

WILLIAMSON COUNTY AREA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

WCABA NOVEMBER, 2010 NEWSLETTER

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(for meeting directions, see website)

DATE: Tuesday, November 23, 2010
TIME: 7:00 P.M.—Beekeeping 101; 8:00--Program
PLACE: First United Methodist Church Georgetown (basement)
PROGRAM: Ed Wolfe-Robert Bost Memorial Scholarship Reports
HOSTS: Jack & Sherry Youngblood, Wayne Baker, Stephen Gardipee

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Last March we welcomed five new recipients of the Ed Wolfe-Robert Bost Memorial Scholarship awards to WCABA and thus began the exciting journey of becoming a beekeeper for **Angela Cox, Solomon Schroder, Bailey Franklin, Josiah Youngblood, and Rebekah Jones**. As our program this month, these young beekeepers will highlight their difficulties as well as their achievements as novice beekeepers. We know their proud parents and their mentors will be present and we trust our members, many of whom also were “newbees” (novice) beekeepers this year, will be at our meeting Tuesday evening to support and applaud their presentations.



That was then....come see how they have grown; hear their reports.

If you know of a school age youth (preferably between the ages of 10 – 15 years of age) who is interested in learning about beekeeping through hands-on involvement with his/her own beehive, direct him/her to the WCABA web site to click on Opportunities, then Scholarship, then Ed Wolfe-Robert Bost scholarships to view and print off the application. Or, bring him/her to a meeting: Jimmie Oakley will have applications with him. Interested youths should follow the instructions carefully to be considered.

We welcome four new members to WCABA: Mark Blackburn and Laura Lee, Austin; John and Meredith Duke, James and Lauren, Liberty Hill; Jim and Melissa Janknegt and Emma, Elgin; and Raul Vergara, Austin. We trust they will find our programs interesting and their conversations with experienced beekeepers helpful.

Eleven members took advantage of our early membership renewal offer last meeting. They were Wayne Baker, Temple; Gary and Linda Bible and Jack and Sherry Youngblood and Family, Liberty Hill; Leroy Hampleman and John and Susan Philpott, Georgetown; Chris and Shirley Doggett, Thrall; Ed and Karen Eacrett and Family, Copperas Cove; Bill and Lori Heisler, Marble Falls, Aisha Kessler and Stan and Gayle Timmerman, Austin; and Kenneth Miller, Elgin. We expect more of our members will want to pay their \$10.00 dues for 2011 this month in order to avoid the long line in January. Remember: WCABA membership is by the calendar year—January through November. (No meeting in December.)

A big thank you to all our members who served in the sales and educational booth at WesleyFest or contributed time, honey and/or money to the WCABA fund raiser. Sherry and Josiah Youngblood helped Mary Bost with bottling and labeling honey. Those filling the booth and educating the public about bees and selling our delicious honey were Jimmie Oakley, Gary Bible, Brian and Angela Cox, Kristin Cothorn, Honey Queen Rebekah Jones, Cindy & Rachael Jones, Paul Exley, Shelly and Bailey Franklin, Randy Oakley and sons, Daniel & Benjamin, Chris and Shirley Doggett, and Lisa & Solomon Schroder, John & Susan Philpot.



Gary Bible talks about bees to interested visitors to the booth.

Members who donated honey were Chris and Shirley Doggett, Nial Chase, Randy Oakley, Harold Kind, Jimmie Oakley, Kenneth Miller, Gary Bible, and Mary Bost. Money was donated by David Luna (sp?), Jeff Callin, Elizabeth and Paul Exley, Jim and Sara Reeves, Wally Red, Fred Herber, John Ridout, Chris Smith, and Hem Ramachandran.

Gary Bible reports that all the officers for 2010 have agreed to serve in 2011 if elected. Those members who have agreed to serve by appointment are Beekeeping 101 – Chris Doggett; Refreshment coordinator – John and Susan Philpott; Mega Bee salesperson – Kurt Schroder. We trust Richard and Vanessa Red will continue as librarians and Jennifer Youngblood will take door prizes, but these have not yet been affirmed.

Jimmie Oakley will give a wrap-up report on the Wesley Fest as well as a brief report on the TBA convention Tuesday evening. When “the dust has had time to settle”, we’ll give a more extensive report on the TBA convention in the December special letter.



WCABA Honey Queen Rebekah Jones and another satisfied customer.

Congratulations to the Jack Ward family who welcomed Caiya Joy, 7#, 4 oz. to their family on November 12. He said Cayman and Cohen are very proud of their little sister. She looks like a keeper.

Have you ever picked up a jar of honey from the grocery shelf and looked at the labeling on the back to see where it was produced? Most labels will specify that the honey was produced in the United States, Germany, Argentina, etc. . . . usually 5 or 6 countries. Did you ever wonder if that honey was produced under conditions other than what we consider safe? That is one reason beekeepers should let their friends and customers know that we are providing pure safe honey as well as the fact that local raw honey is good for building up a person's immune system to counteract allergies.

A recent (11/10/2010) ABF Alert headline stated, "Honey Importer Sentenced to 30 Months for Conspiring to Evade U. S. Import Duties." Hung Ta Fan, a Taiwanese executive of several honey import companies, was sentenced in Illinois to 30 months in prison for conspiring to avoid more than \$5 million in U.S. anti-dumping duties by illegally importing Chinese-origin honey that was falsely identified as coming from South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, and India. Besides the prison sentence, he was ordered to pay \$5,378,370.00 in restitution. Fan admitted that in 2009 he conspired with others to fraudulently import about \$8 million of honey that was diluted and blended with 20 to 30 percent artificial sugar. He admitted to adding artificial sugar to the honey in an effort to obtain a higher price and profit margin than if the shipments contained pure honey.

Another recent article I received was headlined, "11 Execs, 6 Foreign Firms Caught in Honey Sting." The gist of this article was that 11 Chinese and German executives and six of their honey export companies had been illegally importing Chinese-origin honey, including honey tainted with antibiotics, into the U.S. by mislabeling it as originating in other countries to avoid paying anti-dumping fees. Let's be proud of our local honey—for good reason.

Here's a recipe for a good entrée for any of our upcoming holiday meals from Juliette Elkon's book, *The Honey Cookbook*.

Orange Honeyed Ham

1 precooked ham	1 Tbsp. grated orange peel	½ cup orange juice
1 cup honey	whole cloves	

Bake ham, fat side up, uncovered, in slow oven (300 degrees F) 25 to 30 minutes per pound. 45 minutes before ham is done remove rind and pour off most of fat in pan. Score in diagonal lines. Decorate with whole cloves. Blend grated peel, orange juice, and honey and spread mixture over ham. Return ham to oven. Baste frequently with mixture in pan. Remove from oven when ham is glazed and brown.

For decoration, use pineapple slices and maraschino cherries in flower design. Hold in place on ham with whole cloves. This is a basic recipe and any of the following glazes may be substituted:

1 cup honey mixed with 1 cup apricot pulp	1 cup honey and ½ cup cranberry sauce
1 cup crushed pineapple with 1 cup honey	1 cup honey and ½ cup cider



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