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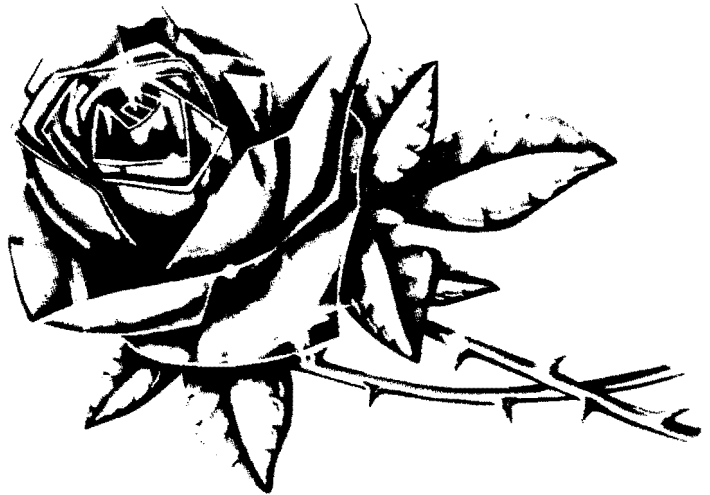
NEW LEADERSHIP

At our last general membership meeting, the following were elected to the Executive Committee of our organization:

Dohn Larson	Ray Nelson
Sam Warrington	Harriet Alexander
Taylor Ollmann	Ann McCandless
John Strickland	Cecil Laws
Jay Powell	

Later at an executive committee meeting, the following officers were elected:

President-Cecil Laws
Vice President-Ann McCandless
Secretary-Gail Nelson/Hilda Ollmann
Treasurer-Janet Hagy



PLTA LOOKING FOR

COMMUNITY DIRECTORS

At our last membership meeting it was decided to establish a Director and an Alternate Director from all communities around Lake Travis. There are at present 47 known communities. We would like individuals to volunteer for this position. Perhaps you know of a likely candidate. Please contact Cecil Laws at 267-1918 concerning this. These directors or their alternate are asked to attend 6 executive committee meetings annually and a limited number of general membership meetings. These directors will provide a service to the Association and to their respective communities by bringing facts and suggestions to meetings and then returning with information about association activities to their communities.

At present Wolfgang Kredt represents Lago Vista, Joe Jarrard-Lake Shore Ranch, and Wayne Popham-Jonestown.

NEW TECHNICAL

COMMITTEE

We have formed a technical committee to stay aware of potential threats for pollution and to educate as needed all members on new developments in pollution control. Taylor Ollmann, Sam Warrington, and Jack Strickland will be our watchdogs on this important endeavor.

Our technical committee did a very fine job recently. They became aware of a permit application of Plateau Utility Company (an NPC company) to dispose of effluent through irrigation on land near Hwy. 620 by the Pedernal Pan Restaurant. The application was basically good, but our team recommended several changes and improvements. For the most part all of these were accepted and we withdrew our protest, thus avoiding another public hearing. This is another win for us.

GOALS

One of our current goals is to work closer with any and all agencies that can help our cause. Joe Jarrard has volunteered to work with the offices of the Governor and the Attorney General. Sam Warrington will be a guest speaker at a meeting with the Board of Directors of the LCRA on Aug. 22. This will be followed up with meetings with appropriate LCRA staff members.

Another goal is to attempt to form a Protect Lake Marble Falls and Lake LBJ Association. This will be started again by holding a "Town Meeting" in Marble Falls promoted through their local newspaper. Members of our executive committee will be in attendance. Upstream pollution is a genuine threat. We need someone to protect us as we have protected Austin and Lake Austin.

Another goal is to become better acquainted with the merits, possibilities, location of existing projects, and technical requirements for land use of effluent. Finally we have found some local experts on this matter, and we now have an excellent movie to be shown to all concerned groups. The best literature available on effluent irrigation will soon arrive from EPA in Cincinnati, EPA Lab in Ada, Ok., and Lubbock Christian College in Lubbock.

An effort is to be made to publicize the important facts of the above by working with all news media as we did prior to our Baseline hearings. The recent fish kills on the Trinity River below Dallas clearly demonstrate the horror of dumping sewage in a river. The Colorado River is not immune.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Jay Powell, one of our most eager anti-pollution members, has become a member of the Planning Commission for Austin. Jay's efforts in reducing urban runoff and finding methods to solve runoff problems are fantastic.

Because of Jay's suggestion, The Metro 2000 Austin Board unanimously voted at their annual retreat to pursue all aspects of clean water and cleaner waste water in tandem or in combination with other groups such as PLTA, League of Women Voters, Clean, Clear Colorado Assoc. etc. They intend to study effluent irrigation, ozone treatment of sewage, and other improved techniques of treatment and disposal with goal of holding jointly sponsored educational forums this fall and winter.

HEARINGS

The waste water treatment plant permit being sought by Treasure Resorts (an RV Time Share Resort) of Branson, Mo. was granted by the Water Commission. A motion for rehearing has been filed by three land owners (Len Townsend, Jim Sledd, and Glen Bridge) because hearings examiner Larkins denied them party status. They contend they will be adversely affected by odors, possible well water pollution, and any effluent which might reach the Pedernales River. The Pedernales Property Owner's Assoc. (PPOA), represented by spokesman Ray Nelson, are appealing the decision on grounds the plant is undersized and soil thickness has not been adequately established to insure irrigation without pollution, especially since the irrigation field is to be placed in an area which contains four times the normal fractures for the Cow Creek Limestone. The PPOA was backed by the PLTA in their protest. It should be noted that the PPOA raised approximately \$4,500 through donations, T-Shirt sales, and plant sales to pay for this hearing. As more and more organizations from around the Lake such as PPOA join forces with PLTA, we become a much stronger opponent for would be polluters.

PROFILES

Profiles on all of our executive committee members will ultimately appear in these newsletters. Those of our President and Vice President appear below:

Cecil Laws has lived at Point Venture for 14 years, and with his wife, Juana is engaged in the manufacture and silk screening of Plexiglas cutting boards for the kitchen. He is a 1942 graduate in Petroleum/Mechanical Engineering and became a registered professional engineer in 1956. Cecil from 1958 to 1968 operated his own business renting oil field equipment that he had patented. Tennis and water sports including swimming, skiing, boating, and sailing are his favorite activities.

Having lived in Houston for 37 years, he found the clarity and cleanliness of Lake Travis very different from the recreational river and bay areas in Harris and Galveston Counties. When Lake Travis was being threatened with effluent discharges, he became quite active in early 1982 and helped in our organization's publicity, fund raising and public hearing strategy.

Ann McCandless lives off Comanche Trail on Ridgetop Terrace in an old farmhouse which was moved to the site and restored. Ann worked for the Austin schools for 10 years as a home-school liaison person, but went into real estate "on the side" and as a real estate broker bought and restored several old houses in Austin to use as rent property. However, the lake house was a special project for her and her husband, David, an architect and acoustical consultant with JPR/Austin. Now that the Lake House is livable, Ann, who joined PLTA at the time of the Baseline hearings, wants to work actively again on environmental concerns, and particularly on water issues, as she sees them as key to a viable future.

MEMBERSHIPS

July 1 is the official date to renew your annual membership; individual and or family dues are \$10 and can be paid by using the form below.

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