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Pearls from PWC



Message from the PWC President

Happy New Year! As we move into the remaining half of the 2014–15 PWC year, we have some very informative programs planned for General Membership Meetings in the five months ahead ... including a couple of daytime "field trips" to interesting locations. Be sure to check the **PROGRAMS** section in this newsletter for all the details – **AND** – mark your calendars NOW for our special "wine-tasting" evening in February!

I'll look forward to seeing many of you later this week at our January meeting on Thursday morning. We'll learn a few tips and techniques that may help us stick to that **'all too common'** New Year's resolution – **living a healthier lifestyle!**

As we begin 2015, I am very happy to share the fact that our PWC bank account **IS** healthy. The PWC will be able to meet its two major financial obligations in the months ahead. Following PWC bylaws, these commitments must include an annual donation to the Parker Volunteer Fire Department (PVFD), as well as the spring PWC Scholarship Award(s) presented in May. The current Board of Directors will be discussing and deciding the amounts to designate toward each of these annual community service projects soon – and we gladly welcome your input and suggestions! Watch the City's website at www.parkertexas.us for PWC 2015 Scholarship Award Applications to be posted soon. All high-school seniors residing in the city of Parker are eligible to apply for this merit award.

Our community will be holding its annual PVFD Fundraiser Event at Southfork Ranch again this year on Saturday, February 28th. The PWC will be hosting an **information table** again this year at this event. If you can devote an hour of your time that day to be a PWC 'ambassador' providing information to Parker residents and prospective new members at our table, please contact me at psthreadgill@tx.rr.com. If you have never attended this family-friendly event in the past, please consider supporting your local volunteer firefighters by purchasing tickets and enjoying an evening buffet dinner, silent and live auctions, and other fun activities. By now, most of you have received an information letter from the PVFD Fundraiser Committee announcing this event.

Starting with our January meeting this week, I want to encourage and challenge each of you to invite a new neighbor or friend to join us at our monthly meetings and Activity Groups in 2015. The PWC is open to all ladies in Parker and we encourage new members to join us at any time throughout the year.

Peggy Threadgill

December 2014 General Membership Meeting

Our December PWC meeting included a Holiday Party & Social on Thursday, December 18th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the home of Devra Helffrich. It was a relaxing and festive evening spent mingling with friends and neighbors while enjoying great food and drinks provided by the Hostess and Co-Hostesses (Patti Cordina, Marilyn Kittrell, Stacy Patrick and Margarita Perez). Twenty-eight attendees gathered for a brief business meeting led by President Peggy Threadgill. The results of the Angel Tree donations were amusingly reported in *"The 12 Days of Christmas"* fashion by VP Outreach, Melissa Tierce. Everyone was encouraged to join the fun and try to solve 'holiday' trivia questions staged throughout the house which proved to be challenging and entertaining. The winners (Tricia Fecht, Lee Pettle, Savita Gaind, Debbie Crutcher and Kathy Ledzius) went home with nice prizes! It was a good time had by all, especially those wearing their *"Not Ugly Christmas sweater"*!



Programs

<p>Thursday, Jan 15th</p> <p>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". 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" that will be donated to a local food pantry after the meeting.</p>	
<p>Thursday, Feb 19th</p> <p>7:00 pm to 9:00 pm 96o West Winery 103 N. Ballard Street Wylie, Texas</p>	<p>WINE TASTING– – Come learn about, and taste wines from the first known winery to open in the area, located in the heart of charming historic downtown Wylie. You will learn the 10 Most Important Things To Know About Wine so that you can develop the 9 Steps to Becoming a Wine Expert. <i>A reservation will be needed.</i></p>	
<p>Thursday, Mar 19th</p> <p>7:00 pm to 9:00 pm 2205 Los Rios Blvd Plano, Texas</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 of neglect. Learn how you can help.</p>	
<p>Thursday, Apr 23rd</p> <p>Daytime Field Trip 5900 Bishop Blvd Dallas, Texas</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</p> <p>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

PWC Members receive email announcements of all Activity Group events. Even if you are not a Member of the PWC, you can stay informed by checking the PWC link on the City of Parker's website at

www.parkertexas.us

	<p>BOOK CLUB</p> <p>The December meeting was held at the home of Carolyn Brown with a discussion of <u>The Book Thief</u> by Markus Zukas. The group will next meet on Wednesday, January 28th from 1 to 3 pm at the home of Ann Barber (4905 Hackberry Lane) to discuss <u>The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks</u> by Rebecca Skloot. Even if you haven't read the book, feel free to join us for fun, friendship and conversation. Meetings are the 4th Wednesday from 1 to 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>Regular schedule resumes in February with meetings on the 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>Meetings are 2nd Tuesday at 1pm 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>
	<p>CHOOCHOO CHICKS (MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES)</p> <p>Regular schedule resumes in February with meetings on the 1st Thursday at 10:30 am in member homes with lunch out afterwards. <i>Questions?</i> Contact Sandy Waites @ 972-618-1409 or s.waites@tx.rr.com.</p>
	<p>CRAFTING GROUP</p> <p>This group will meet at 7 pm on Monday, January 26th. Watch your email for upcoming announcements! <i>Questions?</i> Contact Dena Tartaglino @ 972-422-5499 or dtart1@me.com.</p>
	<p>LADIES COFFEE GROUP</p> <p>This group will meet at 10 am on Thursday, January 22nd, at the home of Doris Amini. Meetings are 4th Thursday at 10 am in member homes. <i>Questions?</i> Contact Pam Watson @ 972-442-3890 or daneandpam@verizon.net.</p>

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	<p>LUNCH BUNCH</p> <p>This group will meet at 11:30 am on Wednesday, January 14th at Niki's Italian Bistro in Murph (120 E FM-544, Ste 58, 972-578-0100). Check them out at: http://www.yelp.com/biz/nikis-italian-bistro-murphy. Reservations required by Monday, January 12th. <i>Questions or suggestions for a new spot or want to reserve your seat early?</i> Contact Marilyn Kittrell @ 214-412-7303 or marilyn@stepstoyourhome.com.</p>
	<p>YOUNG MOMS GROUP</p> <p>The PWC Young Mom's Group is a group of mothers who have young children. We enjoy getting together for play dates and meet ups on a spontaneous basis and are looking for other Parker women to join us! Check out our Facebook page for updates and meet ups!</p>  <p>https://www.facebook.com/pages/Parker-Womens-Club-Young-Moms/617897488274966</p> <p>Recent holiday events included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour of the Dinosaur Exhibit at the Heard Museum in December which was lit up with beautiful Christmas lights. Many local vendors set up booths around the arena, allowing guests to purchase seasonal gifts, food, and beverages while listening to the strolling carolers. <i>What a wonderful event for children and adults alike!</i> • Various impromptu play dates and meet ups held for moms and their kiddos. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Frogg Café in the Watters Creek shopping Center for coffee and shopping ○ Homes of Jenny Burggraf and Shannon Frost for a chance to get the kids together and play <p>The next event will be at 3 to 6 pm on Wednesday, January 21st at the home of Jenny Burggraf (4309 Red Oak Circle). This will be a good opportunity to meet new and existing members. Please come, even if you cannot make it for the entire time. <i>Questions?</i> Contact Lori Davis @ 469-209-0119 or loriyarbrough@yahoo.com.</p>

Officer Reports

OUTREACH

The 2014 Angel Tree program was an enormous success this year, thanks to continued support from the City of Parker and our PWC members. We were able to provide a local family in great need, with beautiful Christmas memories. The family was overwhelmed and grateful for our kindness in reaching out to them. ***Thank you for your generosity!***



Our next outreach opportunity will be during the January meeting. Don't forget to bring your canned food "weights" for donation to a local food pantry. Please don't forget to let PWC know if you (1) experience a loss, illness or surgery OR (2) are interested in serving OR (3) know of any families to nominate for 2015 Angel Tree Program. ***Questions?*** Contact Melissa Tierce @ 214-693-9301 or mtierce1@verizon.net.



TREASURER' S REPORT

Current Balance: ~ **\$19,000** (as of January 9th) which will be used to fund (1) annual PVFD donation in February; (2) PWC Scholarship Award(s) in May and (3) rollover funds for next year.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

121 paid Members (as of January 10th). New members are still welcome and membership forms are available at the general membership meetings, and on the City's website at www.parkertexas.us. Annual dues are \$25.00 and may be paid by mail or at any general membership meeting. The annual PWC pocket directory can be picked up at the next few membership meetings. Membership is extended to current and former residents of the City of Parker. ***Continue to encourage your neighbors and new residents that you meet to join us.***

RESIDENT SPONSORSHIPS

- ✓ **Lone Star Resident** (\$1,000 or more): DAVID & PATRICIA LANIER, THE MCCOOK FAMILY
- ✓ **Bluebonnet Resident** (\$500 to \$999): JUNKO CHIGANI
- ✓ **Pecan Resident** (\$250 to \$499): JAMIE COLVIN, MICHAEL GODFREY, Z & JANE MARSHALL, ELVIS & LINDA NELSON, JEANETTE WEIDEMAN
- ✓ **Mockingbird Resident** (\$100 to \$249): 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
- ✓ **Good Neighbor** (\$50 to \$99): DON & MADELIENE DICKSON, MARY ELLEN DUFFIELD, DON & CINDY POWELL, TOM & ANNETTE STONE, JAMIE & LEANN TURRENTINE
- ✓ **Friend of PWC** (\$25 to \$49): GAIL LEWIS, CAM LINDSEY, WILLIAM & JEAN NOLAND, LEE PETTLE
- ✓ **Anonymous Donations:** 13 DONATIONS TOTALING \$2,665

Questions? Contact Stacy Patrick @ 972-442-7507 or parkerwomensclubfundraising@gmail.com

