3 p.m. at the Sunset United Methodist Church in Pasadena. Officers are Marvin Trent, president; Ken Jurak, vice-president; and Brenda Myers, treasurer. We held a business meeting, made announcements, shared news, enjoyed refreshments, and participated in a read-around. To celebrate Mother's Day we brought our original poems about "mother" or a poem about "mother" by our favorite poet. We shared the snacks brought by each member. We had a great time enjoying an afternoon of poetry.

### TYLER ROSE GARDEN POETRY SOCIETY

#### *Mary Tindall Reporting*

The Tyler Garden Poetry Society met Thursday, April 13, in the Hanks Senior Center in Whitehouse, TX. Members attending were John Boney, Richard Hurzeler, Jackie McVey, Carol Thompson, Mary Tindall, and visitor, Peter Hoheisel.

Richard opened the meeting with a prayer. Peter invited poets to poetry reading events at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 15 at Barnes and Noble and another at 1 p.m. at the Tyler Library celebrating National Poetry Month. Peter discussed the use of exact words.

Mary Wood was absent due to a recent fall that resulted in a broken hip. Her poem "Cowboys, Concrete, and Plastic Jugs" was read. Other poems were read around the group, including ekphrastic poems for the March assignment.

Refreshments were served, fellowship was enjoyed, and members left inspired to be specific in writing.

### WICHITA FALLS POETRY SOCIETY

#### *Linda Smith Reporting*

Eight members and one guest met in the Texas Room of the Kemp Center for the Arts on Saturday, April 15 at 2 p.m. The meeting was chaired by Linda Smith. Roll Call was answered by each member telling his or her favorite form of poetry to write and why, followed by a least favorite form and why. Minutes of the March meeting and the treasurer's report by Webb Key were approved, with no corrections.

Yearbook editor Geneva Rodgers asked for clarification of dates and programs. The yearbook will be available in May. Discussion of participation in a festival at a local elementary school by members of the WFPS followed.

Chairman of the workshop committee Sheri Sutton presented options that she and committee members Lynn Hoggard and Doyle Wood had discussed. It was decided that

the day for the WFPS to offer its workshop in conjunction with the Kemp Center's Mystery Art Show will be Saturday, October 7, from 1–4 p.m. in the afternoon. Lynn Hoggard will present a lesson at the September 16 meeting on ekphrastic poetry to prepare members to write poems that will be used at the workshop. Details will be firmed up at a July workshop.

Members who had attended a poetry festival in Crowell last August encouraged members to put August 5 on their calendars for the Foard County Poetry Festival, as the 2016 Festival was greatly enjoyed. Daryl Halencak will bring members of the WFPS up to date as plans for the Festival proceed.

Sheri Sutton provided information on a poetry contest offered by Dos Gatos Press for their "Poetry of the American Southwest" series. A poem of exactly 100 words is the requirement – quite a challenge!

Linda Smith presented a lesson on the Triolet, a French verse form of eight lines. The triple appearance of one line gives the form its name. Members read and discussed examples of the triolet, with comparisons to the rondeau and the villanelle. Contest poems are due by midnight April 30.

Refreshments were provided by Doyle Wood and his wife (our guest) Brenda. As expected, they were delicious.

Winners in the April contest for the best animal poem were Daryl Halencak (1st), Webb Key (2nd) and Doyle Wood (3rd). Others were Roberta Sund (1HM), Rosellen Sheetz (2HM), and Sheri Sutton (3HM). Critic Judge was Von Bourland of Happy.

**YOU ARE OUT THERE**

**SOMEWHERE...**



**THE NEXT EDITOR OF**

**A BOOK OF THE YEAR**

### **PST NEEDS AN EDITOR ASAP**

For 10 years, or more, Linda Banks has done a fantastic job as the Editor of PST's annual anthology, *A Book of the Year*. We are all grateful for her long and faithful service, but she would now like to do some other things, and we need an editor to take her place.

The 2017 edition has been completed and is being mailed out to members, so this is the time for a new editor to get started on next year's book. If you have the skills and the interest to do this important job, we need you NOW! If you are interested, please contact PST president, Budd Powell Mahan immediately at [buddmahan@att.net](mailto:buddmahan@att.net) or give him a call at 972-788-4944.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT ~MARCH 2017**  
*from Membership Chair Lynn Lewis*

Active Members.....201	Sustaining Members.....5
Associate Members.....12	Recently Deceased.....1
Life Members.....46	Renewing Members.....5
Student Members.....28	New Members .....4
Supporting Members.....2	Current Member Total....293

**WELCOME NEW PST MEMBERS**

Mary L. Diaz ~ Willis, TX  
 Mark Greathouse ~ Fairfield, PA  
 Edith M. Murphy ~ Porter, TX  
 Jack Vian ~ Beaumont, TX

**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](mailto:elsquared59@yahoo.com), and her telephone number is: 817-921-9322.



**Our Deepest Sympathy**  
*Is Extended To The Following:*



**The Family and Friends of Dr. T. Jervis Underwood**, of Denton who died April 27, 2017. A member of Denton Poets Assembly, he was an award-winning poet and musician—a well-known flutist in several prestigious symphony orchestras.

**LaVern Spencer McCarthy** at the death of his son, 49-year-old Anthony Dickson on May 7, 2017. Anthony died of renal cell carcinoma. Our hearts are saddened for LaVern at this difficult time.

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**BOOK DONATIONS REPORT**  
**From PST Librarian Barbara Blanks**

Librarian Barbara Blanks reported that the following books were donated to the permanent collection of the Dallas Central Library:

PST's *Student Award Winners Anthology 2017*, Edited by Budd Powell Mahan

PST's *A Book of the Year 2017*, Edited by Linda Banks

*Sooner or Later—Rain Will Fall*, by Ted O. Badger

*46th Annual Colin County Poetry Contest Winners*, by the Mockingbird Poetry Society

*Forces 2017—Collin College*, Edited by R. Scott Yarbrough

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.

**PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE**

*Bulletin* Editor, Valerie Martin Bailey, notes a change in the news deadline. Chapter news should be sent to Valerie at [vbailyBulletin@satx.rr.com](mailto:vbailyBulletin@satx.rr.com). Chapter news must be received by midnight on the **14th of each month** except June, July, and November. Announcements other than chapter news must be approved by the Executive Board before being printed.

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