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Robson Ranch Women's Club

2017 Newsletter

We Have Roots... We Have  
Growth... Together the Sky is  
the Limit

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# Women's Club Newsletter

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## **Notes from the President (Sharon Foy)**

### **Welcome to an Exciting 2017 Women's Club!**



My name is Sharon Foy and I am honored to serve as President of our club this year. I have been active in Women's Club for 5 years and love what we represent, both individually, and as a club. Where else can you have this much fun while helping each other, as well as, making a difference in our community? My vision for the Rob-

son Ranch Women's Club (RRWC) is to include any and all members that wish to participate in any of our projects. Our Board has some new programs to put in place which include fun social events. We will continue to host fundraisers to benefit our charities. I don't want to give away too much so stay tuned for upcoming events! If any of you have an idea or want to be more involved, please let one of the Board members know. I promise we will be receptive. Here is to a successful and fun year together!



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## **President Elect (Mary Ornberg)**

I will be listening and watching Sharon Foy - President 2017. I plan to use what I learn about the workings of the club and apply it to my presidency in 2018. I also plan to listen to the membership - what they like and what they don't like.

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## **Programs (Joyce Frey)**

Hello Robson Ranch Ladies,

I am Joyce Frey, the RRWC Programs VP, and with my husband Bill, 2 golden retrievers and a cat, have been here for two years, moving from Trophy Club and before that from Florida. The first thing I did upon arriving was to join the Women's Club and I am very glad to be serving the RRWC for another year.

I am happy to let you know that our Program Committee has been at work for the past few months planning entertaining programs for 2017. Connie Wells, Programs Co-Chair, and Kasey Miller, Programs Committee member, have been brainstorming with me to find speakers and entertainers that will be enjoyable for all. We want you to laugh, sing along, be moved, updated, and just enjoy your time with your friends at our monthly meetings. If you have any suggestions, please let one of us know ... we are always happy to get more ideas.

***We look forward to seeing you at the meetings!***

**Community Relations (Jan Utzman)**

Hello everyone, I am Jan Utzman, your Community Relations chairperson for this year. I have lived in Robson for 12 years and have served the RRWC board in many positions throughout that time. I am very excited to be back on the board after a 3 year sojourn. Peggy Crandell, who is the Special Events Chairperson, is going to be helping me in this position as we have some big ideas for changes in this area and we decided two heads are better than one. Some of the changes we would like to propose come from having conversations with newcomers who have asked "What does the woman's club do?" When we answer "We have monthly luncheons with wonderful programs." They often respond with "Yes but what do we DO?"

So---we decided to 'take the bull by the horns' and offer to the membership some ways to have hands on participation in our organization. We have come up with the plan to divide the community relations area into 3 sub-committees. We will ask for volunteers to fill each of these committees and hopefully you will find a place to feel useful and make new friends as you represent and give back to your club.

**The 3 committees, with a short explanation of the duties are as follows:**

**RRWC "QUARTERLY SOCIAL" COMMITTEE**

**First Meeting: Tuesday, January 24, 11:00 a.m., Medina Room**

We will host 5 socials this year (March, May, July, September, November) These are meet and greet type of events where we gather at the Grill, in the afternoon or evening, to socialize. It is not limited to RRWC members only, **ALL** ladies of the community are welcome to attend. This gives people a chance to make new friends, visit with old friends, as well as offer non-members a chance to see what the Women's Club is all about.

I would like to have 5 groups of ladies to volunteer to be hostesses at each of the 5 events. It can be a few friends, a neighborhood group, or if you would like to participate and don't know anyone you would like to work with, please sign up and we will place several of you together.

Your duties will be to plan a theme, decide on a couple of games or mixers, decorate if you like and be there to hostess and make everyone feel at ease. The dates have already been reserved at the Grill. There is no menu planning or food preparation to do. For those of you that would be interested in doing this, please sign up and we will hold an organizational meeting very soon.

**RRWC "COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS" COMMITTEE**

**First Meeting: Tuesday, January 24, 10:00 a.m., Medina Room**

This will be a group of outgoing, friendly women who would like to attend some functions at surrounding communities and represent the RRWC. Many other towns have clubs that have luncheons, style shows, fund raisers etc. like we do. You would go to some of these functions and let them know some of the things we do. If we can reciprocate with these clubs in advertising their events and having them spread the word on some of our events and fundraisers it would be great. I would like to have a designated table at each of our luncheons where you would invite outsiders to come visit with us. You would be hosting the table if you invited someone to attend. Your purpose would be to create goodwill between the Robson community and others in the area. We will also have an organizational meeting for those who sign up.

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## Community Relations, Cont'd. (Jan Utzman)

### RRWC "CHARITY PROJECT" COMMITTEE

**First Meeting: Tuesday, January 24, 1:00 p.m., Medina Room**

This is a proposed one time a year HANDS ON project. I know there are many places to volunteer for charity projects in Denton and in other organizations here at Robson, however this will give those not already involved in something a chance to give of themselves, side by side with other members. If we have a lot of volunteers we could possibly do more than one project per year. Some ideas that have come forward are gift wrapping gifts for Friends of the Family at Christmas; Adopting a family (or several) that are in need, not just at Christmas time; Helping to decorate some of the rooms for shelters in the area; Finding a group that needs a onetime re-do of their office space. The opportunities are numerous. As a member of this group you would help seek out a project that would suit our group, help organize the ladies that want to participate, and be there to work on whatever is decided. This will probably take several organizational meetings with lots of input from everyone. The project would hopefully be well under way by summertime or early fall.

Thanks for taking the time to consider this new focus of our club. It will only be successful if you as members want to do this and show an interest in it.

Please feel free to call me at any time to ask more questions, share your ideas with me, or tell me your opinion of this new endeavor.

**Jan Utzman 940-262-3113 jldu38@gmail.com**

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## Membership (Joyce Ambre)

**Ladies,** For only **\$15** a year, you can join an enjoyable, fun-filled club here at Robson Ranch!

It is the **Robson Ranch Women's Club**. It provides some of the most entertaining, enlightening and educational programs at its monthly luncheon meetings at the Clubhouse. The Women's Club raises thousands of dollars yearly for local charities in Denton. It schedules socials throughout the year, so any resident can come and enjoy the friendly camaraderie with other women living here at Robson Ranch.

My name is Joyce Ambre and I am the Membership Chairperson for the Women's Club. I have been a resident of Robson Ranch for over twelve years. My husband and I moved here from California to be close to our two daughter and their families while leaving our son and his family in San Diego. My husband, Bill, is retired from the Air Force and I retired from the schools of Edwards AF Base as a principal. We have seven grandchildren here in Texas and five grandchildren in California.

We moved here to help take care of our grandchildren, but now that they are older (three in college), we have become very involved in many activities here at Robson Ranch.

Come join us at the Robson Ranch Women's Club.

It is a fantastic group to join!!!

**MEMBERSHIP IS 235**



**Past President (Darla Mahan)**

I would just say that my job as past President is to mentor the incoming President and the President-elect when called upon to help. I believe, as the past President, I have working knowledge and experience gained from the prior year that can be most helpful to a new President and Board of Directors.

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**Ways and Means (Laurie Wiginton)**

I am Laurie Wiginton, my husband and I moved to Robson Ranch in June 2014. We leased a house while waiting for our dream home to be built. We moved in to our home in February of 2015. We moved here from Sachse Texas, which is Northeast of Dallas, between Wylie and Garland.

I love that all women are made to feel a "part" of RRWC. I look forward to being chairperson of the Ways and Means. It is my hope that we can raise more money, in fun and inventive ways that will allow us to touch more lives through the charities we support.

I want to encourage women to step out of their comfort zone and join the Ways and Means committee.

**Details soon about our two fundraisers this year!**

*Each of us have a talent to share.  
When we ALL work together we can make a difference.*

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**Secretary (Peggy Backes)**

Hello fellow Women's Club members, my name is Peggy Backes, and I am your secretary for 2017.

I first joined the Women's Club when I moved to Robson Ranch in 2008. Since then my husband and I have spent three to five months of the year on the road traveling in our fifth wheel trailer. Last year we sold our trailer and ended our extended absences from home. This enabled me to take a more active role in Women's Club affairs. As the club's secretary, I am responsible for the minutes for the luncheons and board meetings. This is giving me a chance to practice my very, very rusty secretarial skills.

I last held a secretarial position in my early years in New Orleans city government from which I retired after thirty-four years of service. At the time of my retirement I was the Personnel Manager for the Louis Armstrong International Airport which is owned by the City of New Orleans although located in Kenner, Louisiana. I was born in New Orleans and lived there all my life until I retired after Hurricane Katrina. Whereupon my husband and I lived full time in our recreational vehicle for several years while we traveled the country. While visiting our son who lives in Dallas over the Christmas holidays, we stumbled across Robson Ranch and decided to build a home here. A decision we have never regretted.

I am looking forward to attending our luncheons and board meetings this year and polishing my secretarial skills. I hope to see all of you at the luncheons as well as other club activities.

**It is going to be a fun and rewarding year!**

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## Sunshine (Mary Ann Carroll)

Hello, I'm Mary Ann Carroll I will be serving on the board this year as **Sunshine** chairperson for 2017.

I moved here on February 14th, it will be six years this year. We moved here from our lake house on Inks Lake near Marble Falls, Texas, where we have the most beautiful bluebonnets in the Spring!

I love sending words of encouragement and condolences to our friends here at Robson Ranch. I also love meeting new members, so you will see me on the first Monday by the front desk as a greeter. Please look for the pink sign up slip sheet on your table for me to send to those in need of words of Sunshine, encouragement for recovery and love for the loss of a loved one.

I look forward to Women's Club to greet you and make sure you will feel comfortable with your friends and to meet new members.



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## Service (Judy Ondina)

Hello, I'm Judy Ondina, Service Chair for 2017. My husband, Miguel, and I moved to the Ranch from Flower Mound in May, 2011. We both participate in many of the opportunities available and I have been a member of the RRWC since 2012, on the Board for the past two years.

This year, as Chair for Service, I have the privilege of promoting two charities within the Denton Community – **Friends of the Family** and the **Denton Community Food Center**. Alternately, each month, a representative from one of the charities attends preceding the luncheon as we give generously to help support their needs. **Denton County Friends of the Family** (DCFOF) is dedicated to providing compassionate, comprehensive services to those impacted by rape, sexual abuse, and domestic violence, while partnering with our community to promote safety, healing, and prevention. Today, DCFOF is the sole provider in Denton County of shelter and free outreach services to those who have been affected by relationship violence and/or sexual assault.

Founded in 1974, the Food Center has had as its mission to provide food from a central community storehouse to needy individuals and families in emergency situations. The Food Pantry is an **ALL** Volunteer Staffed and Run, Donor Funded and Supported, Community Based Charity (independent 501c3 organization). The number of people requiring assistance has increased every year.

Last year's donations for these two charities was over \$6,600. Cash and check donations are accepted and a receipt is available if requested. I look forward to seeing returning and new members of the RRWC. Please stop by to meet me and the representatives from the two charities. With your continued support, I know we can surpass last year's total to show our continued loyalty for 2017.

**Friends of the Family will be at our February luncheon and they can really use our help. They need; Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Dish Soap, Laundry Soap, Trash Bags, Disposable Gloves, Ziploc Bags (all sizes), Foil, Cleaners and Disinfecting wipes.**

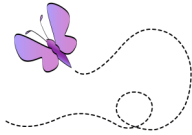
*Please bring your donations to the SERVICE TABLE inside the ballroom.*



## Special Projects (Peggy Crandell)

Hello to all you wonderful Women's Club members. I'm Peggy Crandell-Duff, and will serve as Special Projects chairperson, as well as assist the Community Relations chairperson for 2017. I've previously filled various positions on the Board, serving as president in 2009.

The Special Projects committee is not limited to, but includes such events as a children's carnival, a high tea, a trip for our members, etc. These events differ from our Ways and Means projects, as they do not raise funds for the club.



On our Special Projects calendar to date is our **Women's Club Spring Trip, April 25-27, 2017.**

The "Bus Babe" team will be sharing more details at our February luncheon.

If any of you have suggestions or ideas for a special project, please contact me and we will certainly explore it. I hold the Women's Club in high esteem; therefore, I look forward to serving our club with any and all new **special** projects we may undertake this year.

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## Bert Zeitlin (Webmaster)

Hi! I'm Bert Zeitlin, your RR Women's Club Webmaster! I update and maintain the website with the most current information and documents regarding upcoming meetings, newsletters, special projects, photos, and luncheon meeting minutes.

At **[www.rrwomensclub.org](http://www.rrwomensclub.org)**, you can download photos or a membership form, ask us a question or learn about the history of our club - whether you are looking for the photo that was taken of you at the last luncheon, checking our bylaws for facts or needing to contact us because you didn't get your luncheon check in on time, the website is your fastest route to up-to-date communication with us!

**Check us out at [www.rrwomensclub.org](http://www.rrwomensclub.org)!**

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## Carol Cooley (Treasurer)      \$ \$

I am Carol Cooley, the Women's Club Treasurer. Here is a little information about our finances. Did you know that the entire operational budget is solely from your membership dues? A lot of effort is made by the board to use these dollars wisely. So, from your \$15.00, we do a lot.

Each month there is a great program presented. These are our biggest expense. We also use these dollars to send cards to those who need them, a tea is held for new home owners, our socials are held, decorations and office supplies are purchased and door prizes obtained. The dollars collected for lunches go directly to the Wildhorse Grill. All funds collected at our fund raisers go directly to the charities. I think you would all agree that our membership gets a lot for their dollars. Please contact me if there are ever any questions about our finances.

## Parliamentarian (Consie Javor)



The first question I am asked when I meet someone is if "Consie" is short for something, which it is. My given name is Constance. The second question is how to pronounce "Javor". The American pronunciation rhymes with "have 'er". So, there you have it!

I am a native Texan born on Galveston Island and raised on the mainland in LaMarque. My husband, Ken, and I have been married for 47 years and are both graduates of Sam Houston State University. In my former "working" life, I was a middle school and high school teacher. Due to transfers with Ken's job I taught Biology, Geography, and English in 9 school districts in two states. I retired from Katy ISD as the Secondary Science Curriculum Specialist for the district.

We retired in 2004 to Canyon Lake in the Hill Country. In 2013 we decided to move to Denton to be closer to our grandchildren. We have a son in Hurst and a daughter in Keller and four grandchildren, two boys and two girls. When we are not providing free babysitting services I love to play bridge, cook, read, sew, golf, and travel.

Women's Club is important to me because of its dedication to various charities through ongoing fundraising, the opportunity for socialization, the friendships formed through the organization, and the outstanding programs presented. I am looking forward to my second term as Parliamentarian. My duties in this role include amending RRWC By-laws as necessary, being responsible for adherence to RRWC By-laws and Policies and Procedures, and ensuring adherence to *Robert's Rules of Order* during club meetings.

## Welcome (BJ Watson)

Welcome Ladies! We hope you are enjoying your RR experience! There is much to do here at the "Ranch" and sometimes it's hard to decide what to choose from. Hopefully you received your Welcome Letter and what this month's luncheon is all about. We have such fun and there is a wonderful bunch of ladies just waiting to extend their hand of friendship and information about the activities offered here.

*I Hope To Visit With You At The Next Luncheon!*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Women's Club **February** luncheon will be **Monday, February 6**, 12:00 Noon. Renown historian and presenter, **Dr. Rose-Mary Rumbley** will share her fascinating and humorous stories about Dallas and its colorful neighborhoods and history! Please invite your friends and neighbors who are not members yet to attend. Each month a new and exciting program will be presented for your enjoyment.

To join, please print the *Membership* form from the Women's Club, Robson Ranch HOA website. Complete it and bring it along with your \$15 check, to the Membership table, at the February luncheon.

**Luncheon Checks are Due No Later Than Tuesday, January 31, 12:00 Noon.**

**As a reminder...Guests are welcome to attend one time prior to joining.**

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### Joan Krause (Luncheon Coordinator)

Welcome to the 2017 Women's Club. I just know it will be a great year! My name is Joan Krause and I am the **Luncheon Coordinator** - I guess if we were still in school, you'd just call me the "**Lunch Lady**". The biggest tip I can give you is to utilize the "**Blue Box**". Why not write your check at home for the next meeting and put it in the "**Blue Box**" when you arrive? It will save you from being late the next month and you won't have to drive up to the Sports Center, park your car and walk in to put your check in the mailbox. If you find you can't make the next meeting, you can call me and I can hold for the following month.

**The deadline for getting your check in is 12:00 noon the Tuesday before the Monday meeting.**

One other thing, we have so many new people that we thought it's a good idea to give them a magnetic smiley face pin. If you see someone with a smiley face pin, please go up and introduce yourself. We all remember being "New".



**If you have any questions about luncheon reservations or checks, please contact me at**

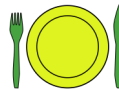
**[joanekrause@gmail.com](mailto:joanekrause@gmail.com) or 817-703-3244.**

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### Ruby Wilson (Hospitality)

Hi, I am Ruby Wilson and I have lived at Robson Ranch for 13 years. We were living in Ft. Worth prior to moving to the "Ranch". I love the Women's Club because you meet and make new friends.

I especially like the idea of the Women's Club and all they do for the local charities. I look forward to my position of **Hospitality** again this year. If you are interested in assisting with table decorations or want to volunteer as Greeter, please let me know.



**My vision for the year is to make every member and visitor feel welcome!**

**If you have any questions or suggestions please let me know.**

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### Vicki Baker (Historian)



As the Historian, my primary duties are photographing the club's various events including the monthly luncheons, socials, annual bus trips, signature fundraisers, and any other designated occasions. I also maintain the archives of the photographs, provide the webmaster with photographs of events for posting on the club's website and submit photographs of events to Channel 21 for broadcasting.

Additionally, I will be working hand-in-hand with publicity in aggressively promoting the club throughout Robson Ranch and the surrounding communities. An increased exposure of the club via the various publicity channels will bring enhanced awareness to the club's many charitable, community service, and social activities.



## Events Calendar



**Tuesday, January 24**

**Community Relations Meetings  
(Clubhouse, Medina Room)**

10:00 Community Ambassadors

11:00 Quarterly Socials

1:00 Charity Project

**Monday, February 6**

**February Luncheon, ❤️  
Dr. Rose-Mary Rumbley**

**Wednesday, March 1**

**Quarterly Social, 3:00—5:00**

**Monday, March 6**

**March Luncheon,  
Le Fashion Coach Fashion Show**



## Le Fashion Coach Fashion Show

Monday, March 6, 2017, 12:00 Noon (Doors Open at 11:00 a.m.)

Do you know the latest trends this Spring? Fifty Shades of Denim, Vintage Laces, Art Deco, Leggings and Layering plus much more! Le Fashion Coach promises the very latest fashion updates for women of all shapes and sizes!

(Checks are Due No Later Than Tuesday, February 28, 12:00 Noon)