



Lake Panorama to be dredged again

By Lynn Scott, Mayor

Sixty years ago, Lake Panorama was formed to irrigate the new golf course, which is the foundation of the City of Panorama Village. After fifty years, we were forced to dredge the lake to increase the water volume of the lake which had filled with silt. We finished the dredging in late 2015.

Unfortunately, we had two deluges in 2016 and 2017 (Hurricane Harvey, for one) which caused the dredging benefits to the lake to be minimized. Although there has been additional infiltration from silt and debris, we still had significant increase of available water so that this summer's drought didn't impair our ability to water the golf course.

After Harvey, FEMA allowed us to apply for federal funds to remedy the situation and we received a sizable grant. In

order to lessen the chances of more silt infiltrating the lake, we created a retention pond on Stewart Creek. The pond captures the silt before it can reach the lake and periodically the accumulated silt will be hauled off.

We intend to do a better clean up of lake this time and will clear up as much of Stewart Creek as is allowed. We will deepen the northern portion of the lake. The lake is important because of the irrigation, but also adds to the beauty of the city when maintained properly.

We want Lake Panorama to be as attractive as possible. We would like to have a limited stocking of some fish it



Last year, this view was all water, but now the north end of Lake Panorama is overgrown with tall weeds on mud islands caused by silt infiltration from Stewart Creek.

we can determine that would not be a detriment. Kayaking and canoes will be encouraged but powered boats are not allowed.

Ladies Association resumes meeting on September 9

The Panorama Ladies Association is gearing up for the first meeting of its 2022-23 program year on Friday, September 9, 2022. Cha-Cha's Boutique will present a fashion show starting at 11:00 am followed by lunch at noon.

Generally the meetings are September through May on the first Friday of the month at the Panorama Golf Clubhouse. Fellowship and check-in begins at 10:30 followed by the meeting and program. The cost of the lunch is \$17. Many attendees linger after lunch for socializing and card playing.

Panorama Ladies Association is open to the public with many members living in Conroe and Willis as well as Panorama. The membership fee is \$30 per year.

Those who join in July are listed in the directory/yearbook.

NEW OFFICERS FOR 2022-23:

President	Charlotte Belin
Vice Presidents	Jeanie Jackson Olga Graham
Secretary	JoAnn Cappadonna
Treasurer	Dolly Rascoe
Parliamentarian	Carolyn Backen
Friendship	Jane Williamson
Hostess	Peggy Lumpkin
Communication	Lis Martensen
Membership book	Mary Lu Divilbless
Advertisement	Pat Keegan

Public Meeting to address resident parking

The Panorama City Council will conduct a Public Meeting on Tuesday, September 6 at 5:45 pm to discuss revisions of a City ordinance regarding parking vehicles on streets or on unpaved areas of residential property, including front and side yards. Please attend this meeting if you wish to participate in this discussion. The meeting will be at City Hall, 99 Hiwon Drive.

Fiftieth Anniversary merchandise shopping

If you missed your chance to purchase merchandise commemorating our 50th Anniversary, the City Hall staff will be available every Wednesday and Friday between the hours of 10:00 am and 4:00 pm to assist you in buying coffee cups (\$5), water bottles (\$10) and specially imprinted t-shirts (smaller sizes \$7.50, largest sizes \$15.00). Cash, checks and credit cards will be accepted.

NEWS FLASH

Frontier Communications has been authorized to begin marking and laying fiber optic lines in Panorama beginning September 12. More details next month.

ON THE TEE BOX *With Ruthie McGrath*

I have written about many golfers and places where golfers have played, but never about anyone who played outside the United States under very unusual circumstances. Denise Peel grew up in Michigan and moved to Texas in 1980 and has been a resident of Panorama since 1999. Denise



worked for an international shipping company with clients shipping materials all over the world. She became interested in golf because she wanted to play in work-related golf tournaments that seemed like so much fun for everyone.

Later one of those clients offered her a job with Chevron doing logistics in Cabinda, Angola. There she did logistics for shipping materials while they were building a huge gas plant. She worked 28 days on and then 28 days off. This was a schedule she really enjoyed. She lived on the Chevron Compound where the company provided living quarters and she worked 12 hour days seven days a week.

However, when she returned home after her 28 days of work she was able to do whatever she wanted and sometimes used those free days for travel both internationally and domestically. During some of her free time she went

on a 21 day safari in South Africa and sailed on a catamaran around Tahiti. She also visited Ireland and saw St. Andrews, but did not play there.

Another perk of the job was a nine hole golf course on the compound. On Sundays, the workers got off at 12 noon and met at

the golf course at 1:00 as the Project sponsored golf tournaments with prizes. They played until dark which was about 7 to 8 pm. Clubs were provided by the company, but Denise brought her own putter. The golf course was sand except for the greens so each player had a small artificial grass mat they used to hit off of. The players used pull carts and carried the mat attached to their cart.

They did play using the Official Rules of Golf, but did allow teeing up for each shot due to the unusual ground conditions. The greens were like ours, but were covered with artificial grass that was used for a putting surface. Denise said she and the others really enjoyed playing "Sand Golf" and she feels it brought them together as friends. Players were from a number of places including the Philippines, Mexico, India, the UK, and the USA. That job was to originally last for eighteen

months, but lasted for five years!

She worked there from 2007 - 2012. She later worked for Chevron in Russia for one year as a Camp Manager. She returned to Angola and worked in Lobito doing logistics for off shore work. There her living conditions were nicer as she had her own apartment. Denise feels very fortunate to have had these career experiences and adventures.

July 4th Contest Winners

Dessert Bake-off

1ST PLACE

Avery Modeland

2ND PLACE

Emily Summers

3RD PLACE

Sue Grace and Ruby Redman

HONORABLE MENTION

Shan Wells

Little Miss & Mr Panorama Pageant

3 & 4 YEAR OLDS

Collen Burrough and Ruby Redman

RUNNERS UP

Rowan Perry, Amelia Ashley
and Bebhin Perry

5 & 6 YEAR OLDS

Harrison McCabe and Lucy Eddleman

RUNNERS UP

Logan Queen, Forrest Baker,
Teresa Beard and Atlas Diaz

Freedom Parade

\$50 GIFT CARDS

Debi Jo Felder and Chace and Chloe

\$40 GIFT CARDS

Peggy Marquardt and Brenda Kirwin

\$25 GIFT CARDS

Pnut and Shan Wells
Bristol Campobella
Max and Sue Martensen
Kyle and LeeAnn McDaniel

Yard of the Month

Carolyn Dellinger
35 Blush Hill

