



## Texas North Star Sams Area 17 – 2006

# *February Newsletter*

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### The President's Corner



Kathy Helwick

The holidays are behind us, and now we can get down to some serious camping. The trek to the valley for our February campout will be a first for the club since we normally don't go that distance, but it will be good to see the MacPhersons and Baileys who are wintering down there. To those of you who can't make the trip, we'll miss you, but just wait; you'll love retirement too!

Our second first-Wednesday meet-and-eat was as big a success as the first, even if we didn't have everyone.



Once again, we thank Del for her great idea and time spent in organizing this event. I think that this idea is a real keeper. We may be a small group, but we do enjoy each other's company, and that's what it's really all about.

As always, feel free to contact me with questions and/or comments.

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## **Officers:**

President: Kathy Helwick  
Vice-President: Steve Young  
Treasurer: Jim Bailey  
Secretary: Del Duerr  
Wagon Master: Lew Foitek

Newsletter Editor: Sherry Moran  
Special Projects: Pat Foitek  
Sunshine/Chaplain: Sherry Young  
Web Master: Tim Moran

## **January Meeting:**

The January meeting was held Jan. 21, 2006 at the Lewisville Cracker Barrel Restaurant. The Foitek, Helwicks, Youngs and Duerrs were present with no visitors. Sherry Young, the outgoing Secretary, reported on election of officers and the appointed positions for 2006. Kathy Helwick read the Treasurer's report for Jim Bailey, since he and Marge are in the Valley for the winter. It included a summarized financial report for 2005. Dues for the Lloyds, our new members, will be sent to State. Jim noted that in 2005, we donated 80% to charity!

The Wagonmaster's report with the schedule for the year was presented by Lew Foitek and begins with Valley road trip in Feb. Special Projects will again be lap robes for the Cancer Center, as Pat Foitek says last year's were greatly appreciated. The Sunshine report by Sherry Young consisted of an anniversary card sent to the Lloyds and a "thinking of you" card sent to former members, Richie and Martha Hurbert. Since the Morans were in California, there was no Webmaster/Historian report or Newsletter report.

Kathy Helwick passed out the patches from "Dogs for the Deaf." We now have new members, Brian and Carrell Lloyd. Del Duerr will find a restaurant for our Feb. 1 Meet & Greet meeting and will get the information to everyone. Kathy also handed out a revised chapter roster.

Sherry Young and Del Duerr are still on the mend with their broken wrists. January anniversaries were the Lloyds and the Delgados, our A.D.A.s. The Duerrs have an anniversary in February. January birthday was Sherry Young and February birthday will be Steve Young. The meeting was adjourned by Kathy Helwick and seconded by Lew Foitek.

## **Past Events**

Our February Meet & Greet was held at Abuela's Restaurant at Vista Ridge. We had a great turnout – the Helwicks, the Foitek, the Youngs, the Duerrs, the Morans, and the Lloyds. There was a lot of talk catching-up with everyone as not all had made the last Club meeting. Del Duerr handed out red dress pins signifying the fight against women's heart disease to all the women.

### **Happy Birthday !**



**Steve Young - Feb. 6**

### **Happy Anniversary !**



**Greg and Del Duerr – Feb. 27**

## Wagonmaster

Lew Foitek



### **February Event:**

**A 1,100 mile road trip to the Texas Valley and back to visit the wintering MacPhersons and Baileys.**

### **March Campout:**

March 17, 18, 19 at Destiny RV Resort in Corinth, TX.  
Hosts – Lew and Pat Foitek

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### **April Campout:**

April 21, 22, 23 at Hickory Creek, Lake Lewisville, TX  
Hosts – Jim and Marge Bailey

**Reminder: Be sure to make your own reservation ASAP by calling 877-444-6777 or go to [www.reserveusa.com](http://www.reserveusa.com) Request a site between #106 and #125**

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## **Happenings:**

The Helwicks are the proud owners of a new rig – a diesel pusher Marlin, 4.5 feet longer than the old one. Trying to find places to put things is like moving into a new house! The trip to the Valley will be the first long trip in their new rig.

The Morans went to Laguna Woods, California, for Tim’s mother’s **94<sup>th</sup>** birthday!



She lives by herself in Leisure World, a retirement community. Just imagine the changes that she has seen in her lifetime! They also visited Mission San Juan Capistrano and the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. The highpoint of the Library was the newest exhibit – Air Force One!



The Youngs, the Duerrs and the Foitek went to First Monday Trades Days in Canton and the Youngs came home with a new family member – a black poodle puppy! No name as yet for the puppy.

Stay safe.... We'll see y'all soon.