

ROBSON RANCH WOMEN'S CLUB LUNCHEON

MARCH 6, 2017

The general membership luncheon meeting was held on Monday, March 6, 2017 at the clubhouse.

President Sharon Foy opened the meeting at noon. Sharon requested that all those who were attending for the first time stand. President Elect Mary Ornberg then asked each new attendee to introduce herself. Sharon reported that this was the biggest crowd to attend a Women's Club luncheon. Next those members with March birthdays were recognized.

Sharon announced at the April luncheon there will be a Easter bonnet contest with prizes for the most elegant, the most creative and the best vintage Easter bonnet. There will be more information on the website.

The first of numerous door prizes were given at this point. The door prizes were donated by Dana Young the owner of Le Fashion Coach Boutique and a new member of the club Janice Dishner who provided massage gift certificates.

President Sharon Foy reported for the following board members:

*Vice President Membership Joyce Ambre reports that before the luncheon there were 338 members and 60 joined at the luncheon for a total of 398.

*Treasurer Carol Cooley reports that we have a bank balance of \$7,520.31 which includes the customary \$2,500 year end carry-over, of the remainder \$770 is restricted funds leaving an available balance of \$4,250.31.

Service Chairperson Judy Ondina reported that the Denton Community Food Center received \$380 in contributions. Judy introduced Laurie Hammett who has volunteered with the Denton Community Food Center for 20 years and is the organization's representative at the Women's Club luncheon. Judy introduced Tom Newell the former chairman of the charity who informed the attendees about the service provided by the Food Center which is a fully volunteer organization. The program has been in existence for over 42 years. He noted that 19% of the population in Denton county suffers from hunger. This program aims to assist in relieving this hunger. Donations of food as well as cash are accepted. Cash is preferable, because the Denton Community Food Center can purchase more with this money than a Women's Club member could. The

Food Center can make this money go farther in helping people with their food needs. He concluded by saying that the charity is always looking for volunteers.

President Sharon Foy reported for Welcome Committee Chairperson B.J. Watson that for the month of January there were 5 new sale closings, 3 resales, and 7 new rentals for a total of 15.

Ways and Means Chairperson Laurie Wiginton announced that there will be two fund raisers this year. The Women's Club interviewed six charities, and two were selected as recipients of the funds raised: Our Daily Bread and Refuge for Women. Laurie emphasized how important our contributions to these charities are. She quoted the Dalai Lama, "Just as ripples spread out when a single pebble is dropped into the water, the actions of individuals can have far-reaching effects." She requested that everyone take a pebble out of the organza bag on their table and keep it to remind us that what we do can change people's lives. She requested that anyone interested in joining the committee sign up at the end of the meeting. Laurie said that there will be a Holiday Market and a second fund raiser in August.

President Sharon Foy reported for Sunshine Committee Chairperson Mary Ann Carroll that 16 cards were sent last month as a result of the names submitted by attendees at last month's luncheon and additional cards were sent to residents whose names were provided subsequent to the last luncheon. She requested that anyone who knows of someone who is ill, in the hospital, lost a loved one, or just needs some encouragement provide their names on the pink sheet on each table.

President Sharon Foy reported for Community Relations Chairperson Jan Utzman that the ambassadors will be attending other communities' women's club meetings, and some of their members may attend our luncheons. The first social on March 1 had over 60 ladies in attendance. The social was a success thanks to the committee members: Glenda Carr, Sherry Hansel, Tanya Holt, Barbara Cooper, Joanie Price, Marilyn Gomez and Nadine Oknefski. The next social is scheduled for May 15 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Sharon announced the Chairperson for the Charity Subcommittee is Shirley McCrory. The Meal Delivery Project Chairperson is Theresa Peoples; the fund raiser Booth at Afterschoolers Garage Sale Project Chairperson is Carol DiQuollo; and the Daily Bread Assist with Evening Meal Project Chairperson is Lynn Barringer. Carol DiQuollo will provide additional details on the plans for the booth at the Afterschoolers garage sale at the next luncheon. Contributions are welcome, but no clothing or electronics will be accepted. Sharon said that anyone interested in volunteering with the Community Relations Committee should contact Jan.

Special Projects Chairperson Peggy Crandell said that the spring trip to Gruene is filled with two people on the wait list. She recommended that anyone who is interested in

joining the trip let her know, and she will add their names to the wait list noting that often people cancel their trip plans.

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*Luncheon Coordinator Joan Krause reports that the menu for the April luncheon will be a three salad medley – chicken salad, pasta salad and fruit salad, and cheesecake with a caramel or strawberry sauce.

*President Sharon Foy reported for Hospitality Chairperson Ruby Wilson that she wishes to thank today's greeters: Joy Keteltas, Barbara Casazza, Geraldine Gawle, Nancy Garre, Mary Ann Carroll and Sharon Heidebrecht. She extends a special thanks to Kasey Miller and Dianne Eoff who man the future luncheon payment table and assist in picking up after the luncheon. She also thanks the table decorators: Diane Eoff, Kasey Miller, Sandy Conwell, Karen Brannon and Theresa Peoples.

The table numbers were called for lunch.

Vice-President Programs Joyce Frey announced the April program is the “Avenue C” Vocal Jazz Ensemble which is a University of North Texas all female vocal group which will perform music ranging from the American Songbook and classic hits to contemporary pop.

Joyce introduced the fashion show host Dana Young the owner of Le Fashion Coach Boutique. The theme of the fashion show was “Fashion Blues and Jazz.” Dana told the audience that blue is the color for the spring with romantic features including lace trims and off the shoulder tops. The attendees were treated to a terrific fashion show. All the exciting new fashions were modeled by members of the Women's Club. The models for the show were: Pat Knight, Irene Wantuchowicz, Bev Deardorff, Aynn Riback, Cathy Griffin, Teresa Blackburn, Katherine Vess, Rebecca Bafford, Janie Simms, Gwen Heinen, Charley Cotner, Laurie Wiginton.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Submitted by Secretary Peggy Backes.