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Pearls from PWC



Message from the PWC President

As we approach my very favorite time of year (other than the weather), it makes me stop and think about the fact that we have already reached the halfway point in our PWC 2014–15 year! Thanks to the work and planning undertaken by my fellow Board Members, along with *many* PWC Member volunteers, we have accomplished many goals these past 6 months, as well as prepared ourselves for the two major financial obligations that the PWC supports each spring ... our *PVFD financial donation* in February, and the *PWC Scholarship Awards* presented to one or more Parker seniors in May.

Since the PWC is not undertaking a very large and profitable fundraising project (like publishing a City of Parker Directory) this year, we have tried to raise funds with many smaller activities throughout the fall, in addition to receiving generous Sponsorships from 38 donors to date. For everyone that contributed in *ANY* way toward these many projects – volunteering your time and talent, or by contributing with a purchase at any of our meetings or activities – I want to say *"thank you"* for your support.

Many of you attended the *5th Annual PWC Craft Fair & Bake Sale* in mid–November and helped make this event a profitable success. Be sure to read the details in the "FUN" **DRAISING** section on the following pages of this Newsletter, as well as the announcement of the two PWC Raffle winners.

As we finalize our *'Angel Tree'* project in the days ahead, I also want to thank all Parker residents and Members who contributed to help make this family's Christmas a merrier one this year! Because of everyone's generosity, we will be able to provide this family with many necessities that many of us take for granted. The coordinator of this project, *Melissa Tierce – VP Outreach*, will present a final report to all Members attending the December General Membership Meeting on December 18th. I encourage all Members who can, to join us on Friday, December 19th, as we deliver to the family all the wrapped gifts and household items collected. For more details, see the **OUTREACH** section on the following pages.

I hope all of you will make plans to attend our *December Holiday Social* next week at the home of a brand new resident and PWC Member in the *Brooks Farm* neighborhood. The PWC Board is planning a relaxing evening for everyone with some fun, and a few special prizes as a Christmas treat (the work's done – no wrapping)! Please feel free to bring a friend or neighbor, too. Be sure to check out the details in the **PROGRAMS** section of this newsletter.

As your PWC President, I want to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday season!

Peggy Threadgill

"Fun"draising Update

5TH ANNUAL ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR RECAP

Another Parker Women's Club Arts & Crafts Fair is in the books! The cold, brisk weather couldn't keep avid shoppers away! Thirty-five vendors participated in this year's Fair, offering a great selection to those coming out to shop. Thanks to all of the volunteers who braved the chilly air to greet incoming patrons, sell raffle tickets, and work the PWC table. Special thanks to Patti Cordina for organizing the bake sale, to those who baked, and/or bought the goodies raising \$395. After expenses, the Craft Fair brought in just over \$2,000. *We'll call that a success!*



RAFFLE EXCITEMENT!

Congratulations to the winners of the PWC Raffle Prizes – Jim Threadgill was the winner of the Keurig K-Cup Brewing System, and Lura Raney is now the proud owner of the one-of-a-kind framed print from Parker Artist, Jessi Bullard. Thank you to everyone who helped make this raffle a success raising \$490.

END OF YEAR SPONSORSHIP – IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

The end of the individual tax year is quickly approaching! With many financial donation options available, please consider a PWC Resident Sponsorship Donation which is used for the annual monetary gift to the Parker Volunteer Fire Department and PWC Scholarship Award(s). The Parker Women's Club was granted its 501(c)3 status as a tax deductible charitable organization in 2011 allowing for tax deductible donations to the full extent of the law within each calendar year. While Sponsorship donations can be made at anytime, for a 2014 tax deduction, donate before 12/31/2014 with your tax receipt to be provided after year-end. The Sponsorship form may be downloaded from the City of Parker website, www.parkertexas.us, or request by email @ parkerwomensclubfundraising@gmail.com.

General Membership Meetings

<p>Thursday, Dec 18th 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm Home of Devra Helffrich 6903 Audubon Drive 214-789-6966</p>	<p>HOLIDAY PARTY & SOCIAL – Mingle with friends and neighbors. You are welcome to wear your “ugly Christmas sweater” – NOT! See you there! <i>Please encourage your neighbors and new residents to attend!</i></p>	
<p>Thursday, Jan 15th 10:30 am to 12:30 pm Victory Church 6301 E Parker Road</p>	<p>NEW YEAR, NEW YOU! – A professional trainer will be available to guide us through some “moves” to shed a few "holiday pounds" in 2015. Come learn the benefits of using free weights (such as lifting a can of soup) and how the correct moves can make you look and feel better exercising while you work at home! Dress comfortably or come in your warm ups or sweat suits! Bring two large cans of food of equal weight to use while learning our new "moves". After the meeting, the cans will be donated to a local food pantry.</p>	
<p>Thursday, Feb 19th 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm</p>	<p>WINE TASTING – Learn about, and taste wines from the first known winery to open in the area, located in the heart of charming historic downtown Wylie.</p>	
<p>Thursday, Mar 19th 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm</p>	<p>A VISIT TO THE CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY CENTER OF COLLIN COUNTY – The CACCC provides safety, healing and justice to Collin County children victimized by abuse or neglect. Learn how you can help.</p>	
<p>Thursday, Apr 23rd Daytime Field Trip</p>	<p>THE MEADOWS MUSEUM TOUR – We’re traveling to the campus of SMU. Known as the “Prado on the Prairie” for its collection of Spanish works, you will experience the museum in this private tour conducted by Parker’s own resident Docent, Jan Clay.</p>	
<p>Thursday, May 21st 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm</p>	<p>SCHOLARSHIP AWARD(S) PRESENTATION – Meet and congratulate the Parker Women’s Club Scholarship recipient(s). Installation ceremony of the 2015–2016 Board of Directors.</p>	
<p><i>Questions?</i> Contact Mary Mary Urquidez @ 940-224-0038 or parkerwomensclubprograms@gmail.com</p>		

Activity Groups

	<p>BOOK CLUB</p> <p>12 members, including many newcomers, were in attendance on November 19th at the home of Jane Marshall. Please join us Wednesday, December 17th at the home of Carolyn Brown (7282 Moss Ridge) from 1–3 pm to discuss <u>The Book Thief</u> by Markus Zusak. Feel free to get an advance start on the January selection – <u>The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks</u> by Rebecca Skloot – about her unintentional involvement with genetic mapping. Please feel free to join us for any meeting, even if you haven't completed the book.... conversations lead to many subjects and ideas not directly related to the book and are always interesting. Meetings are the 4th Wednesday from 1–3 pm in member homes. <i>Questions or Suggestions?</i> Contact Janet Doil @ 972-429-4413 or flowergallm@yahoo.com.</p>
	<p>BRIDGE CLUB</p> <p>Due to both Thanksgiving and Christmas falling during the 4th week, the November & December meetings were combined with the regular schedule resuming in January. Meetings are 4th Tuesday at 10:30 am in member homes. The group is full, but subs are always welcomed. <i>Questions?</i> Contact Sandy Waites @ 972-618-1409 or s.waites@tx.rr.com.</p>
	<p>BUNCO GROUP</p> <p>This group met in December at the home of Kay White which was beautifully decorated for the holidays. Kay provided piano accompaniment while we rang bells and sang carols. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 6th at the home of Madeliene Dickson. Meetings are 2nd Tuesday at 1:00 pm in member homes. While the group is full, subs are always welcomed. <i>Questions?</i> Contact Cindy Frost @ 972-423-6066 or fhsmagic@msn.com.</p>   

Activity Groups *(continued)*



CHOOCHOO CHICKS (MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES)

Due to the holidays, the next meeting will be [Thursday, January 8th](#) with the regular schedule resuming in February. Meetings are 1st Thursday at 10:30 am in member homes with lunch out afterwards. *Questions?* Contact Sandy Waites @ 972-618-1409 or s.waites@tx.rr.com.



CRAFTING GROUP

This active group met [Monday, December 8th](#) at the home of Jennifer Barnaby to craft Ribbon Christmas Trees. Everyone had lots of fun with ribbon and pins. The next meeting will be on [Monday, January 26th](#) at 7 pm. Watch your email for upcoming announcements! *Questions?* Contact Dena Tartaglino @ 972-422-5499 or dtart1@me.com.



LADIES COFFEE GROUP

This group will resume after the holidays in January at 10 am on [Thursday, January 22nd](#) at the home of Doris Amini. Meetings are 4th Thursday at 10 am in member homes. Watch your email for upcoming announcements! *Questions?* Contact Pam Watson @ 972-442-3890 or daneandpam@verizon.net.



LUNCH BUNCH

With busy, hectic holiday schedules, this group managed a nice turnout at Louisiana Street Grill in McKinney on [Thursday, December 11th](#) enjoying a great lunch with old friends and new! Some ventured to historic downtown McKinney before and after lunch for a little Christmas shopping! Be sure to mark your calendars for [Wednesday, January 14th](#) and plan on another great venue for food and fun! Watch your email for upcoming announcements! *Questions or suggestions for a new spot or want to reserve your seat early?* Contact Marilyn Kittrell @ 214-412-7303 or marilyn@stepstoyourhome.com.



Activity Groups *(continued)*

	<p>YOUNG MOMS GROUP</p> <p>While there was no official meeting in November, the group has continued to meet spontaneously. The report for the Saturday, December 13th Trail of Lights at the Heard Museum will be included in the January newsletter.</p> <p><u>Babysitters Needed!</u> If you have or know of a teenager interested in providing babysitting services to Parker residents, please send their name, age, phone, and/or email address for the list that will be generated amongst club members.</p> <p>Please continue to send contact information (<i>name, phone, neighborhood/address, email</i>) and name & age of your children to receive up-to-date information about play dates, monthly activities, and Mom's Night Out events.</p> <p>Please join our community at https://www.facebook.com/pages/Parker-Womens-Club-Young-Moms/617897488274966. We have many new "likes" on our FB page. <i>Questions?</i> Contact Lori Davis @ 469-209-0119 or loriyarbrough@yahoo.com.</p>
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Resident Sponsorships -- \$7,445 RECEIVED TO-DATE

<p>Lone Star Resident \$1,000 or more</p>	<p>DAVID & PATRICIA LANIER, THE MCCOOK FAMILY</p>
<p>Bluebonnet Resident \$500 to \$999</p>	<p>JUNKO CHIGANI</p>
<p>Pecan Resident \$250 to \$499</p>	<p>JAMIE COLVIN, MICHAEL GODFREY, ELVIS & LINDA NELSON, JEANETTE WEIDEMAN</p>
<p>Mockingbird Resident \$100 to \$249</p>	<p>JOE & PATTI CORDINA, HUGH & FRAN LEWIS, RON & ANDY MCCOLLUM, THE PATRICK'S, RICHARD & SHERRI RUSSELL, DON & MARY ANNE SEALE, THE STACHIW FAMILY, RICK & SHARI UNDERWOOD, LIZ YOUNGBLOOD</p>
<p>Good Neighbor \$50 to \$99</p>	<p>DON & MADELIENE DICKSON, MARY ELLEN DUFFIELD, DON & CINDY POWELL, TOM & ANNETTE STONE, JAMIE & LEANN TURRENTINE</p>
<p>Friend of PWC \$25 to \$49</p>	<p>GAIL LEWIS, CAM LINDSEY, WILLIAM & JEAN NOLAND, LEE PETTLE</p>
<p>Anonymous Donations: 13 DONATIONS TOTALING \$2,665</p>	
<p><i>Questions?</i> Contact Stacy Patrick @ 972-442-7507 or parkerwomensclubfundraising@gmail.com</p>	

Officer Reports

OUTREACH

The generosity of the PWC, as well as from Parker residents, has been on full display again during this holiday season. As a community, we wrapped our arms around a local family of 7 in need – providing them with not just a VERY Merry Christmas, but many basic necessities as well. Over 90 gifts plus funds to purchase much needed furniture and a new refrigerator were collected and will be delivered to them on [Friday, December 19th](#). *Thank you for your generosity!*



Our next outreach opportunity will be during the January general membership meeting. Watch your email for upcoming announcements! Please don't forget to let PWC know if you experience a loss, illness or surgery. Please contact Melissa Tierce if you are interested for questions or serving on this committee @ 214-693-9301 or mtierce1@verizon.net.

TREASURER' S REPORT

Current Balance: **\$20,452.07** as of 12/09/2014



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

122 paid Members *as of December 13th* (96 returning members and 26 new members). Annual PWC Pocket Directory production begins after Christmas and will be distributed to paid members in January. Annual dues are \$25.00 (due now) and may be paid by mail or at any general membership meeting. Membership is extended to current and former residents of the City of Parker. Membership forms are available at the general membership meetings, and on the City's website at www.parkertexas.us. *Please encourage your neighbors and new residents that you meet to join us!*



