

ROBSON RANCH WOMEN'S CLUB LUNCHEON

AUGUST 7, 2017

The general membership luncheon meeting was held on Monday, August 7, 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 August and asked all members with birthdays in August to stand for recognition.

President Sharon Foy reported for the following board members:

*Vice President Membership Joyce Ambre reports that before the luncheon there were 466 members, and 18 new members joined at the meeting for a total of 484.

*Treasurer Carol Cooley reports that we have a bank balance of \$11,979.71 with restricted funds of \$5,717.50 and the customary \$2,500 year end carry-over, leaving a current available of \$3,762.21.

Secretary Peggy Backes who is the Chairperson for the Nominating Committee urged members to volunteer for the Nominating Committee and to serve as elected officers in 2018. Sign up sheets were provided on each table.

President Sharon Foy reported for Service Chairperson Judy Ondina that the July donation to Denton Community Food Center totaled \$872. In addition to a large number of backpacks and a mountain of school supplies, \$389 was donated to Friends of the Family this month.

Randi Skinner, Director of Marketing and Development for the Friends of the Family, said that the organization's goal was to raise a total of 400 backpacks, and that they needed 50 more to meet that goal. Thanks to the Robson Ranch Women's Club that goal would be exceeded. She shared that just last month there were 235 new clients including 101 children.

Sharon reported for Welcome Committee Chairperson B.J. Watson that in the month of June there were 15 new home sales, 1 resale, and 2 new renters for a total of 18.

Special Projects Chairperson Peggy Crandell informed the group that tickets for the tea would be available at the exit table after the meeting. She shared some intriguing table decoration titles such as Midnight at the Oasis, Hats Off to Royalty, Springtime in Paris, and Afternoon Tea in Tuscany. Every table has a different theme. There will be a harpist and fashion models modeling clothing from Soft Surroundings.

President Sharon Foy reported for the following board members:

- *Ways and Means Chairperson Bobbi Hardt reports that the Holiday Market needs volunteers, and a list of the positions was available at the exit table.

- *Community Relations Chairperson Jan Utzman reports that Linda Kotzur is the new Charity Subcommittee Chairperson. The next social is scheduled for September 13 from 3:00 to 5:00 at the Grill and is sponsored by the Ladies of Lower Southerland.

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

- *Hospitality Chairperson Ruby Wilson wishes to thank today's greeters: Nancy Myers, Nancy Garre, Mary Ann Carroll, Joy Keteltas, Barbara Casazza, Eileen Culhane, Geraldine Gawle and Sharon Heidebrecht. She also wishes to thank the table decorators: Karen Brannon, Diane Eoff, Kasey Miller, Kris Tarczon and Theresa Peoples.

- *Luncheon Coordinator Joan Krause reports that the menu for the September Luncheon will be chicken fried chicken, potato salad, cole slaw, and apple crisp.

The table numbers were called for lunch.

Program Chairperson Joyce Frey announced the September program speaker is Sandra Brown who is a popular writer. The September meeting will be held on the second Monday in the month, September 11. Books will be available for purchase at the luncheon complements of Barnes and Noble, and Ms. Brown will

sign books. If you wish to have your book signed, you must open the book to the page you wish signed and provide a note of what you want her to write in the book. She also will be available for photographs.

Joyce introduced the speaker Deborah Ferguson who co-anchors NBC 5 Today weekday mornings. Deborah shared her career history which began with the inception of her desire to become a journalist when she was in the third grade. She challenged the Women's Club to provide pictures of community service projects and send them to her to share with her viewing audience. Deborah is donating her honorarium to the Foundation for the Young Women's Leadership Academy of Fort Worth.

The meeting adjourned at 1:49 pm.

Submitted by Secretary Peggy Backes