



Cochran Heights Gazette – March 2018

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SAVE THE DATE

CHNA March Meeting:

Thursday, March 29,
2018

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Solar Preparatory School
2617 W. Henderson Ave,
Dallas

6:30 pm Social

7:00 pm Meeting

THANK YOU!!

To the neighbors and local businesses who generously contributed to our 2017 Neighborhood Christmas Party in December, thank you!

*Sundrops, Gypsy Wagon, Pie Tap, The Old Monk, The Candleroom
Christian Kelso*

Your Neighborhood Association in Action! Streetlamp finally installed on the Alcott block between Henderson and Lee. Thank you Cathy Birkelbach, Steve & Kelly Lobo and Arlene Colbert for your generous help in making that happen!

Warm weather is welcoming back Cochran Heights Friday Nights!

They will be held in different neighbors' homes on the 2nd and 4th weeks of the month starting in April. Please contact us if you are interested in volunteering to host.

If you are interested in helping in any way, please send an email to sgarza0961@gmail.com.

Local Post Office Update

Our local Post Office on Lovers Lane and Greenville has closed and moved to 5606 SMU Blvd at Greenville.

**Get involved! Come to the next meeting and
join the Neighborhood Association or
become active on a committee.**

CHNA Meetings: March 29th, June 20th and September 26th
6:30PM Social 7PM Meeting (Subject to Change) at Solar
Preparatory School 2617 N. Henderson Avenue



Leon Robertson, his husband Jeff and their dog Spek, have lived in the Castle House on Milam for four years. Their home was featured in the Cochran Heights Dilbeck Home Tour.

After 18 years working in retail Leon decided to take a leap and focus on two art projects that are dear to his heart. ARF & Soul and the Junkyard Bird Series. Leon considers himself more of a storyteller artist. All of his art tends to be very whimsical and full of stories.

How did 'ARF & Soul' come to be? *ARF & Soul was inspired by my dogs Spek and dearly departed Gus. Like many other "dog people", I often wonder what my dogs are thinking about. In short, it's an illustrated anthology about dogs, love and life. I put dogs in human social situations and I illustrate what their words of wisdom to be to the reader might be. In this book, I give them a voice. I titled it 'ARF & Soul' because the dog is speaking to the reader and revealing some very deep and personal thoughts that most humans have experienced.*

After 10 years of working on this book, it was released January 31st just in time for the Year of the Dog in the Chinese calendar. I'm half Taiwanese so it seemed that the timing was right.

What inspires your pen and ink illustrations? *A car ride, the shower, dog walks and language are my sources of inspiration. Language inspires me the most. Someone will say a word or phrase and it will trigger an idea. Each illustration is titled after the phrase that inspired them.*

Tell me about the hidden messages of love. *The word Love is hidden in almost every drawing. It's symbolic because it references how love is all around us and sometimes it's hidden or overlooked.*

Tell me how your Junkyard Bird Series came to be. *In a way, it is a tribute to our neighborhood. One day I was walking our dogs and I observed a bird pick up a piece of plastic and appear to question what to do with it. Bulk pick-ups, construction debris and human carelessness are some of the reasons litter or junk end up in our yards, streets and sidewalks. So I thought if a bird could create a home from what it finds...I can create a bird from materials I find. All the materials I use for the birds are from the Cochran Heights neighborhood. Many of the birds are named for streets or the materials that are found in our neighborhood. For example, the piece I'm working on right now the Main Street Arts Festival in Fort Worth is called "The Lee-Shard Cockatoo", because it was created from recent car accident and construction remains that I found on Lee Street.*

Over 1200 artists applied to the juried Fort Worth Main Street Art Festival. Leon was one of the 223 artists that were invited to exhibit. The Junkyard Birds will be on exhibit at the Main Street Art Festival in Fort Worth. Booth #344 from April 19-22, 2018. www.mainstreetartsfest.org

'ARF & Soul' is available for purchase on www.leonrobertson.com, Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

The next book signing for ARF & Soul is June 10th, 1-3PM at the Half Price Books Flagship store on Northwest Highway.

ARF & Soul
Leon Robertson

Note from Past President

Cochran Heights Neighbors

I want to say thank you for putting up with me for the past 4 years as your President. It was an honor to serve the Neighborhood.

There are too many people to thank in this short space, so I will thank all neighbors who served on the Board with me to make my tenure more pleasant. Many remain on the current Board: Meg Moschetto, your current President. Please give her all the support she needs to keep Cochran Heights neighborhood a wonderful place to live. Judy Sullivan's tenure on the Board has been insurmountable for her ideas and hard work for several years: enjoy your time off Judy, although I know you will still be involved.

With that said, this is my final message to the entire neighborhood: Please get involved. The Board cannot do this alone. It needs everyone's input and ideas.

I will leave you with this final thought.

A young sailor just graduated from Boot Camp. As he was looking around his training facility before heading to his first duty station, his Drill Instructor approached him and said, "Sailor, I bet you will piss on my grave when I die!" The young sailor replied, "Sir, No Sir. I promised myself today that I when I leave the Navy, I will never stand in line for anything again".

Thank You!
Sandy Sander

Seen About Town:

The City of Dallas gave us free trees to plant in the parkway strip in front of our houses. They are blooming pink right now in full glory so go take a look! They are native "Redbud" trees. We can plant more this spring and fall if more people want to sign up. The minimum is 10 trees to participate in the City of Dallas citizen forester program. Neighbors agree to plant and mulch and water the trees for one year in exchange for the free trees.

Spring blooms are here in Cochran Heights!

<p>Bulk Trash Pick Up is the week of the third Monday of each month. This month's pickup is March 19. Trash is usually picked up by Wednesday, but can be earlier. You can set out your bulk trash as early as Thursday evening March 15.</p> <p>Regular trash and recyclable materials (blue bin) are picked up once a week on Fridays. Order a blue bin by calling 311 or online: www.dallascityhall.com/sanitation.html</p> <p>Bulk Trash Pick-Up Set Out Dates</p> <p>Thurs. Mar 15 – Sun. Mar 18 Thurs. Apr 12 – Sun. Apr 15 Thurs. May 17 – Sun. May 20</p>	<p>CHNA Meetings take place quarterly in March, June, September and December.</p> <p>Membership: Dues of \$20.00 per year (Sept 1 - August 31 of the following year). New members wishing to vote, must pay dues by the 1st of the month in which a vote takes place. A Good Neighbor Donation in excess of twenty dollars may also count toward dues. Give your payment (cash or check) to Roger Foltz(Secretary) at the meeting, or mail your check to Christian Kelso, Treasurer, PO BOX 600478, Dallas, TX 75206.</p> <p><i>Only dues-paid members are allowed to vote in elections and on issues that are before the membership.</i></p> <p>IMPORTANT: In order to vote in the September meeting, you must be a dues paying member (\$20 per household) with dues paid prior to September 1, 2017.</p>
<p>Officers</p> <p>President: Meg Moschetto presidentchna@gmail.com</p> <p>Vice Pres: Sandy Garza</p> <p>Secretary: Roger Foltz rbfoltz@aol.com</p> <p>Treasurer: Christian Kelso ckelso@christiankelso.com</p> <p>Board Members at-Large</p> <p>Doris Clark - Milam Steve Lobo - Alcott Tamora Wood - Alcott Sheila Chhutani - Pershing</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Meeting Agenda</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES 2. NEW NEIGHBOR INTRODUCTIONS 3. CODE COMPLIANCE – JOSE RUIZ 4. DISCUSSION ON ZONING CHANGE REQUESTS (NO VOTING) - DEMOLITION AND HENDERSON 5. COMMITTEE SIGN UPS – BYLAWS, CRIME WATCH 6. ALLEY UPDATES 7. OPEN DISCUSSION