

Pearls from PWC



Trafficking 911 – February General Meeting & Outreach



Missing and Exploited Children is a serious problem in Texas, including Collin County. Many of the 47,000 missing children in Texas are being sold in online sex ads. The scope of these predatory crimes on America's Children are horrific. In an effort to improve public awareness, the PWC is featuring an informative Guest Speaker from Traffick911 at Victory Church (6301 E. Parker Rd.) on Thursday evening, February 20th, at 7:00 pm with Police Chief Bill Rushing providing opening remarks.

As a community service, this event is **open to ALL Parker residents and guests** - - especially parents, school administrators, teachers, teens, and middle-school students - - please invite your neighbors, friends and family. **Questions?** Contact Stacy Patrick at zeusmarie@gmail.com.

Traffick911 and Triumph House (their 'safe house') have been selected as the PWC February outreach project. A collection bin is located in the lobby of City Hall for needed items; including gift cards. For more information, go to www.traffick911.com. You may also donate online - - click on "Donate" to make a monetary donation, or click on "Triumph House" for a listing of current needs. For additional information, contact the PWC VP Outreach, Phyllis Houx at 214-383-9818.

We got Food On Our Faces! – January General Meeting



The January Membership Meeting was held at the home of Diane Gilmore, on Thursday, January 16th. After starting off with delicious drink and appetizers, 29 members were treated to a demonstration by speaker Christina Anthis, The Hippy Homemaker. With items straight out of the kitchen, members learned how to whip up body butter, make a lip scrub & stain, and that vodka isn't just for martini's. After a Q&A session, everyone was invited to try prepared samples and take home a recipe book and "goodie bag". For more information about natural products for the body and home, visit www.thehippyhomemaker.com.

Annual Volunteer Fire Department Fundraiser

Volunteers are needed to work in teams of two for 30-minute shifts at our 'information table' at the PVFD Fundraiser on Saturday, February 22nd, from 5-10 pm at Southfork Ranch. We will be promoting the PWC by offering Membership information, and will also have City of Parker Directories and the PWC Cookbook available for sale. If you can help out for 30 minutes, please contact Peggy Threadgill at 214-202-0391 or pstthreadgill@tx.rr.com.



Save The Date! Fairy Gardens – April General Meeting

There are many indications Spring is not too far away and it's not too early to begin collecting items to build your very own fairy garden! Parker's own Mary Nell Jackson will be the guest speaker on April 17th. For \$15, you will be able to build a starter fairy garden, and lunch will be provided. Additional fairy garden accessories will be available for purchase or bring your own from Hobby Lobby, JoAnn Fabrics or Puckett's Nursery. To ensure accurate count, **RSVP** to Stacy Patrick at parkerwomensclubprograms@gmail.com or 972-442-7507 (*don't forget the \$15 fee*).



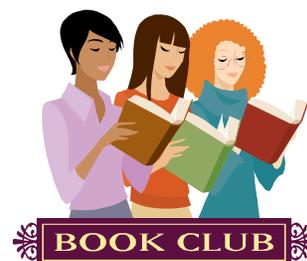
Ladies Coffee

Fifteen guests enjoyed lots of hot 'coffee and conversation' on the **COLD** morning of January 23rd at the home of Susie Pohl in the Brooks Farm neighborhood. The next PWC '**Ladies Coffee**' will be held at 10:00 am Thursday morning, February 27th, at the home of Annette Stone in Moss Ridge Estates. Watch your email for reminders. Come join other PWC members for morning coffee - *no RSVP necessary*.



Book Club

The January meeting provided an enjoyable discussion of "**The Language of Flowers**" by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. Make plans to attend the next discussion on February 19th, 1-3 pm at the home of Ann Barber (4905 Hackberry Lane) -- a light romance novel in the spirit of Valentine's day... "**Safe Haven**" by Nicholas Sparks. Upcoming selections are: "**Monuments Men: Allied Heroes, Nazi Thieves and the Greatest Treasure Hunt in History**" by Robert M. Edsel and Bret Witter (March 26th) and "**The Art of Hearing Heartbeats**" by Jan-Philipp Sendker (April 6th). Everyone is welcome even if you haven't read the book! **Questions?** Janet Doil at 972-439-6740.





PWC Scholarship Award Applications NOW available

The **PWC Scholarship Award(s)** will be presented again this year to a graduating high-school senior(s) residing in Parker. The presentation will take place at the PWC General Membership Meeting on May 15th. Scholarship applications are now available at City Hall, at area high schools, and in the **PWC section** on the City of Parker website at www.parkertexas.us. The final deadline for all applications will be Friday, April 4th, at 5:00pm. **Questions?** Mary Urquidez, PWC Scholarship Chairperson, at 940-224-0038 or mary.urquidez@gmail.com.



Bridge Club & Choo Choo Chicks

These groups are back to regular meetings in members' homes. If you would like to participate, please email Sandy Waites at s.waites@tx.rr.com

Young Moms Group

As the new group grows, more events will be scheduled. **Connect** on Facebook (search for Parker Women's Club Young Moms - - www.facebook.com/pages/Parker-Womens-Club-Young-Moms/617897488274966) for information on events and upcoming activities.



Tip of the Day: Fire ants are commonplace here in Texas. Keep a small bottle of ammonia on you when taking kids to the park or outside to play. If applied within 15 minutes of the ant bite, the pain can be diluted.

Lunch Bunch

The PWC Lunch Bunch had a fun time at Patrizio's in Fairview on a very cold February day! It was great to see some new faces join us and we look forward to seeing them again next time. Hope you will put us on your calendar for our next Lunch Bunch, Wednesday, March 5th at 11:30 am. Watch for an announcement with location. **Questions?** Contact Barbara Smith at 214-274-2002.



PWC Board of Directors – Positions Available

Positions will be available on the 7-member Board of Directors for the upcoming 2014-2015 Parker Women's Club year. A Nominating Committee has been appointed to present a new slate of officers to the General Membership for approval at the April 17th, 2014 meeting. If you would like further information, or are interested in a position, please contact one of the Committee members – Stacy Patrick at 972-442-7507, Cindy Frost at 972-423-6066, or Cindy Stachiw at 972-881-2231.

PWC Pocket Directory

This handy reference will be available by the end of February. All paid members will be included. For the 2013-2014 year (40th Anniversary year) there are 124 paid members - - **a record number**. **Questions?** Lisa Ricketts, VP Membership, at 972-429-1180.

Mark Your Calendar!

- February 20, 2014 - **PWC February General Meeting**
- February 22, 2014 - **Annual Parker VFD Fundraiser**
- March 20, 2014 - **PWC March General Meeting**
- April 17, 2014- **PWC April General Meeting**
- May 15, 2014 - **PWC May General Meeting & Scholarship Award**

About PWC

PWC provides an opportunity for the women of Parker to support their City by an avenue for community service, charity and fellowship. General Membership Meetings are usually held on the third Thursday of the month, from September through May, ranging from informational programs, charitable 'working meetings', to social gatherings with a variety of activity groups that meet throughout the year. Membership is extended to current and former residents of the City of Parker.



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