

ROBSON RANCH WOMEN'S CLUB LUNCHEON

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

The general membership luncheon meeting of the Robson Ranch Women's Club was held Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at the Robson Ranch Clubhouse.

Lucille Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm and welcomed RRWC to September Meeting. Lucille reminded members that Denton Community Food Center is at meeting and asked members to stop by the table.

President advised that Robson Ranch Women's Club has 372 members and Lucille acknowledged Lisa Olson 's ongoing effort to recruit new members and former members.

Twenty- two new members/guests introduced themselves today to club. Those celebrating September birthdays were recognized.

Bylaws Vote conducted by Pres Elect Rose Depoe for Pam Dotson. The changes to Bylaws were posted for 20 days prior to today's meeting on RRWC for membership to review and advise if there are any questions/objections. Geraldine Gawle made a motion to approve the Bylaws as posted. Candy Anderson seconded the motion. Membership approved changes as posed.

Lucille encouraged members to visit RRWC website to keep up to date for all information pertaining to RRWC activities.

President Zimmerman provided the following committee highlights:

Treasurer

Carry Over Funds	\$ 2,500.00
Operating Funds Balance (Dues)	\$3,220.92
Operating Funds spent	\$2,779.08
OEM Balance	\$30,195.70

Lucille advised that \$17,000 check was given to Our Daily Bread since August month end resulting from Home & Garden Show.

Hospitality

Lucille acknowledged and thanked Greeters, Table Decorators and Luncheon Committee. The teapots and teacups were lovely and set the theme for Royal Chef Darren McGrady's teatime presentation.

Community Outreach Nanci Odom

- **The Garage Brigade - Welcome Home Program**

Nanci acknowledged Community Outreach team (The Garage Brigade) who have been working for several months in all weather receiving donations, compiling the pallets and delivering goods to The Deluxe Hotel in Denton to benefit Our Daily Bread's clients as they begin new lives in their apartments. Nanci announced next donation day is Saturday, September 18th.

- **Our Daily Bread – Casino Night at the Ranch – Saturday October 16, 2021**

Our Daily Bread Fundraiser is a Casino night to include high stake poker tournament in Medina Room and live auction and festivities in Ballroom. This fundraiser is a fun event that is a giving event.

Special Projects: Canton Trip.

October 28, 2021 is date for Canton trip. October is a great time to shop there in cooler weather for early Christmas items. There are many vendors in the Arbor area for great shopping variety. There will be a fun wine party on the way back from Canton. **Reservations are now being taken for second bus.**

Ways and Means: Sandy Conwell

- **Home & Garden Show**

Sandy announced RRWC raised \$16,847.73 from Home and Garden Show sponsors; vendors and raffle ticket sales and keeping expenses down. Sandy thanked Karen Lyons and her team who were responsible for the 56 vendors who participated. The vendors are always pleased with service they get at RRWC Home & Garden Show and many are ready to sign for next year. The best ever!

Sandy acknowledged and thanked Donna DeBouver, Vendor Coordinator, for the great job she did to ensure the volunteers were ready to assist vendors and guests at Home & Garden Show. Donna is now actively recruiting vendors for Holiday Market, October 23rd.

- **Holiday Market** - Raffle Tickets – Sandy advised time to buy Holiday Market raffle tickets for beautiful Christmas wreath from Decorator's Warehouse valued at \$250. Tickets (\$5 for one 5 for \$20.) were sold at meeting today.

Holiday Market- October 23rd - Over 40 vendors have signed for this popular event! More details will follow.

RRWC is aiming for a record year for our charities! **Sandy said this was the best Home & Garden ever!** She thanked everyone for their generosity.

Welcome: Shirley Monge

Birthday Bash September 29, 2021 4pm to 6pm at the Lounge.

Fun Happy Hour filled with door prizes; goodies, cash bar and special drink Birthday Cake Martini for \$5.

Sunshine: Sandra Mankowich

Members advised to complete Sunshine pink sheets on table to list to whom RRWC should send a card of good will to. Sandra advised a new focus for Sunshine – to send congratulation messages for good news such as weddings of relatives or graduations. She introduced RRWC member she sent first

congratulatory card to- Lynn Watson to celebrate her American citizenship. Three others in attendance are in process of obtaining American citizenship.

Programs

Lucille introduced October program of Christmas in October from Holiday Warehouse. Sharon Swain will decorate a Christmas tree from scratch at the meeting.

September Program Royal Chef Darren McGrady

Chef Darren McGrady was personal chef to Queen Elizabeth II, Diana, Princess of Wales and Princes' William and Harry for fifteen years and has cooked for Presidents' Ford, Reagan, Bush, Clinton and Bush. He is now a chef, author, culinary consultant, event planner and public speaker living in Dallas, Texas. His first cookbook titled "Eating Royally; Recipes and Remembrances from a Palace Kitchen" is now in sixth print and he donated his advance royalties to charity.

Chef McGrady provided his delightful history of how he started his culinary career at The Savoy and then became Chef for the Royal Family until the day Diana died.

Where did Afternoon Tea start and why? Anna, Duchess of Bedford asked her chef for afternoon snacks in 1800's since dinner was being served at 8:30 in evening. She invited friends and the afternoon tea was born. Chef reviewed Afternoon Tea, Cream Tea and High Tea details. He told us what tea and cakes Queen Elizabeth prefers for her and her corgis!

Chef McGrady enjoyed his time cooking for Diana and her sons. He knew that Diana was making a big difference with her influence/charity in all peoples' lives and he said she was on the right track in her life once she overcame the bulimia. He gave a funny comparison of the complication for Prince William to get a dish of chocolate ice cream while visiting his Grandmother the Queen at Buckingham Palace as opposed to how he helped himself at home in Kensington Palace.

RRWC members were delighted to hear about Teas, Royal Family and Darren McGrady's Dallas career and asked many questions. His current book The Royal Chef at Home was on sale for members. He also gave information as to how to buy his three seasonings on line.

Meeting adjourned at 2:09 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Gardner

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