ROBSON RANCH WOMENS CLUB LUNCHEON SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

The general membership luncheon meeting was held on Monday, September 11, 2017 at the clubhouse.

President Sharon Foy opened the meeting at noon. Sharon asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of the 9/11 attack. She then recognized all the new attendees, and because of the large number in attendance, she requested all of them stand to be recognized at the same time. She shared some interesting facts about the month of September and famous people who have birthdays in September. Following that, she asked all members with birthdays in September to stand for recognition.

President Sharon Foy reported for the following board members:

*Vice President Membership Joyce Ambre reports that a new members coffee will be held on September 10 at 10:00 am at Peggy Crandell's home. There were 487 members prior to the luncheon, and 21 joined at the meeting for a total of 508.

*Treasurer Carol Cooley reports that we have a bank balance of \$12,440 with restricted funds of \$6,345 and the customary carry over of \$2,500 leaving a current balance of \$3,595.

*Service Chairperson Judy Ondina reports the Denton Community Food Center received \$230 in contributions, and large plastic tubs had been filled with toiletry donations for the Harvey Hurricane victims along with \$10 cash. Backpacks and school supplies required two SUVs to transport to the Friends of the Family location, and \$389 was donated as well.

*Community Relations Chairperson Jan Utzman reports business casual clothing donations will be accepted from Monday, October 9 through Friday, October 13 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the home of Nancy Odom.

*Welcome Committee Chairperson B.J. Watson reports that for the month of July there were 12 new homes and 5 new renters for a total of 17.

*Ways and Means Chairperson Bobbi Hardt reports that 26 days remain before the Holiday Market on Saturday, October 7, and more volunteers are needed. Members were urged to sign up at the exit table when leaving the luncheon.

*Community Relations Chairperson Jan Utzman reports that the next social with a Texas theme 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 requests that members provide her with the names of people who would benefit from receiving a card to provide sympathy or support. A pink sheet is provided on each table for this purpose.

*Hospitality Chairperson Ruby Wilson wishes to thank today's greeters: Mary Ann Carroll, Nancy Myers, Nancy Garre, Karen Herzig, Sandy Schroeder, Geraldine Gawle, Geralyn Strong, Mimi Mancuso, Janice Brown, Sharon Heidebrecht, Sally Baggott, Hedy Brooks, and Carol Cieslik. She also wishes to thank the table decorators: Diane Eoff, Sandy Conwell, Kris Tarczon, Kasey Miller, Theresa Peoples, and Carolyn Klossak.

*Luncheon Coordinator Joan Krause reports that the menu for the October meeting will be chicken piccata, angel hair pasta, Mediterranean pepper salad, bread sticks, and bread pudding with whiskey sauce.

The table numbers were called for lunch.

Program Chairperson Joyce Frey announced the October program speaker is Ty Poynter from Callaway's Nursery. He will demonstrate how to make a fall arrangement. Ty will have examples of a variety of plants, flowers and shrubs which are suitable for fall and winter. Joyce then introduced the speaker Sandra Brown who is a world renowned author. Sandra provided an intriguing history of how she began her career as a writer. She shared examples of how she identified a story idea and developed it. She explained that she produces one new book a year and that it takes approximately nine months to write the book. Sandra is an excellent speaker, and there was a lot of laughter during her presentation.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Submitted by Secretary Peggy Backes