



of GREENWAY DOWNS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION



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FEBRUARY MEETING

DATE: Thursday, February 17  
TIME: 8:00 P. M.  
PLACE: Devonshire Cafetorium  
Graham Road & Lee Highway

PROGRAM

Motion Picture: HAWAII: THE  
ISLAND STATE

SHORT BUSINESS MEETING

REFRESHMENTS

We are continuing our delightful custom of serving homemade cookies and coffee after our meeting. Have you had the pleasure of partaking of these refreshments as you chatted with your neighbors? If not, why not come out and join us.

EDITOR NEEDED IMMEDIATELY

Your Editor can no longer give the time needed to compile the material for this newsletter, type it on a stencil, have it mimeographed and also arrange to see that it is delivered. It has been a challenging assignment and rewarding when words of appreciation come to you. However, the time has come when I must devote my time to other duties which by their nature take precedence over this civic obligation.

It is hoped that someone who has the time and would be interested in continuing this little means of communication with the members of Greenway Downs will offer to take over this work. If no one can do it, there will be only one more issue of THE DOWNS after this one. Notice of meetings will be sent, as before, by a flyer.

IRENE T. SMITH  
Editor

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CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas Party was a big success and enjoyed by all. While there were only 87 children (they are growing up in our community) they had a fine time. Each one brought a Christmas card which was signed and hung on the Christmas tree. This tree was later taken to the Whitehall Nursing Home in Falls Church for them to enjoy. A 97-year old woman was the most talkative one at the Home.

Santa visited the party and gave gifts to all and heard what each one wanted for Christmas. Bing Hudson thoroughly enjoyed his role as Santa.

Refreshments were served, of course, and the program was interspersed with 3 movies for children.

Our special thanks to Ellwood & Gladys Keys and their daughter-- they took charge of all the arrangements and were ably assisted by Mr. Furman Riley, Mrs. Elaine Jackson and Mr. George Kalbach.

Pictures of the party will be shown at the meeting.

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A fellow says "OK" he'll serve in a job nobody really wants. Why? A civic duty is felt, an uncertain boost to the ego is admitted, and there is a troubled awareness that these littlest civic groups must be kept alive for the public good.

For, you do have a concerned group to take your troubles to, even if you're not always happy with the results. And, I am discovering our group has a voice that is listened to, if not always heeded.

Some of your dues money goes for our association's membership in the Falls Church District Council of Citizens Associations. This group takes its problems to the man now representing people in the district for the County--Fred Babson, our County Supervisor. I and a dozen other civic association presidents sat with him the other night talking over mutual problems like zoning, drainage, and taxes.

Your money also goes for our group's voice in another larger organization--the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations. Three of your neighbors are delegates to the Federation, which takes its troubles to all members of the County Board of Supervisors, including Mr. Babson.

Thus, in County affairs, you have some voice. How loud depends on you and the primary civic groups serving you--Greenway Downs Citizens Association. I have found that it is very much alive, and frequently "kicking."

BEN BLANKENSHIP  
President

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OFFICERS FOR GDCA, 1966

Pres. Ben Blankenship  
 V. Pres. Henry Rodriguez  
 Exec. Secy. Mrs. Norma Maxson  
 Cor. Secy. Mrs. Bernie Lucas  
 Treasurer Charles M. Reeves

Delegates to Federation:  
 Archie Sanders  
 Henry Rodriguez  
 Joseph J. Goodwin, Jr.

Executive Board:	Term:
Irene T. Smith	1 yr.
Stan F. Robinson	1 yr.
Ellwood C. Keys	2 yr.
Frances Fisher	2 yr.
Furman H. Riley	3 yr.
Wayne Shipp	3 yr.

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN FOR 1966

Garden Mrs. Fran Thomsen  
 Streets & Utilities Joseph Goodwin, Jr.  
 Membership Stanley Johnson  
 Schools & County Liaison Mrs. Bernie Lucas  
 Picnic Wayne Shipp  
 Hospitality Carol Blankenship

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR 1966

The following are the tentative dates for the General Meetings and Picnic of the Association.

March 22	Tuesday
May 4	Wednesday
June 11	Saturday, Picnic
September 15	Thursday
October 25	Tuesday
December 1	Thursday

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FEDERATION REPORT

The Federation voted at their January meeting to support the recommendation of the Board of County Supervisors to the Delegates of the General Assembly of Virginia to revise the present authorization for an urban county form of government with the exception that the Federation recommended election at large of the political head of the County, and provision that members of the Board be elected on a staggered basis--half at a time.

In addition, it recommended an amendment to the annexation laws to provide that the courts must find that the quantity and quality of urban services to be provided by the annexing jurisdiction would be substantially greater than would be available from the losing jurisdiction.

The Federation, also, voted in favor of a proposed civic and cultural center which they suggested be located in the southeast quadrant of the Capital Beltway at the intersection of Arlington Blvd. (Route 50).

HENRY RODRIQUEZ  
 Delegate

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LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION

Registration for boys, ages 8 to 12, interested in joining the Little League will be held Feb. 12 and 19 at Devonshire School from 10 AM to 4 PM.

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FEDERATION AWARDS DINNER

GIRL SCOUT NEWS

The 16th Annual Awards Dinner of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations will be held Wednesday, February 23, at the Elk's Lodge on Arlington Blvd. Fairfax County's Citizen of the Year will be named and the evening's featured speaker will be the Honorable Harry F. Byrd, Jr., U. S. Senator.

Tickets are \$5.75 each. For further information, call Mrs. Barbara Klingensmith, CL 6-4526. Reservations must be made by February 19.

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CUB SCOUTS BANQUET

The Cub Scouts will have their annual Blue and Gold Banquet at Devonshire School, Friday, Feb. 25, at which their parents are invited.

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DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

It will be appreciated if you will report any corrections or additions to our new Directory to the Editor, JE 2-1559. They will then be published in THE DOWNS next month.

The following corrections are given:

Sanders, Archie--correct address is 2850 Greenway Blvd.

Smith, Talma R. (not B)

Add--

Smith, Clarence E.

2846 Greenway Blvd. 534-1310

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Girl Scout Cadette Troops will be having their Father and Daughter Dinner, family-style, on Monday, February 14, at Graham Road Methodist Church.

The Junior Girl Scouts will have their Father and Daughter Dinner at the Jefferson Fire House the following Monday, February 21.

The Girl Scout Cookie Sale starts March 11 and lasts for one week only. They will be selling five varieties of cookies this year and the price is still 50¢ a box. Please plan to help the girls make money for their organization by buying several boxes of their delicious cookies.

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NEW DIRECTORY & MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Are you a member of your GDCA? If you are, did you receive your new Directory?

If you did not receive a Directory and are a member, or if you were not contacted last year on our membership drive, please call Mrs. Bernie Lucas. She will be glad to sign you up and/or see that you get a copy of our very fine new Directory.

New residents in the community should call Mrs. Lucas as she is happy to give them a complimentary membership in the GDCA. This entitles you to a 10% discount on most purchases at LIGGON PAINT STORE and FALLFAX LUMBERERIA. Complimentary memberships are given from the end of one membership drive until the start of the next.

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