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Rewarding Careers of Police Service

by **Cathy Reynolds** and **Jeri Tucker**, Retired Tulsa Police Officers and HP Homeowners

During the late 80s, the City of Tulsa saw a substantial increase in tax revenues due to a new abundance of oil in Oklahoma. Prior to this, Tulsa had not hired any police officers in several years, and the depleted manning level had become critical. Finally, in 1988 Tulsa decided to hire 27 new officers for the police department. Over 450 people showed up for the testing process in one day.

In a twist of fate, we both met while standing together in line waiting to begin that process. We would not meet again until September 12, 1989, the first day at the academy. Our class was 1/3 female, which was unusual since about 90% of all police in the U.S. is male.

It was our experience as female police recruits that we were not treated any differently than any of the male recruits. We experienced the same trials and tribulations during our training as everyone else. It was a 9 month process that included not only scholastics, but physical fitness, firearms training, pursuit driving, and much more. Both of us were a bit older than most recruits,

so we knew how to keep our heads down and do as we were told so as not to draw attention to ourselves!



Cathy Reynolds, 1989



Jeri Tucker, 1989

After graduating from the academy and completing field training with experienced police officers, we began our careers. Cathy was on the fast track for her future position of supervisor. It was well deserved, as she had a natural knack for police work. She rose to the level of Commander of Internal Affairs and had many, many assignments throughout her 31 years as a Tulsa police officer. Jeri preferred to pursue her career in the field and held various assignments in her 30 years at the TPD.

We both witnessed the horrors of policing and the joys of policing, often in the same shift. We both learned that people have capacities that are both amazing and terrifying. However, neither of us would change anything about our careers. Cathy got the job she always wanted, i.e., Tulsa police officer, and Jeri had a rewarding career with equal pay and good

retirement benefits. **HP**

[Editor: Thank you both for your service.]

Table Talk from the HOA Chair by **Les Gleaves**, President, HP Homeowners Association

It is hard to believe that it was just last January that, for the first time, the Homeowners Association Board of Directors was composed of three Hyde Park homeowners. And as of last month, there are now five Hyde Park homeowners on the board. Five is the maximum number of board members allowed by the by-laws of the Hyde Park Homeowners Association. We have come a long way.

Let's take a step back and review how we got to five. In 2019, Mike Kyser was the first HP homeowner to be elected to the board, joining two HP developer appointees who were not homeowners of Hyde Park and answered to the developer. The original developer passed away, and the new developer, Harry Dandelles, wanted the HOA board to be composed entirely of homeowners. So, in January of this year, he appointed Rick Jobe and me to join Mike. Rick and I replaced the two board members who reported to the developer. As a result, this was the first time the board was composed entirely of HP homeowners. Mike's term ended in March of this year, and, in April, homeowners elected HP homeowner Cathy Covington to replace him.

By September last month, Hyde Park's growth required two more directors per the by-laws – one HP homeowner appointed by the developer and one HP homeowner elected by HP homeowners. Terry Toole (appointed by the developer in August) and Debbie Moutsos (elected by the homeowners in September) were added to the HOA board. The HOA board now has its maximum of five, all HP homeowners: Cathy Covington, Rick Jobe, Terry Toole, Debbie Moutsos, and me.

I am impressed with the quality and the depth of experience of these board members. We love Hyde Park and will serve with a homeowner's perspective. **HP**

A Renaissance Woman

by Paul Wentz, Editor, *Inside Hyde Park*, and HP Homeowner

Linda Bradshaw is a renaissance woman: entrepreneur as the 40-year owner-operator of Tulsa World of Gymnastics; first female president of the Tulsa Rotary Club; pianist; college scholar; champion bass angler; 1971 Oklahoma Sportswoman of the Year; and “activist.” Hold on! Sportswoman of the Year and “activist”? In 1971, after winning a number of bass fishing tournaments with her husband, Wayne, Governor Hall presented Linda with a ring commemorating her accomplishment as the Oklahoma Sportswoman of the Year. And, if being an activist means taking action, then Linda is an activist.

OKLAHOMA SPORTSWOMAN
OF THE YEAR



Linda argued that it was neither right nor fair to exclude female anglers from competing in major bass fishing tournaments. She could compete alongside her husband as a team but not alone as an individual woman. After all, being a female bass angler brings certain proclivities to bear, such as attention to detail, patience, hard work, and endurance.

So what action did that activist streak in the Sportswoman of the Year cause Linda to take? Well, also in 1971 and being the renaissance woman that she is, Linda formed her own bass fishing group. The newly established club of

10 called themselves the *Tulsa Bass Belles*, the first all-female bass fishing club in the country. A few of the women, including Linda, were wives of champion bass fishermen and knew something about the sport. The group provided these female anglers the opportunity to fish with other women.

Linda Bradshaw has been the recipient of many honors and commendations over the years, both civic and professional, but the one that clearly identifies who Linda is would be champion angler. Being a champion requires and identifies the qualities in Linda that enabled her to realize all her other achievements such as not taking “no” for an answer.

If you would like to read more about Linda’s fascinating life, click [HERE](#), [HERE](#), or [HERE](#). **HP**



Hyde Park November Charity Program

by John Minielly, Social Committee and HP Homeowner

In 2015 the Hyde Park Social Committee began the November Charity Program. During November, Hyde Park homeowners are encouraged to donate to a designated charity which is suggested by a homeowner and identified by the Social Committee. The homeowner who suggests the selected charity is responsible for describing the organization, arranging for collection, and providing the donations to the charity.

Previous charities selected: Restoring Lives; Nurses’ Clinic at the Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless; Emergency Infant Services; Tulsa Boys’ Home; Rebuild Tulsa; and Iron Gate. In the near future, the Hyde Park Social Committee will identify the next charity selected for this program.

We can all be proud of the contributions made by Hyde Park homeowners. The support of Hyde Park homeowners is another reason why this is a great place in which to live. **HP**



Octoberfest Trolley

by Mike Kyser, HP Homeowner

The fourth annual HP Octoberfest trolley run was once again a success. Taking 29 homeowners this year on the trolley, we went to five different local breweries. At Cabin Boys, the master brewer took time to give us a great informative talk.

It took a team: The organizers of this year’s trolley run were Ron Shotts, Debbie Moutsos, Rose Schultz, and me. **HP**