

# Palo Duro Family News

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## *Birthdays*

Ed Cooley	July 1
Evie Stewart	July 5
Cissy Bankhead	July 7
Janet Price	July 8
Ana Lugo-Berrios	July 13
Floyd Grady	July 15
Jan Butterworth	July 22
Darlene Riches	July 31

## *Wedding Anniversaries*

Ed & Lorelee Cooley	July 1	41 years
Dan & Marsha Sebesta	July 5	5 years
Andy & Teresa Channer	July 6	34 years
James & Sara Hodsdon	July 6	12 years
John & Lisa Carswell	July 21	18 years

## *Ordination Anniversaries*

Murray Travis	July 7	51 years
Jim Wallace	July 9	8 years
John Duncan	July 12	21 years
Trey Little	July 13	5 years
John Carlberg	July 14	48 years
Marty Loberg	July 21	6 years
Joan Gaines	July 23	13 years
Sara Hodsdon	July 25	9 years

## Stewardship Workshop

First Presbyterian Church in Wichita Falls and Palo Duro Presbytery are jointly sponsoring a Stewardship Workshop on Saturday, August 9, 2008. Featured speaker at the event is the Reverend Robert Sheldon, Director of Funds Development for the Synod of the Rocky Mountains. Bob's job is to assist synods, presbyteries, and congregations in developing funds for mission. He brings a rich background of experience in church life, mission interpretation, and fundraising and has served as pastor, interim pastor, counselor and consultant over the past 25 years.

The workshop will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Wichita Falls. Registration is required by Monday, August 4, 2008. The cost of the workshop is just \$5.00 for the lunch that will be served. Childcare is offered if requested on the registration form. A registration form is included with this newsletter and is published on our website linked to the home page.

## 2009 Budget Preparation

The chairpersons of all presbytery committees are asked to prepare preliminary 2009 budget proposals to be presented at the September 20 meeting of the Coordinating Council.

## Moderator Nominations

Any congregation having a nomination for presbytery moderator beginning in 2009 should send that nomination to the presbytery office no later than July 31, 2008. The Nominating Committee will then nominate a person at the October presbytery meeting from the candidates nominated by the congregations. If no nominations are received, the committee will nominate a willing person to serve.

## Cursillo Anniversary Celebration

The 10-year Cursillo anniversary celebration is scheduled for July 25-26 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lubbock. Please check the presbytery website under the "Camps & Retreats" tab for information about schedule and costs for the event.

## Cursillo #22

The next Palo Duro Presbytery Cursillo event is scheduled for October 30 through November 2 at the Mercy Center in Slaton, Texas (near Lubbock). It's not too early to register. Registration materials are published on our website linked to the "Camps & Retreats" page.

## Installation at Pampa

The Reverend Kenneth Rigoulot will be installed as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Pampa, Texas on Sunday, August 3, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. at the church. All are invited to attend this special event in the life of the Pampa congregation.

## Presbytery Design Team Training

The training for the presbytery transformation design teams is scheduled for Friday evening and Saturday, August 15-16 at the presbytery office in Lubbock. Our Center for Parish Development consultant, Dale Ziemer, will be the trainer for the event.

## Change in IRS Mileage Reimbursement Rate

Beginning July 1, 2008 the IRS Standard Mileage Reimbursement rate changes from 50.5 cents per mile to 58.5 cents per mile. The rate for January 1 through June 30, 2008 is 50.5 cents per mile, and the rate for July 1 through December 31, 2008 is 58.5 cents per mile.

## October Presbytery Meeting

The next presbytery meeting will be October 17-18, 2008 at St. Luke Presbyterian Church in Amarillo. Included in the meeting will be a presentation from our General Assembly commissioners.

## Calendar for July & August

July 4 — Office closed for Independence Day  
July 19 — Area 3 Session Records Review at Wichita Falls, Christ United  
July 25-26 — Cursillo 10th Anniversary  
August 2 — Mission & Congregational Development Committee meeting  
August 3 — Installation of Kenny Rigoulot as pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Pampa  
August 8-9 — Stewardship Conference at Wichita Falls, First  
August 8-9 — Cursillo Council Retreat  
August 15-16 — Transformation Design Team training  
August 21 — PUPPIES

### If You Have a 403b Retirement Account

Please note that if your church has more than one employee for whom they are paying into a 403b retirement account, there have been some significant changes in the law which go into effect in January 2009. Contact Rich Schempp in the presbytery office for information. These changes are significant and could have major tax implications if they are not done correctly.

### Annual Physical

Just a reminder, that the Board of Pensions provides a basic annual physical for each member of the plan. Members and spouses who are age 50 or older can receive a check for \$100.00 when they have completed their physicals. The critical thing to remember is to have your doctor do those things that are indicated for your age bracket and to make sure that the procedures are coded for the annual physical. A list of age appropriate procedures is available on the website at [www.pensions.org](http://www.pensions.org). Click on the "Preventative Health Care Benefits" tab. Only about 40% of plan members get their physicals in a given year. Don't forget to check out the new Board of Pension website. There is a lot of helpful information for members and treasurers.

### Office Closed

The presbytery office will be closed on Friday, July 4th for Independence Day holiday. Various Palo Duro Presbytery staff will be on vacation during the month of July. Please be sure to leave a message on the answering machine. If no one is in the office, we will return your call as soon as possible.

## Area Session Minutes Reviews

Area 3 — Saturday, July 19, 11:00 a.m. at Christ United Presbyterian Church in Wichita Falls

Area 4 — Saturday, September 27, 11:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Baird

If your church cannot attend one of the above meetings, please contact the stated clerk for optional ways to have your session minutes reviewed.

## 2009 Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study

The time has come again to order your copies of the *2009 Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study*. The cost is \$5.50 per copy if you order them through the presbytery office no later than August 15, 2008. We send in a bulk order, which brings the price down. Single copies ordered through PDS after the bulk order deadline will cost \$9.25 per copy, so significant savings can be realized by ordering through the presbytery. Payment must accompany your order. Checks should be payable to **Palo Duro Presbytery**. An order form is included with this newsletter for your convenience.

### Prayer requests:

- Von Piercey (Janne Brumbelow's husband) who is scheduled for surgery on July 25
- Baron Eliason, candidate for pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lubbock
- Paul Soderquist, who is having continuing medical issues
- Kenny Rigoulot, the new pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Pampa
- Travelers during the summer vacation season
- Wisdom and patience in dealing with the issues and actions of the General Assembly

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