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# **Dave Watts New THA President**

Dave Watts, newly elected member of the Truro Homes Association's Board of Directors, has assumed the duties of THA president following his selection to that post by the Board of Directors last month.

Beverly Heinberg was named THA vice president at the same time. Both will serve one-year terms of office.

THA's new president is no newcomer to the affairs of the association. He and his family--wife Vivian, daughter Cynthia, and son Jeffrey--have been Truro residents for the past eight years. Dave, of 8717 Mary Lee Lane, has previously served as chairman of the Pool Committee for three years. Prior to that he was on the Architectural Control Committee and the Park Committee. A lawyer for the Department of the Interior, Dave has also served from time to time as THA's parliamentarian. He is an avid tennis player.

Dave succeeds George Walker as president. George completed a year in the office last month, and remains on the Board of Directors.

Beverly Heinberg, THA's new vice president, joined the association's Board of Directors last April, replacing John Stone, who resigned due to his transfer from this area. Beverly, of 4310 Starr Jordan Drive, is a homemaker, THA block captain and long-time member of the Park Committee. She was the driving force behind the Japanese beetle eradication program in Truro during 1974. She also organized Truro's first Planting Day the following

year. She has directed the volunteer program of La Leche League at the Arlington Hospital maternity ward for some time. Her family includes husband John and two children, Susan and Jason.

Beverly succeeds Liesbeth deLeede, whose term as vice president and board member expired in September.

The selection of Dave and Beverly to the two top association offices for the coming year was made by the Board of Directors at its October meeting.

## **FROM THE BOARD**

By Beverlee McCartney

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OCTOBER 1977

The Truro Homes Association's Board of Directors met on October 18, 1977, at the home of George Walker. Attending were George Walker, Cyndy Franklin, Beverly Heinberg, Dave Watts, Cliff Neil-

**THE COVER**

The annual transition from the warmth and vigor of summer to the cold starkness of winter here in Truro is symbolized by Linda Shute in her drawing for this month's cover. Linda has given us two previous covers--the most recent one last June.

son and Beverlee McCartney.

President Walker welcomed the new members of the board. Election of officers was held, with Dave Watts elected President for the coming year and Beverly Heinberg elected Vice President.

There was discussion concerning the apathy in the community concerning community affairs and volunteerism. Suggestions were made to encourage participation, some of which will be investigated for workability. This discussion was raised in view of the fact that some of the committee chairmen have indicated that they will be resigning and new people are needed to fill these positions as well as to increase the size of various committees.

It was announced that a contract has been let to repair the Zambezi Bridge. The gabion problem will be addressed at the next meeting after more information is provided.

The hiring of a part-time policeman to patrol the area was tabled at this time. It was felt that it is now too late in the season for the expenditure to be effective. A suggestion was made to put this item into the budget for next year.

OFFICIAL  
**THA**  
NOTICE

It was reported that there is a problem in the parking lot with motorized go-carts. A check will be made with the police with respect to ordinances so that the area can be posted correctly to eliminate this problem.

George Walker reported that he has not yet received the appraisal of the Community Center which will be the basis for computing the TCC reserve fund. This will be checked

into, since this figure is needed to prepare the budget for the coming year. The budget will be compiled in November for approval by the board in December.

There are three THA and three TCC membership dues still unpaid despite the many calls and efforts of board members to collect these outstanding debts.

The next meeting of the board will be on November 17, 1977, at 8 p.m. at the home of Dave Watts.

**FROM THE COMMITTEES**

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

By Barb Herrmann  
and Judi LaMorte

Since Truro Trails goes to press early this month, we will bring you up to date on the recent Newcomers Party and the Spook House in next month's issue. Meanwhile, please remember these upcoming events:

● Arts and Crafts Boutique, November 19 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is still space available for displaying handcrafted items. November 14 is the absolute deadline, so please call chairpeople Pris Bodde (978-6779) or JoAnn Harvey (978-2450). This will be a super opportunity to buy handmade and unique gifts for those special people on your Christmas list.

● Sports Swap and Shop Sale, December 12 at 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This is a new idea for Truroites. Bring those outgrown boots, overshoes, ice skates, skis, camping or other sports equipment to the TCC parking lot and swap or sell them. If you have any questions on the details of this event and how it will be conducted, call Alice Torbett at 978-2543.

● Family Christmas Party. The committee made plans for a Family Christmas Party at its meeting on November 3. Details of this event will be in next month's issue of Truro Trails.



Block Captains Discuss Problems

By Nan Sumner

Attendance was good at a recent meeting of block captains sponsored by the Social Committee. One of the problems discussed was that some "blocks" include more than a dozen homes; it was suggested that any block captain who wishes to divide a territory should feel free to ask someone to help. Also, because some do not know the name and address of their area captain, it was suggested that area captains provide this information to each of their block captains to improve coordination.

It was pointed out that the number of separate flyers has been increasing, partly because Truro Trails is sometimes delivered so late that announcements of sports and social events are useless. It is hoped that a delivery schedule can be worked out to insure that, circumstances permitting, Truro Trails will be delivered to each resident by the 10th of each month at the latest. Such a schedule would reduce the need for flyers for upcoming events. Several people thought that a tear-out calendar of sports and social events in each issue would be helpful.

Block captains offered to be more active in welcoming new residents to Truro by seeing that newcomers have a copy of the Truro Homes Association directory, the THA covenants, and other information about the THA and TCC soon after their arrival. There is no formal wel-

coming committee at this time.

Anyone having further comments about the role of block captains and about ways in which intracommunity publicity can be improved is urged to contact Nan Sumner at 323-7507 before November 15. Those at the meeting felt that a more formal organization of publicity is not needed, but suggestions are welcome. There will be a follow-up report in the December issue of Truro Trails.

**PUBLICITY COMMITTEE**

By Larry L. Castleman

Welcome, New Neighbors:

ANDERSON, Trudi  
4106 Yerkes Place  
323-7622  
Office Mgr., Arthritis Clinic  
Children: Joey (1965)  
Nick (1972)

BERGSTROM, James H. and Catherine  
8822 Charles Hawkins Way  
978-6541  
U.S. Navy  
Children: Karen (1961)  
Patricia (1963)  
David (1969)

CHIROLAS, William P. and Kay  
8917 Footstep Court  
978-0726  
Actuary, United Services Life  
Insurance (William)  
R.N. (Kay)  
Children: Carrie (1965)  
Christine (1968)  
Carol (1973)

CORRADINE, René and Isabel  
8711 Chippendale Court  
323-0729  
Architect, World Bank (René)  
Speech Therapist (Isabel)  
Children: Mauricio (1958)  
\*Simonetta (1960)  
\*Martha Monica (1961)  
Citlalli Adriana (1962)

CRALLÉ, Maury S. and Penny  
4233 Guinea Road  
978-7013  
Assistant Deputy Administrator,  
Veterans Administration  
Children: Cathy (1958)  
Beth (1960)  
\*Merry (1961)  
\*Penny (1964)  
Nancy (1967)  
Bob (1970)  
Chris (1971)

GREY, Robert T. and Ann K.  
4306 Wakefield Drive  
978-1381  
Foreign Service Officer, Depart-  
ment of State  
Children: \*Anne-Marie (1961)  
Robert (1964)  
Liv Erika (1965)

MARSTERS, Irvine W. Jr. and Karen  
8909 Footstep Court  
978-0837  
Director of Labor Relations, Na-  
tional League of Cities (Irvine)  
Management Specialist (Karen)  
Children: \*Jeff Brooks (1965)\*\*  
\*Tim Brooks (1966)\*\*

MILLER, Peter T. and Renée  
8814 Burbank Road  
323-5310  
Captain, U.S. Marine Corps (Peter)  
Real Estate Broker (Renée)

PERI, Armando and Teresa  
8818 Charles Hawkins Way  
978-0832  
Electrical Engineer, BMRP Engr.,  
Inc.  
Children: Armando (Mandy) (1965)  
Ingrid (Gigi) (1968)  
Adrionna (Adrie) (1971)

PORTER, Stanley and Sonia  
4142 Elizabeth Lane  
323-0878  
Management Analyst, NOAA  
(Stanley)  
Equal Opportunity Specialist,  
Commission on Civil Rights  
(Sonia)

STRANAHAN, Jerome W. and Roberta  
4314 Ann Fitz Hugh Drive  
978-4718  
Research Analyst, NASD, Inc.  
Children: Susan (1958)  
Mark (1960)

\*Please add to babysitter list.  
\*\*Please add to odd jobs list.

**SPORTS**

**Tennis.....**

Ladies Singles Tournament

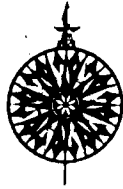
The annual Truro Ladies Singles Tournament was played during the first part of October. There were 22 participants, all trying to be Number One. After numerous rounds Susan Lowe proved that she was "Numero Uno," with Jo Brown second.

There was a consolation round which Sharon Whorton won over Alice Torbett. Trophies were awarded to Susan and Jo for the main round and to Sharon and Alice for the consolation round. After the last event there was a wine and cheese party which was enjoyed by many of the participants.

GARDEN CLUB TO SEE YULE DECORATIONS

The Willow Woods Garden Club is presenting a program of favorite Christmas decorations by Sunny O'Neill on Wednesday, November 9. Sunny will make durable Christmas ornaments, accenting them with her dry-flower or fresh greenery touch. This presentation of wreaths, baskets and ornaments will be held at the Canterbury Woods School at 8 p.m. There will be a \$1.50 donation for admission. For ticket information call Kay Healy (978-4986). Door prizes will be awarded and refreshments served.

# TRAVELERS' NOTEBOOK



## BITS OF AMERICANA ALONG THE WAY

By Dave Jones

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During October the Joneses took to the road again, this time combining business with pleasure. The business involved escorting a foreign visitor to various places in the U.S. and Puerto Rico at the behest of the Department of State. The fun was in seeing new places and sights. Here are some observations made along the way.

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In Puerto Rico we passed up the Caribe Hilton in metropolitan San Juan and went on to the old city. There we stayed at the El Convento, a 17th century convent converted into a picturesque hotel, just a stone's throw from historic old El Morro fortress. Our bedroom overlooked one of the two remaining stair streets of Old San Juan. We walked other streets paved with adoquines, blocks of bluish-gray slag from ancient Spanish foundries, and watched the sound and light show at the Castillo San Christobal. We fell asleep to the music of the tiny coquis.



One of our evenings in San Juan was devoted to the Areyto Folkloric Ballet, a group of lively young dancers performing Puerto Rican dances. In their repertoire was one group of dances called the "Bombas of Puerto Rico," featuring the intense drum rhythms brought to that island from Africa in the days of slavery. From the very first drumbeats it was apparent that this was a Latin descendent of the "Bom-

bas of Kenya" pictured on the January 1977 Truro Trails cover.



Aboard the stern-wheeler Natchez we cruised the Mississippi near New Orleans. A narrator entertained the passengers with a running commentary in the most honeyed imaginable "Nawlins" drawl. Somehow the atmosphere of the river cruise on that steamboat made the slick, modern Superdome near the shoreline seem very out of place.



Our visitor wanted to visit some Indians to see how they live today in America. The only ones we found were a few Houmas in the bayou country south of New Orleans. One in particular was happily engaged in building 25-foot wooden boats by hand. "I cannot read or write," he told us, "but I have a skill. That is what counts."



After the hurly-burly of the big cities it was nice to slow down to the sleepy pace of Corsicana, Texas. The greatest event for miles around was the naming of the Navarro College football team as the No. 1 junior college team in the country for two successive weeks. But we couldn't even hoist a beer in honor of the team; the town is dry--at least legally.



To shake off that crowded, shut-in feeling for awhile, try flying over the vast emptiness of the great Southwest sometime. Our flight took us over Palo Duro Canyon near Amarillo, spectacular Shiprock, New Mexico, Monument Valley and Glen Canyon astride the Utah-New Mexico border, and the High Sierras. Once in California it was back to the crowds and urban sprawl. But for a little while it was an escape into the wide open spaces.



**LETTERS**

A Way to Lessen the Crime Problem

We have received Truro Trails as long as it has been in existence, and in almost every issue there are complaints of vandalism, burglary and other street crimes. Once in awhile there is also a report of something being done to deter this. However, the crime rate continues to rise. And why shouldn't it?

Suppose you are a burglar and want to break into a house. Would you go to a well-lit street where there is a good chance of being seen, or a nice dark one? If you were an average burglar you'd naturally pick the dark one.

Now look out of your window some night. Can you see your neighbor's house if his lights aren't on? How do you know that someone isn't in there stealing everything within reach? Or how do you know that someone hasn't just driven off with your car?

Is there a solution that would at least slow the pace? Yes, there is one--one which the Board of Directors considered a few years ago: install street lights. Before you throw up your hands and say "How ridiculous can you get?" consider this: The Lee Forest community just across Guinea Road incorporated street lights about eight years ago and is now rated one of the 10 safest neighborhoods in Northern Virginia.

So if the importance is obvious, why the delay? You can't use the old excuse that "there's no money in the budget." I think there is enough money in the Truro budget to finance about five pieces of paper and a couple of pens, because a

petition to the Fairfax County government is all it takes. This, incidentally, is the way Lee Forest acquired its lights and it didn't cost the residents one red cent.

Just think how much money can be saved out of Truro residents' pockets by not having to replace personal property damaged or lost through theft or burglary, and how much could be saved out of the THA budget by not having to replace vandalized public property.

Let's not let Truro become a place where one is afraid to walk the streets at night. Install street lights now.

--Jim Lewis

**CLASSIFIED**

HOUSE WANTED--Will you be moving in the spring? Our lease is up in May and we are interested in buying in Truro. We are looking for a house near the Truro parkland, preferably with a screened-in porch or deck. If you know your house will be for sale around May, please contact us. Call Karen or Phil Santora at 978-4499.

MATH TUTORING--Qualified high school math teacher. Extensive tutoring experience. Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Trigonometry, Analytic Geometry. Also preparation for math sections of PSAT, SAT, GRE, LSAT. Call June Marquis, 978-1470.

LOST--Street sign, green, approximately 8 feet tall, from the corner of Ordinary Way and Buffalo Trace. If found or location is known, call 978-5357.

FOR SALE--Draperies, two pairs 144" x 95", light blue airy fiberglass. \$20 each. 978-2868.



FOUND--Tennis racquet in excellent condition, on Elizabeth Lane early in October. Call to identify. 978-4663.

AT LAST I now have my greenhouse in working order. I have various size foliage house plants for sale, as well as handmade stoneware planters and bird feeders. The plants have been cared for individually and are beautiful and healthy. You're welcome to stop by and see them. Just give me a call first. Dianne Camp, Old Hickory Greenhouse, 4013 Old Hickory Road, 323-6361.

**What you should know about  
The Covenants**

Fences

"No...fence...shall be erected ...until the plans and specifications...shall have been... approved in writing...by the... architectural committee..."

--Article VI

This is a provision of the covenants often ignored by Truro homeowners. Its intent, of course, is to preserve the open and communal character of our development, yet permit necessary fencing under controlled conditions. The Architectural Control Committee discourages front yard fencing. It generally favors low wood fencing of a style and color matching the owner's home and compatible with the neighborhood. The committee will not approve chain link fencing, but will consider certain types of welded steel fabric fencing where the wooden frame is the "predominant visual factor." Homeowners considering any type of fencing should consult the planning guidelines published by the committee, or the committee itself-- Rob Noë (978-4896) for Truro, Dick

Plamondon (978-2869) for Wakefield Chapel Woods and Okehampton.

**FROM THE EDITOR**

When I left Truro early in October (see page 6) the parkland was still in its summer green. When I returned late in the month it had turned to gorgeous reds and golds. By the time next month's issue appears the brilliance will have faded and the parkland will be brown. Another Truro year will be almost history.



Some history of another sort will be featured in the December issue. It will be a story on historic St. Mary's Catholic Church in nearby Fairfax Station, describing its role in the heritage of this region. This will continue what seems to have become a tradition of having a local church of historic significance on our December cover.

For those of you who plan to get items into the December issue, note that the deadline is later than it usually is--not until December 5. I anticipate that the issue will be delivered about December 12.

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