

ROBSON RANCH WOMEN'S CLUB LUNCHEON

APRIL 3, 2017

The general membership luncheon meeting was held on April 3, 2017 at the clubhouse.

President Sharon Foy opened the meeting at noon. Sharon explained that the reserved tables serve an important purpose and requested that attendees honor the request that only designated people sit at these tables. For example, seating is reserved for those who have disabilities which require them to be seated near the stage in order to enjoy the luncheon. Other seating is reserved for the photographer, guests, performers and newcomers.

Sharon requested that all those who were attending for the first time stand and remain standing so that President Elect Mary Ornberg could provide each new attendee with the microphone in order that they could identify themselves.

Sharon prefaced the recognition of those with birthdays in April with a description of the personality traits people born in this month possess. She also shared the names of famous people and some infamous people with April birthdays.

Sharon asked that everyone participating in the Easter Bonnet Contest come to the front of stage. Following a vote by applause, the winner in the Most Elegant Category was Melody Rowley; Most Creative Category was Judy Riffel; and Best Vintage Category was Jean Talley.

Sharon reported for the following board members:

*Vice President Membership Joyce Ambre reports that 15 new members joined at the luncheon bringing the total number of members to 416.

*Treasurer Carol Cooley reports that we have a bank balance of \$25,049.64 which includes restricted funds of \$17,665.00 (\$16,250 Spring Trip, \$1,415.00 Holiday Bazaar), and the year end carry-over of \$2,500 leaving an available balance of \$4,884.64.

*Service Chairperson Judy Ondina reports that the Denton Community Food Center received a total of \$500 in March including contributions which were made after the luncheon. The Friends of the Family received \$425 in contributions as well as miscellaneous items at the April luncheon.

*Welcome Committee Chairperson B.J. Watson reports that for the month of February there were 7 new sale closings, 7 resales, and 1 new rental for a total of 15.

*Sunshine Committee Chairperson Mary Ann Carroll reports that 15 cards were sent in March. She needs additional cards and asks that anyone who has cards to donate bring them to the next luncheon. She requests 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.

*Ways and Means Chairperson Laurie Wiginton reminds everyone that the Holiday Market is scheduled for October 7 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, and there are 17 vendors at this point in time. The Holiday Home Tour will be on December 3 from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. New this year will be a party following the home tour. Your home tour ticket will serve as your admission to the party. Anyone who is interested in showcasing their holiday decorated house on the home tour is invited to let one of the Board members present at the luncheon know of their interest.

Community Relations Chairperson Jan Utzman said 14 ladies representing Robson Ranch Women's Club will attend the Trophy Club Women's Club Tea on April 12. Dianne Bent is in charge of the first night time social scheduled for May 15 from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm. Members will assist with the evening meal preparation and serving at Our Daily Bread facility on April 24. Jan asked for volunteers to fill snack packs for children in the care of Friends of the Family during the summer. She said green sheets were on the table listing nonperishable food items for this project which she asked that members donate and bring to the next luncheon. She said the booth at the Afterschoolers Garage Sale on April 22 will raise funds for perishable items, and Carol DiQuollo should be contacted regarding any donations. No clothing will be accepted. Volunteers are needed to decorate the facility where the Hearts for Homes fundraising event "Christmas in June" will be held on June 11. Hearts for Homes has received a large number of Christmas decorations from a local store for this use. Volunteers will be meeting at the Hearts for Homes warehouse on Thursday, April 9 to select items to assemble into table centerpieces. Anyone who wishes to volunteer should contact Sally Baggott or Shirley McCrory.

Special Projects Chairperson Peggy Crandell presented an update on the spring trip to Gruene on April 25 through April 27. During the three days, there will be games, prizes, socializing at happy hours in the hospitality room, shopping, wine tasting, dancing at the Gruene Dance Hall for those who are interested, great dining, art galleries, the boot trail in Wimberly as well as relaxing at the Gruene Mansion. There is a surprise itinerary for Thursday. The trip was filled to capacity; however, there is now one spot open because of a cancellation. As a reminder, the Know Before You Go meeting for the trip is

scheduled for next week, April 12 at 3:00 pm in the Wildhorse Grill.

Luncheon Coordinator Joan Krause announced that the menu for the May luncheon will be brisket, potato salad, coleslaw, and banana pudding. She reminded members to put any alternate meal selection on their check, and if you have a guest, put the guest's name on the check. Just put the check in the mailbox in the Sports Center, Women's Lounge. No envelope is necessary.

President Sharon Foy reported for Hospitality Chairperson Ruby Wilson that anyone interested in decorating a table should fill out the form on the table. The table decorators for today were: Karen Brannon, Bobbi Hardt, Monika Keenan, Sandy Conwell, Dianne Eoff, and Table Coordinator Theresa Peoples. The greeters were: Nancy Myers, Nancy Garre, Geraldine Gawle, Mary Ann Carroll, Cherry Tillman and Sally Baggott. Thanks to everyone for their efforts.

The table numbers were called.

Vice President Programs Joyce Frey announced the speaker for the May luncheon will be Dotty Griffith. She has spent most of her 34 year career with the Dallas Morning News as Food Editor and Restaurant Critic. She has authored cookbooks; hosted a radio show; and written for many magazines. Among other topics, she will provide some tips on finding good restaurants while traveling.

Joyce introduced the "Avenue C" Vocal Jazz Ensemble from the University of North Texas which is an all female vocal group. The group performed a variety of songs including a Cole Porter number, and one composed by a student at UNT. Their performance was enjoyable and ended too soon.

The meeting adjourned at 1:52 pm.

Submitted by Secretary Peggy Backes

