

# WILLIAMSON COUNTY AREA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

## WCABA MAY 2012 NEWSLETTER

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DATE: Tuesday, May 22, 2012  
TIME: 7:00 PM- Beekeeping 101 8:00 PM-Program  
PLACE: First United Methodist Church Georgetown (basement)  
PROGRAM: Your Hive After 6 Weeks; 4H Essay Winner Recognition  
HOSTS: Karen Eacrett, Mary Catherine Gardner, Lisa Schroder

1st. V.P.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

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**Remember: May has 5 Tuesdays this year. WCABA meets on 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday.**

April and May have been busy bee months: first, getting equipment ready then receiving our packages of bees and getting them installed, then picking up the delayed shipment of queens and replacing some of the queens who died or a few who did not start laying eggs, checking for brood, feeding the new hives, and for those who had established hives, already extracting honey. The club extractor has been really busy.

2nd. V.P.

### **PROGRAM**

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If you need to use the club extracting equipment, please keep in mind that you need to reserve it for the date you prefer; however, be ready with a second choice of date in case someone else has already asked for that date. It is available to club members for 3 days and then should be thoroughly cleaned and returned. Call or email Mary Bost to reserve it.

3rd. V.P.

### **NEWSLETTER**

Mary Bost  
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WCABA has two of its members who need to be recognized for their essay writing ability because they placed 1st & 2nd in the Texas 4H Beekeeping Essay Writing contest. Callie Herring of Briggs, TX, and Paul Exley of Georgetown, TX, will be presented at the meeting and recognized for their accomplishment.

### **SECRETARY**

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Don't forget about the **Summer Clinic, June 9<sup>th</sup>**, 10:30 – 4:00 in Belton! It will be a day of fun, fellowship and learning opportunities. It will be hosted by David and Jan Tucker (Queen Lesli Tucker's parents) **and WCABA**. It will also include a catered BBQ meal for only \$12 for adults and \$8 for children. Contact Jimmie Oakley ASAP if you can assist with registration, parking, and/or presentations. For a map and more detailed information, go to the TBA Journal or their web site, [texasbeekeepers.org](http://texasbeekeepers.org) Jimmie Oakley will have more information at the meeting Tuesday evening.

### **TREASURER**

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### **HISTORIAN**

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Our members rallied around the Randy and Amy Oakley Family when we heard the news of the devastating fire that burned the house they were renting to the ground, plus their vehicles and all their possessions that were in it ten days ago. Neither they nor their landlord had fire insurance. The Oakley's were at church when it happened so were unable to save anything except their musical instruments and some of the boys' clothing that was in a nearby building. (Randy was the one presenting the program in mites at the last meeting)

We appreciate Elizabeth Exley's instigating a brmrfit garage and bake sale last Saturday to raise money to assist Randy and Amy in replacing some of the necessities they lost. Our members generously donating items, money, and helping with the sale. Chris and Shirley Doggett, Sherry and Jenni Youngblood, Susan Philpott, and Elizabeth's family including her mother pitched in to make the sale successful. Thank you, all of you who helped and/or donated money or items for sale.

If you would like to donate money to help Randy and Amy and their 9 children who still live at home, a donation jar will be available at the meeting. We are a generous group and any amount you wish to contribute will be appreciated. If you have already contributed, we thank you.

Door prizes at the last meeting were donated by Chris Doggett, Kay Oakley, Dean Hamilton and McCartney Taylor. They were won by Jan Tucker, Randy Oakley, Sonya Featherston, and Ed Eacrett. Incidentally, it's important to the club that you register your attendance. If you don't care to receive a door prize, don't let that stop you from signing in; just refuse the door prize and someone else can have it.

New members are John, Dorothy, Jacob and Payton Bauer of Hutto, Kevin, Mary Alice, and Callie Herring of Briggs, Kathi and Jeremy Richie of Austin, and Steve and Louise Wetli from Killeen. Welcome to WCABA.

In her article, "The Dangerous Side of Beekeeping" (*Bee Culture*, May 2012) Jennifer Berry tells a very interesting story that happened to her while she was doing some research work while still in grad school. It's a fun read but she pointed out some very important safety measures all beekeepers, whether inexperienced or not, should keep in mind.

Usually, several of her lab teammates went with Ms. Berry when she went to the bee yard to collect data, but on this hot summer day, she was "flying solo"—her words. "As the day wore on, the heat was becoming unbearable," she said and "I had brought only one bottle of water, which had been quickly consumed before 10 AM." Soon she was having trouble seeing the eggs and her eyes weren't focusing. Her hands started shaking, her heart was racing, she began seeing stars, and the next thing she knew she had passed out. She was experiencing heat exhaustion.

Heat exhaustion occurs when the temperature of the body gets too high and can't cool down properly. Warning signs are numerous: heavy sweating, muscle cramps, weakness, headache, muscle spasms, nausea, and vomiting. Heat stroke occurs when your temperature rises to 106 degrees or higher and you feel faint, clammy, tired, dizzy, lethargic, and confused. A seizure may also occur. (One time when Robert and I were working past noon on a hot day, he remarked that he couldn't remember which direction we needed to go to get back to the road, so we stopped working immediately, realizing that he was experiencing heat exhaustion. Editor)

Steps to minimize becoming ill from getting over-heated: always wear loose fitting, lightweight, light colored clothes; drink lots of water--a cup of water every 15 minutes if possible; work in the early morning as much as possible; if you begin to feel the slightest problem, stop working, seek out a shady spot, sit down, and drink water. A bandana soaked in cold water and placed on the back of the neck or the forehead brings almost instant relief.

As beekeepers, we focus so much energy on taking care of the bees but while working the bees we need to be concerned with taking care of ourselves as well. These precautions can be applied to other activities as well when hot weather occurs.

A honey customer at Sun City Farmers Market told me she had had many compliments on a marinade she makes using honey. This is the recipe she gave me.

### Honey Lime Marinade by Kate Allen

Combine equal parts of honey, lime juice and lime zest, and Dijon mustard. Add a small amount of olive oil to make the ingredients hold together. Use to marinate salmon, chicken, or pork tenderloin about 30 minutes before cooking in the usual way.

## WCABA Meeting Minutes – April 24, 2012

### 1)Beekeeping 101 – Chris Doggett – “What A Weekend”

### 2)Business Meeting – Stephen Gardipee and Jimmie Oakley

**A: Treasurer’s Report** - \$4,000.00 for balance

**B: Meeting Attendance** – 98 people in attendance

**C: Introduce Guests** – 3 guests were introduced

**D: Door Prizes** – 5 door prizes awarded

**E: Date for Next Meeting** – Tuesday, May 22, 2012

### F: Other Business –

- Motion to approve March Minutes was made, seconded and approved.
- WCABA is to be the hosts for the 2012 Texas Beekeepers Association Summer Clinic on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Those of you who can assist need to contact Jimmie at the meeting, by phone (512)507-3008, or by email: [Jimmie.Oakley@att.net](mailto:Jimmie.Oakley@att.net).
- Benefit for Round Rock Express Baseball on July 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be a booth. Get cheap tickets to help promote honeybees and honey.
- Thanks to Gary Bible and Louisiana “Go-To-Guys-&-Gals” for getting all of our honeybees safely home.
- City of Georgetown has voted to allow anyone in the city limits to keep honeybees. Thanks to all of our members and anyone who helped make this possible!

### 3)WCABA Honey Queen Announcement – Lesli Tucker

- Lesli talks about her 1<sup>st</sup> month as Honey Queen

### 4)Varroa Mites – Randy Oakley

- Randy gives tips on how to check for mites.
- Also gave instructions on the best all-natural, organic solution on getting rid of the mites.
- Go to [www.scientificbeekeeping.com](http://www.scientificbeekeeping.com) for more information about mite control; by Randy Oliver, fellow beekeeper and biologists.

### 5)Meeting Adjourned

Stephen Gardipee – President      Reagan Rozales – Sec.



Payton Bauer

## Scholarship Recipients Check Hives



Jenni Youngblood

Will Hilscher

Callie Herring

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