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Texas Poets



Start 2018 with Plenty of Poetry!
Come to PST's January 13 Meeting...
Participate in Our Annual Poem-athon



Happy
New Year
2018

and Our Annual Memorial Service for Members We Lost in 2017

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Poetry Society of Texas
for Saturday, December 9, 2017, 2:30 p.m.
at the Preston Royal Library in Dallas
Submitted by Recording Secretary, Barbara Blanks

President Budd Powell Mahan opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. Past presidents J. Paul Holcomb, Linda Banks, Catherine L'Herisson, Marilyn Stacy, and Pat Stodghill were in attendance, as well as Mockingbird president Alice Parker.

Treasurer Patrick Lee Marshall gave the November Financial Statement. PST is in good shape.

Director Beth Ayers gave the Oct./Nov. Membership Report for **Membership Chair Lynn Lewis** (see report on p. 6).

Librarian Barbara Blanks presented ten books donated to the PST collection at the Dallas Central Library. She noted that four old books, given by Michael Owens, might have been lost to future PST poets because they had not been previously donated to the collection. If you clean off your bookshelves, please keep donations in mind (see donated books on p.6).

Dallas Councilor Aman Khan is forming a new Dallas chapter of PST. The first meeting will probably be in March, second Thursday of the month, from 6-7:30 p.m., at the Preston Royal Library. Charlotte Renk will lead the first few meetings, and the focus will be on teaching and learning. Dr Khan is looking at the potential for streaming the meetings, and/or uploading them to YouTube. Please contact him if you are interested in joining.

President Mahan made several announcements:

The January 13th meeting will be our Poem-athon, and the Memorial Program for members we lost in 2017. He also announced the deaths of **Juanita R. Griffey** of Fort Worth in October and **Doris K. Ferguson** of Houston in November.

Jo Ellen Fant of Groves has achieved Life Member status. A certificate will be mailed to her.

Sharon Martin Turner of San Antonio is critically ill in intensive care. She is our Yearbook Sales Chair, our Life Membership Fund Chair, a Councilor-at-Large, and this year's Hilton Ross Greer Outstanding Service Award winner. She has been ill since October 30.

Barbara Blanks was appointed Website Photo Coordinator

of the PST website, to assist webmaster Annie Neugebauer. If you have pictures from the NFSPS convention in June, and/or pictures from the Award Banquet in November, you may send them to her for possible posting.

Barbara is also the moderator of our Facebook page. Members and chapters are invited to post pictures, announcements of personal successes and chapter activity information, and poems. Type "Poetry Society of Texas" into the Search space to find the page.

Spotlight on Poets Chair Susan Maxwell Campbell presented **Naomi Stroud Simmons** of Fort Worth as our remote Spotlight Poet. Naomi has written several books of poetry, won

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DECEMBER MONTHLY CONTEST WINNERS

Note: In the October Bulletin, the October contest winners were mistakenly listed as September Winners. Editor's mistake, please forgive.

Critic Judge: Barbara Blanks, Garland

1st Place: Christine H. Boldt, Temple ~ "Preparation"

2nd Place: Linda Banks, Mesquite

3rd Place: Naomi Stroud Simmons, Fort Worth

BOOK PRIZES

Reader: Patrick Lee Marshall, Keller

Popular Prize: Hollis Davis, Trophy Club

A Galaxy of Verse Prize: Loretta Diane Walker, Odessa

Poetry for Poets Award: LaVerne Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK

William D. Barney Mem. Award: Marilyn Stacy, Dallas

M. Tandy Duemke Mem. Award: Angie Goin, Fort Worth

Robby K. Mitchell Mem. Award: Susan M. Campbell, Mansfield

Other Poems Read By: Eric Blanchard, John Brooks, Jack Vian, and Birma Castle.

LAUGH LINES:

Judge: Irene Robertson, Little Elm

Winner: Birma Castle, Beaumont

ANNUAL CRITIC'S AWARD:

Judge: Paul Ford, Sandy, Utah

Winner: Christine H. Boldt, Temple ~ for "Preparation"

Send contest entries before the 15th of each month to Contest Chairman, Budd Powell Mahan at 7059 Spring Valley Rd., Dallas, TX 75254. The E-mail address is: buddmahan@att.net.

the Hilton Ross Greer Outstanding Service Award in 2005, is active in Fort Worth chapters, and holds workshops for junior and senior high school students. Her poems were presented, accompanied by background music, on a CD produced by Steve Sanders and Kevin Perkins.

Program Chair Catherine L'Herisson introduced herself as our speaker. This is Catherine's last month as Program Chair. She temporarily took the position after the death of Peggy Lynch in 2012. J. Paul Holcomb stepped in for a few months, retired from the position, and Catherine again took up the reins. Her workshop program was titled: "Do You Feel Like Santa or Scrooge?" She noted that the holiday season holds a lot of memories and feelings. She

passed out sheets with a long list of words and phrases associated with this time of year. We were given about ten minutes to select words that inspired a poem. When time was up, volunteers read their spontaneous poems. We thank Catherine for her program and for her years of service as Program Chair.

Just before the break, Pat Stodghill gifted all present with a copy of *Poems of the Fantastic*, by Glenn Robert Swetman, a former NFSPS president.

After the break, **Contest Chair Budd Powell Mahan** announced the winners in the December Monthly Contests. The meeting was adjourned.



NEWS FROM OUR MEMBER CHAPTERS FROM ACROSS THE GREAT STATE OF TEXAS

ALAMO AREA POETS OF TEXAS

Antonia Murguia Reporting

The November meeting of the Alamo Area Poets of Texas was fun called to order by President Lois Heger. Seven members were present, including one guest, Patricia Keoughan, who joined AAPT.

Antonia Murguia provided a presentation she called "Sharing Thoughts Poetry," which was similar to the form of Exquisite Corpse (a collaborative poetry game that traces its roots to the Parisian Surrealist Movement). This proved to be an enjoyable way to work together creating poetry. Positive feedback was expressed. Antonia thanked everyone for participating. The poems are listed on our website, www.alamoareapoets.wordpress.com.

The winners for October were announced. For the assigned topic: 3rd HM – Peter Holland; 2nd HM – Antonia Murguia; 1st HM – Sheila Moore; 3rd Place – Carol Siskovic; 2nd Place – Iris Maahs; 1st Place – Rene Ornes. Rene just joined in September! Open topic winners were: 1st HM – Carol Siskovic; 3rd Place – Peter Holland; 2nd Place – Antonia Murguia; 1st Place – Sheila Moore.

Snacks brought by Antonia were enjoyed, then, Kim Mott, one of our Social Chairpersons announced that she would have everyone sign up for the Christmas Luncheon and that the December meeting will start an hour earlier. November's poems were read. The assigned topic was "Run Down House" or "San Antonio Mission."

Announcements were made and the meeting was adjourned. December's meeting will be December 2nd at 1:00 p.m.

BEAUMONT CHAPTER

Barbara Green Powell Reporting

We hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving! Being thankful is a great way to end 2017 and begin 2018. Time seems to fly, even though we know it travels the same as when we were born. Age just seems to speed it along. Birma and I were thankful we attended the Awards Banquet and got to see our poetry family. We spent Saturday night also, and visited with two other couples who chose to stay another day. We even got to say goodbye to new friends we met who were at another convention. Birma is never bashful and

when we encountered several blind attendees, Birma said, "Let me tell you how good I look." They laughed and one said, "I'm single." As we checked out, he was leaving too, and I said, "Hi Single Person." He laughed and Birma gave him one last hug. It's good to be a part of such fine people. Congratulations to all the winners, especially to Sharon Martin Turner, who was awarded the Hilton Ross Greer Outstanding Service Award and Charlotte Renk who was awarded PST Manuscript for 2017. Hope to see some of you in Eureka Springs in April and then the Summer Conference in July. Life is more wonderful when you are a poet.

Beaumont Members had several members who placed in the top ten. We are delighted for them and look forward to many winners in the coming year. We are still meeting in members' homes. The October meeting was held at Barbara Powell's home and November will be at Birma's home. We enjoy reading and critiquing our poems. We grow through the help of fellow members and by reading poetry as often as we can. Reading triggers our own memories and gives us poems of our own. Birma and I recently attended a poetry reading session titled "The Recovery, (Words of Encouragement)," led by our own Dorothy Sells Clover with a special guest out of Houston who shared his poetry. It was held at the Music Studio in downtown Beaumont. We look forward to see where Dorothy's leadership takes us next. We're proud of Dorothy's efforts to share poetry with others. Till we meet again, keep writing and sharing!

DENTON POETS ASSEMBLY

Richard Weatherly Reporting

The Denton Poets' Assembly welcomed members and guests for our monthly meeting on November 18 at the Emily Fowler Public Library in Denton. We held a critique session from 9 to 10 a.m. Our regular meeting continued from 10 a.m. until noon.

Members read assigned poems from J. Paul Holcomb's October lesson on, "Here's the French form you've been waiting for, the rondeau."

Following the assigned readings, J. Paul Holcomb presented his lesson for November covering, "Speaking of forms, let's look at the free verse of Alan Birkelbach, the 2005 Poet Laureate of

Texas”

Everyone joined in a holiday celebration of snacks and desserts during the break, and members and guests read a free-choice poem during the final hour of our meeting.

DPA in the News: Our members did great in the PST Annual Competition. We applaud their work and achievements. Robert Schinzel received six first place awards. Christine Irving, Susan Maxwell Campbell, Beth Honeycutt each received one first place award. Annie Neugebauer and J. Paul Holcomb garnered two first place awards. Our members combined received a total of 122 awards. Congratulations to each of them. Thanks to Patrick Marshall for compiling the tally of winners.

DPA met again on December 16 for the monthly meeting. After our opening greetings and discussion, we read assigned poems from J. Paul’s November presentation, “Speaking of forms, let’s look at the free verse of Alan Birkelbach, the 2005 Poet Laureate of Texas.” J. Paul presented his lesson for December. We invited members and guests to read free choice poems following his lesson.

Denton Poets’ Assembly meets on the third Saturday of the month, Meetings are free and open to the public. Everyone is welcome. For more information, visit <http://DentonPoetsAssembly.weebly.com>

FORT WORTH POETRY SOCIETY

Anne Jones Reporting

Our November 18 meeting was opened by Trish Ferguson reading “Trenches at St. Eloi” by T.E. Hulme, in honor of Veterans’ Day. Steve Sanders, president, gave a report on Arts Goggle. As usual, those who attended thought it went very well. Those who attended the Sunrise Retirement Home read poems that the residents could remember. They were very well received. Steve reported that Haunted Book Store presentations went well also. Young people especially liked it.

It has been a very busy month for our members. Con DFW is coming up in February, and we discussed the possible venues that Steve will present to them: a workshop for the Creative Mind, a workshop for writing and critiquing poems, a booth about Space Science fiction, etc.

In new business we discussed doing an event at the Fairmont Library, and a committee was appointed. We also discussed our Christmas party for the December meeting. We hope to have a lot of broadsides to hang on the walls and many invited guests. Mike Baldwin showed us a tee shirt with our logo on it. We plan to have more than one type of tee shirt to choose from. He also had a jazzy coffee mug that we can purchase. We had a large group this time and also had a lot of kudos. A satisfying way to spend an evening.

HOT POETS SOCIETY

Sandi Horton Reporting

The Hot Poets Society met for our regular monthly meeting on Saturday, November 4 at a new art gallery called Cultivate 7twelve, located at 712 Austin Avenue in Downtown Waco. Before our meeting started, several members and guests enjoyed talking to

Rosio Ramirez, the curator of the Dia de los Muertos exhibit.

During a brief business meeting we discussed ideas for the PST State Conference to be held in Waco in July 2018. The steering committee: Chris Boldt, Kay Bell, and Sandi Horton will meet on November 15 to set the date and reserve meeting spaces at the Waco Hilton on the Brazos Riverwalk, which will be the site for the state gathering.

Guest poet Michelle Hartman read selections from her three poetry books. She shared many personal stories about her poems and answered questions from the audience. We took a short break before our monthly open mic, for which we were asked to bring poems celebrating the lives of people special to us.

After the meeting from 5:30-7:00 p.m., Michelle Hartman and Sandi Horton were featured poets at the Ekphrasis: Art and Words community event on mental health, which took place on an outdoor stage called Austin’s on the Avenue, across the street from the HOT Poets’ meeting. Michelle read poems from her newest book, *The Lost Journal of My Second Trip to Purgatory*, and discussed child abuse. Sandi read her ekphrastic poems describing local art work on display on Austin Avenue that related to mental health.

Editor’s Note: See HOT POETS’ updates on plans for our Summer Conference in Waco on the Bulletin Board Notes, page 5.

MOCKINGBIRD CHAPTER

Beth Ayers Reporting

The Mockingbirds met for their annual Christmas luncheon/meeting on December 2. We were excited to share a meal in the dining room of the historic Herd-Craig home (rather than the Carriage House where we usually meet). We celebrated an exciting year, noting that two members won a first place in the annual PST Contests (Sylvia Medel and Susan Maxwell Campbell). Several other members placed in the top 10 of one or more contests. We also celebrated the completion and acceptance of our new bylaws. We now have necessary structure that recognizes our past and strengthens our future. With still one more thing to celebrate, the Mockingbirds were excited to hear about our out-going president, Alice Parker, and her recent adventures at the International Book Festival in Miami where she promoted her new book *Choices, Changes & Friends—1970s After Divorce*. We look forward to a new and happy year, and we wish the same for you!

POETS OF TARRANT COUNTY

Lynn Lewis Reporting

On December 4th, President Ron Eddins called PTC’s meeting/Christmas party to order. We took a unanimous vote to continue sponsoring our annual contest with PST. The prize money will remain at \$35. It was announced that the Fort Worth Poetry Society’s Winter Festivities will be December 12, and the Second Friday Poetry Series will be an open mic reading with “Poems of the Earth” as the theme.

The results of PTC’s member contest, with the theme “Once in a Lifetime,” are Ron Eddins, HM; Lynn Lewis, 3rd; Barbara Berry, 2nd; and Susan Campbell, 1st. President Eddins expressed his gratitude at having served as PTC president. He then brought

his last Spontaneous Poetic Concept concerning poetry and the theatre of war: poems with or without a happy outcome. Contemporary Poet Reader was Angie Goin, who read the poetry of Richard Wilbur. Louin Berry III, our Spotlight Poet, read poems by the recently deceased Juanita Griffey.

After the break, President Eddins read the Kudos List and presented the nominating slate for upcoming officers. A motion was made by Louin Berry III and seconded by Naomi Simmons to accept the slate as presented, and the unanimous vote gave us Barbara Goerdel as President, Angie Goin as Vice President, Barbara Berry as Treasurer, and Lynn Lewis, as Secretary/Historian. Outgoing President Eddins was presented with cards and a gift of appreciation. He then turned the "Mike Simmons Memorial Gavel" over to the newly minted President Goerdel, who presided over the remainder of the meeting.

The minutes and treasury report were read and approved. The assignment poems were read before the clock struck 12. The meeting was then adjourned by President Goerdel.

POETS NORTHWEST

Lynn Grice Reporting

Our program on November 18 was on using the senses in an uncustomary way. We brought spirals for Karen Mastracchio's hands-on program.

The 2018 Board elections were held at the meeting. The new Board members will take office in January. Our anthology, *Honoring Art: An Ekphrastic Anthology*, has been pushed forward to 2018

Michael Owens is one of 200 Houstonians whose favorite poem was selected for Houston's Favorite Poems. Lawrence Ferlinghetti's "Junkman's Obligato" will be published with Mike's comments. Congratulations to all the Poets Northwest winners in the PST Annual Contests. Lynn Grice, Mike Owens, and Sharon Young attended the Banquet in Dallas.

The December 16 meeting was our annual Christmas Party at Maxine Kohanski's home. We had a gift exchange and everyone brought finger foods, desserts, and a poem for our Holiday Poem Contest. The January 20 meeting will be the Poets Northwest poets who won in the PST's Annual Contests.

2018 Poets Northwest Board members will be: President, Eric Blanchard; Vice-President/Program Chair, Karen Mastracchio; Treasurer/Membership/Newsletter/Historian, Lynn Roberts Grice; Secretary, Sharon Young; Events Coordinator/Fundraising, Maxine Kohanski; Publicity, Franchesca Alamo; Judge, Mike Owens; Webmaster, Karen Mastracchio.

Our chapter is on the web at <http://www.poetsnw.com> and on Facebook at <http://facebook.com/PoetsNorthwest>.

RUSK COUNTY POETRY SOCIETY

Jo Morrow Reporting

On October 14 the Rusk County Poetry Society joined with Tyler Rose Garden Poetry Society to hold our annual Celebration of Poetry (formerly called Poetry Festival) at the Henderson Church of Christ Community Room. Following registration and a

welcome by President Sue Roberts, an opening prayer was offered by Richard Herzeler. Mary Tindall presented a lesson titled "Stanford on Sound" and a writing prompt for November's poetry writing assignment.

The program continued with presentations by Joyce McGee and Mary Tindall honoring the memory of the late Evelyn Appelbee, noted RCPS member, accomplished poet, and mentor to many. Preceding the delicious potluck luncheon, the group enjoyed hearing peers' poetry read during open mic. The featured guest speaker was Dr. Charlotte Renk, English and literature instructor, award-winning poet, and author of three books of poetry. She presented a writing lesson entitled "The Long Black Branches." Dr. Renk and her daughter shared some of their poetry, demonstrating that poetry sometimes deals with difficult experiences.

Following a short break, during which door prizes were awarded, a memorial remembrance of Dr. David Craig was presented. Dr. Craig was a long-time friend and benefactor of RCPS. Vina Hathaway and Richard Hurzeler spoke briefly, and Mrs. Craig gave a charming and entertaining talk about her late husband, mentioning his support of and interest in poetry.

The celebration concluded with the announcement of the winners of a two night stay at a venue in Arkansas. This award was provided courtesy of Sue Roberts' family, and the proceeds from the raffle will benefit the annual scholarship that RCPS offers a graduating senior. Thanks to Tyler Rose Garden members for "goodie bags," Robert and Geneva Bowman for providing decorations, and all members who helped with planning, enlisting program participants, publicity, and the many other details that contributed to the celebration.

SAN ANTONIO POETS ASSOCIATION

Valerie Martin Bailey Reporting

SAPA met on November 18 with President Pat Gibbs presiding. Fourteen members and one guest attended. The pledge and moment of silent prayer were led by Joan Seifert. Immediately after the opening, Valerie Bailey surprised Pat with a poem she had written for Pat's birthday, which was the day before on the 17th. A card was passed around for everyone to sign. When Pat recovered from her surprise, she turned the program over to Treasurer and Program Chair, Floyd (Michaud) Lamrouex. He read the treasurer's report and declared our budget is in great shape. He then introduced Loretta Vaughan as Spotlight Poet. Loretta read an assortment of her poetry that showed her talent well and confirmed why she won five first places at PST's recent Awards Banquet. Loretta also won a first in the NFSPS contests and will be published in the 2017 *Encore*.

Seven SAPA members: Valerie Bailey, Pat Gibbs, Margaret Mayberry, Sheila Moore, Toni Murguia, Mo Saidi, and Loretta Vaughan placed at the PST Awards Banquet. Combined, we won 16 firsts, 10 seconds, 8 thirds and a whopping 52 honorable mentions. Sheila Moore led the way with seven firsts, Loretta Vaughn won five firsts, Valerie Bailey won three firsts, and Margaret Mayberry won one first.

October contest winners were announced by President Gibbs in the absence of contest chair, Sharon Turner, who is hospitalized in critical condition. The judge for both contests was Lisa Salinas of Spring. Thanks to Lisa for her time and expertise. Winners in the assigned “Strange Encounter” topic contest were: 1st place: Clyta Coder; 2nd place: Valerie Bailey; 3rd place: Margaret Mayberry; honorable mention: Sharon Turner. Winners in the open topic contest were: 1st place: Valerie Bailey; 2nd place: Sheila Moore; 3rd place: John Friedland; honorable mention: Clyta Coder.

For the refreshment break, Charles Jones brought a complete meal of grilled chicken, macaroni ‘n’ cheese, and a vegetable medley. Joan Seifert brought the desserts to top it off. This was a special Thanksgiving treat for everyone.

After reading our November poems, we held our book raffle and a special book of poetry recordings was won by Floyd (Michaud) Lamrouex who always has the best luck in the raffles.

WICHITA FALLS POETRY SOCIETY

Geneva Rodgers Reporting

With a clever Halloween t-shirt, Webb Key called the October meeting to order by asking if we had interesting news to share. The range of stories went from garage sale, yoga, mentoring at a school, visiting Mary Barnes, Roberta’s memoir about to be released, Linda looking very good, and Isabel de la Rosa possibly joining us in the future.

Monica read the September minutes with a motion by Linda to accept and seconded by Lynn. Sheri reported a balance of \$320.05 in our account after a returned check from judge Sheila Moore and a \$125 dues deposit. Sheri also gave an update on the after-mystery art festival meeting. The committee was excited about our partnering and hopes we will consider it again. We will discuss this subject after the first of the year and will also consider other subjects such as taking the ekphrastic program into the schools or the 50 zone at the city library.

Discussion about the Christmas party led to December 9 at 11:30 a.m. at Sheri’s home. The pot luck and poetry for dessert will be finalized at the November meeting.

After a beautiful food offering by Lynn, Webb presented “Psalms, Odes, Paean’s and Other Strange Poetry” for our lesson. Contest for November will be either a psalm or a paean, 36 lines maximum, due October 31 to Sheri.

Contest poems were announced and read: 1st: Cynthia Archibald; 2nd: Lynn Hoggard; 3rd: Nick Schreiber; 1st HM: Geneva Rodgers; 2nd HM: Roberta Sund; 3rd HM: Sheri Sutton. Other participants were: Doc Wood, Daryl Halencak, and Webb Key. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Don’t Forget To Enter The William D. Barney Memorial Chapbook Contest for 2018

This contest is sponsored by the Fort Worth Poetry Society in cooperation with the Poetry Society of Texas. Entries will be accepted with postmarks between January 1 and February 16, 2018. Winner to be announced at the April 2018 PST meeting and by e-mail to entrants. Mail entries to: Fort Worth Poetry Society Chapbook contest, 10148 Fieldcrest Drive, Benbrook, TX 76126. Include your e-mail or a SASE to be notified. Complete entry guidelines and fees are on the PST Website: www.poetrysocietyoftexas.org. Click on contests.



UPDATE ON THE HOT POETS’ PLANS

FOR OUR SUMMER CONFERENCE IN WACO

Save the Date: Thursday, July 12 ~ Saturday, July 14, 2018

* **Location:** Hilton Waco, located on the beautiful Brazos River with a view of the Waco Suspension Bridge. Our theme will be “Poetry: A Bridge to the World.”

* **New this year:** conference attendees will have an opportunity to send a poem to be included in a book length anthology. Attendees will receive the books at check-in. More details later.

* **Field Trips:** Thursday afternoon and evening (7-12-18), we will have two sessions, a reception and an open mic at a new cultural art center a few blocks from the conference hotel. A shuttle will be provided for those who don’t want to walk. Those who stay Saturday afternoon (after the conference) may wish to visit the Fixer Uppers ‘Magnolia Market’ known as the Silos in Waco. You may also want to take an afternoon or evening narrated boat ride down the Brazos River. Information on these, plus many other Waco tourist attractions, will be given at check-in.

Announcing the Judge for the Catherine CaseLubbe Memorial Book Publication Award

SUSAN STEVENS CHAMBERS

A family lawyer for more than 38 years, Susan Stevens Chambers served as a Referee in family court for five years and now serves as a mediator.

Chambers’ literary publications include some unusual venues: *Minneapolis Regional News*; *UU Minister’s Publication*; *Minnesota Law and Politics Magazine*; *Family Law Forum—a magazine for divorce attorneys*; The Legal Studies Forum *Off the Record, an Anthology of Poetry by Lawyers*.

Her book, *Good Thunder, Blue Earth*, was published by River Place Press in 2016. Her manuscript “Family Law” received an Honorable Mention in the NFSPS Stevens Manuscript 2010 Competition, judged by Lola Haskins. She is published in numerous anthologies, has been a MnArtists What Light finalist, and has won the NFSPS Annual Grand Prize (\$1,500 and \$1,000 respectively) on two separate occasions. She also won second place in the Blackberry Peach Poetry Awards in 2017.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT ~ OCT./NOV. 2017
from Membership Chair Lynn Lewis

Active Members.....170	Sustaining Members.....5
Associate Members.....11	Recently Deceased.....1
Life Members.....46	Renewing Members.....7
Student Members.....37	New Members3
Supporting Members.....0	Current Member Total.... 268

WELCOME NEW PST MEMBERS

J. Todd Hawkins ~ Crowley
George Houseman ~ Groesbeck
Richard Libby ~ Corpus Christi

We are glad you joined, you will ♥ PST!

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.



Our Deepest Sympathy
Is Extended To The Following:



PST Life Member, Juanita Griffey, passed away on October 14, 2017. Our sympathy to her family and many friends.

Active PST member until last year, Doris Ferguson, died on November 1, 2017. She would have been 95 on November 20. Our sympathy to her daughter, Clara Mattox and all the family.

Our sympathy to Life Member Leona Welch on the death of her sister, former member Betty Isaacs on November 19, 2017.

Our sympathy to James DeGough of Center, TX. on the November death of Jeannie, his beloved wife of 40 years.

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BOOK DONATIONS REPORT

From PST Librarian Barbara Blanks

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

- The Beloved*, by Michael Owens
- Through a Glass Darkly*, by Janice Braud
- Borrowed Melody*, by Grace Marie Scott
- The Widow's Mite*, by Jimmie Radliff
- The Singing Heart and Other Poems*, by Margaret Belle Houston
- Under Dragon Wings*, by Lois Olivia Heger
- Building Bridges, Making Peace*, Edited by Anne McCrady
- Sacred River*, by Shubh Bala Schiesser
- A Galaxy of Verse, Fall/Winter 2017, Vol.37, No.2*,
 Edited by Barbara Blanks
- The Manningham Poetry Trust Student Award Winners, 2017*
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If you have published a collection of poems or your chapter has published an anthology, please consider donating a copy to this collection. Send your books to Librarian Barbara Blanks at 1518 Running River Road, Garland, Tx 75044-7254.

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Please remember! Send your *Bulletin* news as soon as possible after your monthly meeting. The absolute **deadline** for *Bulletin* news is now the 14th of each month by 6 p.m. Send your news to: vbaileybulletin@att.net

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