

WILLIAMSON COUNTY AREA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

WCABA DECEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

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No, this newsletter is not to tell you about a December WCABA meeting; we do not meet in December—too many of us are getting ready for Santa Claus. So **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!** May you keep getting these good rain showers and your bees will have plenty of nectar to bring you a good honey harvest in 2010.

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We want to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing officers who have faithfully performed their duties this year; several of them will be changing to another responsibility, while others have offered to be “stand-by” when needed.

2010 Officer Who's Who



Liz Exley, Gary Bible, Sherry Youngblood, Sara Reeves, Jimmie Oakley, Nathan Exley, Richard Red, Mary Bost, Ken Miller, Janet Church

Our officers for 2010 are President – Gary Bible; 1st Vice President (Membership) – Sherry Youngblood; 2nd V.P. (Program) – Jimmie Oakley; 3rd V.P. (Newsletter) – Mary Bost; Secretary – Sara Reeves; Treasurer – Kenneth Miller; Historian – Elizabeth Exley.

Appointed officials are Librarian – Richard Red; Beekeeping 101—Nathan Exley, assisted by David Kohn; Social Chair (refreshments)—Janet Church; Door Prize Coordinator – Shirley Doggett.

We thank all these persons who have agreed to serve WCABA; we appreciate members who willingly step up to help with the ongoing program. In doing so, our club can continue to thrive and as new ideas are expressed, we will have vitality, variety, and opportunity for more of our members to express their beekeeping needs. If you have an idea you would like the club to pursue, contact one of the officers—that's the way the program to help novice beekeepers began; someone asked for it.

Membership dues to WCABA are for the calendar year: January to December, and is only \$10.00. Being a member entitles you to use the club extracting equipment, order bees/queens through the club to receive a discount, receive a discount when ordering either *Bee Culture* or *American Bee Journal* (see blanks below), receive the monthly WCABA newsletter, and opportunities for you to hear what is going on in the beekeeping world as well as talk with and receive helpful information from other beekeepers. Other benefits include an active scholarship program for school-age youths who are interested in learning about bees and beekeeping plus a program from 7:00 – 7:45 each meeting to assist novice beekeepers and give them an opportunity to ask questions, as well as the main program at 8:00 – 9:00 with varied interesting topics.

We welcome Wayne Zieschang of Bartlett who joined WCABA at the last meeting. Also, a number of our members paid their renewal dues for 2010. They are David Kohn & family, Forence; Jimmie & Kay Oakley, Round Rock; Lynn Neu, Round Rock; Jack Ward, Georgetown; Mary Bost, Georgetown; Gayle and Ernest Shaw, Georgetown; Tutor Family, Burnet; Veda Capps, Salado; Wayne Baker, Temple; Ed Eacrett & family, Copperas Cove; Gary & Linda Bible, Liberty Hill; and Kenneth Miller, Elgin. The new members who joined in October paid their dues for 2010, also. They are Pete Budde, Georgetown; Reagan and Robert Seamans, Georgetown; Hem Ramachandra, Austin; and Robert and Judith Dickhout, Florence. I have included the towns in case some of our members can travel together, thereby saving gasoline and giving them a chance to visit with each other.

Have you received a 2010 calendar? If so, now is a good time to circle the dates of our WCABA meetings. Remember, we don't meet on the last Tuesday when a month has 5 Tuesdays as in March, June, August, and November this year but we do hope you can come learn more and share your experiences about beekeeping on the following (4th Tuesday) dates:

January 26	July 27
February 23	August 24
March 23	September 28
April 27	October 26
May 25	November 23
June 22	December _none_

Gary Bible suggested that, since we have so many new members and our numbers are growing, you might be interested in knowing a little more about your WCABA leadership. He suggested that each of them answer the following questions:

1. What do you do for a living. If retired, how long?
2. Where were you from originally? Where do you live now?
3. Got kids? How many and where are they?
4. How many hives are you keeping and how long have you been beekeeping?
5. Give us a little-known but interesting fact about yourself. (May or may not be about beekeeping.)

President: Gary Bible, wife-Linda

1. Retired from TX Dept. of Transportation for 9 years.
2. Moved from Austin, now living in Liberty Hill.
3. Have a son, Scott, in San Antonio and a daughter, Leslie, in Leander.
4. Have 4 hives. Been beekeeping 2 years.
5. On Nov. 15th, I ran a half marathon.....that's 13.1 miles!

1st V.P. (membership): Sherry Youngblood, husband-Jack

1. Wife to Jack for 25 years and Homeschooler Farm Mom.
2. Moved from Austin to Liberty Hill.
3. Have 4 children- Kristin, Christopher, Josiah & Jennifer.
4. No hives yet, just dairy goats and chickens.
5. Married to the best man ever.

1st V.P. (membership-alternate): Sally Tutor, husband-Russell

1. Chief Cook & Bottle Washer (homemaker/wife/mom). I'll never retire!
2. Born in Kentucky, grew up in Taiwan, now living outside Burnet.
3. 5 children, all at home. Hannah, Michael, Damaris, Luke, & Hope.
4. We have 2 hives and have been beekeepers for 4 years.
5. Our family enjoys taking part in Living History events of the post Civil War era.

2nd V.P. (program): Jimmie Oakley- wife Kay

1. Bookkeeper-State Accounts Billing Coordinator, Xerox Corp. Scheduled to retire Dec. 2010.
2. Born- Oklahoma City grew up in Dallas, living in Round Rock since 1986.
3. Have 3 grown children: Lorrie & Doug (2 girls) in Dripping Springs, Randy & Amy (6 boys, 5 girls) in Manor, Christy & Kevin (1 son) in Round Rock.
4. Have 5 hives, been beekeeping 33 years—commercial '76-'86 in North Dakota.
5. I took a 485 mile bicycle trip while in High School with a best friend before bicycling became a craze.

3rd V.P. (newsletter): Mary Bost – widow of Robert

1. Was a school teacher for 27 years, retired 29 years.
2. Robert and I moved from Rocksprings, TX to Georgetown 62 years ago.
3. Have 3 sons: Robert O. & Kay in Edmond, OK (2 adult children, twin grandchildren), Rick and Diana in Catoosa, OK (1 adult son), David and Jane in Round Rock, (2 adult children).
4. I try to keep 10 hives, we began keeping bees 50+ years ago, had 150 hives for awhile.
5. I married Santa Claus. Robert dressed as Santa Claus for the Christmas program the first year I taught school. Pearl Harbor happened and we decided to marry January 1, 1942. When I told the school children I had changed my name because I had gotten married and they wanted to know whom I had married, that was what I told them.

Treasurer: Kenneth Miller

1. I work as a programmer for Bluebonnet Electric Coop.
2. Moved from Houston to 10 miles north of Elgin.
3. No children.
4. My goal is 10 but my average seems to be 8. I've been keeping bees for about 10 years.
5. I worked for Lockheed at the Johnson Space Center from 1971 – 1978.

Historian: Elizabeth Exley – husband James

1. I live wholeheartedly home-schooling 4 boys ages 7 – 16.
2. I was raised in Dominica, West Indies, now live in Georgetown.

3. Have 4 sons: Nathan, Paul, Andrew, Luke.
4. We keep about 7-8- hives and have been doing this for 3 ½ years.
5. I don't like iced tea or coffee.

Librarian: Richard Red – wife Vanessa

1. Operate a Satellite and Home Theater business in Georgetown.
2. Originally from Alvin, TX near Houston, now live in Georgetown near Sun City.
3. Three kids, one in Dallas, another going to Haiti with his wife to be missionaries, and my third is at A&M studying Mechanical Engineering.
4. I have 3 hives and have been beekeeping for 2 years.
5. Used to raise parrots before I got into beekeeping.

Door Prize Coordinator: Shirley Doggett – husband Chris

1. Taught Special Ed., retired 8 years ago.
2. I was born in Northampton, England, now live in Thrall, TX.
3. Have 2 children. Daughter Lissa & husband, both police officers, live in Round Rock, have 2 children (Kayla-5 and Chloe-1). Ben, architect in New York City, lives in Jersey City, NJ.
4. This is our first year in beekeeping and we have 3 hives.
5. I do a lot of genealogy.

Sara Reeves, Nathan Exley, and Janet Church bios to come.

Scholarship Applications are due by February 15th See website for Scholarship Application blank.

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