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**Woops...we'll try this again. Sorry about sending a blank one. Here it is the end of may and we're still cool and wet in the Midwest..of course after the drought last summer, we shouldn't complain.**

**After last week's minutes I received this note written by Beth Stagdon. It explains more about the bottle caps and tops that are needed:**

Hi, Dave and Vera, will you please send this to your MMM lists. Thanks.

I spoke to Clara McMilan after the meeting and she told me a little more about the items she'd like people to save :

**Prescription bottles** - the local Veterans Home would like to have these to use for dispensing meds to their residents. Presently they wrap pills in bubble wrap to dispense them. Please remove labels and put bottles in box that will be in Post Office area in the fall. During summer there will be a box on coffee station.

**Bottle caps** - the Shriners are collecting. Clara was told they will be used for free chemo treatments for cancer patients. Tops must be plastic and can be from mustard, milk, water, etc. bottles. Please wash before placing in box (same location as the prescription bottles box).

**Coca Cola/Sprite bottle tops** - Marilyn Strandberg wants these (or the numbers from inside the caps) If you buy a case of canned Coke products, there is a strip on the box with numbers. She is involved in the Coke award plan that gives crayons, coloring books, etc. to children. There will be a box in the post office lobby in the fall. In the meantime, you can give them to Marilyn or leave them on the book table in the library and I'll get them to her.

**Beads, narrow ribbons or lace, your old jewelry and ALTOID tins** - Beth Stagdon. I use these to make mini dollhouse rooms with tiny dolls or bunnies and mini magnetized paper doll boxes. These go to children in a battered woman's shelter. (Your old brooch can make a wall decoration).  
**Mini sewing kit items** - I also decorate the tins and make small sewing kits for the women. I've been able to find small sewing kits with like-new pieces at yard sales.

Thanks to all of the caring people at the Tip who have saved and donated so many things over the years. Keep saving those stamps, soda can pull-tabs, labels, coupons, etc. **We do make a difference!**

Beth Stagdon

### **Dick Fiser reported on Betty:**

Betty had the 2 joints in her index and middle finger replaced with silicone, thumb joint removed and ligaments joined, & carpal tunnel on right hand on Apr. 29, plaster paris cast removed May 14 and

started therapy May 17. Dr. said she did good for 4 surgeries but must learn to bend them now thru therapy. She has been in lots of pain but wants to sew again, so diligently working at moving them. Talked to Nadine & Homer Carter yesterday, tornado was near them but they are OK. Their Granddaughter picked up her kids in Moore, OK just before the tornado and got out of town, school was demolished. Thanks.

Dick Fiser

### **John O'brien passed Marilyn Strandburg's note on:**

I have a bunch of photos to send you. There are a couple of events happening here.

1. Last weekend we went to Padre, so am sending a couple of photos in case anyone misses it!

2. There are photos of the new elementary school. I interviewed both principals the elem. and LBJ, and lots of info will be on the way. At Longoria Elementary they are tearing down 2/3 of the school and rebuilding 26 classrooms, new cafeteria with a stage, new library, new offices, and new street to pick up the kids. No more cars will be on Cypress. A New street is being built parallel to Sioux Road on south side of elementary and new junior high. This is for student safety.

Chuck and I were an answer to the principal's prayers, (surprised us!!). We ended up being responsible for gathering school supplies for Nicaragua, tuning 12 guitars, making a cake for the 60 staff members for May 31, and sewing 3 poodle skirts for a skit on Tuesday. It is a long story, but I do believe the residents of the TIP can make good use of their talents at that school! Mary Kit made the cake and the 3 skirts (SHE is the angel!!!) Many of park residents cleaned out their desk drawers and donated school supplies to Nicaragua.

3. The Pharr Recycling plant had an Open House where they demonstrated many concepts/results of recycling, showcased heavy equipment, provided demonstrations, and handed out freebies.

4. We are all interested in the Middle School projects and we were quite surprised at the interview. They are building a new football/soccer field including bleachers. The track is outside of it. Present building will be torn down and will be replaced by a parking lot. A new gym, baseball/softball diamond, large addition of classrooms and labs, more parking, new streets within the complex, and much more is being planned/built. The entire complex will be a great neighbor. Beautiful.

Chuck and I have been asked to help the elementary with some of their projects next year.

I hope you will be able to figure out what I am sending you. I will do it in sections.

It is hot and humid here. Lovely evenings. We are plenty busy, but don't know why. Pool is GREAT!!! We are leaving Friday, and we are quite sad. However, we are looking forward to a change of scenery. Driving to CA and working our way back to IA by end of June.

Hope you two are well.

Marilyn

**John has also posted pictures of the school on the [totfyi.com](http://totfyi.com) web peg. Be sure to check them out.**

**Have a good week and drop me a line sometime so I'll have some info to pass on the your Tip family. Pam**

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Pledge Allegiance to the Flag:

Hugh Insell is in rehab. Barb Rabbi is doing a little better, but still in a lot of pain. Mary Kitkowski said prayer for everyone.

We thanked Larry Underwood & Mary for cooking the delicious Pot roast dinner as well as Mary for the soup lunch last Wed. She will be making lunch again this Wed. The food is always great!!!

Donations for Oklahoma Tornado victims can be taken to Abundant Grace Community Church 2110 S McCall Rd Edinburg TX 9AM to 5PM @ Gym not clothes. Toiletries, bottled water, Gator Aid. toilet paper,

canned goods, anything non perishable and of course money, would be greatly appreciated. .PH 534-4554 Carly Daro will come to your house to pick things up if you call her at 787-7237 evenings & weekends..

The only First Responder in the park at this time is Beth Stagdon. PH [956-460-5542](tel:956-460-5542)

The Video room will only be open on Monday mornings after the Monday Morning Meeting for ½ hour.

Lot 962 Winter St.

The palm tree trimmers are in the park.

Tasty Tuesday: Chili's on Nolana Ave 4 PM sign up sheet is on bulletin board.

Bottom Line Band: Wednesday night.. Last dance for this year, The Bottom Line will start again Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Ya'll come Karaoke Friday- 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, With Larry Underwood leading.

Pictures of the building process on the new schools will be posted on the TOT website.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEW SCHOOLS FROM MARILYN STRANDBERG WHO HAS BEE VISITING WITH THE PRINCIPALS:

MMM notes:

Changes in the building structure:ElementaryTearing2/3 of old elementary-23 new classroomsNew libraryNewcomputer roomNewlunchroom with new stageNewofficesNewparking lotNewstreet leadii to parking lot and pick up area.Nolonger pickup on cypress streetJunior HighTearingdown 2/3 of junior high

New gym New track New classrooms1. Thanks for contributions for Nicaragua. You all are so WONDERFUL andgiving.Take a look at what you donated!

!2. Marymade 3 poodle skirts for program for Tues. night.

Principal providedmaterials,Mary provided her skills. This is the type of "donating" that sheneeds-- talentand time. Two things we have in this park.

3.Chuck will re-tune the 12 guitars again for Tomorrow's program

.4.Kathy Hall, is going to use her printing skills to write the names of the plants bench outside the office. The notice is on the board. Please read it forchargesand destinations

6. We are leaving Friday. This is a question:I heard there are to be more hurricane and storms this summer. I am a little worried about you people staying here.Is there a storm alert system here?Are all of you be notified of where to go? Can all people be accounted for? How about signage for this?

We don't need the "I will ride it out" mentality that they had in New Orleans.

Since we will be staying here longer every year,  
I was wondering about this process as we are so used to having a storm procedure