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HERE'S TO SUN-KISSED SUMMER FUN!

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR SUMMER ~ KEEP POETRY IN YOUR PLANS



ATTEND THE NFSPS SUMMER CONVENTION IN DENVER
MAY 31 ~ JUNE 3 ~ THEME: *Mountain High Poetry*



ATTEND THE PST SUMMER CONFERENCE IN WACO
JULY 12 ~ 14 ~ THEME: *Poetry: A Bridge to the World*

"Summertime and the Livin' is Easy..."

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Poetry Society of Texas
for Saturday, May 12, 2018, 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, including first time visitors Christine Irving, Becca Hines, Richard Kushmaul, Joan Wall, Donnie Smith—all of Denton, and Betty Imes of Dallas. He also recognized past presidents Catherine L'Herisson, Jeannette Strother, and J. Paul Holcomb.

Mahan then yielded the floor to **Program Chair Diane Glancy**, of Gainesville, who introduced Dr. Bruce Bond of Denton. Dr. Bond is a classical guitarist and a Regents Professor of English at the University of North Texas. He received a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship, among many other awards. His book, *Gold Bee*, won the Richard Peterson Poetry Prize from *Crab Orchard Review*, and also received the 2016 Texas Institute of Letters Award for Poetry. *Black Starlight* was a finalist for the 2017 Texas Institute of Letters Award for Poetry. Diane said she read Dr. Bond's works for "ideas and reminders of the importance of ideas embedded in the poem to move toward the development of the narrative. Bond shows us the music of poetry, the images, the technique of repetition, the reaches of theme."

Dr. Bond read from several of his books, welcoming questions and comments in between poems. When reading from *Black Anthem*, his book of sonnets, he mentioned, "I like eye rhymes as well as slant rhymes," and noted he broke up traditional patterns. He talked about the difference between sentimentality and sappy, the failure of imagination to describe feelings adequately, "the rendering that creates the experience...what is being revealed...a poem can be strong because it risks sentimentality but doesn't cross over." Empathy, love, "kitty cats," and a comment about "jazz is the art of surprise," were all a part of Dr. Bond's program and audience participation.

After the break, the regular State meeting agenda was presented.

Treasurer Patrick Lee Marshall gave the April 2018 Financial Statement. The largest expense was for printing.

Director Beth Ayers gave the May 2018 Membership Report for **Membership Chair Lynn Lewis**. See the report on page 6.

Librarian Barbara Blanks reported three donated books. See the list of donated books on page 6.

NOTE: Richard Weatherly accepted the position of Monthly Contest Chair, **beginning with the September contest**. All monthly contest entries for July should still be sent to Budd. Email submissions are preferred. July entries are due by June 15.

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MAY MONTHLY CONTEST WINNERS

Critic Judge: Loretta Diane Walker, Odessa

1st Place: Susan Maxwell Campbell, Mansfield ~ "so much."

2nd Place: Hugh P. Burke, Temple

3rd Place: Hilda Wales, Albuquerque, NM

LAUGH LINES

Judge: Birma Castle, Beaumont

Winner: Catherine L'Herisson, Garland

BOOK PRIZES

Reader: Robert Schinzel, Highland Village

Popular Prize: Michael Owens, Cypress

A Galaxy of Verse Prize: Ann Howells, Carrollton

Naomi Stroud Simmons Mem. Award: Linda Banks, Mesquite

William D. Barney Mem. Award: Jeannette Strother, Mansfield

M. Tandy Duemke Mem. Award: JDarrell Kirley, Dallas

Robby K. Mitchell Mem. Award: Terry Jude Miller, Richmond

Other poems were by: Mary Tindall, Vina Hathaway, Nancy DeHonores, and Catherine L'Herisson.

Send contest entries before the 15th of each month to Contest Chairman, Budd Powell Mahan at 7059 Spring Valley Rd., Dallas, TX. 78254. His E-mail address is: buddmahan@att.net.

The final Student Awards took place on Saturday, April 28, at the Dallas Central Library. About 150 students and their families attended. Budd was assisted by L.D. Carter, Barbara Blanks, Beth Ayers, and Mark Ayers. Ten student award contests have been added to the adult contests. First place winning students will be welcome to attend the Awards in November.

Extension Chair Susan Maxwell Campbell reported that Reagan Academic Magnet School in Odessa, where Loretta Diane Walker teaches, has become “a poetry school.” School librarian Janice Wilson approached Loretta in March, saying, “For the month of April, I am going to do “Poem in Your Pocket” each day during morning assembly.” The response from everyone was so enthusiastic that the program has been extended through the end of the term. Loretta said students in random classes gave her the “first word that came to mind. My job was to create a poem using all of their words. On May 22, 13 of my students will perform my poem, “Twelve Days before the Last Day of School.”

Susan printed and passed around pictures Loretta sent. On behalf of PST, President Mahan sent certificates to the school and principal, which were framed and are on display there.

Susan also talked about what it was like being NFSPS contest chair, which resulted in her writing (with editorial help from Barbara Blanks), “How to Make a Judge Happy.” The primary factor is: Read the Rules and Follow Them!

Past President Jeannette Strother took the lectern to con-

duct the election of the 2018-2019 slate of officers. The Nominating Committee consisted of Linda Banks, Chair; Jimmye Inez Sessions, Marilyn Stacy, J. Paul Holcomb, and Jeannette Strother. Three current board members are retiring: President Budd Powell Mahan, Director Beth Ayers, and Corresponding Secretary Catherine L’Herisson.

The proposed slate of officers:

President: Aman Khan

Vice President: Irene Robertson

Treasurer: Patrick Lee Marshall

Recording Secretary: Barbara Blanks

Corresponding Secretary: Ann Howells

Director: Susan Maxwell Campbell

Director: JDarrell Kirkley

Director: Richard Weatherly

After calling for nominations from the floor three times, a motion to accept the slate of officers as offered was moved, seconded, and passed by acclamation.

President Mahan passed the official gavel to Dr. Khan. He thanked Beth for her service, and thanked Catherine for stepping in when Jessica Gonsoulin could not complete her term as Corresponding Secretary.

Contest Chair Budd Powell Mahan announced the winners of the May Monthly Contests, then the meeting was adjourned.



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

BEAUMONT CHAPTER

Barbara Green Powell

Beaumont members skipped the April meeting due to illness, etc. but we did have an April Poetry Read at RC Miller Library in Beaumont to honor National Poetry Month. It was sponsored by our member, Dorothy Sells Clover. She read from her two books and invited guests to read their poems. Other Beaumont Members present were Birma Castle, President of the Beaumont Chapter and Barbara Green Powell, PST *Bulletin* Reporter. There were more readers and some people who came to hear poems read. A good time was had by all. A special Thank You to Dorothy for sponsoring this event.

Birma and Barbara made it back safely from Eureka. It was a great retreat this year with outstanding speakers and critique groups. These wonderful groups gave us good feedback on our poems. Many attendees commented about how helpful the critique groups were. Plan on going next year. It will be held the first week of April, so there won't be other groups sharing the building. We had to shuffle around the last day. The UFO Group arrived and a number of poets took pictures with the Alien cutout. Barbara was shocked when her name was called as the Critic Poet Award winner. There were many winners in the contest Ted Badger judges each year. Congratulations to all. The top three winners won \$100 or more: 1st place-\$150, 2nd place-\$125, and 3rd place-\$100. The honorable mentions received \$40 each. Thanks to all who contributed to the Awards. Birma Castle deserves lots of hugs for doing a great job with the Lucidity Retreat for the past 11 years. We all love Birma!

Birma and Barbara have reserved their room and paid their fee to attend the Poetry Society of Texas Conference to be held in Waco. if you haven't made your reservations, do it soon or you will miss out on a wonderful conference in a beautiful city.

DALLAS CHAPTER

Aman Khan Reporting

Dr. Charlotte Renk will be out of town on a personal matter. Therefore the May meeting of the Dallas Chapter is canceled. We plan to meet on June 14 at the Preston Royal Library, as scheduled. Members will bring their List Poems for discussion.

DENTON POETS ASSEMBLY

Richard Weatherly Reporting

Member Recognition

- On April 29, DPA members J. Paul Holcomb, Christine Irving, Robert Schinzel, and Beth Honeycutt presented poetry readings. The event was billed as “An Afternoon with the Poet Laureate,” and featured two rounds of 7.5 minutes of reading by each poet. J. Paul is the Poet Laureate of Lewisville. All four are members of the Denton Poets Assembly.
- Robert Schinzel won 1st place at “The April Perennial” at North Central Texas College in Gainesville. Robert also won 1st place in the Retreat Contest at the recent Lucidity Ozark Poetry Retreat.
- Beth Honeycutt won 3rd place in the Garland Ray Wallace Poetry Contest. She also won honorable mention in the Thomlinson Short Story Contest.

At our May meeting, members of DPA met at the Emily

Fowler Public Library and held our usual pre-meeting critique session. Later, we called the regular meeting to order, and after greeting our visitors, members discussed chapter business and related chapter activities. Following the discussions, members read assigned poems based on J.Paul Holcomb's lesson, "Speaking of Sonnets, Let's Look at Barry Ballard's." After our assigned readings, J.Paul presented his May lesson, after which members and guests read free choice poems. After three hours of enjoying poetry and each other's company, the meeting was adjourned.

FORT WORTH POETRY SOCIETY

Anne Jones Reporting

The Fort Worth chapter does not have any news for May because we held our May Luncheon instead of a meeting. We had a great time and look forward to the summer conference and summer activities.

GULF COAST POETS

Daniel Carrington

In April and May, Gulf Coast Poets welcomed Houston area slam poet Jeremy Eugene and Yellow Chair Review founder Sarah Moran respectively as our featured readers. Thank you to both of these fine poets for sharing their work with us and raising the bar poetically!

In individual member news, GCP President Larry "Weasel" Patterson and former president David Cowen will read at Fix Coffeebar in Houston on June 12. Also coming up in early June, John Gorman will be the featured reader at Houston's venerable First Fridays reading series. Sadly, our longtime friend and poet LuLynne Streeter will move out-of-state soon. Over the years, she has graced us with her words, and she will be missed. We bid her a fond farewell and wish her all the best. Take care and keep in touch, Lynne. You will always be a Gulf Coast poet.

Please note that the submissions deadline for the Houston Poetry Fest is fast approaching. It will be on May 31, and the entry fee is \$18 paid via Submittable. For more information, please visit the website (www.houstonpoetryfest.info).

HOT POETS SOCIETY

Sandi Horton Reporting

The Life Member Fund Raffle will be held as usual at the PST Summer Conference after the banquet on Friday, July 13. Donations are needed! We need every chapter and every willing individual to help us raise money for this important fund. If you will be attending the Summer Conference in Waco, please bring a donation or several donations from your chapter. When you pick up your goodie bag at the registration table on Thursday afternoon, July 11, you can leave any donations you have collected.

We encourage gifts worth at least \$25, something you would be pleased to receive if your ticket won. The following are suggested raffle gifts that are always appreciated: Gift Baskets, Gift Cards: Visa, Master Card, American Express, Starbuck's, Barnes & Noble, Half Price Books, Walmart, Home Depot, etc. Other welcomed gifts are poetry books, journals, or several smaller gifts bundled together to equal about \$25.

The raffle tickets will be sold all day Friday before the raffle

after the banquet. Birma Castle has offered to help the HOT Poets Chapter with this annual event. Be sure to bring some cash or a check to buy your raffle tickets.

MOCKINGBIRD CHAPTER

Thomas K. Martin Reporting

MPS held its monthly meeting on May 5 in the Heard-Craig Carriage House in McKinney. President Alice Parker presided with eleven members and two guests in attendance.

Beth Ayres wrapped up the Mockingbird Poetry Society's 47th Annual Poetry Contest by reporting on the Awards Ceremony that was held on April 29 at Collin College's Central Park Campus Conference Center in McKinney. Nearly 300 people attended, including honorees, their families, and friends. Collin College English Professors Toni McMillen and Melinda McBee welcomed attendees to the College and Beth conducted the beautiful ceremony. Four Mockingbirds were among the honorees. Edmund Burke won first place, Sylvia Medel took second place, Leslie Capiello earned third place, and Susan Mardele received honorable mention. Beth thanked Sylvia and Manny Medel for preparing the anthologies that were presented as gifts to each honoree. She also thanked Ann Marie Newman, Jiann Powers, and Irene Robertson who served with her on the Awards Ceremony Committee. A total of 11 Mockingbirds attended and assisted Beth with various responsibilities. Beth reminded everyone that it is an exceptional experience to be involved in the Annual Contest and the Awards Ceremony. It not only brings joy and recognition to the honorees, it has the potential to affect lives and inspire new generations of poets. The event enriched the lives of all involved. Beth will have a committee meeting this summer to begin plans for next year's contest. Jimmie Inez Sessions volunteered to serve on next year's committee, and Sylvia Medel volunteered to produce next year's anthology again.

MPS held a successful National Poetry Month event on April 28 at Café Bohemia in Plano. The venue was perfect. President Alice Parker said, "It has a wonderful hippie vibe." The owner is a strong supporter of the arts, hosting writing groups, song writing groups, and musical performance groups with no charge for the venue. She also sells various arts and crafts. The food was good, and prices were reasonable. A microphone and speakers were set up, and seating was arranged to comfortably host our event. Several members attended and a couple of poets from Denton came. Everyone had an opportunity to share several poems.

Susan Mardele announced that she has arranged a venue for MPS' open mic poetry event scheduled for September 29 to celebrate National Poetry Day (officially on October 4). The event will be held in "Filtered," a popular McKinney Coffee house just off the square. Beth Ayers and Tom Martin met Susan at the coffee house to "check it out," and all agreed that it would be a great venue for our event. Susan reminded us that McKinney celebrates Octoberfest that same weekend, so things will be lively in downtown McKinney; however, the owner of Filtered has promised us the space and is enthusiastic about supporting our event.

President Alice Parker, Vice President Beth Ayers, and new Treasurer, Susan Mardele, are making arrangements at the bank to transfer the Treasurer's duties from Beth to Susan.

POETS OF TARRANT COUNTY

Lynn Lewis Reporting

The minutes for the May 7 meeting of the Poets of Tarrant County are as follows: The meeting was called to order by President Barbara Goerdel. Vice President Angie Goin introduced our featured speaker, Nathaniel (you can call me "Nat") O'Reilly, Professor of Literature and Creative Writing at TCU. His topic was "Finding Your Voice." The minutes from April's meeting were approved as read, and there were no changes in the treasury account. Announcements: Tom McChesney received his Masters of Theological Studies degree from Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary. Poetry Society of Texas acknowledged our donation in memoriam for Naomi Stroud Simmons. Poetry Society of Texas annual summer conference will be in Waco, July 12-14. Contemporary Poet Reader was Barbara Berry, who read the poetry of Lois Parker Edstrom. Jerry Abbott was the Spotlight Poet. Assignment poems were read before the meeting was adjourned by President Goerdel.

SAN ANTONIO POETS ASSOCIATION

Valerie Martin Bailey Reporting

President Pat Gibbs presided at the April meeting with 14 members and three guests present. Program Chair, Michaud Lamrouex introduced our Spotlight Poet, Jane Perdue, a non-resident member of SAPA, who lives in Austin, along with her husband, Roland, who is also a member. The Perdues brought three guests: their grown son, Phillip Perdue and friends Carol and Howard Hovde. Jane is an amazing poet with a strong beautiful voice, and she blessed us with many memorable poems.

Valerie Bailey, interim Contest Chair, announced the winners of the March contest that was judged by J.Paul Holcomb of Double Oak. Our thanks to J.Paul for his time and expertise. In the assigned contest "No Time for Tears," winners were: John Friedland (1st), Lois Heger (2nd), Sheila Moore (3rd), and Valerie Bailey (HM). Winners in the open topic contest were: Jean Jackson (1st), Pat Gibbs (2nd), Valerie Bailey (3rd), and Sheila Moore (HM).

Jean Jackson provided the yummy refreshments for our break. After the break, the slate of new officers was presented by the nominating committee, and they were voted in by acclamation. The new officers for 2018-2020 are: President: Floyd (Michaud) L. Lamrouex, Vice President: Paige Parker, Recording Secretary: Valerie Bailey, Corresponding Secretary: Clyta Coder, and Treasurer: Floyd (Michaud) L. Lamrouex, who has now served as Treasurer for 15 years. We won't let him resign; with an MBA degree in addition to a law degree, he's about to get the hang of this job.

We read our April contest poems, held our book raffle, and adjourned the meeting. The new officers will be installed at our May meeting.

TYLER ROSE GARDEN POETS

Mary Tindall Reporting

The Tyler Rose Garden Poetry Society met at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Hanks Senior Center in Whitehouse. Six members and one visitor attended. In April, poets wrote haiku and attached poems to a red bud tree on the community library lawn in celebration of poetry month. The group plans to collect haiku in a joint effort with the Rusk County Poetry Society and decorate a tree in April 2019. The goal is to compile a book of haiku as the collection grows as a col-

laborative project. The two societies have historically shared poetry ventures.

Poets read a poem beginning with an epitaph assigned in the last meeting and other poems chosen by the poet. Richard Hurlzeler brought each a book compiled by TJC fine arts students.

The afternoon included visiting, snacks, and poem sharing. Poets were encouraged to read and write poems and come back in June with a new verse to share.

WICHITA FALLS POETRY SOCIETY

Linda Smith Reporting

Roberta Sund presided over the WFPS meeting on April 21 in the Kemp Center for the Arts. Ten members and one guest attended. The lesson was on writing a calligram (a shape poem), and was both enlightening and challenging. The May contest calligram will be due to Sheri Sutton by midnight April 30.

Minutes of the March meeting and the Treasurer's Report were approved. Old Business consisted of further discussion of the Kemp Center Mystery Art in October and framed poem presentations by the WFPS on display from October 22 to November 11. Lynn Hoggard suggested shape poetry might be a good presentation for the public. Also, the Art Walk of July at the Wichita Falls downtown Farmers' Market and WFPS' participation in it were discussed. Nick Schreiber had information on this and agreed to keep members informed. The WFPS will read and offer books by members for sale at the Art Walk.

New Business included an announcement that Browning Book Store will feature books by Sheri Sutton and Daryl Halencak on April 28 from 2 to 4 p.m., including a signing and a Meet and Greet. It was also agreed that the lesson at the meeting immediately following the Home & Garden Festival each year, which prospective members have attended, should be an "easy one" to understand so as not to intimidate prospects. Next year's yearbook was immediately restructured to accommodate the suggestion. Nick will have the yearbooks ready for the May meeting.

Winners in the April Vondelet Sonnet Variation contest were Lynn Hoggard (1st), Marcela Trice (2nd), and Webb Key (3rd). Others were Sheri Sutton (1HM), Nick Schreiber (2HM), and Linda Smith (3HM). Critic Judge was Marilyn Stacy of Dallas.

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH PARTICIPATION

Several National Poetry Month activities are mentioned in chapter news reports, so please take note of these. Some PST members don't belong to a chapter, yet made a contribution to the event.

One of these is Barbara Blanks who was one of the presenters at the Lucidity Poetry Retreat in Eureka Springs, AR, April 10-12. Birma Castle is the Director of this event. Barbara spoke on the subject of entering contests and keeping records. She was on the program with Nathan Brown, a current resident and native of Texas, and a former Poet Laureate of Oklahoma. This was an outstanding contribution to National Poetry Month.

We missed hearing from Alamo Area Poets, Austin Poets, Permian Basin Poets, Poets Northwest, and Rusk County Poets. There will be no *Bulletin* in June or July. We will resume in August, so let us hear from you. Happy Summer!

IMPORTANT GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL THANKS TO BUDD POWELL MAHAN

As Budd Powell Mahan passes his President's gavel to Aman Khan's capable hands and retires from the Poetry in Schools Program after 22 years of service and from the Monthly Contest Chairman's duties, we remember so many other special contributions he has made to the Poetry Society of Texas. Not only has he been our president this past term, but he served as our 16th and 19th president. Three times as PST President! No one will ever know the true accounting of his many gifts and services to PST as he has liberally given his time, energy, money, and talent to us.

We have Budd to thank for a book containing a comprehensive history of our beloved Poetry Society of Texas. He has been the "go to" person for the answer to every imaginable question about PST. He has set a high bar for a standard of excellence and commitment in service. As the editor of the *Bulletin*, I have always gone to him with my questions and received a quick answer.

Our organization has many talented and committed people to carry on, but it will be hard to ever rival or exceed the time, energy, and devotion that Budd Powell Mahan has given to the Poetry Society of Texas. Please rest for a while Budd, and then get busy again. We will always need you among us working for the cause of poetry.

THE END OF AN ERA

The Poetry in Schools Program was made possible through the sponsorship of donors. Donor money paid all the costs for the promotion of the competition, production of the awards anthology, and the awards festival. Donors sponsored a contest for \$25 or gave money in any amount for the support of the contest without sponsoring an award. The Poetry in Schools Program was the future of the Society. It reached out to the young poets who must one day take over the stewardship of the organization.

Now, after 22 years of acting as chair for the competition, Budd Powell Mahan has resigned. No individual or chapter has come forward to take over the chairmanship of the contest, so sadly, after 30 years, we announce the demise of what many felt was the Society's most important program. The 2018 contests will be the last of the Poetry in Schools Program for PST.

The board has added 10 awards for students in the annual awards of the Society, and the first winners in those contests will be named at November's Awards Banquet.

CATHERINE CASE LUBBE MANUSCRIPT PRIZE 2018 Entries Due August 1, 2018

The winning book manuscript of poetry in this important contest will be announced at the PST Awards Banquet in November.

Please Consider Donating a Gift or Gifts to the Life Member Fund Raffle at the 2018 Summer Conference in Waco ~ Bring the gift(s) with you when you come.

Suggested raffle gifts that are always appreciated: Gift Baskets, Gift Cards: Visa, Master Card, American Express, Starbuck's, Barnes & Noble, Half Price Books, Walmart, Home Depot, etc. Other welcomed gifts are poetry books, journals, or several smaller gifts bundled together to equal about \$25. Please give gifts that are worth at least \$25—use your imagination and give something you would like to receive if your ticket had won. This is a repeat of information given in the HOT Poets news article, but we don't want you to miss this important information. Be sure to include a note to say who is donating the gift, whether an individual or a chapter.

Entries in this competition must be received by August 1, 2018. Please review instructions in PST's *A Book of the Year* or on the PST website at: www.poetrysocietyoftexas.org. Mail entries to:

Lubbe Manuscript Competition Chairperson
Patrick Lee Marshall
556 Royal Glade Dr.
Keller, Texas 76248-9735

RICHARD WEATHERLY TO BE NEW MONTHLY CONTEST CHAIRMAN

Richard Weatherly of Denton will assume the duties of Monthly Contest Chairman beginning in September.

Budd Powell Mahan is resigning as the Monthly Contest Chairman. Budd has carried a heavy load of service for a very long time and has earned a well deserved rest, at least for a while; however, monthly contest entries for July should still be sent to Budd Mahan at 7059 Spring Valley Rd., Dallas, TX 75254 or by e-mail to buddmahan@att.net.

Richard, who goes by "Rich," is the *Bulletin* Reporter for the Denton Poets Assembly, and he will also be one of PST's Directors beginning in September. Irene Robertson is moving to the Vice President position and Beth Ayers, like Budd Mahan, needs to get a little rest.

In the August *Bulletin*, Richard's address and phone number will be available both on page 6 with the Executive Board and directly beneath the Monthly Contest Box on page 1.

SUMMER CONFERENCE BOOKSTORE INFORMATION

Floyd (Michaud) L. Lamrouex has graciously agreed to serve as the Bookroom Director again this year. If you are bringing books to sell in the Bookroom, you must e-mail the following information to (lamrouex@sbcglobal.net) by June 30: an entire list of the books intended for sale must include: (1) Author's Name (2) All Book Titles, (3) Price of Each Book, (4) Number of Copies of Each Book You Bring. Michaud must input this information into his computer before books will be accepted for sale in the Bookroom.

Important: before you arrive at the Bookroom, prepare each book for sale by placing an easy to remove 3" x 3" Post-it note (or equivalent) on the inside front cover of each book. Print **legibly** on this sticky note the following information: (1) Author's Name (2) Book Title (3) Price of the Book. Credit cards will be accepted for the purchase of books, but there is a three percent (3%) surcharge to pay the card company for the convenience of using it. The Bookroom will not only be the site of all book sales, it will also be the place to view items donated to the raffle to benefit the Life Member Fund.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT ~ APRIL 2018

from Membership Chair Lynn Lewis

Active Members.....196	Sustaining Members.....6
Associate Members.....12	Recently Deceased.....1
Life Members.....42	Renewing Members.....4
Student Members.....38	New Members 2
Supporting Members.....0	Current Member Total.... 293

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.

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THE POETRY SOCIETY OF TEXAS MEETS...

On the second Saturday of each month at 2:30 p.m. at
PRESTON ROYAL LIBRARY
5626 ROYAL LANE
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The poetry year runs from September through May, with the exception of November, when the annual Awards Banquet is held in a Dallas hotel (TBA). The annual Summer Conference convenes in a different area of the state each July.



BOOK DONATIONS REPORT

From PST Librarian Barbara Blanks

Librarian Barbara Blanks reports that three books were donated in April to the permanent collection of the Dallas Central Library.

PST Student Award Winners 2018,

Edited by Budd Powell Mahan

The Thread, by Alan Birkelbach

TCU Texas Poet Laureate Series

Donated by Karla K. Morton, 2010 Texas Poet Laureate

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

WELCOME NEW PST MEMBERS

CAROLYN HALIDAY ~ HOUSTON
MICHAEL MINASSIAN ~ CARROLLTON

We are glad you joined, you will ❤️ PST!

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