

ROBSON RANCH WOMEN'S CLUB LUNCHEON

DECEMBER 4, 2017

The general membership luncheon meeting was held on Monday, December 4, 2017 at the clubhouse.

President Sharon Foy opened the meeting at noon. Sharon asked that all those who were attending for the first time stand. President Elect Mary Ornberg then asked each new attendee to introduce herself. Sharon provided some fun facts regarding the month of December. Among the famous people born in December were Taylor Swift, Beethoven, and Kurt Douglas. Among the infamous is Joseph Stalin.

Vice President Membership Joyce Ambre reported that the Women's Club ended 2017 with 525 members. As of December 4 the club has 190 members for the year 2018. Joyce reminded the attendees that the membership form is available on line. She emphasized that the membership dues cover all the operating expenses for the club including table decorations, paper, stamps, cards and printing. No other funds are used to operate the club.

Treasurer Carol Cooley reported that we have a bank balance of \$13,004.61 with restricted funds of \$7,364.50, the customary \$2,500 year end carry-over, and 2018 funds of \$165.00 leaving a current available balance of \$2,975.11. Carol thanked Brenda Alford who volunteered to conduct the annual audit and La Donna Womochel who assisted her in this endeavor.

Community Relations Chairperson Jan Utzman presented an overview of the contributions of the Women's Club to the community in 2017. The Denton Community Food Bank received \$4,367 and Friends of the Family received \$3,275 for a total \$7,642. The Community Relations Committee raised \$3,700 and donated over 785 hours. The Community Relations Committee had a total of eleven projects for the year. Jan listed all the projects and requested that participants in each project stand when she announced the specific project. By the end of the list of projects, many members in the room were standing. Under the auspices of the Ways and Means Committee, the Holiday Market raised \$7,370 and the Holiday Home Tour raised over \$7,990 for a total of over \$15,360.

(The figures for the Holiday Home Tour have not been finalized.) The grand total for charity donations was over \$26, 702 before the luncheon. In addition, contributions of \$940 for the Friends of the Family were received before the luncheon began.

Door prizes were awarded.

President Sharon Foy requested Shelbi, Rhett, and Jeremy come to the stage and presented gifts for them and for their staff to show appreciation for all their assistance to the Women's Club throughout the year.

President Sharon Foy requested that the 2018 Executive Board to come to the stage to be sworn in to their new positions:

Mary Ornberg	President 2018
Joyce Frey	President Elect (2019)
Joyce Ambre	Vice President Membership
Rebecca Bafford	Vice President Programs
Elma Hinson	Treasurer
Mala Bowdouris	Parliamentarian
Nancy Garre	Luncheon Coordinator
Martha Butz	Secretary

Sharon swore in the officers and presented each officer with a rose.

President Mary Ornberg introduced her Committee Chairs:

Vicki Baker	Historian
Ann Madigan	Publicist
Bert Zeitlin	Web Master
Ruby Wilson	Hospitality
Theresa Peoples	Ways & Means
Bobbi Hardt	Welcome

Dianne Battle

Community Relations/Service

Sally Hampton

Special Projects

Susan Knopick

Sunshine

Additional door prizes were distributed.

President Mary Ornberg reported for the following board members:

*Sunshine Committee Chairperson Mary Ann Carroll asks that you list the people to whom you wish to have a card sent on the pink sheet on your table.

*Welcome Committee Chairperson B.J. Watson reports that in the month of October there were 8 new homes, 18 resales, and 2 new rentals for a total of 28.

*Luncheon Coordinator Joan Krause reports that the next luncheon meeting is on Tuesday, January 2. The menu is baked potato bar with assorted toppings, garden salad with assorted dressings and key lime pie.

*Hospitality Chairperson Ruby Wilson wishes to thank today's greeters: Mary Ann Carroll, Nancy Garre, Geraldine Gawle, Hedy Brooks, Sherry Hansel, Kris Tarczon, Cherry Tillman, Joy Keteltas, Barbara Casazza, Eileen Culhane and Sharon Heidebrecht. She also wishes to thank all the Women's Club members who decorated the tables.

The table numbers were called for lunch.

Program Chairperson Joyce Frey announced in January Annette Bennett from the University of Texas will present a history of fashion and design with highlights from the UNT collection. Joyce introduced today's performer Cheryl Allison who is the daughter of Robson Ranch resident Cynthia Allison. Cheryl is an award winning actress who has performed in Broadway, regional theatre, film and television for over 20 years. She also is an accomplished singer who has performed on Broadway and other famous musical venues. Joyce regretted to inform the audience that the other planned entertainment the Joyful Sound Quartet was unable to perform due to illness. In lieu of their performance, Cheryl agreed to extend her performance adding music and sharing a film clip of a movie from her production company called "No Letting Go." Cheryl explained that the

movie is based on a true story of a mother whose middle child suffered from mental illness. The movie played the festival circuit world wide and received numerous awards. She said that the film is available on Amazon and through other venues. Cheryl said that she is currently making a documentary called "Far from the Tree." Cheryl sang Joy to the World, Mary Did You Know and Natalie Cole's version of Jingle Bells as well as other Christmas favorites. Her performance left everyone in a holiday mood.

The meeting adjourned at 1:57 pm.

Submitted by Secretary Peggy Backes