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The Founder of Mothers Day



Anna Jarvis, the founder of Mothers Day, was born in Webster, Taylor County, West Virginia, on May 1, 1864, the ninth of eleven children born to Ann Marie and Granville Jarvis. The family moved to Grafton, four miles south of Webster, when Anna was a year and a half old. It was here that the future founder of Mothers Day spent her childhood, receiving her early education in public schools. In 1881, she enrolled at the Augusta Female Academy in Staunton, Virginia, now Mary Baldwin College. Upon finishing, Miss Jarvis returned to Grafton where she taught school for seven years.

From childhood, Anna Jarvis often heard her mother say that she hoped that someone would one day establish a memorial for all mothers, living and dead. One incident in particular was a driving force in keeping this wish alive. The incident occurred during a class prayer given by Mrs. Jarvis in the presence of her daughter, Anna, then age twelve, at the conclusion of Mrs. Jarvis' lesson on "Mothers of the Bible." She closed the lesson with the prayer "I hope that some-

one, sometime will found a memorial mothers day commemorating her for the matchless service she renders to humanity in every field of life. She is entitled to it." Anna never forgot that prayer, and at her mother's graveside service, Anna's brother Claude heard her recall that prayer and say "...by the grace of God, you shall have that Mothers Day."

After the death of her father in 1902, Anna Jarvis along with her mother and sister Lillie, had moved to Philadelphia to reside with her brother Claude. After her mother's death on May 9, 1905, Miss Jarvis began an intense campaign of fulfill the wish of her mother.

On the first anniversary of her mother's death, May 9, 1906, Miss Jarvis, with some friends, reviewed the outstanding accomplishments of her mother brought about through her Mothers Day Work Clubs that were established prior to the Civil War. After this, Miss Jarvis wrote to Mr. Norman F. Kendall of Grafton asking him to organize a Mothers Day Memorial Committee from her mother's coworkers at the Andrews Church and asked them to pass a resolution favoring the founding of Mothers Day. Mr. Kendall carried out this request, and the resolution was passed. On the second anniversary of Mrs. Jarvis' death, May 12, 1907, a memorial service was held for her at the Andrews church.

Miss Jarvis employed every means available to her to achieve her goal of establishing the observance of Mothers Day nationally. She wrote hundreds of letters to legislators, execu-

tives, and businessmen on both state and national levels. She was a fluent speaker and passed up no opportunity to promote her project. Most of her appeals fell on deaf ears. Her first real break came from her appeal to the great merchant and philanthropist, John Wanamaker of Philadelphia. With his influence and support, the movement gained momentum. On May 10, 1908, the third anniversary of Mrs. Jarvis' death, fully-prepared programs were held at the Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton and in Philadelphia, launching the observance of a general memorial day for all mothers.

The Grafton service was planned and prepared by Miss Jarvis. She sent a telegram, read by Mr. L. L. Loar, which defined the purpose of the day: "...To revive the dormant filial love and gratitude we owe to those who gave us birth. To be a home tie for the absent. To obliterate family estrangement. To create a bond of brotherhood through the wearing of a floral badge. To make us better children by getting us closer to the hearts of our good mothers. To brighten the lives of good mothers. To have them know we appreciate them, though we do not show it as often as we ought..."

Mothers Day is to remind us of our duty before it is too late. This day is intended that we may make new resolutions for a more active thought to our dear mothers. By words, gifts, acts of affection, and in every way possible, give her pleasure, and make her heart glad every day, and constantly keep in memory Mothers Day; when you made this resolution, lest you forget and neglect your dear

mother, if absent from home write her often, tell her of a few of her noble good qualities and how you love her.

"A mother's love is new every day." God bless our faithful good mothers.

The Honorable Ira E. Robinson, a member of the congregation, offered a resolution asking that the Andrews Church set aside the second Sunday of May each year as Mothers Day. The resolution was immediately adopted and from then on the Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church became the Mother Church of Mothers Day.

Mr. John Wanamaker presided over the Mothers Day service held in the Wanamaker Store Auditorium in Philadelphia in the afternoon of May 10, 1908. The auditorium had a capacity of 5,000, but over 15,000 sought entrance. Miss Jarvis spoke eloquently for an hour and ten minutes. It was truly a great occasion for her and her friends.

An official Mothers Day Committee was selected and sanctioned by Miss Jarvis. The members were: Mr. John Wanamaker, Mr. H. J. Heinz, Claude S. Jarvis, Anna Jarvis, and Norman F. Kendall, authorized Mothers Day historian. The committee mapped out future plans for extending the Mothers Day institution on an international scale.

The adoption of Mothers Day spread more rapidly than even Miss Jarvis expected. In 1909, forty-five states, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, Canada and Mexico observed the day by appropriate services and the wearing of white and red carnations. She re-

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The first Mothers Day proclamation was issued by Governor William E. Glasscock of West Virginia on April 26, 1910. In May 1914 Representative Heflin of Alabama and Senator Sheppard of Texas introduced a joint resolution, at the request of Miss Jarvis, naming the second Sunday in May as Mothers Day, and the resolution was passed in both Houses. President Woodrow Wilson approved it, and William Jennings Bryan, Secretary of State, proclaimed it. In the President's proclamation which followed, he ordered that the flag be displayed on all government buildings in the U.S. and foreign possessions. Later Mr. Heflin, co-author of the resolution said: "The flag was never used in a more beautiful and sacred cause than when flying above that tender, gentle army, the mothers of America."

Miss Jarvis spent many years and much of her fortune promoting the Mothers Day movement, however in her later years, she was confronted with a

problem that required as much or more time and effort as the establishment of Mothers Day. This was her attempt to thwart commercialization of the day, or otherwise exploiting it for extraneous purposes. She did not succeed in preventing such an outcome.

Miss Jarvis spent her later years caring for her invalid sister, Lillie, and attending flowers on her mother's grave. After her sister's death in 1944, Miss Jarvis was very much alone and because of her declining health, her many friends placed her in the Marshall Square Sanitarium in West Chester, Pennsylvania. It was here that Anna Jarvis died on November 24, 1948 at the age of 84. She is interred beside her mother in West Laurel Hill Cemetery in Philadelphia. On the day of her burial, she was remembered in Grafton when the bell on the Andrews Church was tolled eighty-four times in her honor.

Sources: Norman F. Kendall, *Mothers Day, A History of its Founding and its Founder*, 1937
Howard H. Wolfe, *Mothers Day and the Mothers Day Church*, 1962 <http://www.wvgenweb.org/taylor/mothersday/founder.htm>

Save the Date!



June 13: Luau – Movie Night

June 27: 4th of July Celebration

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July 25: Date Night Movie Night

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Association Manager at 817-741-1719.



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in Woodland Springs are a direct result of UNLOCKED car doors. The criminals will keep coming back as long as the doors are UNLOCKED and there is good stuff left in plain view in the vehicle. In the last month there were two hand guns stolen from UNLOCKED vehicles. So we are putting weapons in the criminal's hands! If these criminals are juveniles, just imagine the outcome. We have had instances where the vehicle is locked and the window is smashed to gain entry. That would be due to personal belongings being left in plain view, especially a gun left in the console!

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Permits shall be secured at least 72 hours prior to the sale and shall be prominently posted on the premises during the sale. One sign advertising the sale is allowed on the premises, and must not exceed 2 square feet in size. All other signs, either on

or off the premises, are prohibited. No more than two sales on the same premises in any one calendar year.

VOWS will take care of all advertising for the community. We will place ads in both the Keller Citizen and the Fort Worth Star Telegram. We will place large banners around the community as well.

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VOWS Spring Clean Up - Another Success!!!

We had another great spring clean-up here in VOWS! We do our Spring Clean-up in conjunction with the City of Fort Worth's Cow-town Clean-up. This year it was held on Saturday, March 28. We had approximately 52 volunteers come out to help this year. We collected over 41 bags of trash and 2 bags of recycle material! We filled our on-site dumpster to the top!! Thank you to everyone who came out to help!! As always, we could not have cleaned as many areas as we were able to do without all the extra hands! You all are very much appreciated!



6th annual Bunny Hop Charity Run and Egg Hunt

Rain, rain, went away! The 6th annual Bunny Hop Charity Run and Egg Hunt was a cool success. Runners hopped, strolled, and walked around the 1-mile and 5K tracks. Local businesses had games and giveaways in the parking lot beside DJ Kam, bounce houses, and flipping at the Flips For Fun bus. Babies and children collected the treats from the bunny during the egg hunts. We were able to collect \$902.00 for the Community Storehouse and Christ's Haven for Children. Thank you neighbors, volunteers, and runners for sharing the first weekend of spring with us.



Congratulations go to Veronica for drawing the winning t-shirt design this year!! We would like to thank the contestants who participated! All of the entries were very good!





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7/17/15		

BABYSITTERS OF WOODLAND SPRINGS

April 2015 - June 2015 Babysitter's List



The young people listed below have offered their services as babysitters in our community; the contacts are provided here for information only. Please interview any candidates and make your own decision as to the candidate's capabilities & qualifications to stay alone with your child.

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Young people who are VOWS residents and below the age of 21 may submit their contact information to robin.willits@fsresidential.com. Also contact Robin if your name should be removed from the list for any reason. The list is run quarterly. We will remove your name at the end of each quarter and start a new list. If you want your name added to the next quarters list, you will need to contact the office again to let us know.

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VOWS TWO-STEP CLUB - Wednesdays, 6:30pm-7:30pm. This group is for those interested in learning country dance at the Amenity Center. Everyone is welcome, with or without a partner. There will be no room for children who are not participating in the lesson. For more information visit The Villages of Woodland Springs Two-Step Club Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1542475359355305/>

VOWS BOOK CLUB - Meets the first

Thursday of the month at 8:30pm. Books are nominated and voted on by members. Add yourself to the Facebook group "woodland springs book club" for more information.

PiYo - Fri. 9:00am-10:00am. Come get a great strength, cardio, and flexibility workout using your own body weight. PiYo is for all fitness levels and very easy on the body. Great music too! Bring your yoga mat. (PiYo is a combination of yoga and Pilates but more fast-paced than traditional yoga.) For more info contact: Eileen at kekorsgaard@gmail.com

MOM & POP RUNNERS - Monday thru Friday at 5:45am. Meet at the Amenity Center (12209 Timberland Blvd). Get your run in before the kids wake up for school. All levels are welcome. Feel free to wear your headphones. No strollers please. Contact Ruth Baltazar-Zamora at rtbtltr@yahoo.com or 817-226-5336 for more information.

P90X-BOOT CAMP - Workouts Mon. - Fri. 5:30am; all fitness levels are invited. Must be 18 or older; register online at <http://tinyurl.com/VOWSBootCamp>. Contact robin.willits@fsresidential.com with questions.

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PLAYGROUP - Bray Birch park after school 3:00pm. Everyone is welcome!

TODDLER PLAYGROUP - Playgroup for preschool age children. Please go to the VOWS Facebook page at [facebook.com/woodland.springs](https://www.facebook.com/woodland.springs) and search "VOWS Playgroup" in the search box for more information on this group.

TEEN IMPROV GROUP - Wednesday 8:00pm; contact Paul Brough paulbrough@hotmail.com This group helps kids build confidence, creativity and individuality through activities and acting.

CRAFT NIGHT - VOWS hosts a craft night each month – see calendar for date. Admission is an item to share for the potluck meal; please bring your own drink. (No alcohol) For more info: robin.willits@fsresidential.com with the subject "CRAFT NIGHT".

LUNCH BUNCH - Empty nester with extra time on your hands, like to try to get to know some of your VOWS neighbors, and do a monthly lunch out with others? This group meets the third Wednesday of each month Contact to Karen at bnordbeck2@veizon.net for details.

NEIGHBORHOOD PRAYER FELLOWSHIP GROUP - This group meets rain or shine every Saturday 6:30am-7:30am at Bray Birch & Lamington Dr. VOWSPrayerGroup@verizon.net

THE COWTOWN STACKERS CUP STACKING CLUB - this group meets

Thursdays from 5:00pm-6:00pm at the VOWS amenity center on Timberland Blvd. Stackers from ages 5-95 with skill levels from beginner to expert are invited to attend. **Cost is free but please bring your own cups, timer, and stack mat.** For more information, contact Jimmy and Carmen Griffith at jcgx4@sbcglobal.net.

BINGO - Bingo will meet the first Friday of every month from 7pm to 9 p.m. Ages 5 and up welcome. We are asking for a \$5 donation prize item for a kid or teen. Adults play for a chance to win sponsored or donated prizes. Contact Tammy Melendez at 817-680-7766 or TammyM0415@yahoo.com or Joni Baldwin at 817-602-1194 or Joni.Baldwin@pruworldwiderealtors.com if you have any questions.

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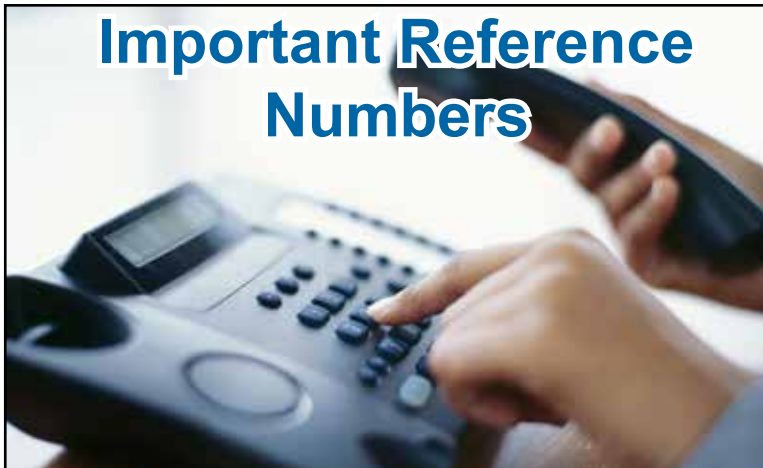
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Currently, the Advisory Committee, which is comprised of elected residents, is the intermediate group between the residents and the Board of Directors and Centurion American (VOWS developer). This will continue until full development of VOWS is completed. The sub-committees report to the Advisory Committee. All residents are invited to attend Advisory Committee meetings which are normally held the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Amenity Center on Timberland.

May 2015 Advisory Committee Meeting Tuesday, May 26, 6:30pm At the Amenity Center

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	P90X 5:30am Fit Club 9:00am	P90X 5:30am Homeschool 9:30am Dance 4:00pm	P90X 5:30am Two-Step 6:30pm Teen Improv 8:00pm	P90X 5:30am Cowtown Stackers 5:00pm	P90X 5:30am PIYO 9:00am Scrapbook 7:00pm	Mother/Son Social (Amenity Center) 11:00am-1:00pm (Must be pre-regis- tered to attend)
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