



The Chaser

Fort Worth Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists

July 1996

Where the Weeds are Greener than the Grass and the Stars are Brighter Than the City Lights . . .

That's where the annual summer Non-Splash Party and Installation of your 1996-97 officers and directors will be this year. **Carolyn Poirot** will be installed as president along with **Sue Winter**, v-p programs; **Kay Pirtle**, v-p scholarship/membership; **John Dycus**, secretary/treasurer and **Frank Perkins**, **Breck Harris**, **Dorothy Estes** and **Mike Cochran** as directors.

Enjoy a day in the country where the deer roam and the cattle graze. We'll have all the comforts of home, plus you can enjoy volleyball, badminton, nature walks, horse shoes, frisbee and sitting on the veranda. Refreshments will include beer, wine, margaritas, munchies and a catered barbecue dinner.

Extra special entertainment will be a showing of the 1996 Golden Gridirion videotape. Now for the details:

Date: Saturday, July 27

Time: 4 p.m. Joint Board Meeting (old and new officers/directors) • 5:30 p.m. everyone else,
7 p.m. Dinner

Place: Outgoing Prez Verlie Edwards' Hacienda
226 Highland Drive • Annetta • 441-8458

Cost: Only \$10 per person (students \$5)

How to Get There: I-30 West & exit at Aledo/Farmers Road (FM1187); turn left over the freeway and go south through the metropolis of Aledo (enjoy the sunflowers along the way); turn right on Old Annetta Road immediately after crossing the railroad tracks (the tracks will be on your right and a convenience store on the left); follow Old Annetta Road about 2.5 miles to Lakeview Drive (as you pass Clear Fork Materials, look to the left - the longhorns may be grazing); turn left onto Lakeview; follow Lakeview up the hill until it dead ends; turn left (only way) on Quail Run; Quail Run dead ends into Verlie's driveway. Watch for road construction at the Annetta City Limits.

RSVP by 5 p.m., Thursday, July 25 by calling Verlie at 441-8458 and leaving a message.

Prospective Members & Guests Welcome!

Don't miss this opportunity to visit the country and support your incoming officers and directors!

Dress Cool & Comfortable!!

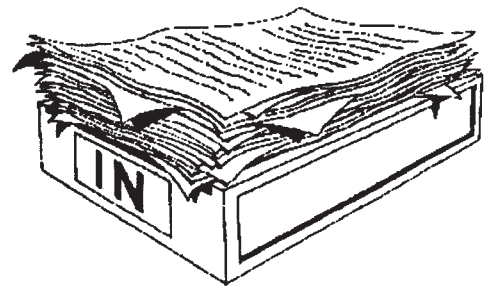




Summer Party/Installation of Officers
July 27
RSVP Today!

Fort Worth SPJ
P.O. Box 3212
Fort Worth, TX 76113

Final Notes from the Desk of Verlie Edwards



Well, here we are...the end of another SPJ year. I can't believe it's been 12 months since **Kay Pirtle** passed the gavel to me. It has really been a great year for me and I hope for each of you. We've had some good times and some sad times.

Writing this final column is even harder than writing my first one. There are so many people to thank for helping make this year extra special. I don't know where to start. So, I guess I'll begin at the beginning.

Thanks...

Chapter members for electing me your president. It was a great honor and a privilege to represent you...All my officers and directors for making everything happen this year...**Kay Pirtle** for your ongoing reassurance...**Bill Bengel** for chairing our Golden Gridiron Committee and charting our course...**Phil Record** for your assistance in bringing Bob Schieffer and Ruta Lee to the Gridiron...**Doug Jumper** and **Frank Perkins** for heading up the *Yellow Jaundice*...**Ann Gilliland** for co-producing the Gridiron and keeping me on track all year. Annie, I couldn't have made it without you...**John Dycus**, **Dorothy Estes** and the *UTA Short-horn* crew for production and distribution of the newsletter...**Jack Raskopf** for taking over the reins as program v-p...**Jack and Rocky** for hosting our New Year's Eve bash...**Donna Darovich** for writing a superb Golden Gridiron script...Every single person who helped make the Gridiron a great success...

I could go on and on listing each member of the chapter because it really is the entire group that made the year great. If I've missed mentioning anyone, please forgive me.

This past year wrote a final -30- for two of our longtime members -- **Joe Holstead** and **Irv Farman**. We miss you both.

About Our Members...

The **Dorothy Estes Retirement Gala** is set for Aug. 16, at the Worthington Hotel. Fort Worth SPJ will have as many tables as necessary, so we can all sit together and honor our own Dorothy. Tickets are \$25 per person. We'll have an SPJ table or two, so be sure to note that you want to sit with us. RSVP by Aug. 9 to: The Committee, 3607 Shady Park Drive, Arlington 76013. Make checks payable to UTA.

August Meeting...

I know, we don't normally meet in August, however the Dallas, UTA student and Fort Worth SPJ chapters are co-hosting a joint meeting on newspaper wars. Sound familiar? Date will be Aug. 6 at UTA. No dinner this time, so no cost. Watch your mail for details and make plans to attend. I think you'll enjoy this one!

Welcome to new members **Veronica Puente**, **Bill Teeter**, **Julie Jenkins Glover** and **James Kunke**. Hope to see you at the summer party!

Another Gridiron Reminder

We have extra copies of the 50 years of Gridiron history produced by **Ann Gilliland** available for only \$12 each. **Tracey Smith** has volunteered to tape the background music for anyone purchasing a tape. Copies of the 50th Golden Gridiron are available for \$20 from **Sue Winter** at City Cable Television. We'll have copies of the historical video at the summer party and you can order the 1996 video from Sue at 871-6119.

So long...

With these notes, this is Soon-to-be Past Prez **Verlie** signing off and passing the gavel to **Carolyn**.