



# BROOKNOTES

The Newsletter of the Brookwood Hills Community

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## GOOD MORNING BROOKWOOD!

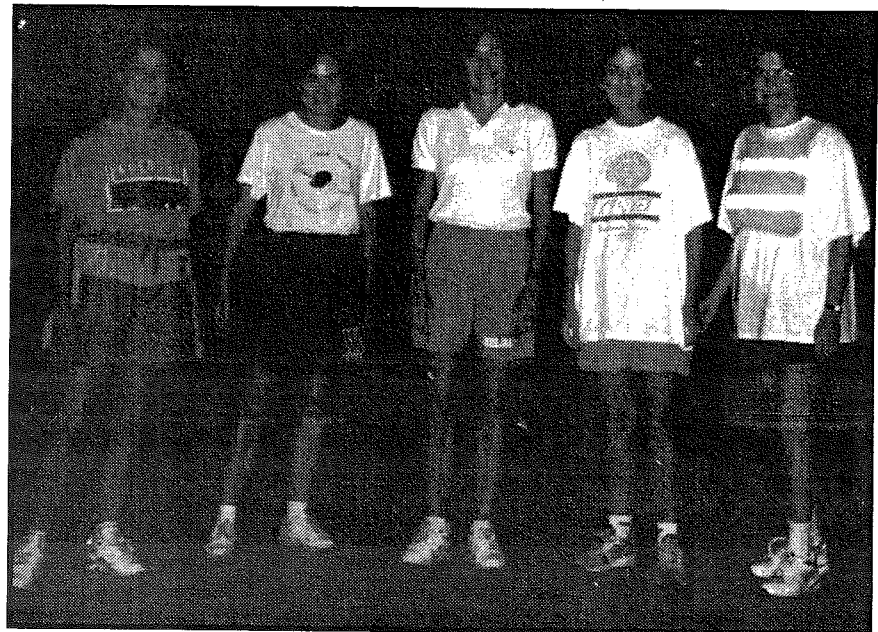
by Libby Simons

Maybe you've heard them called the Roosters, or the Magpies, or the Steamrollers. Or maybe you've just heard them. After spending 45 minutes walking with them, I would call them the Cheetahs, the fastest creatures in Brookwood Hills. Who are they?

They are Jane Jeter, Martha Dunlevie, Nancy Sample, Elizabeth Nadal, Barbara Slick and Eleanor Banister, a group of women who walk between three and four miles every weekday morning, beginning at 6:00 a.m. We're not talking about the lumbering along kind of walking --they really walk, really fast.

The group, or various permutations of it, has been walking together for the past four years. No matter the weather, they start in the dark (and sometimes finish in the dark) when most of us, and all of the mosquitoes, are still fast asleep. In justifying the 6:00 a.m. starting time, Jane Jeter says, "You can be pretty sure that you won't have a conflict at 6:00 in the morning."

Their route takes them down Huntington, along Middle Camden, around New Camden, up Brighton, down Peachtree to Huntington, and on down Huntington again. To pass the time, they talk and laugh, so much so that Laura Inman, New



*You'll have to get up before dawn to catch the Roosters in action. From left, Barbara Slick, Jane Jeter, Martha Dunlevie, Eliz. Nadal, Eleanor Bannister.*

Camden resident, does not set her alarm clock in the Spring and Fall. She simply knows that when the Roosters pass her house, it is 6:30 and time to wake the kids for school.

The Roosters talk about current events and kids and families and schools and houses and whatever else happens to come up at 6:00 a.m. Indeed, they know each other best by their voices. At one neighborhood party, Eleanor Banister and Nancy Sample, who had been walking together for over six months, did not

recognize each other until they started talking. Along the way they pass early morning dog-walkers, dead possums, and downed trees, all the while never missing a beat.

By 7:00, they have walked the neighborhood, gotten their cardio work-out, and had lots of laughs ("We think we're really funny," says Jane Jeter). Anyone can join the Roosters on their morning jaunts, as long as he or she can walk fast enough to keep Barbara Slick in sight as she races up Brighton.

## Trees Update

by JoAnn Hagaman, Trees  
Chairman

A committee of Brookwood Hills neighbors has been formed to study the current problems and long-range issues concerning the trees in our neighborhood. Planning begins this month with a maintenance and reforestation plan to follow by December.

The City's Chief Forester, Jay Lowery, would like to speak with the neighborhood some time this fall. If you are interested in a question and answer session, please call me at 876-2606.

Finally, don't forget to water young street trees. The weather conditions warrant it.

## BULLETIN BOARD

- ◆ End of Season Pool Hours. The pool will be open from Saturday, August 19 through Sunday, August 27 from noon until 9:00 p.m. The pool will be closed from Monday, August 28 through Friday, Sept. 1, and will re-open for Labor Day Weekend. From Saturday, Sept. 2 through Monday, Sept. 4, the pool hours will be from noon until 7:00 p.m. The pool staff is planning end of summer games and activities on Labor Day.
- ◆ The next meeting of the BWH Board of Directors is at 7:15 p.m., September 11, at the home of Elaine and Jim Moynihan, 30 Camden. If you would like to attend, please call Elaine at 351-5479. All Community Club members are welcome.
- ◆ The deadline for the next issue of *Brooknotes* is Friday, September 15. Submissions should be in writing and should be dropped off at Betsy Crosby's house, 34 Brighton Rd., 351-8821.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Alison Caughman, Community Club President

On Tuesday, August 15th, I spoke with Webster Pope, Chairman of the Fulton County Board of Assessors. The mailing of property tax bills has been delayed for those of us who filed appeals of our 1995 valuations. While unappealed property tax bills were mailed several weeks ago, those under protest will not be mailed until the end of this week or next -- perhaps as late as August 25th. According to Mr. Pope, the delay was caused by the need to refigure the tax bills for these properties. When the bills arrive, they will be based on the 1994 assessment figures. They will be due 45 days from the date of the bill.

Mr. Pope stated that appeals will not begin to be heard until the end of this year. The delay is because the Board is still dealing with 1994 appeals. Once an appeal is resolved, the County will then bill the property owner for any difference between the 1994-based payment and the final 1995-based figure. Mr. Pope said that because of the volume of appeals coming from our neighborhood, the Board had "conducted a careful review" of the 1995 Brookwood Hills assessments. He stated that after reviewing the 1993 and 1994 sales figures for approximately 50 Brookwood Hills properties, the Board is standing behind the assessed values which we received in May.

## Directory Changes

The Brookwood Hills Community Club Directory is out, and once again we thank Sarah Hagood for being its sponsor. Thanks also to Elaine Luxemberger, who provided the historical summary at the front of the directory, and to the Membership Committee who toiled for many thankless hours collecting and compiling the directory information. Please note the following changes:

**Elizabeth and Sheffield Hale.** The telephone is misprinted. The correct number is 350-0847.

New Listings:

**Sandra Wilcox and Joel Kuritsky,** 84 Palisades, Phone 870-0388. Children, Jocelyn (14); Nicolle (10).

**Jane and John Montgomery** (D Members), 802 Channing Place, Atlanta 30318, Phone 355-7104, Children, John, Mary Elizabeth and Caroline.

Moved:

**Kaye & Greg Riggs** (D Members), 4257 Exeter Close, Atlanta, 30327, Phone, 240-0937.

## BROOKWOOD BUZZ

Elizabeth St. John reports that the son of her tenant, **Richard Wayne**, just graduated from Cascade School in Whitmore, CA. **Richard Wayne, Jr.** (who attended the Galloway School in his earlier years) will be attending the College of Charleston, in Charleston, S.C. this fall. His father, who resides at 125 Palisades, will graduate from Georgia State University Law School in February, 1996.

## WORD OF MOUTH

### *Topa Computers Repair Services*

Felix Lawrence, 876-3766

Felix repairs computers on-site. He is prompt, reliable, reasonably priced and a pleasant person to work with. He has come at night and on weekends to help with computer emergencies (such as when the computer breaks in the middle of putting together *Brooknotes*).

Betsy Crosby, 351-8821.  
34 Brighton Rd.

# Two Barrys Are Even Better Than One

by Libby Simons

If you have missed "The Barry Miller Show" at the annual meeting of the Community Club, you have missed one of the highlights of living in Brookwood Hills. Sergeant Barry Miller, Sr. is an Atlanta motorcycle policeman who serves off-duty as the head of the Brookwood Hills security patrol. His annual reports to the neighborhood reflect the man--humorous, intelligent, warm and kind, but tough when he needs to be.

In 1979, Brookwood Hills suffered 35 break-ins, and the need for greater security protection was on everyone's mind. It was fortuitous (at least in retrospect), that Brookwood resident Dr. Linton Hopkins happened to find himself stopped at a road block in Peachtree Hills. The officer who stopped him was Barry Miller, who pointed out that Dr. Hopkins had an expired driver's license and an expired inspection sticker. Whether it was quick thinking or just a diversionary tactic, Dr. Hopkins asked Barry if he would be interested in working off-duty for the neighborhood. Barry agreed, but still gave Dr. Hopkins the tickets.

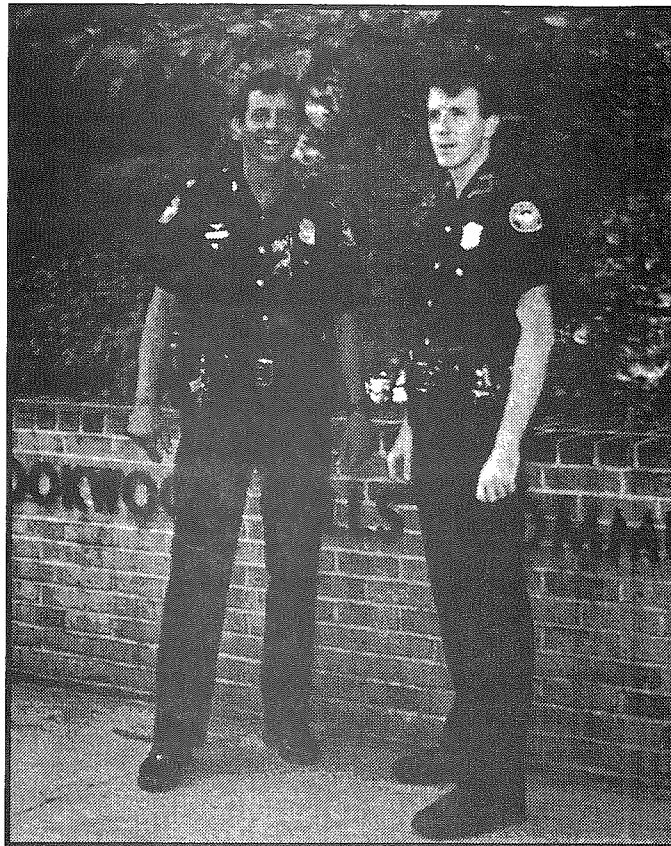
On his first night on the job, Barry caught the burglar responsible for the break-ins, who tried to claim that he "was on his way home from Underground." The burglar was locked up promptly and Barry has

been here ever since. Since he was hired, the number of break-ins have fallen dramatically, and rarely exceed five or six a year.

Barry has five officers who work with him, the most recent addition this last month being his son, Barry Miller, Jr. Young Barry, who is 27, has been an Atlanta policeman since 1989. You may have noticed him on his 10-speed Schwinn as he patrols the neighborhood.

There is a great camaraderie between father and son -- Barry, Jr. says with a smile that it was great working with his dad on the police force "until Dad made Sergeant" this past January. The first call Barry, Jr. received when he joined the police force was to bring a paddy wagon to a crime scene. When Barry, Jr. arrived, there was his dad with the crack dealer. It's hard to say which Barry was more surprised to see the other. Since then, Barry, Jr. has won the Medal of Honor for courage in the line of duty.

The off-duty security patrol works eight shifts a week, both day



*Barry Miller Sr. with new security officer, his son Barry Miller, Jr*

and night. In addition, they monitor the police radio, investigating any reports from Brookwood Hills. According to Barry, Sr. anyone who comes into this neighborhood either lives here, is visiting, is lost, or is bad. Barry therefore encourages residents to call 911 if they see anyone suspicious.

The Barrys encourage residents to help prevent crime--by keeping garage doors closed, bikes locked up, and valuables out of the car. Also, if there is nothing valuable in your car, Barry, Sr. suggests that you leave it unlocked, so that your windows won't get broken.

Contact Barry Miller at the Atlanta Police Department (209-5260) if you have information concerning the slashing of tires on several neighborhood cars on July 31st. BWH Community Club is offering a \$500 reward.



# The Variegated Look

By Esther Stokes

Ten years ago sophisticated American gardeners were apt to frown upon variegated plants. Such plants were considered garish. They made the garden look too "busy" and distracted from the overall design. Many of the more often-used variegated plants were considered ordinary--hardly the stuff of the finest gardens.

What a difference ten years makes! Now variegated plants are "in." The plants haven't changed, but now we gardeners see them as having greater merit. Their variegated foliage lights up dark corners of the garden and makes other plants around them look better. And for plant collectors, it is almost enough that they are "different." ( You know, if everyone else has green sedum, the plant collector will prefer the green and white variegated form.)

Variegated plants are naturally less vigorous than their green counterparts because they have less chlorophyll. But many of them grow very well in Atlanta despite this.

For those of us in Brookwood Hills who tend to garden in shade, there are some great choices among variegated plants. A short list of my favorites for shade will have to include:

- ☒ Variegated Solomon's Seal (*Polygonum odoratum* 'Variegated') has green leaves edged in white, arching stems, and excellent fall foliage.
- ☒ All the pulmonarias (lungwort) have gray green evergreen leaves that appear spattered with white paint.
- ☒ Variegated ajugas (some are gray and white; 'Burgandy Glow' is gray, purple, pink, and white!)
- ☒ Japanese painted fern (*Athyrium nipponicum* 'Pictum') sports lacy, soft fronds of gray, green and purple.
- ☒ Variegated hostas number in the hundreds, but two of the best are 'Francee' and 'Kabitan.'
- ☒ Variegated sedge (*Carex morrowii* 'Variegata') is a spectacular swirl of cream and green stripes, useful for sun or shade.
- ☒ Variegated hydrangea (*Hydrangea macrophylla* 'Variegata') is a lacecap form with leaves edged in white.
- ☒ Variegated kerria (*Kerria japonica* 'Picta') also has leaves edged in white and single yellow blooms in spring.

For those of you with some sun, these are spectacular:

- ☒ Striped maidengrass (*Miscanthus sinensis* 'Morning Light') is perfect for small gardens.
- ☒ Variegated sweet iris (*Iris pallida* 'Albo-variegata') has cream streaks on green upright foliage.
- ☒ Variegated sedum (*Sedum alboroseum* 'Medio-variegatus') grows like Sedum 'Autumn Joy,' but has a creamy center in each leaf.
- ☒ Yucca 'Bright Edge' is a small yucca with leaves edged in creamy gold. It's great in a pot!

All these plants are easy to grow. (I promise.) The real challenge is to find them in the trade, but they're worth the search!

## Letters to the Editor

Over the July 4th weekend, a tree fell through our house during a storm. Fortunately, we were on vacation and were spared any injury or trauma.

Thanks to the quick action of our wonderful neighbors, Laurie & Sims Bray, a tree service was called in that evening and efforts were made to cover the hole in our house to avoid any further water damage. We were also taken care of by the Burkes and the Murphys who, with the Brays, went into the house and moved computers and cherished wedding albums out of harm's way. Laurie and Margaret Murphy also took lots of photos from every angle to help with the insurance claim. Laurie and Sims kept us posted daily on the progress of the tree removal and also met the insurance adjuster and let him into the house so that we could begin the claim process.

All of this went on while Richard, Rafe and I enjoyed a wonderful beach vacation with my family. Knowing that our house was in good hands, we decided not to cut short our trip. Without our neighbors, this calamity could have been much worse. The last of the workers left the house this morning and I'm very happy to report that our house is back to it's pre-storm condition.

We wanted to thank all of our friends in Brookwood Hills who offered support and help during this crisis. Brookwood Hills once again shows it's true colors as a caring place to live.

Larkin Preston

Richard Cohan

27 Wakefield Drive

P.S. Our contractor, Andy Mock (977-2876), did an excellent job on the house as well as finishing the job in just over 2 weeks.

# Volunteer for Hands on Atlanta Day

*Brooknotes received the following letter from Courtney Woods of Hands on Atlanta. The organization welcomes teenage volunteers as well.*

I am writing on behalf of Hands on Atlanta to invite your organization to form a team for Hands on Atlanta Day 1995. Your team can join 10,000 volunteers in a one day Serv-A-Thon to improve the Atlanta Community by completing over 150 service projects around the city. There will be a variety of projects that will include everything from renovating homes, to cleaning up a school, to helping sort meals for the homeless. This is an easy, fun way to get your organization together and help the Atlanta Community at the same time.

Participating in the sixth annual Serv-A-Thon is easy:

1. Call me (231-3339) for further details or to register your team.
2. Put together a team of 10-15 individuals from your organization.
3. Each team member gathers pledges for the number of hours "served" on your Hands On Atlanta Day project. (Proceeds go directly to Hands On Atlanta, a non-profit organization that helped volunteers throughout Atlanta contribute 160,000 hours of community service throughout the Metro area in 1994.)
4. Bring your team to Hands On Atlanta Day on October 7, 1995 and spend a few hours making a BIG difference in the Atlanta Community.

## In Memorium

It is with sadness that *Brooknotes* reports the passing on July 18, 1995 of longtime Brookwood resident Hilda Speaks. Mrs. Speaks and her husband Bill moved from Savannah into their home on New Camden 30 years ago. Soon thereafter, Mrs. Speaks joined the Brookwood Hills Garden Club, of which she was an active member until last year. She and Mr. Speaks did not have children, and Mrs. Speaks devoted her many talents throughout her life to community service.

Her most important commitment was to the Fulton County Chapter of the American Heart Association, serving as a Board member until her death. Another of her favorite charities was The Woman's Auxiliary of Piedmont Hospital, where she served as Treasurer, and most recently as reservations chairman for the annual Piedmont Ball.

Her friend and former neighbor, Sarah Tharp, remembers Mrs. Speaks fondly as someone who "always looked so lovely and loved beautiful things. She had a lot of humor about her and made everyone feel good." One of her favorite pastimes was growing roses, and she nurtured over twenty-six rose bushes in the yard behind her house.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Bill Speaks at this sorrowful time.

## Aquanauts Swim to Glory

Brookwood Hills' amazing aquanauts once again accomplished many feats on, under, and through the water this summer. The Brookwood swimmers shone at the State Meet. Medal winners were:

**7&8 Boys.** **Robert Griest** - 25 back (1st), 25 free, 100 medley relay (4th), 100 free relay (3rd). **Richard Doelling** - 25 fly, 100 medley relay, 100 free relay (3rd). **Will Bryant** - 50 free, 100 medley relay (4th), 100 free relay (3rd).

**9&10 Girls.** **Christy Chorey** - 100 medley relay. **Lisa Nowack** - 100 medley relay (2nd), 25 breaststroke (4th), 100 free relay. **Lida Griest** - 25 free (2nd), 50 free (2nd) free relay (2nd), and 100 medley relay (2nd).

**9&10 Boys.** **Watson Bryant** - 25 free, 100 free relay (2nd), 100 medley relay (3rd). **Spencer Hagaman** - 50 free (2nd), free relay, 100 medley relay.

**13&14 Boys.** **Brad Robinson** - 200 free relay, 200 medley relay

**15-18 Girls.** **Jessica Stokes** - 50 free, 50 back (2nd), 200 free relay (3rd).

The diving team participated in the Georgia Games and also in the State Meet.

**9&Under Girls.** **Katie Long** - 1 meter (2nd)

**9&Under Boys.** **Scott Elliott** - 1 meter (10th)

**10-11 Girls.** **Julia Goode** - 1 meter (7th), 3 meter (3rd) **Amelia Williams** - 1 meter (11th)

**12-13 Girls.** **Andy Solley** - 1 meter (1st)

**14-15 Girls.** **Whitney White** - 1meter (8th)

**16-18 Girls.** **Sarah Ferguson** - 1 meter (1st) **Sarah Ferguson** also dove in the State Meet and placed 2nd in 15 and over Girls on the 1 meter board.

Synchronized swimming was the arena for **Karen Bernhardt** to earn gold medals in both figures and routine in the 15 and over Girls category at the Georgia Games. Karen also was awarded the Atlanta Gas Light Co. Sportsmanship Award.



*Synchro Winner Karen Bernhardt*

## CLASSIFIEDS

**Available for Childcare.** We have outgrown our excellent daytime baby-sitter and would like to help her find a new job. Her name is Rosy Lizano, and she will be available beginning Sept. 5. To discuss days, hours, terms, etc., call her at 363-6714. For references, call Alice Wood, 351-4265.

**Housekeeper Available.** Excellent, dependable housekeeper wants every other Wednesday. Also available for baby-sitting. Call 351-4755 (Primm residence) and ask for Val Alexander.

**Nanny/Housekeeper.** Responsible 22-year-old interested in a nanny and/or housekeeping position. Live in or out. Two years of college music. Two years nanny household management experience. Cooking and meals preparation. Excellent references. Flexible, creative and efficient. Seeking position conducive to part-time college attendance. For reference, please call Harvey Ross, 897-1077.



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