



Pearls from PWC



Final General Meeting with Rose-Mary Rumbley



Closing out the **40th Anniversary Year** in the best possible way – a jam-packed evening of events! Hostess, Mary Urquidez, opened her home to 39 members and guests. In the brief business meeting, President Peggy Threadgill thanked the present Board of Directors and Appointees, the Activity Group Chairpersons, and all of the Volunteers who helped make the events of this year successful.

The program began with the introduction of the scholarship recipients, followed by the installation of the new 2014-2015 Board of Directors. The renowned Rose-Mary Rumbley rounded out the evening's events with a history of textiles and fashion, weaving humor into fact based stories. It was a wonderful ending to the evening, and to our **40th Anniversary Year** celebration.



April General Meeting – Fairy Garden Frolics

At the April 17, 2014 General Membership meeting, the membership in attendance voted unanimously to approve the Slate of Officers for the 2014-2015 Board of Directors. The ladies of Victory Church provided a wonderful luncheon for 32 PWC members and guests to enjoy during the business meeting. After lunch, Master Herbalist and Parker resident, Mary Nell Jackson, spun tales of Faerie Lore along with a slide presentation of spectacular fairy gardens and more. After being captivated by Mary Nell's narrative and photos, everyone built their own little gardens. By the time it was over, there were quite a few new 'believers' in fairies in the garden!



Message from PWC President:

As the **40th Anniversary Year** of the Parker Women's Club (PWC) comes to an end on May 31, it's a great opportunity to reflect upon the past 12 months, review the achievements, and note the milestones the PWC has reached this past year. The PWC enjoyed the generous record-breaking support (\$8,915) of many ***Resident Sponsors***, as well as growth in our membership to reach a record number (131) of dues-paying ***Members*** this year. Beginning last June, various PWC volunteers worked diligently to produce a new ***City of Parker Directory*** that resulted in a profit of approximately \$8,000 for the Club. For these reasons, the PWC was able to give back to the Parker community throughout the year in numerous ways;

- **July:** ***'Backpack'*** drive - benefited deserving Parker and local area students
- **October:** Provided free balloons and 'Trick or Treat' bags to 100 children attending ***Parkerfest***
- **December:** ***'Angel Tree'*** program provided a 'merrier' Christmas to 3 families with children in Parker
- **February:** ***donated \$10,000*** to the ***Parker Volunteer Fire Department*** at their annual Fundraiser Event; ***donated \$1,000*** to ***Traffic911*** and Triumph House (their 'safe house') following the February General Meeting program which was open to the public as a community service event
- **March:** supported the City's ***Living Legacy Tree Program*** by authorizing \$500 to plant a Live Oak tree in the Parker Preserve area to commemorate the PWC's 40th Anniversary Year
- **April:** ***donated 2 picnic tables*** (\$1,340) to be placed in the Parker Preserve; sponsored and hosted ***Candidates Night***, an 'open forum' event for all candidates running for City offices
- **May:** ***awarded \$4,000 in PWC Scholarships*** to 3 Parker graduating seniors; ***purchased and donated 17 gallons of paint (\$390)*** to the City to be used for refurbishing the gazebo donated to the City in 2009 by the PWC

It has been a pleasure serving as the PWC President and working with the 2013-14 Board of Directors this past year. On behalf of all the officers, we have made every effort to bring the Membership varied programs each month to appeal to a broad range of interests, and have tried to support each Activity Group to further involve and grow the Membership throughout the year. I want to express my sincere ***"thank you"*** to all Board Members, Appointees, Activity Group Chairpersons, and the many Volunteers who served and contributed in any way toward making this a memorable **40th Anniversary Year**. You are all a true testimony to our mission statement . . .

"The Parker Women's Club is an organization that provides an opportunity for the women of Parker to support their city. The club offers an avenue for community service, charity and fellowship."

Peggy Threadgill

Through The Year:

The Programs

The song "Through the Years" by Kenny Rogers is reflective of our Club's milestone year. In consideration of the 40th Anniversary year for the PWC, the 2013-2014 programs calendar both honored our legacy and prepared us for the next quadrennial. Again, from that same song, I hear the words "Can't imagine anything we've missed...", "...through all the good and bad" – This was quite the cornucopia of programs –

- In **September**, the year started with a gathering of past members, including 16 past Presidents, as we listened to how things 'used to be' in the PWC but also in our little City of Parker.
- **October** found us taking a field trip to Oil & Vinegar at Watters Creek in Allen, for tasting of, what else? Oil and vinegar!
- Our 4th Annual Arts & Crafts Fair held in **November** was the most successful yet.
- In **December**, a festive, social time was had by all.
- **January** found us learning how to make skin care products using natural ingredients.
- We opened the **February** meeting to the community to learn the reality of human trafficking by hosting a speaker from Traffick911.
- In **March**, we found a few 'Personalities in Parker' who shared their talents and stories with us.
- **April** was all about building Fairy Gardens.
- Ending the year with scholarship awards and speaker Rose-Mary Rumbley was worth waiting for.

Hopefully, you had an opportunity to attend some of the meetings and enjoyed the fellowship, which is the cornerstone of our organization. *Here's to 41!*

Stacy Patrick

Book Club

We read wonderful books and had enlightening discussions this past year! The year began with the mystery, "This Dog for Hire", followed by "The Tiger's Wife", then switching genres to "Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail". In anticipation of Spring we selected, "The Language of Flowers", in honor of Valentine's Day "Safe Haven" followed by "The Monuments Men: Allied Heroes, Nazi Thieves, and the Greatest Treasure Hunt in History" to coincide with the movie release. Our April selection was the romance mystery "The Art of Hearing Heartbeats", and finally, a lighthearted book to usher in summer by Fannie Flagg, "Daisy Fay and the Miracle Man". *After a summer break, consider joining us in the Fall!*

Janet Doil

PWC Scholarship Awards

Three very talented, accomplished, and gifted Parker residents (*Ashley Elise Chen, Taylor Nycole Grace Peck and Drew Welling Morgan*) were awarded PWC scholarships during the final meeting of this year. The PWC Scholarship Committee, chaired by Mary Urquidez, selected from ten applicants.

The students and their parents were introduced by scholarship committee members and spoke about their high school preparation for college success, as well as future plans and goals in college. The students will receive their scholarships at the time of their matriculation in college at the end of the summer.

The PWC wishes the very best college experience to each of the awardees and all who submitted applications. They are invited to attend next year’s May meeting.



Meet the 2014–2015 Board of Directors!

Carol Denio officiated the Installation at the May 15, 2014 General Membership meeting. With right hands raised, and resounding “I Do”’s voiced, the new BOD took the oath of office to heart.

Many thanks to the outgoing 2013 - 2014 Board of Directors for their long hours & contributions to PWC!!

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VP Programs
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Mary Urquidez
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PWC donates 2 picnic tables to the City:

After reviewing and considering the feedback received from the Membership survey earlier this year, the Board of Directors approved \$1,340.00 for the purchase of two (2) new picnic tables to be donated to the City and placed in the Parker Preserve for residents' use. Delivery is expected by the end of May.



'Lunch Bunch' to meet in June – children welcome!

The PWC '**Lunch Bunch**' will be meeting in June at **Joe's Crab Shack** (3320 Central Expressway, north of Parker Rd. on the service road) on [Wednesday, June 11th](#) at **11:30 am**. The date was set for the 2nd Wednesday to give all Members the opportunity to bring their children or grandchildren. We will enjoy lunch on the outdoor patio deck (shaded with plenty of ceiling fans) overlooking the enclosed playground area for the kids. Come enjoy lunch while the kids make new Parker friends, too!



We've had a great year of catching up over lunch this year at some very nice venues and seen some new faces join the fun.



Ladies Coffee Group

Please come relax and join us for the final 2013-14 **PWC Ladies' Coffee Thursday, May 22nd** at 10 am at the home of Eleanor Evans (3507 Hogge Road) who has so graciously opened up her home! We would love to see everyone and chat about our fabulous PWC year and plans for next year!!



Activity Groups

Some of the Activity Groups will be on hiatus over the summer and will restart in the Fall. *In the meantime, enjoy your summer and stay safe!*



Lunch Bunch -
1st Wednesday
of each month



Bunco Group - 2nd
Tuesday of each
month



Bridge Club - 4th
Tuesday of each
month



Choo Choo Chicks
(Mexican Dominoes) -
1st Thursday of each
month



PWC Crafting Group -
meets periodically
throughout the year



Young Moms - 'play
date' on last Saturday
most months



Book Club - 3rd
Wednesday of each
month



**Ladies' Coffee
Group** - 4th
Thursday morning

About PWC

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.

Where to Find PWC

Find us at the City of Parker website: www.parkertexas.us under 'Popular Links' on the homepage.



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