



## Notes by Diego Torres — President

Thanks to all the residents that attended or sent their proxies for our Annual Meeting action items. The BY LAWS (section 6.04, “Dangerous Animals”), was approved by the residents and will take effect in January, 2015. I urge all affected residents to read this amendment thoroughly and be aware of the consequences if found to be in noncompliance.

I want to thank **Gregg Groepper** and **Karen Kinerk** for their service on the Board and their involvement with city officials to ensure that VWL’s partnership and commitment to our common goals is maintained.

Welcome to our new board members, **Bill Duck, Jim Hall, and Michelle Quiros**. Together, we will continue to efficiently service our community. We will be counting on your support and ask that you volunteer for any of the committees. Our committees are the heart of the Association and words cannot express the great work that the current members have done and hope that, most if not all, continue to serve.

As we get ready to celebrate this holy season, I want to wish everyone and your families a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY and PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

### 2015 Village of Westlakes Board of Directors

Contact the VWL Board members if you have questions or concerns.

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**Village of Westlakes  
Board Meeting  
Tue., Jan. 20 & Feb. 17 at 7:00 P.M**

### A New Year — A New Policy

by Nedra Kinerk, editor

This year marks the completion of 20 years during which I have published the *Village of Westlakes Link* newsletter as a service for this community. The original purpose for which my husband **Bob Kinerk** and I started the newsletter was to build a more cohesive community in which neighbors knew each other and which would promote a safer and better maintained community. Our daughter **Karen Kinerk** continued the tradition of volunteer service. In all, **Kinerks** have donated over 40 years to the Links and the Village of Westlakes subdivisions. Always we worked for what was in the best interests of our community.

During this time of our service the Village of Westlakes has been twice commended by outside professional groups contracted by the City of McAllen — in *Vision 2000* by the American Institute of Architects (A.I.A.) and in *Foresight McAllen* by the Kendig Keast Consultants in 2007.

A new year — a new policy: The *VWL Link* has been on a bimonthly schedule in the summer for several years. I am traveling more and have other commitments. Starting this year I will do the *Link* newsletter on a bimonthly basis starting January/February 2015. The *Link* newsletter will be emailed to all who provide me with a current email address. *The Link will be available on the VWL website for those without an email address or on the clubhouse computer if they have no computer. It will not be mailed unless someone volunteers to do this.*

Residents who have information on special events, etc., for the *Link* newsletter should email, mail, or bring it to my home. The *Link* will have the information you want to share.



## VWL 2014 Social Committee

by Connie Gressinger

The 2014 Social Committee has continued to make plans for our enjoyment in 2015 although they have not yet been officially notified that they will be on the 2015 Social Committee. While waiting for confirmation they would like to invite anyone who would like to be on the Committee for 2015 to offer their services. To volunteer, please contact any Board member or **Kathy Ament** at 956-686-5830 or 358-0345


Current Social Committee members are

- Kathy Ament**
- Julie Groepper**
- Judy Boyle**
- Connie Gressinger**
- Sherrie Mandsager**



**Volunteer to keep our VWL community a good place to live. Committee volunteers are needed. Contact a Board member to offer your services.**

## Razz-Ma-Tazz at VWL February 7<sup>th</sup>

 The popular Nikki Rowe High School Razz-Ma-Tazz Show Choir will perform at the VWL clubhouse on Saturday, February 7 at 7:00 P.M.

Donations for the show are \$10.00 per person. Please bring you own beverages. Come and join us for a fun evening.

**Check out the VWL Library in the Clubhouse. It's on the honor system. Choose your book, read it, return it to the RETURN box.**

**Thank Judy Boyle for keeping it up to date for us all.**



# WHAT'S GOING ON?

## Que Pasa?

at the  
**Village of Westlakes**

for January/February

### VILLAGE OF WESTLAKES

#### BOARD MEETINGS

**Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2015**

**Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2015**

**7:00 P.M.**

### Golf League play

**Golf - Mixed:** Tue., at 10:00 A.M.

**Golf - Mixed:** Wed., at 10:00 A.M.

**Golf - Mixed Best Ball:** Fri., at 10:00 A.M.

**Pool-Water Aerobics:** Tue./Wed./Fri.,  
at 4:00 P.M.

**Coffee Time:** 1<sup>st</sup> Mon., at 9:30 to 11:00 A.M.

**Ladies Lunch:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon., monthly.

*Meet at 11:30 A.M., at the restaurant.*

**Social/Cocktails:** each Thu. 5:00 P.M.

**Potluck:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thu.

Cocktails at 5:00 P.M.;

Dinner at 6:00 P.M.

*\*Sign up sheet at Clubhouse.*

**Razz-Ma-Tazz performance:** Sat. Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>.

## Ladies Lunch



Mon., Jan. 12, 2015 at 11:30 A.M.

Masterpiece Cafe

4500 N. Tenth Street

McAllen

Call **Carol Lund** at 683-9522

by Sunday night for reservations.



## COFFEE TIME

The monthly VWL Monday Morning Coffee will be held at the clubhouse January 5<sup>th</sup> and February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:30 to 11:00 A.M. Come and enjoy a cup of coffee, a goodie, and some fellowship with your neighbors. Hope to see you there.



### Dangerous Animal BY-LAW

\*\*\*\* APPROVED \*\*\*\*

by Lydia Mora



The proposed *Dangerous Animal By-Law*: that would govern dangerous animals in the Village of Westlakes was passed by the Homeowners at the VWL 2014 Annual Meeting. The updated BY-LAW, section 6.04, may be viewed at the official website <[www.villageofwestlakes.com](http://www.villageofwestlakes.com)>. Click on *resources*; click on *BY-LAWS* and view the entire new section.

#### Dangerous Animals 6.04

- (a) No owner or tenant who possesses an animal allowed under Article X, Section 7 of the Declaration (an "Allowed Animal"), shall permit, allow, or cause such Allowed Animal to run, stray, be uncontrolled or in any manner be in, upon, or at large upon any part of the Common Area unless it is continuously restrained by a substantial leash and under the control of a responsible adult.
- (b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Allowed Animal that is determined by the Board to be a Vicious Animal or Potentially Dangerous Animal as defined herein shall be kept within the Subdivision. Upon Board determination that an animal is a Vicious Animal or Potentially Dangerous Animal, such animal shall be removed from Subdivision on or before ten (10) days after written notice of the determination has been delivered to the owner of the Vicious Animal or Potentially Dangerous Animal or to the premises where the Vicious Animal or Potentially Dangerous Animal is kept.
- (c) An animal shall be deemed a "Vicious Animal" for purposes of this Section if, when unprovoked: 1) it has bitten a person causing severe injury (however, a Vicious Animal may be vicious even though it is not proven to have caused severe injury); 2) in an aggressive manner, it inflicts severe injury on or kills a human being or other domestic animal; or 3) it is previously determined to be a Potentially Dangerous

Animal (as determined by the Board of Directors or local governmental authority) and, after its owner or keeper has been notified of this determination, it continues to engage in behavior deemed potentially dangerous as outlined in subsection (d) (3) below. For purposes of determining if an animal is a "Vicious Animal," "severe injury" means any physical injury to a human being or domestic animal that results in muscle tears or lacerations, or requires sutures, stitches, or corrective or cosmetic surgery.

- (d) An animal shall be deemed "Potentially Dangerous Animal" for purposes of this Section if, when unprovoked: 1) on two separate occasions within the prior 36 month period, it engages in any behavior that requires a defensive action by any person to prevent bodily injury when the person and such animal is off the property of the owner, tenant or keeper of such animal; 2) it bites or inflicts injury to a person or domestic animal causing a less "severe injury" than as defined above; 3) on two separate occasions within the prior 36 month period, it has killed, seriously bitten, inflicted injury, or otherwise caused injury to a domestic animal off the property of the owner, tenant or keeper of such animal; or 4) such animal has run loose or, if leashed, was not under the control of a responsible adult on one occasion after the occurrence of subsection (d)(3) above.
- (e) The fine for non-compliance shall be \$25 per day per Vicious or Potentially Dangerous Animal and shall have the same standing as assessments and other penalties as outlined in Article X, Section 14 of the Declaration. The Association shall have the right to cause a dog found to be in violation of any provision of this Section to be removed from the Project and to enforce this Section pursuant to the terms of Article XI, Section 3, of the original Declaration or any other provision or amendment thereto.



### A New VWL Directory ???

by Nedra Kinerk, editor

If the VWL DIRECTORY is to be continued, it needs some modifications. Many residents have not bothered to pick up their free copy of the DIRECTORY. If we continue making a DIRECTORY available, the content will have resident and non-resident OWNERS only. Rentals have become too difficult to monitor effectively. The non-resident owner is responsible for getting the keys and information on RULES AND REGULATIONS to the person(s) to whom they rent. The non-resident owners are responsible if their renters do not comply with the VWL RULES AND REGULATIONS. Non-resident owners will be requested to provide the names and contact information of their renters to the VWL Office as a safety measure.

The RULES AND REGULATIONS and the other information on officers, committees, etc., are available online on the VWL website <[www.villageofwestlakes.com](http://www.villageofwestlakes.com)> which was started by the Board in 2009. The information gets updated periodically while the DIRECTORY has outdated information.

Only public information will be included for the most part due to enhanced privacy concerns. This will include names, address, lot#, phone and email contact, plus an emergency contact. Other information on second homes can be solicited but should be for office use only, not in the DIRECTORY. An information questionnaire will be sent with a future newsletter. People who respond will be included in the DIRECTORY. Those who do not respond will be listed as "No Response."

A *Directory Information Update Sheet* MAY be included in the next *Link* newsletter (March/April). If response is sufficient, a new DIRECTORY MAY be done.

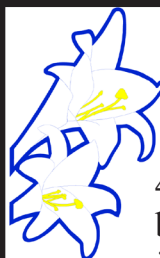


Bienvenidos  
**WELCOME**  
NEW HOMEOWNERS

### Richard & Betty Kuntz

4112 Whitewing Avenue lot 69  
701 330-8686 (R) 701 330-8625 (B)  
krichkuntz@aol.com

*NOTE: Delete from N 43<sup>rd</sup> & Harvey Circle*

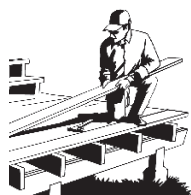


### Our Sympathy Nuestro Sentido Pesame

to **Kathy Ament** (2900 N. 43<sup>rd</sup> Street) on the loss of her brother **Bill Crouch** in Iowa just before Christmas.

### Thinking of Remodeling

by Lydia Mora



Thinking of remodeling the outside of your home or changing your landscape?

1. Obtain written approval "BEFORE" beginning any building, remodeling, or additions.
2. Contact Architectural Control Committee members: **Jim Hall**, 956-605-6845, **Willard Moon**, 956-618-3248, or **Tim Campbell**, 956-358-1610.
3. Failure to comply may result in fines levied.

### CLUBHOUSE RENTALS 2014

by Julian Mora, Clubhouse Rental Chairman

Thanks to All Village of Westlakes residents who this year rented the clubhouse for various functions.

I am now taking reservations for 2015, you may contact me at 956-289-0551.



Prospero Año Nuevo!