

Views Around The Lake

by Cindy Klopsteck

"Rainbows apologize for angry skies." --Sylvia Voirol

The subtleties of Spring... Most people think of bright colors, bursting energy, brilliant yellow sunshine and, certainly, the very un-subtle wind, when considering Spring. But the subtleties are there...

What first hit me was how subtle, how delicate, were the colors of the barely perceived rainbow.

I was driving home on Hwy 90 from Eagle Lake after one of the drenching rains of last week.

The sky still held dark, gray menacing clouds in several directions, but there was one section of sky slowly, slowly clearing to my right as I drove due east.

I could barely make out the faint colors of a rainbow streaking

across the eastern sky. There is nothing like experiencing a Spring rainbow following rain and dark skies.

Since light was trying to break through in that direction, I put on something I had no reason

to use for days now - a pair of sunglasses.

I was amazed to find that the colors of the rainbow were more distinct, each color just a bit more vivid, through the darkened lenses.

It was as if the rainbow was there, but no one hurrying through the day, no one looking at the gray ominous clouds surrounding it, would be able to distinguish the subtle coloring of beauty and promise, unless taking time to adjust one's vision or perception. The subtleties of Spring...

My granddaughter found it way before I did.

As we exited her home into the colorful backyard the next day, I knew immediately she was headed straight out to the fence to pick flowers.

The colors are always just too alluring for her. It's like a bee headed for pollen.

And, perhaps due to those recent rains, the beautiful magenta azaleas were in full, brilliant bloom along the fence line.

They were the very first thing to draw my attention as I walked out into the sun and watched her run toward the back area of the yard.

But soon she was running past the splash of magenta, only to bend down and pick up something from the bright Easter-green grass of the yard.

Pleased with her discovery, she turned and, in the wild gaited run of a two-year-old on an important mission, returned to me smiling and breathless, holding a very small yellow wildflower.

I hadn't even noticed it. With the overpowering luster of the long row of azaleas, the little flower had gone completely unnoticed by me.

But to the wide, observant eyes of a young, innocent backyard explorer, the small yellow token of Spring had pressed through the bondage of earth and grass just for her little fingers to clasp, pull and carry to her grandmother.

The subtleties of Spring... They are there - don't miss them.

"The earth laughs in flowers." - Ralph Waldo Emerson



Catholic Daughters Report Recent Activities

A Rosary service led by Frances Staff and Rose Staff preceded the meeting of Nada Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Our Lady of the Rosary #1595 at St. Mary's Parish Hall on Tuesday, March 11, at 7 p.m. Regent, Anita Meismer welcomed all attending including District Deputy Darice Miksch of Columbus.

The opening prayer was led by Ernestine Schneider and Opening Ode by Vice Regent, Bernita Korenek. The pledge to the US and Texas flags was led by Helen Noteboom.

Regent, Anita Meismer conducted the business meeting. Secretary, Virginia Pavlovsky read the minutes and treasurer, Marilyn Popp gave the treasurers report.

Committee reports were heard from Rose Staff, Charity, Mabel Beard, Mass and Special Mass Enrollments, Helen Noteboom, Senior Citizen Party and Sandy Schneider, Ways and Means. Apostolate chairman, Bernice Kallina reported that the Easter Party for residents of Garden Villa in El Campo will be held on March 13, at 2 p.m.

Under new business prior to the election of the nominating committee District Deputy, Darice Miksch gave instruction on the duties of the committee.

Elected to the nominating committee were Linda Swoboda, chairman, Helen Noteboom, Janie

Mae Popp, Ernestine Schneider and Virginia Balusek.

She also reported on the protocol to be followed by officers and explained that the Regent is to be advised when an officer is to be absent and unable to fulfill her appointed duties.

Members voted to donate to the Colorado County Relay for Life Walk and to the ACTS Retreat.

It was announced that the Nada/Garwood Gadabouts have nominated Pauline Solomon and Edward Korenek for Colorado County Older Texans.

Also, there will be a Financial Review after the April meeting. Audit committee members will be Monica Staff, Mabel Beard and Janie Mae Popp.

A prayer for Vocations and the Closing Ode concluded the meeting. Following the meeting hostesses Rose Staff, Renee Staff, Monica Staff, Charleen Staff, Frances Staff and Betty Staff served refreshments.

The next meeting will be held on April 8, beginning with a Rosary service at 7 p.m.

Nada Catholic Daughters Court Our Lady of the Rosary #1595 members traveled to El Campo on Thursday, March 13, to host an Easter Party for the residents of Garden Villa Health Care Center.

The residents were treated to a songfest led by CDA Apostolate chairman Bernice Kallina accompanied by pianist Leona Abell of Garwood and Charlie Merta of El Campo on the accordion.

Nada CDA members attending and singing for the residents were Clara Gold, Gertrude Wied, Betty Leopold, Leona Brzozowski, Helen Noteboom, Kelly Korenek and Regent Anita Meismer.

Residents who celebrated birthdays during the month were recognized and all joined in singing Happy Birthday to Anton

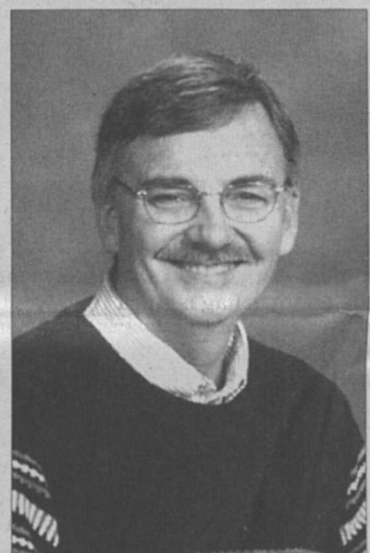
Sevick, Myrtle Wenglar, Emelia Hernandez, Celia Alamguer, Jewell Brister, Josephine Marquez, Amalie Roznovsky, Ida Mae Bloom, and Ann Hollis, pianist Leona Abell was also recognized; she will celebrate her 90th birthday on March 14.

Following the songfest residents were treated to refreshments of fruit kolaches, juice and coffee.

The Nada CDA members attending assisted with the hostess duties.

They also thank the following who helped Mary Mehnert, Josephine Knebel, Lillie Cervenka, Edna Krenek, Martha Hubenak, Mildred Schmidt, Evelyn Dornak, Margaret Anderson and Betty Royston.

The members attending enjoyed visiting with many of the Health Care residents.



Reverend Steve Whitfield was the guest speaker at the March 12 meeting of the Eagle Lake Study Club. Rev. Whitfield presented the program on the works of Dr. Carl Gustav Jung. Dr. Jung was the creator of many bridges of science and spirituality and a leader in his field.

County Looking Into Purchase Of Clinic

Colorado County commissioners met in closed session Thursday, March 13, to deliberate on the purchase of property.

After returning to open session, the commissioners authorized Commissioner Doug Wessels to research and negotiate possible purchase of the former Columbus Medical Clinic at 1220 Bowie.

The building is located a block from the courthouse.

Commissioners have been discussing possible construction of an annex building to house some county offices in the future.

County Judge Al Jamison said after the meeting the possible acquisition of the medical building could allow a reduction in the size of the annex.

He said the medical building property is about 4,800 square feet and the annex has been projected in the range of 22,000 square feet.

Jamison said he refused himself from voting because his wife is on the board of directors of the Columbus Community Hospital, which owns the building.

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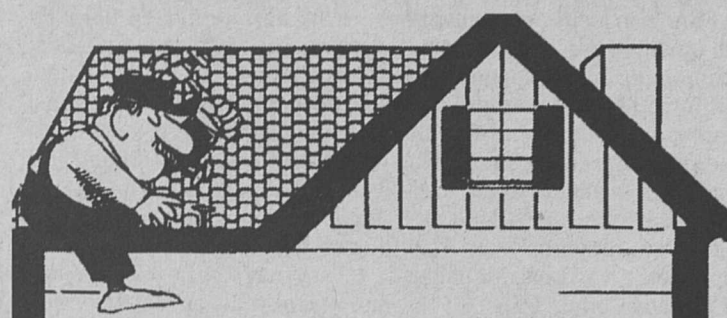
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