

You're Invited: Old Braeswood Ladies Night, Aug. 1st

Come enjoy the company of other ladies in the neighborhood. You can find out about all the fun activities, and enjoy an adult beverage or two, Tuesday, August 1st at 7:00 p.m. Learn about the neighborhood's social activities including Book Club, Garden Club, and Park Parties, or even brainstorm and start your own neighborhood group! The evening will be held at the home of Nicole Singer. For more information, contact Nicole Singer at nicoletomich-singertx@gmail.com, or Annette Brown at netteyduplechain@yahoo.com.

Help Us Improve the Old Braeswood Web Site

Our neighborhood has many ways of communicating: this newsletter, email alerts, banner signs at the Old Braeswood Park, mailed notices, calls from Block Captains, and the Old Braeswood website (www.OldBraeswood.com).

An effort is underway to make the website more useful. Specifically, the website in future will include a sign-in option. Residents of Old Braeswood (and only current residents!) will be able to create a password that allows them to access information not available to the general public.

An example of such information could be our Old Braeswood Directory. The Directory is well used by most residents, and it is updated and reissued every couple of years. Unfortunately, it becomes outdated almost as soon as it is published as residents move away and new residents arrive. Email addresses change. An online directory could stay current, not necessarily to replace the printed directory, but to supplement it. Like the printed directory, the online directory would not include information that residents did not approve for directory use.

In an effort to make the Old Braeswood website the "go to" place for residents needing information, you are now asked to think of what you would like to see added under the sign-in function. Pictures of lost pets and contact information for the owners? Contact information for Block Captains? Calendar details for Garden Club and Book Club? Any and all suggestions will be considered. Please help make the website a tool that serves you better by sending your recommendations and ideas to info@OldBraeswood.com, or (713) 807-1787.

Save the date for the
Night Out
in Old Braeswood
6:00—8:00 p.m.
Tues., October 3rd

Please join us for fun and refreshments. This annual event is for everyone. There will be activities for children, refreshments.

Volunteers and sponsors are needed. Please contact us at info@OldBraeswood.com for more information.
All neighbors welcome!

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The house at 2343 Glen Haven Blvd. has done its share to keep Old Braeswood families connected to the neighborhood.

Bertha and Isadore Miller were the first owners of the house, appearing in the *Houston City Directory* starting in 1941. Isadore was a partner in Gordon's Jewelers along with his wife's father (Meyer Morris Gordon) and two of her brothers. Then, in 1952 Bertha's parents

now, became friends. During their years on Glen Haven, the Malloys were especially close to J.B. and Blanche Earthman, who lived on their street (an article about the Earthmans and their house appeared in the June/July 2014 issue of the *News-letter*). They shared a dance club and a bridge club, popular ways to have fun.

Gene served many years as a Director on the Board of the University of St. Thomas. At Gene's death in 1995 his son Dennis joined the Board. In 2001 Dennis and his family honored Gene and Flip with a \$1 million gift to the university. The university responded by naming its humanities and education building "The Eugene and Felice Malloy Hall." Dennis still sits on the Board. His sister Michele has also served there.

Flip remained in the house as a widow until 2000, five years before her own death. From 2000 to 2003 the house was unoccupied while the three Malloy children (Susan, Michele and Dennis) emptied it.

Daughter Susan Malloy has an additional connection to Old Braeswood. She married someone who also had grown up in Houston (H. Tristram (Tris) Engelhardt) and their goal was to return. They did so in 1982 when Tris received a dual appointment to teach philosophy both at Rice University and the Institute of Religion, Texas Medical Center. They bought the house at 2402 Bellefontaine to put their children (Susan, Christina and Dorothea) near grandparents. They became another set of multigenerational residents.

Susan no longer lives on



2343 Glen Haven Blvd.

moved to 2329 Gramercy to be near her, adding to the pattern of multigenerational families living in Old Braeswood. (Gordon's Jewelers in 1968 became the first jewelry store listed on the New York Stock Exchange. Today, Gordon's is a Zales brand. An article about the Gramercy house and Meyer Gordon appeared in the November 2009 *Newsletter*.)

The house's next owners first appear in the *City Directory* in 1960, Felice (Flip) and Eugene (Gene) F. Malloy. The Malloys met and married in Chicago and decided to move south. They went to the library and researched several cities (Houston, Phoenix and San Diego) and decided on Houston when they read that in Houston roses bloomed all year round.

They arrived in 1941 and eight years later Gene started his own business, Malloy's Cash Register Co., selling Sweda cash registers. He soon added a second business, Malloy's Business Machines Co. Both were located at 2101 Polk Ave. Success allowed him to purchase the real estate on that block and much of the real estate across the street.

The Malloys purchased the Glen Haven house in 1959 for \$42,500. Neighbors in Old Braeswood then, as



Susan Malloy Engelhardt's family owned the home from 1960-2000.

Bellefontaine, but she returns to the neighborhood for meetings of the Old Braeswood Garden Club and she is directing a project to capture and preserve the Club's 83 year history.

In 2003 the house was purchased by Mary (a nurse) and Richard Greenlaw (a contractor with Hargrave Contracting, Inc.) They stayed until 2011 and renovated the house.

The Leathers family came next. They purchased in 2003 and moved in from the house next door (2341 Glen Haven Blvd.) They have been there ever since. Making a move of such a short distance met their goals of getting a bigger house and staying in the neighborhood they love.

Gisette and David have children Elliott, Will and Wyatt. David is managing director at Alvarez & Marsal, a management consulting firm, and Gisette is an architect. They both support their neighborhood. David is an At Large member of the POA Board and served for several years as Treasurer of the POA. Gisette assists the Architectural Review Committee to expedite approval of building plans.



The Leathers have owned 2343 Glen Haven since 2003.

With each of its first two owners, the house at 2343 Glen Haven Blvd. was home to part of a multigenerational family residing in Old Braeswood. More recently it allowed the Leathers family to stay in the neighborhood and continue building their connections to it. The result may be that one day the Leathers are another multigenerational family in Old Braeswood.

This is the 46th article in a continuing series on houses and people in Old Braeswood. Suggestions for future columns are welcome.]

Keep Reading

Old Braeswood Book Club welcomes new members. If you are interested (and who wouldn't be after viewing the picture of refreshments at their last meeting) and want to read ahead, here are your titles:

People of the Book, by Geraldine Brooks, for the meeting to be held June 13th

A Gentleman of Moscow, by Amor Towles, for the meeting on July 11

The August meeting will be held August 8th, to discuss a book not yet selected.

For information about time and place, please contact Annette (713-667-9187 / netteyduplechain@yahoo.com).



Deed Restriction Reminder: Contractor Signs Prohibited

Please advise your contractors and service providers (landscapers, pest control, painters etc) that contractor signs are prohibited in Old Braeswood by the deed restrictions. Only a single For Sale or For Lease sign that is no larger than 6 sq ft in size may be posted. In addition, for sale signs must be situated on private property and not in the city right-of-way between the sidewalk and curb.

Ask contractors to remove signs that they install immediately. If you see contractor signs in the neighborhood, please report the sign's location and contractor name to the Old Braeswood office at info@OldBraeswood.com, or (713) 807-1787. Photographs are appreciated.

Errata

In the March 2017 Newsletter the article about Rita and Bal Sareen's renovation of their historic home at 2115 Glen Haven stated that they recently received a Gold Brick award. However, the Sareens actually received a "Good Brick" award from Preservation Houston for the restoration of their historic home. This annual award is highly coveted and is a great honor for the Sareens and for Old Braeswood.

Park Party Honors Mothers Day

This year was our first time to hold the Spring Park Party on Mother's Day. Neighbors stopped by a welcome table to pick up nametags. A craft table provided cards and envelopes for children to decorate for their mothers using colored markers. More than 40 cards were made. Another table gave away miniature Bundt cakes in three flavors – lemon, red velvet and vanilla. An electric guitar serenaded us from the sidelines.

Girl Scout Bronwyn Walsh made a huge advance on her scout project, *A Win for the Skin*, when 53 adults visited her table and completed questionnaires on the use of sunscreen. Bronwyn, daughter of Sherri and Garrett Walsh, is working toward a Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouting.

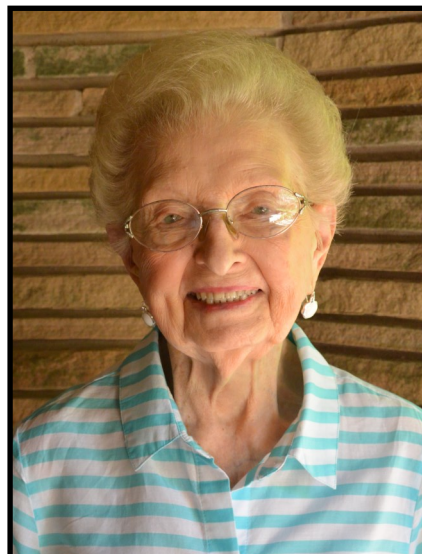
The weather was perfect and so was the party. Special thanks for making the event possible go to *Krista Heidersbach*, Chair of our POA Social Events Committee. She was greatly helped by *Michael Kelly*, *Dee Murray*, *GG Hsieh*, *Liz Alhand* and *Courtney Steves*. Thank you to all!

Special thanks to *Dawn Gervais* with Martha Turner Sothebys for helping sponsor the event!





Beadie Lewis Turns 100



Beadie Lewis, at 2511 Maroneal celebrated her 100th birthday on March 13th. Congratulations, Beadie!

Beadie is an original Old Braeswood resident. She and her husband built the Maroneal house in 1953 and she has been living here ever since. (Beadie and the house were featured in the April/ May 2017 issue of the newsletter.)

Garden Club Kicks Off New Year

The last meeting until September was held on May 16 at the home of hostess Maribel Reuter, who treated members to a sit-down luncheon of enchiladas, salad, flan and tres leches. (If you haven't joined Garden Club, this should be an incentive to sign up!) The Club resumes its monthly meetings in September with an evening barbecue that includes spouses and significant others.

The officers for the 2017-2018 club year are:

President – GG Hsieh
Vice-president – Annette Brown
Treasurer – Nancy Eisenmenger
Recording Secy/Historian – Susan Engelhardt
Corresponding Secy – Maribel Reuter

The Club extends a huge thank you to Nancy Eisenmenger for serving as President this year. She steps down from that role to focus on a Masters in Textile History. Besides coursework, she will do an internship with the Texas Quilt Museum in La-Grange, documenting quilts in the collections and curating exhibits.

Another thank you goes to Susan Engelhardt for agreeing to head the Club's project to find and document its history. The Club, founded in 1934, is one of the oldest garden clubs in Houston. This effort involves interviewing members from the Club's earlier years, finding the scrapbooks that the Club used to make, assembling a collection of old Garden Club Yearbooks, etc. Neighbors are encouraged to help locate original club materials!

Annual Flower Show a Success

The Old Braeswood Garden Club's annual Flower Show and dinner was hosted April 23rd by Terese & Gary Wagner. For the first time ever, multiple entries by the same member were awarded prizes! First prize : Janice Gregory. Second and third prizes: Terese Wagner.

The theme chosen by the club for entries was "Texas/ Country Sayings." Janice arranged some old-fashioned hydrangeas in a cast iron Dutch oven handed down to her from her grandmother. The date on the bottom is 1920. At the base was the lid, ceramic figures of a man and woman, and a placard that read: *"For every pot there's a lid. There's someone for everyone."*

Terese's 2nd place entry had a Texas theme and Davy Crockett's famous quote: "You may all go to hell and I will go to Texas." A mass of yellow roses in a pot emblazoned with the State of Texas was surrounded by Texas bandanas.

Her 3rd place entry drew on a quote by Claude Monet: "I must have flowers, always, and always." She used an ornate gold frame to surround purple irises that burst through the frame itself, like a painting come to life. Congrats, ladies!



Help Us Find Garden Club History

Were you an Old Braeswood Garden Club member in the 20th century? Do you know someone who was? The Garden Club has started a project to find and document and preserve its history as one of the oldest garden clubs in Houston (founded in 1934!). Anything related to the Club's past is of use to this project, even items from more recent years. Scrapbooks, Club Yearbooks, memorabilia of outings. The Club would like to interview those who have anecdotes from the Club's past. It wants to hear from those who can identify officers from the past or who can help locate members from the past. The Club's history is also part of Old Braeswood history. Please help by contacting Susan Engelhardt, htengelhardt@juno.com, or (713) 660-7861.

Block Captain Update

The POA Board last year reactivated the Block Captains program. We now have a renewed network of volunteers dedicated to increasing communication within the neighborhood and helping residents know what's happening in Old Braeswood—through promoting neighborhood events and activities, greeting new neighbors, organizing block get-togethers, and helping keep our neighborhood a welcoming place. The last meeting of the Block Captains was on April 29 at the home of Susan Teich.

Current Block Captains include:

Bellefontaine	Janice Gregory, Linda Joekel
Bluebonnet	Christine Manca, Annette Eldridge, Janet Horn
Kelving & Morningside	Sally Miller
Glen Haven	Susan Teich, Fran Callahan, and Andrea Lapsley
Gramercy	Laura Pang, Margo Elgohary
Greenbriar & S. Main	Adam Miller
Maroneal	Annette Brown, G.G. Hsieh, Samia Khalil
N. Braeswood	Sally Miller
Underwood	Dorry Shaddock, Jordana Slawin

We are still looking for Block Captains for Dorrington! Please contact committee chairman Christine Manca (713-724-6131 or christine.manca@att.net) for more information.

Trash & Recycling Schedule

Recycling	Every other Tuesday	
Dates	May 16 & 30	June 13 & 27
	July 11 & 25	Aug. 8 & 22
Household Trash	Tuesdays (in city provided bins)	
Yard Waste	Tuesdays (in biodegradable bags)	
Tree Limbs & Debris	3rd Monday (in odd months)	
Junk Waste	3rd Monday (in even months)	



Place household garbage and recycling in city-provided wheeled containers and set them on the curb no earlier than 6 p.m. the evening preceding pick up. Remove bins no later than 10 p.m. on collection day. Bins left on the street beyond these times are subject to city fines. Bins must be accessible to the automated collection truck (not blocked by vehicles, trees, etc). Yard waste must be bagged in city approved biodegradable bags, weighing no more than 50 pounds, and placed at the curb at least 3' away from automated bins. Yard waste mixed with paper, plastic or any other type of waste will not be collected. Small branches may be put in bundles (no more than 4 ft. x 18 inches in diameter).



2017 OBPOA Officers & Chairpersons

President	Andrea Lapsley
Vice Pres.	Joe Manca
Vice Pres.	Buddy Steves
Vice Pres.	Courtney Steves
At-Large	John Eldridge
At-Large	David Leathers
Treasurer	Bill Marchbank
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Directory	Sally Miller
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Garden Club	GG Hsieh
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Park	Annette Eldridge
Plan Review	Marilyn Archer
Preservation	Joe Manca
Patrol	Dee Murray
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Social Events	Krista Heidersbach
Trees	Carroll Shaddock
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University Place	Andrea Lapsley
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Welcome New Board Members!

Bill Marchbank is new to the Old Braeswood Board, replacing David Leathers as Treasurer. Bill's wife, Carla, grew up in Southgate is now an ear-nose-throat surgeon at Texas Children's Hospital. Bill, who grew up in London, works as a freelance programmer providing tax and accounting services. They have lived with son Ian at 2112 Glen Haven since 2001. As Treasurer, Bill manages the association's finances by depositing its receipts and paying its bills, once verified. He reports everything to the Board and makes our financial records available to the Board at all times. Like David Leathers before him, he is a volunteer, donating his expertise and his time for the good of the neighborhood. We are grateful for Bill's service!



Julie Cohn joined the Old Braeswood Board this year and fills the role of Board Secretary, recording the minutes of each meeting. She has lots of experience, having also served as Board Secretary in the 1990s. It is good to have her back! Julie is an historian at the University of Houston in the Center for Public History. This year, her book *The Grid: Biography of an American Technology* will come out under the MIT Press. She moved to 2350 Underwood in 1993 with husband John Connor, an environmental engineer. They were accompanied by daughter Miriam, then three. Julie is a daily dog walker of the family's serial Bouviers, and she finds it is a great way to make friends in the neighborhood. OBPOA depends on volunteers like Julie.