



# THE DELANO DISPATCH

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## President's Comments

*Wayne Wells*

As 2005 draws to an end, and I look back on the year, I feel it has been a productive year. Because of a dedicated Board of Directors, much has been accomplished. Our first major task was getting the By-Laws revised which took several months of weekly meetings. While there are some minor adjustments which need to be made, they are sufficient for the time being. Sometime after the election next November, I am sure the newly elected officers will take a look at any revisions which need to be made. Other accomplishments, though not in order of how they happened are: For the first time, as far as I know, we filled all five of the District Directors at the same time. All five have been very faithful performing their duty for several months and at this time there is no sign of anyone of them giving up their responsibility. We have had some "turn-over" of delivery persons, but as soon as one can no longer deliver, the District Director enlists someone to take that responsibility. I never even know about it until after-the-fact. Getting the Dispatch delivered is the primary responsibility of each District Director. One of our goals is to have an Assistant District Director for each District. If you are interested in volunteering for that position, please contact the Director of the District in which you live, or if you are interested in helping deliver, do likewise. (District Directors and boundaries are listed elsewhere in this Dispatch)

Another accomplishment was the change of publishing our Dispatch. After considerable discussion, the Board decided to go to Der Printing Haus for the publishing of the Dispatch. Because of the lack of volunteers to sell advertisements and other work involved in getting the Dispatch published, we felt it best to make the change. It was necessary for us to give up some control, such as what articles and advertisements could be included.

We had a very successful, however exhausting, clean up.

All-in-all our meeting attendance since the election in October, was not too bad. We had a total of 75 attending at least one meeting with an average of 14. The highest was 27 (Election Meeting) and the lowest was 10 (September Meeting). There were four meetings with 20 or more. Enough about the past. Let us look to the future.

The Board has been discussing activities for 2006. According to all the research and documentation, we have been able to obtain, the Delano Neighborhood Association was organized in May of 1996. The first meeting may have been in April. That means 2006 will be 10 years. We want to have some sort of celebration. Because of the time factor, the Board is thinking

about late Summer or early Fall. We have some preliminary plans, but need to get more information before going into detail. If you have any ideas on how to make this a family activity, send them to me or give them to any Board Member. I mentioned this to one lady at the Fall Fair and she sent me a very nice, informative letter stating several suggestions, some of which she had been involved in the past. We are open to any and all suggestions. We want so many that time will not allow us to use all of them this year.

We have discussed and are getting together information for a Neighborhood Yard Sale. We want to have the sale a week before our annual clean-up. That way, what does not sell and those items which a charitable organization are not interested in, you will be able to dispose of on clean-up day. I talked with the person who is in charge of scheduling the clean-ups and was told applications would be mailed out about December 15th. I was told we could have one even though the one this year was somewhat chaotic. Rod and Angie Davis will be organizing the clean-up again in 2006. They have some great ideas for improvement, which we will go into detail about in future Dispatch.

As soon as we get more information about these items, we will share it with you. I encourage all residents, whether homeowner or tenant, to consider getting involved.

We have attempted, this past year, to get speakers who can give us information relevant to our needs in our Neighborhood. If there is a topic you would like to hear about, let me know and we will do our best to acquire a speaker. I need your input so you can have more involvement in your neighborhood.

Several residents, business people, pastors and city staff worked several months, even years, in making plans for improving our Neighborhood. A perfect plan? No! But I feel it is a good plan. In order for it to materialize we need your involvement and support. We hear a lot these days about leaving the next generation with a better world than it now is. Getting involved in Your Neighborhood is one way this can be accomplished. I hope to see you at our January 17, 2006 General Meeting.

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**November 15, 2005 General Meeting**

Our guest speaker was John Mavac, a Master Gardener. He gave a very interesting presentation concerning trees which are recommended for Sedgwick County.

Did you know there is an Arboretum at the Sedgwick County Extension Center at 7001 W 21st Street North? You can tour it free of charge and I would encourage you to do so if you are planning to plant any trees. There you will be able to observe what the tree looks like, how large it gets, etc. If you visit at the appropriate time of year, you will be able to see what the flowers, leaves, fruit, etc. it produces.

**The Master Gardener's Corner...**

*By EMG Chuck Guenther*

**Growing Herbs for Home Use.**

943-0775 The uses for herbs are widespread: medicinal, aroma, and flavor for food. In this article, I am going to cover the medicinal aspects of herbs. Some common herbs with medicinal value include:

263-4051 **ONIONS** In addition to being antimicrobial, onions have been approved for use in Europe for treatment of appetite loss, arteriosclerosis, fevers and colds, coughs, bronchitis, hypertension, tendency to infection and the common cold.

265-2574 **GARLIC:** Garlic has been approved to treat hypertension and to lower levels of cholesterol and lipids. It is also used for prevention of age-related vascular changes and arteriosclerosis.

269-2416 **PINEAPPLE:** Pineapple has been approved by the German Commission E to treat wounds and burns because it contains an enzyme that promotes wound healing.

942-6428 **GINGER:** Ginger is used to treat a variety of gastrointestinal complaints, including motion sickness. It increases the tone and peristalsis (normal muscular contractions) of the intestine and stimulates the immune system.

**WILD GREENS:** Wild greens such as the common dandelion, plantain, shepherd's purse and other plants mistakenly called weeds, also have powerful medicinal properties. Dandelion include upset stomach, infections of the urinary tract and liver and gallbladder problems. Plantain has been approved for use for the common cold, cough, bronchitis, fevers, colds, inflammation of the mouth and pharynx, and inflammation of the skin. Rubbing a plantain leaf on an insect bite, burn or scrape will bring quick relief. These greens can improve health by using them in salad or tea because they have mineral and vitamin content several times higher than that of lettuce.

A good way to use these herbs is by making a tea, which is also known as an infusion. A beverage tea is made using approximately 1 teaspoon of dry herb (two or three times that for fresh herb) for each cup of boiling water, and steeping for 5 minutes. An excellent way to get started with beverage teas is to try spearmint, peppermint or any other plant in the mint family. These can be used fresh or dry and make a stimulating drink with some medicinal properties. Mints are often used for digestive disorders or as a remedy for flatulence. Mints are good in salad and may be mixed with a pot of beans to counteract the flatulence-producing properties.

**PEPPERMINT** has been approved by the Commission E for liver, gallbladder and stomach complaints. These and other leafy plants can be harvested throughout the growing season, but are best harvested before flowering at their leafiest stage. They like full sun, but can survive in a shady spot.

Please consult with your health care practioner(s) before taking herb products to treat a medical condition. The intent of this article is to provide herbal information, not medical advice.

**Gardening Questions?** Call the Sedgwick County Extension Center at 722-7721 and ask for the Hot Line.

## How To Have A Block Party

by Sharon Guenther

Since we are new to the Delano area and our neighborhood, when a neighbor suggested having a block party, I was really enthused. I thought it would be a perfect way to meet all of our neighbors and also give old neighbors an excuse to get together (in today's busy world, it seems we have very little time to "just visit").

Our first step was to contact the City of Wichita regarding a permit. We found we didn't need a permit but did need the permission of everyone on the block to close the street. A neighbor typed up a release-type form, listing the person's name, address and leaving a space for them to sign the form. We put all this information on one sheet of paper. As another neighbor walked down the block, collecting signatures, he also delivered the invitations to the block party.

Once the sheet was signed, we faxed it to the City Manager's office (you can also take it in to the City Manager's office in person). This release must be in the City Manager's office five days before the party date. (The City Manager's office notifies emergency personnel that the street will be closed.) We were advised the Parks Department would provide barricades for us – we just had to pick them up and bring them back after the party.

We asked all of the neighbors to contact us with the total count of people that would be attending from their household so we could estimate the amount of hamburg-

ers and hot dogs we needed. We also asked that each household bring something to share. Since we didn't designate what type of food anyone should bring, we were a little worried we would end up with 10 salads and no desserts, but it worked out with plenty of everything.

Three couples joined together and purchased the hot dogs and hamburgers. A couple of the guys moved the grill out to the sidewalk the afternoon of the party and started cooking. We barricaded the street at 4:00 in the afternoon and started serving food around 5:00. All of the neighborhood kids loved the street being barricaded – no one was yelling at them to stay out of the street!

Everyone had such a good time that next year they are asking for two parties – one in the spring and one in the fall. And yes, I did get to meet my neighbors – I now smile and wave when seeing them on their front porches, and old neighbors just "sat and visited". We all realized another benefit to the evening – since we all know each other, we are more aware of someone that does not belong in the neighborhood and consequently, have a safer neighborhood.

## Editor's Comments

This issue of the Dispatch may reach you a little later than usual. My apologies. On the days I was supposed to be keying the information for the printer, I was in the hospital and did not have my computer with me. I came home today (Tuesday Nov. 22), it is now 2:00am (Wed.) and I am working hard to get this finished.

Regarding another subject: Last month I neglected to thank Chuck and Sharon Guenther for the time and talent they donated to the embroidery on the T Shirts. Another apology to Thuy Nguyen for spelling her name wrong.

You can help make our Dispatch even more interesting by contributing items of interest.

Lee Webster

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**Memories Of Delano**

*The following was remembered by Earl "Arkie" McGaugh and written by his wife.*

Businesses that I remember being on north side of Maple street between Arkansas River and Seneca years ago. In the 400 or 500 block: Circus Lounge Bar; Car repair shop: Arkla Gas; Service Station. East side of Sycamore on corner 600 block; Shorty Taylor's Service Station. Corner of Sycamore and Maple: Economy Laundry and 50 Flavors Ice Cream. 700 block; Gilbert Worth's Service Station; Jerry Laudenslager's Woodcraft shop; Tahoma Burger; Muhlebach Tavern and Gibson's Radio Repair. 800 block Service Station, on corner Mrs King's sewing shop; 900 block: Grocery and Meat market; Restaurant; Herb Tipkin's Barber Shop and Salmon's Drug Store.(All of these businesses on 900 block were in the "Petrie" building.) Businesses I remember that were on south side of Maple between the Arkansas River and Seneca: Amsden Lumber Yard; Minson's Grocery and DeVors's Café. 500 block: Auto Body shop and Dairy Queen. None in 600 block. 700 block: Mary's Restaurant and Myer's Grocery. 800 block: Chemical plant and Insurance Office. 900 block: Walt's Bar.

Can't say which block some of the businesses near the river were on because some streets have been blocked off there. Does anyone know of a business I have left out?

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Inside, warm drinks and decadent homemade sweets and treats are available in the Kris Kringle Kafe and Kandyland. The children will have the opportunity to share their requests and hopes with Santa and visit the craft room,

making this an event for the whole family to enjoy.

The Wichita Gardens will be radiant with holiday lights December 2, 3, 9 and 10. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children 12 and under.

Botanica is located at 701 Amidon.

**Patrick McKaig**  
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*Lucy, Sharon and Jaque*

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“If they raise the minimum wage to \$1, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store”.

“When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 29 cents a gallon. Guess we’d be better off leaving the car in the garage”.

*-Author Unknown*

**Whose job is it?**

This is a story about four people named Anybody, Somebody, Everybody and Nobody\*. There was an important job to be done, so Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody’s job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn’t do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

\*Such as D.N.A. President for 2006-2007.

*-Author Unknown*

**Old Fashioned Christmas a Family Event**

Stroll the lantern-lit boardwalks and experience the magical atmosphere of an 1870s Victorian Christmas December 2, 3, 9 and 10. The Old Cowtown Museum grounds will be transformed for the annual Old-Fashioned Christmas, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. each evening.

See the carpenter making toy horses for the children and the seamstress creating holiday trimmings for customers. The blacksmith and the printer will be busy while the telegraph office sends messages to the North Pole.

Girl Scouts will be selling peppermints in the drug store, participating in holiday activities at the Kirby House and the Wulf House, as well as caroling throughout the town. Stagecoach rides also will be available.

In the saloon, Rachel Logan will portray Dora Hand “Queen of the Fairy Belles,” a singer rumored to have had classical operatic training. She will entertain between the Dixie Lee Saloon Girls’ performances.

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**Spice Merchant Celebrates  
25 Years in Business**

Wichita's original gourmet coffee roaster, The Spice Merchant, is turning 25 and continues to be the favorite stop for Kansas residents seeking fresh roasted coffees as well as quality teas and spices.

Owners Bob and Sue Boewe opened The Spice Merchant in a 20' X 20' space in a building on the northwest corner of Grove and Douglas in November of 1980. The Spice Merchant quickly became a destination store. Now located in the historic Mentholatum building on East Douglas, The Spice Merchant has become a Wichita-area tradition, the one store where aficionados can get high-quality, fresh-roasted coffee from throughout the world.

Boewe is adamant that his customers enjoy each cup when they brew one of the numerous coffees or teas from The Spice Merchant. "Our customers will accept only quality par excellence in their daily cupping and that is what we provide." Naturally, The Spice Merchant continues to provide a wide array of spices and teas, including many specialty products.

The Spice Merchant continues to be a good citizen supporting numerous area non-profits. Most recently, Boewe and The Spice Merchant helped arrange for five billboards to support the fund-raising drive of public access radio station KMWU. The firm also recently assisted KHCC of Hutchinson.

As part of the 25th anniversary celebration, the Boewes have made application for the Mentholatum building to be placed on the Kansas and national Historical Landmark registry and are anticipating that to happen before the year is out.

**Winter Art Camp**

**When:**

**December 28, 29, and 30th from 9 am to 12 pm**

**What:** Looking for something fun to do when all the hustle and bustle of the holiday season is over? Winter Art Camp is the answer! From 9 am to noon on December 28, 29 and 30. Come to the Center for fun with drawing, painting, clay, and multimedia projects. Students will visit three different studios each day; all activities are geared to their grade level. Camp tuition includes all materials and a mid-morning snack.

Ages 6 to 12

**Where:** Wichita Center for the Arts, 9112 E. Central, Wichita, KS 67206

**Fee:** \$60 (\$55 for members of the Center).

**Dear Friends and Neighbors,**

My husband, Dave Higdon, and I want to thank all of you who helped make the October 28th Gala Opening of The Photographers' Gallery a wonderful event. We had several hundred people through our new retail studio and workshop at 1007 W. Douglas that evening and believe everyone really enjoyed the party, as well as the images of our seven photographers.


We hope to contribute to the vitality of the Delano business district through continuing participation in the Wichita Final Friday Art Crawls and by sponsoring special events and photography workshops. Stop by whenever you have a moment. And let us know your thoughts on developing and sharing a love of fine art photography. Once again, we are very grateful for the support and encouragement you've given us.

Annie Best

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