Sincere Sympathy to any who may have lost a family member or friend to the Corona Virus. These have been tragic days of suffering and sorrow. Covid-19 can steal the lives of those we love, and it can temporarily shut down our churches, schools, libraries, commerce, and our meetings.

**BUT IT CANNOT DESTROY OUR PASSION FOR POETRY!**

We will continue to write it, read it, share it, and enjoy it.

With poetry we will memorialize our loved ones, express our grief, document these dark days, and ultimately celebrate a return to the way of life we have been privileged to enjoy in America the Beautiful!

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**General Report of PST Meeting, April 11, 2020, via Zoom**

by Barbara Blanks, Recording Secretary

Thanks to new interim Director Susan Mardele, the Board was able to meet via Zoom. This report covers items that would have been presented at the General Meeting at Preston Royal Library today—if the library had been open, and if we had been able to gather there.

President Irene Robertson called the meeting to order.

Treasurer Steve Sanders reported the bank account is healthy. He also confirmed that a PST Paypal account has been set up. Once it is finalized and links are added to the website, members and new members will be able to pay their dues electronically if desired. Please note: You do NOT have to have a Paypal account to use it since Paypal accepts credit cards. Details will be provided when the account is up and running.

Patrick Marshall confirmed that PST’s Bulk Mailing permit has been renewed, and that enough money has been added to the account to cover the cost of mailing the 2020 ABOTY. He and his wife Andrea will prepare the books for mailing after they arrive from the printer. Major thanks for editing this new anthology goes to Linda Banks. She did the majority of the work.

This year’s summer conference is being hosted by the Fort Worth Poetry Society. Registration, conference schedule, and other information will be posted on the website ASAP. Since the event is in July, it is hoped it will take place as usual. Membership will be updated regularly on progress and/or problems.

Monthly Contest Chair Rich Weatherly gave the March and April results, which are posted on page 2 in this *Bulletin*. The ten poems up for book prizes, which are normally read at the general meeting and voted on then, were sent to all the Board members—because they are all normally present anyway. Poems were blind-judged and results sent to Rich for compilation. Book Prize Mailer Barbara Blanks will send them out.

April is Poetry Month! If you do anything special or your chapter does anything special to celebrate, please send the information to both Susan Campbell, Extension Chair, and Valerie Martin Bailey, *Bulletin* editor. Activities are also reported to NFSPS.

Seadog Studios, captained by Steve Sanders,
maintains The Adventure Poetry Channel on Youtube, producing “Illustrated Poetry.” The link is on our website under Videos, a sub-menu of Podcasts.https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvi_d1135NRiFY1d4RkJwNA.

Steve also announced the winner of the Fort Worth Poetry Society William Barney Chapbook contest. Judge was David Allen, Anderson IN. First place went to Catherine L’Herisson, Garland, for The Limping Mermaid.

Student Awards Chair Ann Howells reported 75 entries in the recent student contests.

It is still uncertain whether PST will be able to meet normally in May. If shelter-in-place orders are still in effect, the Board will meet again via Zoom. The possibility of a statewide general meeting for all members is being investigated.

BAYLOR’S HOUSE OF POETRY
The House of Poetry event had to be canceled due to the virus crisis, but House of Poetry Committee, Elizabeth Dell and Maura Jortner made lemonade out of lemons and now announce the completion of the booklet featuring poems by contributors to this project.

Elizabeth gives credit to Maura for doing an amazing job on the booklet. The booklet was sent via e-mail to all who contributed.

PST wishes to thank both Elizabeth and Maura for an excellent booklet, and for giving our poets the opportunity to participate in this poetic venture.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...
SYLVIA MEDEL
Mockingbird Chapter Member, Sylvia Medel Announces the long awaited publication of her book, Ageless and Endless Journey to Poetry – Memoirs in Poetry
The book was copyrighted on April 19, 2019, but Sylvia set it aside and the book took a few hiccups along the way, but it is now published in time for Sylvia to celebrate National Poetry Month with a newly published book.
She is grateful to her family for their whole-hearted support in seeing the book that they refer to as a labor of love a reality at last.

MARCH MONTHLY CONTEST WINNERS
25 Entries
Critic Judge: Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA
NFSPS Officer & former editor of the Lyrical Iowa anthology.
First: Von S. Bourland, Happy ~ “Improbable Matrimony”
Second: Janet McCann, College Station
Third: Jacinta Mooney ~ North Richland Hills

Laugh Lines
Judge: Beth Ayers, Mckinney
Winner: Richard Kushmaul, Denton

Book Prizes
Popular – Rebecca Burroughs, San Antonio
Poetry for Poets – Marilyn Stacy, Dallas
Wm. D. Barney – Richard P. Hurzeler, Tyler
M. Tandy Duemke – Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas
Naomi Simmons – Barbara Blanks, Garland
Cliff Roberts Haiku Award – Beth Honeycutt, Denton

Other Poems were by:
Aman Khan, Ann Howells, Lisa Toth Salinas, and Eric Blanchard

Send contest entries before the 15th of each month to Contest Chair, Richard Weatherly at 7617 Palomar Dr., N. Richland Hills, TX 76180 • 817-428-8088 • WeatherlyR@sbcglobal.net.

APRIL MONTHLY CONTEST WINNERS
20 Entries
Critic Judge: Susan Stevens Chambers, Mankota, MN
First: Susan Maxwell Campbell, Mansfield ~ “Insight”
Second: Ann Howells, Carrollton
Third: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas

Laugh Lines
Judge: Richard Kushmaul, Denton
Winner: Barbara Blanks, Garland

Book Prizes
Popular – Sheila Tingley Moore, San Antonio
Poetry for Poets – Catherine L’Herisson, Garland
Wm. D. Barney – Richard P. Hurzeler, Tyler
M. Tandy Duemke – Manuel L. English, Poulsbo, WA
Naomi Simmons – LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK
Cliff Roberts Haiku Award – Barbara Blanks, Garland

Other Poems were by:
Linda Banks, Birma C. Castle, Aman Khan, Terry Jude Miller,

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PST Nominating Committee Announced
President Irene Robertson announced that the following people have accepted a position on the nominating committee: Chair: Catherine L’Herisson, Marilyn Stacy, Budd Powell Mahan, Aman Kahn, and Jeanette Strother.
THE IRVING CAMPBELL CHAPBOOK CONTEST 2020
Offered Under the Auspices of Denton Poets’ Assembly

PURPOSE ~ This contest is designed to encourage professional writing partnerships between authors in a dialogue exchange of poems. In dialogue poetry, each poem acts as an inspiration for the following poem, so that each new poem is both follower and leader in a continuing round of mutual exploration into the unknown. Each poem must contain a noticeable reference to some element in the preceding poem, i.e., mood, detail word, phrase, image, etc.

PRIZE ~ The winning entrants will each receive a cash prize of $50 and twenty-five copies of a market-ready 6” by 9” soft-cover book. This includes editing, cover design by KDP.com (Amazon’s Kindle Direct Publishing), pricing, and ISBN registration. The winners may assume the cost of additional copies.

WHO MAY ENTER ~ The competition is open to all Texas residents and currently enrolled students of Texas colleges and universities. One of the two persons in the writing partnership must qualify. The manuscript should be the original work of both authors. The winners must agree to three public readings from their book. One reading for (1) a monthly meeting of Denton Poets’ Assembly; (2) one at the annual PST summer conference; and (3) a third reading will be arranged by the authors. Entry acknowledges agreement with these stipulations. See DPA Website for further clauses.

DEADLINE ~ Manuscripts must be postmarked between March 1, 2020 and April 30, 2020.

PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED MATERIAL ~ Because of the nature of the writing partnership, it is expected that the manuscript includes only unpublished poems, written specifically for the dialogue project. If a poem has been published within the time frame of the dialogue, the author must have first rights at the time of submission of the manuscript.

ENTRY FEE ~ A check for $10 payable to Denton Poets’ Assembly for each manuscript. Multiple entries are allowed with separate fees.

LENGTH ~ The submitted manuscript should contain between 24 and 30 poems for a total of about 40 pages of poetry, not including other matter.

FORMAT ~ Submit a single copy of the manuscript, written in English. No line of poetry in the manuscript shall contain more than 60 characters (letters, spaces, and punctuation). The manuscript must have a title page without authors’ identification. Number the pages. The table of contents will be divided by author. See DPA Website for examples.

THE MANUSCRIPT ~ Must be bound in some manner (manuscript clip is preferred). No identification may appear on the manuscript. Include these items separate from the bound manuscript:

1. A manuscript title page with your names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses.
2. Separate statements from both authors on the experience of the writing partnership and its impact on your work. These will be included in the printed book.
3. One copy each of two sequential poems from the manuscript (i.e. one from each author). If your manuscript wins, these poems will be read at the PST Awards Banquet in November. These copies should have your authors’ identification and a notation that they are a part of your Irving Campbell manuscript.

SEND ENTRIES TO:  Susan Maxwell Campbell
115 North Wisteria
Mansfield, Texas 76063-1835

Judge and winners will be announced at the annual PST Awards Banquet in November, 2020.

Note: Visit the Denton Poets’ Assembly Website at http://DentonPoetsAssembly.weebly.com
ALAMO AREA POETS OF TEXAS
Antonia Murguia Reporting
The Alamo Area Poets will vote on a new slate of officers in April. The slate of officers is as follows: President: Antoinette Winstead, Secretary/Treasurer: Sheila Moore, Parliamentarian: Patricia Keoughan.

The winners of the March assigned contest were: 3HM: Carol Siskovic, 2HM: Antoinette Winstead, 1st HM: Antonia Murguia, 3rd place: John Friedland, 2nd place: Sheila Moore, 1st place: Vivian Skinner. Winners in the Open Contest were: 2nd HM: Sheila Moore, 1st HM: Antonia Murguia; 3rd place: John Friedland, 2nd place: Antoinette Winstead, 1st place: Carol Siskovic.

Sheila Moore won book awards in the PST monthly contests in both the March and April contests. She also has been selected for publication in the 2021 Texas Poetry Calendar.

AAPT is looking into conducting the May meeting by Zoom video. The web page address is: Alamoareapoets.wordpress.com

AUSTIN POETRY SOCIETY
Cathleen O'Shea Reporting
The Austin Poetry Society wishes all fellow poets well during this difficult time. Poetry events in the city of Austin have been moved online or have been canceled. APS will not conduct an April meeting and is considering a virtual meeting for May. Keep posted for news about the May meeting, poetry contests, information about membership, and poetry events in the Austin area at http://www.austinpoetrysociety.org/.

BEAUMONT CHAPTER
Birma Castle Reporting for Barbara Powell
Twelve-year-old, Angel Deshotel, was on the program at the 2015 PST Summer Conference in Beaumont. A lot has happened to Angel in the last five years.

The year after the conference, her childhood brain cancer came back. After two surgeries, she was left paralyzed. She had to learn to do everything again. But she is a tough little angel and has regained all of her functions, except walking.

Through it all, writing has been her salvation. She’s had no formal training, but her mother has made sure she has published her work.

I just received her last 4 books. It would mean the world to her if you will go to www.LULU.com. and order her latest 2020 book, Running With the Raven. It would also mean a lot to me (Birma). If you also send a note to say you bought her book, I’m sure that would lift her spirits, and I know you would feel great knowing you ministered to a little angel (angel.deshotel@gmail.com).

Dorothy Clover was recently privileged to be on Zoom with Terry Jude Miller, Mel Grillery from Louisiana, and a lady from Australia. She said she got an education on computer technology and poetry. It was a very nice discussion on their poems, once she finally got on. She is so funny. I know how she feels, when someone tells me how to do something, and I don’t even know what the terms mean. Congratulations Dorothy. We are proud of you.

I, Birma Castle, judged the monthly contest for the Wichita Falls Chapter this month. Way back, when I accepted the invitation to judge in April, I thought I would be a little pressed for time because of Lucidity. Sadly, I had plenty of time, Lucidity 2020 had to be canceled, but 2021 is locked in for April 19, 20, 21st. Nathan Brown and Sandi Horton are also locked in Yea!!! That was a relief. I have a few other things up my sleeve for then, too.

Barbara Powell shares some of the beautiful spring flowers in her backyard on Facebook. I appreciate getting to see them. She and Curtis aren’t getting out for their walks in Terrell Park’s floral gardens because there are too many people on the bridge to safely practice Social Distancing.

I’m hoping we’ll all take some time from watching national news to write a few poems about this challenging time in our history.

DALLAS PEGASUS CHAPTER
Domingo Rodriguez Reporting
The March meeting for the Pegasus chapter has been cancelled. Hopefully we can meet in April.
DENTON POETS’ ASSEMBLY
Richard Weatherly Reporting

Quarantines resulting from the COVID–19 pandemic necessitated the use of a virtual meeting format. Members understand and appreciate the chance to catch up with activities as best we can. This will require some flexibility. We will attempt to adhere as closely to a normal schedule as possible.

Denton Poets’ Assembly plans to conduct a virtual meeting using Zoom. Susan Maxwell Campbell has distributed an email with meeting parameters and scheduling into the foreseeable future. DPA will meet from 10 a.m. through 12 p.m. for the regular meeting.

Read & Respond poetry assignments will be based on the work of contemporary poet Philip Larkin. Larkin was offered the laureateship but turned it down.

After the assigned readings, Susan Maxwell Campbell will give an overview of the poet laureateship in Great Britain.

Members will be given an opportunity to read free-choice poems after the 11 a.m. break.

FORT WORTH POETRY SOCIETY
Steve Sanders Reporting

The Fort Worth Poetry Society met via Zoom in this time of COVID-19, and with the minor hiccups caused by everyone learning a new way to communicate, it went off well!

Attending the meeting were President Patricia Ferguson, Vice President Denise Salerno, Treasurer Mike Baldwin, Secretary Steve Sanders, Marilyn Komechak, Susan Maxwell Campbell, Cade Huie, and John Bartell. Our special guest was Heather Thompson, Patricia’s daughter and our ZOOM hostess.

President Ferguson opened our meeting by reading William Ernest Henley’s “The Villanelle is a Dainty Thing” and “Invictus.” We discussed the Summer Conference and will collaborate with PST about its future. Our current thought is that we will go forward with the plan but also discuss with the hotel the consequences of having to cancel, delay, or modify the event.

We also announced the winner of the 2020 William D. Barney Chapbook Contest, judged by Mr. David Allen of Anderson, Indiana: 3rd Place went to Eric Blanchard for his book Beware of Poet; 2nd Place went to Rebecca Burroughs for her book darkness and water, then light; and 1st Place was won by Catherine L’Herisson for her book The Limping Mermaid. Catherine has already been informed, and we sincerely congratulate her and suggest you all do, too!

Kudos for this meeting included the fact that a poetry blogger featured one Mike Baldwin’s poems on her website. The link is posted on the FWPS Facebook page. Also Patricia Ferguson’s poem “How to Operate a Wind & Solar Powered Back Yard Clothes Dryer” was accepted for inclusion in the 2021 Texas Poetry Calendar!

We critiqued six excellent poems and signed off until May. We wish you all good health! Stay safe and wear your mask if you have to go out!

HI-PLAINS CHAPTER
John Schmidt Reporter

We did not hear from John and our dear friends in the Hi-Plains chapter, but knowing their members, this editor is sure they are staying home as we’ve all been instructed to do, and are using that time to write. On a sad note, we did hear that President Frances Clegg Ferris, lost her brother on March 26. There is a sympathy note on page 9.

HOT/LIVE POETS OF CENTRAL TEXAS
Christine Boldt Reporting

Although the Hot/Live Poets of central Texas are not meeting and have no news to report...they are still “hot” and “live,” and they send greetings to fellow poets. Let’s all stay well!

MOCKINGBIRD CHAPTER
John Alexander Reporting

On Saturday, March 7 at 1:30 p.m., MPS held its regular monthly meeting as a virtual meeting. President Thomas Martin presided. A total of fifteen members and one guest attended.

After the minutes were approved, Treasurer Tarik Ahmed provided an update on the finances, including the checking and savings account balances.

Mockingbird member and PST President Irene
Robertson provided a PST update:
• The March meeting was canceled.
• Currently looking into a Zoom virtual meeting for April.
• Mockingbird member Susan Mardele is the newest member of the PST Board. Congratulations to Susan.
• The plans for the upcoming PST Conference the second week of July in Fort Worth will be reviewed in the weeks and months ahead.
• Beth Ayers provided a report on the Collin County Poetry Contest (CCPC):
  • The awards ceremony had to be cancelled.
  • Beth is working to get students’ home addresses to allow books and certificates to be mailed to each winning student.
  • The anthology put together by Beth with the help of Secretary John Alexander is ready to print. A preview copy has been ordered for review.
  • The Mockingbird Member Category was judged by Catherine L’Herisson (Past PST President).
  • Beth announced the 2020 Mockingbird Member Category winners:
    3rd Place: Edmund Burke, *The Old Hastings Place*
    2nd Place: Christine Owens, *Eggsitter*
    1st Place: (drum roll please) Susan Mardele, *Out of the Ashes*

Ann Marie Newman provided an update on the Poetry Society Open Mic.
• Ann Marie shared that the open mic event set for April 25, 2-4 pm at Café Bohemia in Plano has been canceled.
• Ann indicated that a Zoom meeting through Café Bohemia’s FaceBook page is being considered.
• After discussion, the group approved a motion to donate $30 to Café Bohemia and to support the virtual event at the same date and time.
• Members may also make individual contributions to support the event.

President Martin discussed moving forward. Since we can’t be sure how long this virus situation will last, the May meeting will be a virtual meeting. He urged members to be creative no matter what happens. He shared his participation in a photography project by Adorama TV.

Some sites invited the use of things around the house to create famous paintings. He suggested that, as poets, we should take advantage of as many creative opportunities as we can find.

He thanked Sylvia Medel for her PR work with magazines to promote our meetings. At Tom’s request, Sylvia agreed to contact the magazines to update our meeting arrangements.

Sylvia suggested, and President Martin agreed to post an updated meeting notice at the Carriage House for the May meeting, directing visitors to our virtual meeting.

**Member Sharing Time:**

At Ann Marie’s request, John Alexander shared information about his new blog containing more than 30 poems with new ones added almost daily (www.alexandernovels.com/blog).

Brian Bowles urged members to support local restaurants, specifically calling out Whiskey Cake Kitchen in Plano.

Susan Mardele shared that she has a new freelance writing website. ([www.susanmardele.com](http://www.susanmardele.com)).

After the group’s business and sharing was completed, our visitor and the members were invited to share a poetry reading. It is always a pleasure to enjoy poetry from the group.

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**POETS NORTHWEST**

*Eric Blanchard Reporting*

PNW’s physical, in-person March meeting was canceled due to the current public-health protocols being observed in our communities. Instead, many of our members had a virtual meeting on Zoom, which included a read-around and a discussion on the subject of poetry.

The Zoom meeting worked so well that we plan on doing it again if the social-distancing advisory remains in effect. Stay tuned for updates. As of now, PNW’s annual Spring Fling is still scheduled for May 16; however, the details are still being finalized.

If you plan to be in the Houston area on the third Saturday of the month, please join us at one of our monthly meetings at the Windwood Presbyterian Church, 10555 Spring Cypress Rd, Houston, TX 77070, Rm 126, (except during the virus crisis protocols and in May & December). Members and
guests are encouraged to read original or favorite works during the second half of the meeting. Our PST chapter is on the web at www.poetsnw.com; on Facebook at http://facebook.com/PoetsNorthwest; on Twitter as @HoustonPoets, and on Instagram as poetsnorthwest.

POETS OF TARRANT COUNTY
Lynn Lewis Reporting
Susan Maxwell Campbell organized our very first informal meeting by utilizing Zoom. Our President, Ron Eddins, wanted to have a get together that allowed us to just share our poetry, so we just concluded the first Zoom meeting of the Poets of Tarrant County. It took us all a bit of fiddling to get it going. We were few in number but warm in spirit. Lots of good visiting and reading of poems. Hollis sang us one of his original songs as well: “Cattle at Christmas.” A bonus was that we met Ron’s black and white cocker spaniel, 7-year-old Charlie.

ROSE GARDEN POETRY SOCIETY
Mary Tindall Reporting
The Rose Garden Poetry Society is not meeting while the threat of coronavirus is out there. Poets are in touch by text and e-mail and the love of words. May you all be well.

RUSK COUNTY POETRY SOCIETY
Janet Tyner Reporting
The Rusk County Poetry Society is not meeting at this time, but they send their greetings and wishes for good health to all.

SAN ANTONIO POETS ASSOCIATION
Valerie Martin Bailey Reporting
The San Antonio Poets Association was not able to hold our usual meeting; however our president Michaud Lamrouex is working hard to help all our members arrange for a video platform that will allow us to meet again soon by screen presence.

Our bylaws do not deal with holding an officer election during a pandemic and neither does Robert’s Rules of Order, but we will hold an officers election this month one way or another.

We will vote on the use of our treasury to help any of our members who are in need during this health and economic crisis. We believe we should help anyone in our poetry family who needs financial assistance with food, medicine, or assistance in the equipment to set up video conferencing. We hope to be able to reserve enough to publish our annual anthology, Inkwell Echoes, but our people must come first.

We send our concern and hope to all our poet friends across Texas and those in other states as well.

The Fort Worth Poetry Society announced the winners of the William D. Barney Chapbook Contest which they sponsor...

First Place:
Catherine L’Herisson of Garland
The Limping Mermaid

Second Place:
Eric Blanchard of Houston
Beware of Poet

Third Place:
Rebecca Burroughs of San Antonio
darkness and water, then light

The contest was judged by:
David Allen
of Anderson, Indiana
Dear State Presidents and NFSPS Members

I am presenting to you, my poetry family, a timeline of events pertaining to the 2020 NFSPS Convention.

In February, I wrote my article for Strophes and submitted all the information I had for convention. Paul Ford, our Strophes editor, completed the April issue of Strophes and waited for me to visit the hotel on March 16th. I left Kansas City unsure as the Pandemic was starting to gear up and later that week everything started to be cancelled across the nation, even scheduled events in April and May.

Strophes went to print.

Then, my hotel contact called me. I was trying to be hopeful, but she interrupted me and informed me that the hotel was closing, not just for the pandemic, but permanently. She also told me that our contract would then be null and void with all monies / reservations being fully refunded. I was disappointed, yet honestly somewhat relieved, considering the state of the state.

I immediately contacted the board with the news. We had to vote to cancel the scheduled convention (according to the bylaws.) It is also an election year. The board voted to allow me the decision to hold the election electronically. This voting system will be shared by May 1 to allow for states to prepare for casting votes.

Besides amazing workshops and speakers, we have several awards we present at convention. The 2 CUP manuscripts, the Stevens Manuscript, the Blackberry Peach Awards, and the 53 annual contests.

I know the CUP and Stevens winners have been notified. The BBP is being judged right now (online), and the 53 contest entries are still being processed. They will be sent to judges by mid-April if not before. The contest awards will still be presented and the Encore will still be published, as will the CUP, Stevens, and BBP books.

All entries submitted for 2020 will still be considered as normally planned. The difference is, there will not be a face to face convention in Kansas City this year for the winners to be announced.

This is a difficult time for us all as we are all in unchartered water, floating in an ever changing world. The Convention Committee is currently holding discussions regarding all aspects of the convention and our viable options. I will keep you informed of the results and decisions regarding these discussions.

My local chapter has been meeting online every Saturday using Slack. Poets are finding a way to connect. I have been watching poets from all over the world read their work on Facebook, Zoom, Microsoft Teams, and You Tube to name a few ways I’ve connected.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with questions or comments and above all else, stay safe, stay healthy, stay home.

Your sister in words,
Julie Cummings
33rd President NFSPS

As you read this Bulletin and the words of our Texas Poets, many descriptive words should come to your mind as you discover how we are handling the adversity we all face. Out of the blue came a terrifying plague that has shut us into our homes, isolated us from friends and neighbors, and threatens us with sickness and death. But our poets are rallying around one another and are finding ways to communicate and continue writing and sharing the poetry that will help us express our fears, hopes, and help us to share our common goals and dreams and spread cheer into a cheerless environment. As medical teams work tirelessly to find a cure, as great minds search for a safe way to return us to normalcy and the freedom Americans enjoy, let the poets arise and prove again what words fitly spoken can do for the human spirit. We must be: •Adaptable •Adept •Aspiring •Creative •Committed •Courageous •Determined •Diligent •Eager •Enterprizing •Flexible •Hopeful •Ingenious •Innovative •Imaginative •Inspired •Inventive •Industrious •Original •Observant •Pathfinders •Persevering •Productive •Purposeful •Resourceful •Skilled •Tough •Trailblazers •Versatile •Willing
MEMBERSHIP REPORT MARCH 2020
from Membership Chair Lynn Lewis

Active Members...........201  Sustaining Members........1
Associate Members..........16  Recently Deceased............0
Life Members..............37  New Members...............3
Student Members...........5  Renewing Members........4
Supporting Members........1  Current Member Total.....261

WELCOME NEW PST MEMBERS

Adrian Johnson, Fort Eustis, Virginia
Juan M. Perez, Corpus Christi, Texas
Dolores D. Wilkes, Weimar, Texas

You Will ♥ PST

Book Donations Report
From PST Librarian Barbara Blanks

Librarian Barbara Blanks reports no new book donations to the PST collection at the Dallas Central Library.

Members are encouraged to donate books to the Library. If you have published a collection of poems or your chapter publishes an anthology, please consider donating a copy to this collection. Send the books to Librarian Barbara Blanks at 1518 Running River Rd., Garland, TX 75044-7254.

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OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY TO...
Frances Clegg Ferris at the passing of her brother James (Jim) Paul Clegg. Jim went to be with his Lord at the age of 91 on March 26. He and his wife Alice enjoyed a happy marriage for 59 years before her death. They had three children: James, Marianne, and David. He and his family were faithful members of the Church of the Nazarene and went on many mission trips throughout the world. He lived his life to serve the Lord and was looking forward to going to his heavenly home.

April is National Poetry Month
Have you written a poem today?
What are you waiting for?