

2006 General Meeting Schedule

May 18th—Grand Marshals Announced & T-shirts Design Winners Announced.

June 15th— Hand Out Parade Packets—Mandatory for ALL Entries

July 4th—9:00 a.m. Parade Day!

All meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room Downstairs at

George W. Hawkes

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41st Parade
Tuesday, July 4th

May 2006 Newsletter



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A Letter from the President of the 4th of July Association...

Hello Parade Fans!

We have a little over two months until parade day! Wow, time flies when you're having fun. I hope everyone is having fun planning for your float or entry into the best parade in Texas!

Don't forget final deadline for applications is June 1 with a \$25.00 late fee. The May 18 General Meeting at 7pm will be very eventful. We will announce the Grand Marshals for the parade and the T-shirt winners.

Last month I talked with Wanda Oliver of the GM/UAW winning float. I hope you got some insight into float building.



This month I have talked with Michael Cheeves of the Optimist Club of Arlington, Mayor's Award winner for 2005. I asked him some questions that I hope will enthrall you to make the best float or entry for the 2006 parade.

How did it feel to win the mayor's Award? "It was an amazing experience to win again, and a very proud moment for all of the members that worked on building the float.

"How many hours did you work on your float? "It took approximately 600+ hours. This included planning, building and decorating.

"Where did you get your supplies? "The trailer and materials used for framing the float were donated. The materials to cover the frame were purchased from Victory Corps and Stumps.

"Do you have any trade secrets you can share? "Trade secrets...well as chairman for the last 6 years, one secret is to be patient and enjoy the experience. Think big and then scale down to the expertise level of your volunteers and your financial support. I'm always surprised with the ingenuity of our members. The little details with the least cost usually make a float look complete."

Remember what's its all about, The 4th of July, The United States of America, and of course our theme America, The Dream Lives On.

See you at the next General Meeting, May 18th!

Geni Waldrop, President
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Important Dates Reminders:

- May 18, General Meeting - T-Shirts on Sale. Also, go to www.arlington4th.com to get the order form.
- Media forms due May 18 - submit it on-line at: http://www.arlington4th.com/publicity_release_form.htm
- Final application date June 1, 2006 with \$25 late fee
- June 15th, Mandatory General meeting
- July 4th - 9 am - Parade Day!

2006 Theme & Dedication

The Theme of the 2006 Parade is: **America, The Dream Lives On.** The Parade is dedicated to the **Arlington4th of July Parade Sponsors:**

Support the National Anthem Campaign

Learning and singing the "National Anthem" in school was just something you did. More than 70 percent of Americans learned the National Anthem during music time or music class while attending school. Recent polls show 61 % Americans do not know the words nor the purpose behind the Anthem. Music educators are being challenged to re-teach Americans the National Anthem, the meaning of the words, and to sing it proudly.

Music education plays a significant role in preserving American and patriotic traditions and in passing American heritage from

one generation to another. Become a part of this campaign. Learn the words and sing it proudly.

The National Anthem will be led by Girl Scout & Boy Scout troops from Tarrant County 9am Parade Day. Be ready to join us. Visit <http://www.thenationalanthemproject.org/>

The Star Spangled Banner 1814 Words by Francis Scott Key,
Music by John Stafford Smith

O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
O say does that star spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave?
On the shore dimly seen through the mists of the deep.
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines in the stream:
'Tis the Star-Spangled Banner! O long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.
And where is that band who so vauntingly swore
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion
A home and a country should leave us no more?
Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight, or the gloom of the grave:
And the Star-Spangled Banner, in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.
O thus be it ever when freemen shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation!
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the Heaven-rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation.
Then conquer we must when our cause it is just
And this be our motto: "In God is our Trust."
And the Star-Spangled Banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

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