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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

by Elling C. Reich

Last year's president, Joe Goodwin, once remarked in *The Downs*, "Here it is September again." By golly, he was right. It is September again. Where did the time go? I bet many persons are wondering the same thing. These busy summer vacations sure make time fly. "Here it is September again." So let's buckle down to a good busy schedule of activity and make the upcoming season a memorable one.

A strong, active association is dependent upon cooperation and help from everyone in the area. Your dues provide the funds for the material things but only your physical participation in the activities of the association can ensure its success. Be ready to help on committees, express your opinions and ideas (even complaints), and attend the meetings.

This issue of *The Downs* contains much information about committees, dues, possible programs, and the membership drive. Read it all, every word, and pitch in to help where needed.

It is good for an organization to have change as it provides new ideas and greater representation for the residents of the community. It is

**SEPTEMBER MEETING**

**DATE** Wednesday, September 23

**TIME** 8:00 p.m.

**PLACE** Devonshire School Cafetorium  
Graham Road and Lee Highway

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**REFRESHMENTS**

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also good to be able to retain some of the experience gained. I hope that a well balanced organization has resulted. The new faces are Mrs. Mary Augustine, Mr. Bruce Meiser, Mr. Danny Brew, Mr. Fred Kramer, Mr. Kenneth Walton, Mr. Willard Scott (not BOZO the clown), and Mrs. Glenda Glammeyer. Listed below are the members of your association who will try to keep you informed of community actions and other facets of community activity. Give them your support and ideas on any subject.

We have tried to set up meeting dates that will permit everyone in the area to attend a few of the meetings. The dates are scheduled to fall

on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday to permit resting on Monday after the weekends or getting ready on Friday for the weekend. See you at our meetings.

Before I close, many thanks to Joe Goodwin for a good administration during the past year. I will be giving you a call to take advantage of your experience. Stand by for a phone call, Joe.

**OFFICERS FOR 1970-71**

President . . . . . Elling C. Reich  
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 Scouts . . . . . John Schaffstall  
 Historian . . . . .

News for the October *Downs* must be called in by October 14.

The next **Executive Board meeting** will be 8 p.m., September 30 at 2800 Winchester Way.

Volunteers to help with the Christmas festivities please call Mr. Reich at 533-1844.

Register by midnight October 3, 1970, to vote in the November 3 general election. For information please call 533-1392.

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**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**  
**September 26 to October 11**

Over 20 years ago the Greenway Downs Citizens Association was established. In that time we have fought for street lights, a creek culvert, a new school, a local fire department and library, street signs, and some street improvements. All that has been accomplished has been done through the time and dues of you and your neighbors. This year we ask each family to seriously weigh its financial and human investment in Greenway Downs and give the \$2.50 annual dues to continue the efforts. This money also publishes *The Downs*, sponsors a Boy Scout, Cub Scout, Girl Scout, and Brownie Scout troop, pays for the Christmas party, the Annual Awards Dinner, and a June picnic. We hope you all feel it's worth it.

The street Leaders for this year's Membership Drive are:

Bolling Road	Mrs. Glammeyer . . .	532-4152
Winchester Way	Mrs. Huffstettler . .	533-9317
	Mrs. Yarbrough . . .	534-6502
Cameron Road	Mrs. Crovo . . . . .	534-8675
	Mr. Macc . . . . .	534-4515
Greenway Blvd.	Mrs. Hedgpeth . . . .	532-1594
George Mason Rd.	Mrs. Fellenbaum . . .	532-4593
Marshall Street	Mrs. Tate . . . . .	532-4623
Monroe Street	Mr. Ritter . . . . .	532-1309
Woodlawn Ave.	Mr. Paul Davis . . . .	534-1593
	Mr. Goodwin . . . . .	532-2605
Custis Parkway	Mrs. Roadcap . . . . .	532-2880

**ABOUT OUR MEETING**

On September 23 we will hold the first meeting of the season of the Greenway Downs Citizens Association. No special program is planned. Instead, we want to give the members an opportunity to voice their views on the types of programs they would like during the course of the year. In order to assist you in this matter, we are listing twelve different subjects suitable for discussion in future meetings:

Juvenile Delinquency . . . County Services to Older Communities . . . Drug Abuse . . . Crime in the Streets . . . Maintaining an Attractive Community . . . Taxation . . . Public Housing . . . Parks and Recreation . . . Home Rule for the District of Columbia . . . Rehabilitation vs. Incarceration . . . Rental Property in Greenway Downs . . . Youth Night . . .

This listing is far from exhaustive. If you have other ideas, please bring them on the 23rd.

## Flutes to Teepeeing Houses – SUCCESS!

**Youth Appreciation Night** was another rousing success of your Association. Held on a warm night in May, thirty-five Downs area youngsters participated in the event organized by Mrs. Robert Owens and Mr. Ronald Bealby. From the entrance of the flag by Boy Scouts of Troop 677 to the cookies baked by girls in the Downs, the evening was quite a success.

Part of the program was devoted to speakers on a variety of subjects from Richard Hunter from the American Legion Oratorical Contest on the application of the First Amendment, spelunking by David Jacobs, what sports have meant to Glenn Bickham, Larry Bertram, and Bruce Ruddle, who was on the All Metropolitan football team, to building a telescope by Keith Brescia, teepeeing houses by Don Lucas, Eagle Scouting by John Reddan and Tommy Stoddard, and baton twirling by Denise Harnage.

The highlight of the musical entertainment was country music by Dale (bass guitar) and Emory (fiddle) Lester accompanied by their father. The boys, ages 10 and 7, really had their souls in the music and the audience responded accordingly.

The other soul music for the evening was a flute trio by Robin Erler, Pam Goodwin, and Brenda Owens; a piano solo by Glinda Glammeyer, musical selections by Brenda Owens, and a trombone solo by Don Lucas who won a superior rating last spring in the Annual Solo Festival.

In addition, Downs youngsters from Devonshire Elementary—Rebecca Bracket, Freida Richardson, Connie Davis, Karen Hopkins, and Anna Brew; St. James Elementary—Eileen Seaman; J. G. Whittier Intermediate—Nancy Reich, Ronald Ricks, and Brenda Owens; Falls Church High—Larry Bertram and Bruce Ruddle; Flint Hill—Stephanie Pleasants; and, Bishop J. O'Connell—Barbara Willette and John Bikowski, were honored for their achievement.

Thanks go also to Pam Blackwell, Pam Goodwin, Peggy Roadcap, Brenda Owens, Bonnie

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## SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

October 27	Tuesday
December 3	Thursday
January 20	Wednesday
February 24	Wednesday
March 23	Tuesday
April 29	Thursday
May 25	Tuesday
June 12	Picnic Saturday

Hopkins, Jeanenne Blankenship, Kathy Jacobs, Robin Erler, Connie Davis, Donna Bickham, Barbara Brackett, and Nancy Reich who baked cookies for the occasion.

## \$8,000 CASH SCHOLARSHIP Attention High School Students 9th through 12th grades

Beginning with the school year of 1970-71, The American Legion will make the following cash awards for the Oratorical Program:

National Awards	
1st Place . . . . .	\$8,000
2nd Place . . . . .	5,000
3rd Place . . . . .	3,000
4th Place . . . . .	2,000

Each State winner who participates in the National Regional Contest will receive \$500 cash. In addition, there are local awards starting at the school level going up to and including the State Contest. Interested High School students of Greenway Downs and their High School friends are invited to contact Mr. J. E. Crum, Oratorical Chairman for Virginia – 532-7893 (2852 Monroe Street, Falls Church 22042). He will be happy to answer your questions, work with you, and help you get started in this program.

## SCOUTING CORNER

On April 16, 1970, Scout Tommy Stoddard attained an important goal in his life when the Fairfax District Eagle Board of Review approved his Eagle Scout application. Subsequently, it was approved by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. This is an extremely important achievement. Well done, Tommy!

In June, Boy Scout Troop 677 hiked 16 miles on the Lincoln Trail in Washington, D. C. During the hike, Scout Pat Layland found an envelope on the street containing several hundred dollars in cash and checks to be deposited in a bank. Pat returned it to the rightful owners, a nearby Sunoco Service Station. The happy owners remarked that, "now they believe what people say about Scouts." This honest act personified what Scouting is all about. Pat, we salute you.

During the last week of July, Troop 677 paid their annual summer visit to Boy Scout camp in Goshen, Virginia. Scouts William Hall and John Schaffstall spent an extra week at camp and both graduated from the Junior Leaders Training Camp sponsored by the BSA. It was a week of achievement for the Troop. We are all proud of David Wilhide and Jim Gunnels who advanced in rank to First-Class Scouts.

In addition, Richard Lunsford, John Zeigler, Craig Simounet and Larry Patterson advanced to Second Class Scouts. Merit Badges were awarded to John Schaffstall, Lifesaving; Bud & Bob Blankenship and Larry Patterson, Swimming; Randy and Craig Simounet, Home Repair. The Mile Swim event had a big turnout and those who completed it were: Bud and Bob Blankenship, John Goodwin, Craig Simounet, Ed Yarbrough, Jay Zeigler, John Sherrill, and Larry Patterson. Mr. Alfred Thompson, who acted as the Troop's Camp Scoutmaster, completed a course of instruction in Safe Swim Defense and was awarded a certificate.

Congratulations are also due to Peggy Roadcap who attained First-Class Girl Scout in May. Peggy, who lives at 6925 Custis Parkway, thus attains the highest rank in Girl Scouting.

PTA - BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT - OCTOBER 13.

## PICNIC IN THE PARK

Taking full advantage of the beautiful summer day, Greenway Downs celebrated the end of school with our annual Picnic in the Park, Saturday, June 13. Beginning with a neighborhood parade at 12:30 p.m. and ending with dinner, an afternoon of fun was at hand for about three hundred people. Led by a Jefferson Fire Department truck and Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 677 and Junior Girl Scout Troop 601, the parade of cars and bikes wound through the Downs to touch off the festivities.

Games led by Boy Scout Troop 677 were won by: Margie and David Jacobs, Allen and John Schaffstall, Nicky Bolivier, Tim Shipp, Eddie and Dale Yarbrough, Jeanette Blankenship, Judy Walton, Donna and Monique St. Hilaire, Deanna Heath, Carolyn Amole, and Bill Hall.

The king, Stephan Shaffer (age 23 mo.), and queen, Elaine Standish (age 13 mo.), were crowned to reign for the year; and to top off the afternoon, country music was provided by Dale and Emory Lester and their dad. The music was performed with great style in spite of the humidity which took its toll on the stringed instruments.

At the end of the perfect day, Mr. Thomas Wright, Fairfax County Supervisor for Providence District, drew the "Outdoors" prizes of gifts donated by members. Many words of thanks are due to Mr. Goodwin and his vast organization and to Saunder's Bakery which sold the rolls and cupcakes at less than cost. Looking forward to next year and an even better day.

Summer is always a moving time in the Downs and we older residents wish to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Spinelli who moved in with their four children to 2801 Woodlawn Ave., and to Sandra and George Smith who moved to 2757 Woodlawn Avenue. We are, on the other hand, sorry to see people like the Al Jacobs family of 6911 Custis Parkway leave. Both Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs contributed a lot of time and effort for our association in addition to their work with the Falls Church High band and the Scout troops. We will all miss their helping hands.

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REMEMBER THE MEETING - SEPTEMBER 23  
8:00 p.m. - DEVONSHIRE SCHOOL CAFETORIUM