

# DANWA P.O. BOX 55558 DEL CITY, OK 73155 1725 COPIES PUBLISHED MONTHLY

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**District Captains:** These are the people responsible for getting your newsletters to the block captains for delivery.

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#### **Dates to remember:**

DANWA General Meeting— Calvary Christian Church in the annex just north of the church, 3900 Epperly Dr. at 7:00 pm, second Monday of the month.

The Patrol Meeting will follow the General Membership meeting at the Calvary Christian Church annex.

CERT General Training Meeting, at 7:00 pm, Del City Community Center, second Tuesday of the month.

# Del Aire Defender

DEL AIRE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION JANUARY 2019

### From the DANWA President:

Greetings Friends & Neighbors,

I hope that everyone's holidays went well. Santa brought just what you wanted. The turkey was cooked to perfection and the dressing had just the right amount of sage. The New Year's festivities lively but not too rowdy. You were able to embrace the fellowship of family, friends, and yes even strangers in the spirit of the season. Now we are about to venture on into 2019, may it be filled with good health and prosperity for all.

At December's meeting, the Nominating Committee held the election of officers for 2019. Since there was no opposition, the 2018 Officers will retain their positions with the exception of Treasurer Yvonne Hirsch who did not wish to seek reelection. Your 2019 D.A.N.W.A. Executive Board consists of:

President Ron McCall
Vice President Jim Gordon
Secretary Pat Satterwhite
Treasurer (unassigned)

Assistant Treasurer Karla Trude

Patrol captain (unassigned).

I am humbled by your vote of confidence in reelecting me. Thank you! I will endeavor to continue to work for the wellbeing and safety of our Del Aire residence. I implore your help by bringing your concerns and ideas forward so we can move forward and not be satisfied with the status-quo. Together we can make Del Aire an even better place to live.

Hope to see you at our next general meeting January 14, 2019.

May God bless and keep you and yours.

Ron McCall, DANWA President, 677-7923 danwapres@cox.net

We're still looking for someone to fill the two Officer's positions:

Treasurer and Patrol captain.

If you might be interested contact any of the officers listed in the upper left portion of this page.

Thank you

#### **DEL AIRE DEFENDER**



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# Come on People! We need YOUR HELP!!!

### **Need block captains for:**

S.E. 41st from Sooner to Angela

Lamar Dr. from Montclair to Montrose

**Oakbrook from Montclair to Montrose** 

Angela Dr. from Angela Circle to Oakbrook
Contact David Ellison 672-7904

Newport from Delview to Vickie Contact Steve Gold 670-2878

S.E. 43rd from Wofford to Epperly

S.E. 44th from Wofford to Epperly Contact Jim Highfill 677-5044

#### NEED SOME OF YOU YOUNG FOLKS TO HELP

Just a little bit of volunteering won't hurt much. Some blocks only have 20 homes to deliver to, most are less than 25 homes. If you can help with any of these please contact any of the District Captains above. It's really not hard to volunteer one day out of the month and it proves to be good exercise by delivering the newsletter door to door for your particular block or blocks. You might even meet your neighbors.

You don't have to be a member to volunteer to deliver the newsletters.





#### DANWA Area Crime Statistics for November 2018 plus City wide stats

Prowler = 0 (2) [1] {0}

Vandalism	= 2	(O) I	41	17}

42xx Wofford Ave	11/11/2018	14:07
48xx Kristie Dr. (Apartment)	11/28/2018	06:23

#### Larceny = $3 (5) [7] \{18\}$

44xx SE 35 <sup>th</sup> St.	11/16/2018	16:23
47xx Woodview Dr.	11/17/2018	09:45
42xx Spiva Dr.	11/22/2018	14:30

#### Residential Burglary = 4 (0) [2] {10}

30xx vickie Dr. (Apartment)	11/10/2018	08:20
47xx Newport Dr.	11/19/2018	10:25
43xx SE 43nd St.	11/21/2018	19:14
44xx 42 <sup>nd</sup> Terr.	11/25/2018	13:13

#### Robbery/Extortion = 2 (0) [0] {8}

55xx SE 29 <sup>th</sup> St. (Business)	11/13/2018	03:34
47xx Ridgeway Dr	11/25/2018	21.28

#### **Stolen Vehicle = 2 (2) [2] {7}**

37xx Vickie Dr.	11/03/2018	03:13
48xx SE 44 <sup>th</sup> St. (Business)	11/12/2018	17:52

Auto Burglary = 0 (1) [2]  $\{5\}$ 

Burglary of Business = 0 (0) [2] {2}

#### **X** = Current month count

- () = Prior month count
- [] = Same month last year
- { } = Del City wide count for same period

#### The Road Trip .....

While on a road trip, and elderly couple stopped at a roadside restaurant for lunch. After finishing their meal, hey left the restaurant, and resumed their trip.

When leaving, the elderly woman unknowingly left her glasses on the table, and she didn't miss them until they hd been driving for about forty minutes.

By then, to add to the aggravation, they had to travel quite a distance before they could find a place to turn around, in order to return to the restaurant to retrieve her glasses.

All the way back, the elderly husband became the classic grumpy old man.

He fussed and complained and scolded his wife relentlessly during the entire return drive.

The more he chided her, the more agitated he became. He just wouldn't let up for a single minute.

To her relief, they finally arrived at the restaurant.

As the woman got out of the car, and hurried inside to retrieve her glasses, the old geezer yelled out to her, "While you're in t here, you might as well get my hat and the credit card.



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#### Aging Gracefully or what I call Guidelines for 2019

- 1. I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes five years in a row.
- 2. I decided to change calling the bathroom the John and renamed it the Jim. I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this morning.3. Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't
- Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet...
- 4. I don't need anger management. I need people to stop irritating me!
  5. When I was a child I thought Nap Time was a punishment. Now, as a grown up, it just feels like a small vacation....
- My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance of idiots that needs working on.
- 7. If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would've put them on my knees.
- 8. The kids text me "plz" which is shorter than please. I text back "no" which is shorter than "yes."
- 9. I'm going to retire and live off of my savings. Not sure what I'll do the second week.

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#### **DEL AIRE DEFENDER**

#### Seventeen Inches - Worth the Read

Twenty years ago, in Nashville, Tennessee, during the first week of January, 1996, more than 4,000 baseball coaches descended upon the Opryland Hotel for the 52nd annual ABCA's convention.

While I waited in line to register with the hotel staff, I heard other more veteran coaches rumbling about the lineup of speakers scheduled to present during the weekend. One name, in particular, kept resurfacing, always with the same sentiment — "John Scolinos is here? Oh, man, worth every penny of my airfare."

Who is John Scolinos, I wondered. No matter; I was just happy to be there.

In 1996, Coach Scolinos was 78 years old and five years retired from a college coaching career that began in 1948. He shuffled to the stage to an impressive standing ovation, wearing dark polyester pants, a light blue shirt, and a string around his neck from which home plate hung — a full-sized, stark-white

Seriously, I wondered, who is this guy?

After speaking for twenty-five minutes, not once mentioning the prop hanging around his neck, Coach Scolinos appeared to notice the snickering among some of the coaches. Even those who knew Coach Scolinos had to wonder exactly where he was going with this, or if he had simply forgotten about home plate since he'd gotten on stage. Then, finally ... "You're probably all wondering why I'm wearing home plate around my neck," he said, his voice growing irascible. I laughed along with the others, acknowledging the possibility. "I may be old, but I'm not crazy. The reason I stand before you today is to share with you baseball people what I've learned in my life, what I've learned about home plate in my 78 years."

Several hands went up when Scolinos asked how many Little League coaches were in the room. "Do you know how wide home plate is in Little League?"

- After a pause, someone offered, "Seventeen inches?", more of a question than answer.
  "That's right," he said. "How about in Babe Ruth's day? Any Babe Ruth coaches in the house?" Another long pause.

  - "Seventeen inches?" a guess from another reluctant coach.
    "That's right," said Scolinos. "Now, how many high school coaches do we have in the room?" Hundreds of hands shot up, as the pattern began to appear. "How wide is home plate in high school baseball?" "Seventeen inches," they said, sounding more confident.

  - "You're right!" Scolinos barked. "And you college coaches, how wide is home plate in college?"
  - "Seventeen inches!" we said, in unison.
  - "Any Minor League coaches here? How wide is home plate in pro ball?"....."Seventeen inches!"
  - "RIGHT! And in the Major Leagues, how wide home plate is in the Major Leagues?

"SEV-EN-TEEN INCHES!" he confirmed, his voice bellowing off the walls. "And what do they do with a Big League pitcher who can't throw the ball over seventeen inches?" Pause. "They send him to Pocatello!" he hollered, drawing raucous laughter. "What they don't do is this: they don't say, 'Ah, that's okay, Jimmy. If you can't hit a seventeen-inch target? We'll make it eighteen inches or nineteen inches. We'll make it twenty inches so you have a better chance of hitting it. If you can't hit that, let us know so we can make it wider still, say twenty-five inches."

Pause. "Coaches... what do we do when your best player shows up late to practice? or when our team rules forbid facial hair and a guy shows up unshaven? What if he gets caught drinking? Do we hold him accountable? Or do we change the rules to fit him? Do we widen home plate?

The chuckles gradually faded as four thousand coaches grew quiet, the fog lifting as the old coach's message began to unfold. He turned the plate toward himself and, using a Sharpie, began to draw something. When he turned it toward the crowd, point up, a house was revealed, complete with a freshly drawn door and two windows. "This is the problem in our homes today. With our marriages, with the way we parent our kids. With our discipline. We don't teach accountability to our kids, and there is no consequence for failing to meet standards. We just widen the plate!"

Pause. Then, to the point at the top of the house he added a small American flag. "This is the problem in our schools today. The quality of our education is going downhill fast and teachers have been stripped of the tools they need to be successful, and to educate and discipline our young people. We are allowing others to widen home plate! Where is that getting us?"

Silence. He replaced the flag with a Cross. "And this is the problem in the Church, where powerful people in positions of authority have taken advantage of young children, only to have such an atrocity swept under the rug for years. Our church leaders are widening home plate for themselves! And we allow it.'

"And the same is true with our government. Our so called representatives make rules for us that don't apply to themselves. They take bribes from lobby-ists and foreign countries. They no longer serve us. And we allow them to widen home plate! We see our country falling into a dark abyss while we just watch."

I was amazed. At a baseball convention where I expected to learn something about curve balls and bunting and how to run better practices, I had learned something far more valuable.

From an old man with home plate strung around his neck, I had learned something about life, about myself, about my own weaknesses and about my responsibilities as a leader. I had to hold myself and others accountable to that which I knew to be right, lest our families, our faith, and our society continue down an undesirable path.

"If I am lucky," Coach Scolinos concluded, "you will remember one thing from this old coach today. It is this: "If we fail to hold ourselves to a higher standard, a standard of what we know to be right; if we fail to hold our spouses and our children to the same standards, if we are unwilling or unable to provide a consequence when they do not meet the standard; and if our schools & churches & our government fail to hold themselves accountable to those they serve, there is but one thing to look forward to ..."

With that, he held home plate in front of his chest, turned it around, and revealed its dark black backside, "...We have dark days ahead!."

Note: Coach Scolinos died in 2009 at the age of 91, but not before touching the lives of hundreds of players and coaches,including mine. Meeting him at my first ABCA convention kept me returning year after year, looking for similar wisdom and inspiration from other coaches. He is the best clinic speaker the ABCA has ever known because he was so much more than a baseball coach. His message was clear: "Coaches, keep your players—no matter how good they are—your own children, your churches, your government, and most of all, keep yourself at seventeen inches."

And this my friends is what our country has become and what is wrong with it today, and now go out there and fix it!

"Don't widen the plate."

Equality is about giving everyone an equal chance; not about giving everyone an equal result.