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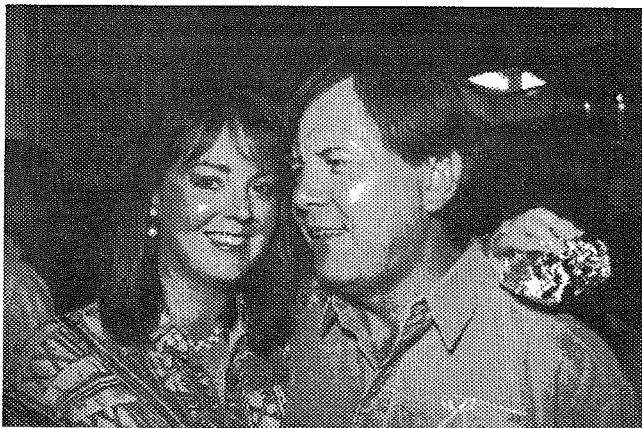
The Newsletter of the Brookwood Hills Community

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Garden Club Auction For Fun and Funds

Last month's Brooknotes inadvertently omitted a thank-you to three of the major sponsors of the April 22nd Brookwood Hills Garden Club Auction, which raised over \$16,000 to be used for improvements around the pool and park. Special thanks go to Patti Junger of Buckhead Brokers Realtors and the Peachtree Palisades East Office (the black building on the corner of Peachtree and Palisades) for underwriting the cost of the evening, and to Sarah Hagood of Specialty Homes Inc. for contributing the printing costs. Roving photographer John Grunke captured some of the fun for those who missed out on the evening's festivities.



Katie Bollman, who provided her superb home for the auction, with neighbor Tom Player.



Elizabeth Nadal handed out paddles for bidding.



Neal Ray, Sandra Player, and auctioneer Mal Phillips. Sandra and her committee gathered items for the auction.



Auctioneer Mal Phillips and auction chairman Jill Siegel begin the "live auction" part of the evening.

More Brookwood Hills Grads Celebrate

Last month's *Brooknotes* listed many 1994 graduates from high school and college. Here are several more who didn't make it into the May edition.

From the high schools:

Virginia Fisher, daughter of Cathy and Bob Fisher, 35 Woodcrest Avenue, graduated from The Taft School and will enter Davidson College.

Michael Gaughen, son of Martha and John Gaughen, 156 Huntington Road, graduated from Lovette and will attend the University of Virginia on a diving scholarship.

Gannon Murphy, son of Michael Murphy, 168 Huntington Road, graduated from Westminster and will head for UCLA.

Sarah Sumner, daughter of Florence and Bill Sumner, 90 Palisades Road, graduated from North Atlanta High School and will attend Duke.

And from the college ranks

Also from the Sumner family are two college graduates, daughters Hannah and Anne. Hannah was awarded a B.A. from Duke and Anne graduated from the Emory University Law School.

Jean Gilham, daughter of Caroline and Harry Gilham, 106 Camden Road, graduated from Wake Forest and is headed for New York where she will be handling global derivatives at Merrill Lynch.

David Lowance, son of Teed and David Lowance, 10 Montclair Drive, graduated from Princeton University.

Jennifer Ray, daughter of Diane and Neal Ray, 25 Woodcrest Avenue, graduated Phi Beta Kappa and Magna Cum Laude from Washington & Lee University with a B.A. in History, a concentration in music, and a teaching certification.

Jeffrey B. Moynihan, son of Elaine and Jim Moynihan, 30 Camden Road, graduated from Spring Hill College with a B.S. in Biology.

David Kennedy, son of Nancy and Bill Kennedy, 35 Northwood Avenue, graduated from Vanderbilt University in Economics and will join First Southeastern Securities in Piedmont Center after a trip to Europe this summer. The Kennedy's son-in-law George A. Koenig, married to daughter Denis, graduated from Catholic University School of Law. Denis and George will be moving to Atlanta, where he will join the firm of Long, Weinkey, Ansley, & Wheeler, Esq.

Mark O'Connor, son of Mary and Dan O'Connor, 24 Northwood Avenue, graduated from the University of Southern California.

Fred Saunders, son of Mary Mac and Rick Saunders, 67 Palisades Road, graduated from Wake Forest University.

Elizabeth Stacy, daughter of Beverly and David Stacy, 28 Brighton Road, graduated from Newcomb College/Tulane University with a B.A. in Art History. She plans to attend graduate school in Art Education.

Molly and John Wheeler, children of Jane Wheeler, 35 Palisades, both graduated this year: Molly from Denison University and John from Princeton University.

Cannon Wilson, daughter of Sandra and Tom Player, 90 Wakefield Drive, graduated from Denison University and is headed to Charleston S.C. in search of a teaching position in math.

Congratulations all!

"Party with a Purpose" A Success

Great food, perfect weather, and a beautiful garden provided the backdrop on Sunday evening, May 22nd, for a very successful neighborhood party benefiting the American Cancer Society.

Mimi and Nils Young hosted the event at their lovely home and the Georgia Grill provided a delicious selection of southwestern food for the

evening. Many thanks are extended to the members of the host committee, and especially to Mimi and Nils Young, for their help in making this party possible. The American Cancer Society extends its appreciation to all of our neighbors who have made donations so far. The total continues to climb, and our neighborhood has already donated almost \$2,500 to this worthy cause.

June Cultivations

by Daphne Coley for the Brookwood Hills Garden Club

Hot-lanta begins to live up to its moniker this month. Water becomes a very dear commodity to gardeners -- especially if the city imposes restrictions. In order to use this resource to its fullest potential, several techniques could be employed.

Water after mid-day to reduce loss by evaporation. Make certain that your soil contains humus, peat, and/or vermiculite. Beef up your mulch, especially around widely spaced plantings and water-intensive shrubs. Some gardeners swear by the hill and furrow system. Position your seeds or plants in a furrow line. Alternating each furrow with a hill will give you a natural run-off system which works for rain, overhead watering, or the more efficient ground watering. At first your garden may resemble corrugated fiberglass, but soon the wonderful growth of your plants will make this technique very attractive. The two situations when this system is not advisable are the wet weather of early spring and a soil that drains very poorly. The soil can become very waterlogged. Plants do not have the same propensity for wet feet as children in their Sunday best succumbing to that deep, deliciously dark puddle just outside the church door.

Soil type has a very direct bearing on the quantity and frequency of watering. Clay soils have a very fine, tightly bound structure. It takes water a long time to get through this compact structure, but once it is in there it dries out very slowly. Water this type at a slow rate for a long time, but water less frequently. Sandy soils are just the opposite. Their porosity makes them lose water rapidly. Water sandy soil often, but in less quantity. The loamy soil is the happy medium between the two. It would be impossible to give you exact watering times because there are many variables. The best approach is to keep a vigilant eye on your garden, use plenty of organic matter, and use these guidelines as just that. Different weather conditions, types and ages of plants, pool hours, and willing labor force all come into play (or work as the case may be).

Remember to water trees that are less than two years old. They are still babies and require a regular watering schedule. Be sure to water them every five days in the absence of a good soaking-type rain. Water thoroughly with a hose (not sprinkler) for twenty minutes. Wait five to ten

minutes and water again for another twenty minutes.

There has been much debate in gardening circles about lawn watering. Those of us who have or will have grandchildren and those of us who just have a thought about the future should concern ourselves with this matter. Although the lots in Brookwood Hills don't register estate classification, we do consume a lot of water hours sprinkling our lawns and gardens. Some conservation guidelines might help the world and our water bill at the same time.

A good rule of thumb is to supply one inch of water per week during the grass growing season. This does include contributions from Mother Nature. To know the amount of water charged to us by Atlanta City and given to us by M.N., install a rain gauge and keep accurate records. Even better, let your children do it. This might give them an appreciation for water and money. Help them place a small can in the sprinkler's path to measure for the magic inch when the clouds don't supply enough rainfall. It might be of interest to them that water does cost money -- be sure to let them open the water bill.

So cut off your automatic timers and use this manual calculation. It may be more work, but things that matter usually are.

Always water long and deep. This develops strong, deep root systems. Eventually you may be able to cut down on watering or eliminate it altogether in some climates. Short watering periods encourage shallow roots and irrigation dependence.

A real hero in water usage is Jack Watt, my neighbor at 300 Camden Road. First he dispensed with his front lawn. Then, after bearing the expense and hassle of having an overhead sprinkler system installed for Lillian's flowers, he decided that this method caused too much evaporation. He dismantled it personally and put in a soaker system. The garden is just as green and pretty, but he uses a lot less water. I'd like to give him the Green Thumbs Up Award for his forethought and implementation.

Happy gardening! Send the kids to the pool. Relax and enjoy your garden with a glass of iced tea, or something a little stronger.

Family Fun Opens Pool

Opening Day at the pool was blessed with great weather and a good turnout. The pool was sparkling, and Pool Manager Kathleen Roskopf and her staff were organized and enthusiastic. The afternoon family pool party, new this year, was well-received. Special events -- Howie the Magician, Volleyball, Badminton, and the Dino-Astro-Jump that kept the small folks hopping -- provided entertainment for all. When the supper hour arrived, Jim Porter fired up his grill and the lure of hot dogs and hamburgers over hot charcoal proved irresistible to the sun-drenched and water-logged.

The family party this year replaced the traditional adults-only evening event of prior years. If you have thoughts or suggestions about this new format for celebrating the pool opening, please share them with Nancy Bramlett at 351-3609.

And speaking of feedback on the pool operation, several members have expressed concern about the abbreviated pool hours for the last week in August. To the extent possible, the pool will remain open as usual throughout August, subject to the availability of personnel. Many of the staff members return to college and high school before Labor Day. However, an effort is underway to schedule workers during the last weekdays of the month, at least for a few hours each day. A schedule will be published in the next Brooknotes.

Classifieds

Helping Hands For Hire. Need someone to water plants, pick up the mail or paper, or feed a pet while out of town? Call Virginia or James Porter, 355-8876.

Fall ALTA. A boys 10-under ALTA team is being formed for fall play. Any interested tennis players should call Robin King at 303-1357. The deadline for registration is July 7th.

You're Welcome to Come

The next meeting of the Brookwood Hills Community Club Board of Directors is Monday, July 11th, at 7:00, at the home of Ken and Kathy Bernhardt, 232 Parkdale Way. If you would like to attend, please call Ken or Kathy at 874-5067. All members of the Community Club are welcome.

Brooknotes Schedule

The deadline for the next issue of Brooknotes is Friday, July 15th. Submissions must be signed and in writing and should be left at Alison Caughman's house, 200 Camden Road. If you have any problems regarding Brooknotes delivery, call Laura Inman at 352-5072.

Comings and Goings

Welcome to new neighbors Karen and Brad Mullinax, who bought 116 Huntington Road. Karen is a real estate agent with Harry Norman, and Brad is the CFO of Vista Resources. Moving in with the Mullinax's are Chelsey the Weimaraner and Meg the Black Lab.

Mark and Patty Griffith, together with son Gregory (age 7) and daughter Kristen (age 6), have bought 33 Camden Road.

On May 20th Melanie and Russ Hardin, 121 Huntington Road, welcomed daughter Elizabeth Coleman Hardin into the world. Elizabeth joins brothers Russell and Noel into a busy household!

Judy Smith and Zeke Fairbanks, 82 Huntington Road, will be moving soon to Nairobi, Kenya for three years. Zeke will be the Coca-Cola Company's African Group Logistics Manager. Judy will be taking a sabbatical from the Crawford Long Hospital. You can write to them at: Coca-Cola Company, P.O. Box 1734, POUCH-KENYA, Atlanta, GA 30301. And if anyone is going on safari, most leave from Nairobi; the Fairbanks would welcome visitors.



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