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A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER JANUARY-MARCH 2023  
FROM THE CANYONS ON LAKE WHITNEY TEXAS



Hope your holiday season was fun and festive.  
Our greatest desire for you this New Year is success,  
courage, and prosperity.

**NEW BABY IN THE CANYONS**

John & Nidia Hernandez welcomed their new son.  
Joaquin Hernandez was born at Home in the Canyons on  
November 28, 2022 @ 6:12 pm.  
Not only do we have a new resident, but he was born in  
The Canyons.

**Welcome Joaquin Hernandez!**





VIEWS FROM CAPTAIN'S COVE

What an interesting last quarter! As some of you know I had knee surgery in August, in the midst of my recovery Alexandria discovered she needed her tonsils removed. No small ask for an adult. After getting back on my feet so to speak I started to have trouble catching my breath walking down my street. A LOOOONNNNGGG ER visit and appointments with my cardiologist later I found out I had blockage. In November they attempted to place a stent , however they quickly discovered I would need to receive some bypasses. On December 9th I went into Providence for a quadruple bypass and by all accounts it was very successful. The recovery process for a 70+ year old is a bit more than I anticipated. After 8 days in the ICU and another 5 in

the step down unit I was able to go to the rehab center ( hopefully by the time you are reading this I am soon to be on my way home) I was really upset when the realization kicked in that I would be in the hospital or rehab center during Christmas, but my family pulled through again!

The last time I had a terrible Christmas away from family was when my reserve unit was activated during the Vietnam war. When I expressed my anxiety I was informed that plans were already in the works to make sure that this Christmas was not even a runner up for worst Christmas.

Once I was out of the ICU my Tim, Alexandria, Arabella, and Amelia all came with dinner and decoration. We didn't quite deck the halls but

my room was definitely decked out. With a mini Christmas tree , window clings, Christmas cards, and a sound machine projector my room was the talk amongst the staff . It really did help to chase those holiday blues away.

I look to the new year with hope and optimism knowing family is always here for me no matter what life throws at me.

Have a Happy New Year and may all your resolutions and hopes not be forgotten -

Gary AKA Papa AKA SID, Tim, Alexandria, Arabella , and Amelia

SYMPATHY

**Rita Reusch**, a resident of the Canyons, passed away October 26, 2022. Lori Purvis, her daughter gave us the following information about her parents

Honoring my Mother, Rita Reusch, who passed away October 26, 2022, and my Father, Robert Reusch, Jr. 1940 – 2015. My parents lived in the Canyons for several years with my Dad's Great Grandfather who was one of the first to build here in Cedar Shores. They bought a house in 2007 and lived there until Robert passed away.

A few words describing my Father, brilliant, strong willed, outstanding, and funny human being. He rarely told the same joke twice. He liked to socialize and help others in need. Those who crossed

his path would surely agree. He was in the Air Force for four years with Miliary Police. He graduated from TCU and retired from the District Attorney's Office in Fort Worth. He was remembered in the Canyons for rescuing a Great Pyrenees and she had two litters of pups. Several of the puppies went to a Great Pyrenees rescue in Houston. My love for my Father was unconditional.

A few words honoring my Mother. She was beautiful, caring, loved to laugh and was pretty brave to raise my two brothers and me while Dad held down three jobs. She worked at Texas Instruments, was a hair dresser, and a FEMA Disaster Clerk when she retired. She was a devoted mother, compassionate, and devoted most of her time to her family. You will be missed by all. So proud to have you as my parents.

## CANYON'S COMMUNITY

### Gatherings/Potlucks

A select committee planned for all of 2022's Gatherings. They have been a real hit and they are already planning for 2023.

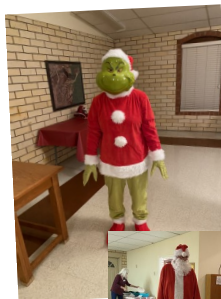
*October Gathering:* (October 8<sup>th</sup>) The 1<sup>st</sup> Chili Cookoff was a great success. Thanks to all the cooks for the chili and to everyone who enjoyed the tasting. This will be an annual event so brush up all you Chili Cooks.

*Halloween Parade:* (October 29<sup>th</sup>) Several entries, UTVs, Polaris', and even a truck. We had the pleasure of a couple of new residents joining in the parade. Plan on doing an annual Halloween Parade.

*November Gathering:* (November 12<sup>th</sup>) Turkey and all the fixings. Thanks to all for sharing fabulous food and being part of our Neighborhood Gathering.

*Christmas Parade:* (December 3<sup>rd</sup>) We had a small parade but a good time was had by all. After the parade some people gathered at the Community Center for Hot Chocolate, Marshmallows, and Cookies.

*December Gathering:* December 10<sup>th</sup>) Santa Claus and the Grinch showed up. A Ham dinner with all the fixings and a Gift Exchange with Santa Claus helping with the gifts. Had a nice crowd and everyone enjoyed themselves.



are working on getting a team for each month in 2023 to plan and be responsible for a Gathering Dinner. Paula has a detailed folder on the previous gatherings. So far, we have had a good response but we still need a couple of additional teams. Please consider being a part of this group. Give Paula or Suzan a call for more information.

### BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2023

The new Community Center Board Members for 2023 are Carin Sanders, Melanie McNamara, Bob Cox, Burt Radar. Returning members are Marcia Webster, Tom Eller, Mike Braudaway, and Brian Scott. New Treasurer is Melanie McNamara.

The Board still needs a Secretary. If you are would like to take minutes at the monthly meetings, please let Marcia Webster or Jane Brown know.

### T-SHIRT & CAPS

Canyons T-Shirts were available to the December Gathering. They were a big hit and there are only a few remaining. Mostly Small and 2X Large. They are \$30.00 each if you are still interested or make a donation and get a t-shirt. That will be true for the Baseball Caps which will be available soon.

### ENTRANCE ROAD

Please be careful on the entrance road. Signs say, **SLOW/KEEP RIGHT**. The new sign has been stolen. The signs were donated, are costly and expensive to

replace!

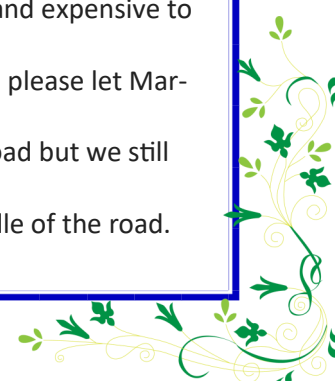
If anyone knows about the stolen sign, please let Marcia Webster know.

The Electric/Power Company is off the road but we still need to be very careful.

Slow down and no NOT drive in the middle of the road.

### Gatherings for 2023

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Canyons Gathering Dinners in 2022. They were a great success. We





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**January**

- 1 – New Year’s Day
- 14 – January Gathering
- 16 – Martin Luther’s King Jr. Day

**February**

- 2 – Ground Hog Day
- 11 – February Gathering
- 14 – Valentine’s Day
- 20 – President’s Day
- 22 – Ash Wednesday
- 11 – March Gathering

**March**

- 12 – Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 17 – St Patrick’s Day
- 20 – Spring Begins

**Cedar Shores Baptist Church**



**Everyone Welcome**

Sunday School at 9:00  
Church at 10:00  
Come and join us on Sunday  
Everyone Welcome

**WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE  
MATTHEW 19:26**

**A Thought Worth Echoing!**

**“What can you do to promote world peace? Go home and love your family.” - Mother Teresa**