

41 years

Pearls from PWC



Message from the President

My second year as President of the [Parker Women's Club \(PWC\)](#) comes to a close on May 31. As I look back over the past 12 months, I am encouraged by the growth again this year in our Club – *137 Members* – another new record!

Serving as your President has reminded me of what an [integral](#) and [vital role](#) the [PWC serves](#) in this community's day-to-day activities and its history. It is very apparent that the PWC is held in high regard by city officials, city staff, and the various departments within our city, including the Parker Volunteer Fire Department (PVFD) and the Parker Police Department. We [ARE](#) the oldest, continuous organization or membership body in the city of Parker – *41 years strong!*

It's been a fun and rewarding opportunity for me to meet so many new residents and Members these past two years, and to take part in maintaining and improving the integrity of such a sound organization. I have also come to realize what a [generous](#) and [talented](#) pool of women the PWC Membership holds!

I want to thank the [2014–15 Board of Directors](#) (Mary Urquidez, Gayle Romans, Melissa Tierce, Stacy Patrick, Debbie Crutcher, and Barbara Douglas), [Parliamentarian](#) (Carol Denio), and [Newsletter Editor](#) (Linda Nelson) for their commitment, support, and help throughout this past year. These ladies, along with the [chairpersons](#) of committees and each [PWC Activity Group](#), have played a significant part in a total '*team effort*' to make this another memorable year.

If you missed our final meeting of the year last week, the evening's agenda featured the colorful and creative [Installation Ceremony](#) for the [2015–16 PWC Board of Directors](#). Our new 2015–16 PWC President, Stacy Patrick, shares a few thoughts in this newsletter – be sure to read her words!

Be sure to read about our two Parker high-school seniors who were announced at the May meeting as this year's [PWC Scholarship Award](#) winners! Each student received an award in the amount of **\$2,250.00** toward their future college expenses.

This is our final newsletter for the 2014–15 PWC year. I want to encourage each of you, along with your neighbors and Parker friends, to support the PWC and join us again next year – **both** active and inactive memberships are welcome! I will look forward to seeing everyone again at the September meeting and hope you all have a safe and special summer!

Peggy Threadgill

Looking Towards 2015–2016

It is an honor to be entrusted with the position of President of the Parker Women's Club as we look to the upcoming year. The new Board brings in some new faces with a span of diverse experience, as well as some tenured members, which strikes a great balance to create an exciting year.

With the exception of a few of the Activity Groups, most members will have the summer off from monthly meetings – but not the Board! This is the time when planning and preparation for the year takes place.

Planning is paramount for a successful year. **Marilyn Kittrell** (VP Programs) already has some great, fresh ideas for monthly programs; **Gayle Glosser** (VP Fundraising) has some innovative plans to increase revenue; **Patricia Gannon** (VP Membership) prepares for the annual membership drive targeted for early August; **Devra Helffrich** (VP Outreach) will continue community support program development with attention on enhancing communication. These efforts are a collaboration of the entire Board, including **Vicky Barrera-White** (Secretary), **Debbie Crutcher** (Treasurer) and **Carol Denio** (Parliamentarian) tasked with keeping us all on track!

The Club has seen an overall increase in the number of memberships, the amount of donations received, and an increase in meeting attendance in the last number of years. This is a positive foundation for us to build upon. On behalf of the 2015–2016 PWC Board of Directors, thank you for the confidence you have placed in us, as we look forward to growing and strengthening our membership and community involvement. We look forward to year **42**!

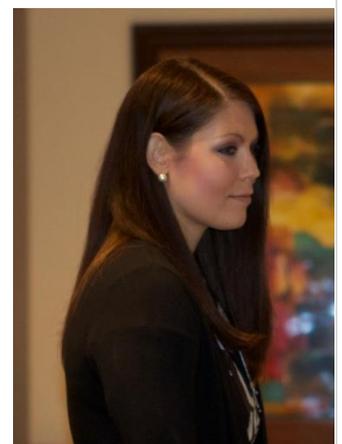
Stacy Patrick

Many Thanks to the 2014 – 2015 Board of Directors!!!

President	Peggy Threadgill
VP Programs	Mary Urquidez
VP Membership	Gayle Romans
VP Outreach	Melissa Tierce
VP Fundraising	Stacy Patrick
Secretary	Debbie Crutcher
Treasurer	Barbara Douglas

May 2015 General Membership Meeting

Our final meeting of the year was held on [Thursday, May 21st](#) at the lovely home of Gayle Glosser. A brief business meeting was held, followed by the PWC Scholarship presentation and the installation of the new 2015–2016 Board of Directors. President Peggy Threadgill thanked the current Board of Directors and Appointees, the Activity Group Chairpersons, and all of the Volunteers who helped make the events of this year successful. An array of scrumptious treats was provided by the Co-Hostesses (Cindy Frost, Pat Waggoner, Devra Helffrich, and Sharon Brucato). The evening's greeters were Kay White and Janice Struck. Special guest was Bethany Peak, PWC Legal Counsel (Asiatico & Associates).



2015 – 2016 PWC Board of Directors Installation

Outgoing President Peggy Threadgill officiated the installation of incoming President Stacy Patrick at the May General Meeting. Stacy, in turn, officiated the installation of each of the new officers. Linda Nelson led the pledge of the general members to support their newly elected BOD.



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PWC Scholarship Awards



The PWC Scholarship Selection Committee (Chair: Mary Urquidez, Members: Linda Nelson, Lee Pettie, Janice Struck) met on [Thursday, April 9th](#) to review qualifying applicants and rank according to GPA, class rank, strength of character references from counselors, teachers, and administrators, as well as adult citizens of Parker. At the May meeting, Linda Nelson and Janice Struck introduced the two very talented, accomplished, and gifted Parker recipients of the 2015 PWC scholarships. Jonathan Abraham was represented by his uncle and will attend the University of Texas. William Elliott attended with his parents and they spoke about his future plans to attend the University of Pennsylvania. The students will receive their \$2,250.00 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 applicants.*

Linda Nelson



April 2015 General Membership Meeting

The April day meeting was held on [Thursday, April 23rd](#) with a field trip to The Meadows Museum on the campus of Southern Methodist University. A special admission price of \$5.00 per person was paid at the door. Many ladies decided to carpool leaving the Parker City Hall Offices. PWC members experienced the museum in this private tour conducted by Parker's own resident Docent, Jan Clay. Free parking was available and there were plenty of surrounding restaurants for members to enjoy lunch after the tour.

Mary Urquidez



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Activity Groups



BOOK CLUB: Thanks to Diane Newman for hosting the April discussion of The Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline. The last meeting of the year will be on Wednesday, June 3rd from 1 to 3 pm at the home of Janet Doil (5900 Corinth Chapel Rd) to discuss The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins. Whether you read the book or simply would like to come and chat, feel free to join us for fun, friendship and conversation ... we love having fresh faces and perspectives! If you are interested in leading Book Club next year, please contact **Janet Doil** at 972-439-6740. It is a rewarding endeavor. *Best wishes for a wonderful summer!*

Janet Doil



BRIDGE DIVAS: Meetings will continue through the summer on the regular schedule: last Tuesday at 10:30 am in member homes with each person bringing their lunch. The group plays two tables and is currently full, but substitutes are always welcome.

Sandy Waites



BUNCO GROUP: Meetings will continue through the summer on the regular schedule: 2nd Tuesday at 1 pm in member homes. The group is full with substitutes welcome.

Cindy Frost



CHOOCHOO CHICKS (MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES): Meetings will continue through the summer on the regular schedule: 1st Thursday at 10 am in member homes with lunch out afterwards. The group plays one table. The group is full with substitutes welcome.

Sandy Waites



CRAFTING GROUP: This group met in April to make beautiful deco mesh 'ruffle' wreaths. Thanks to Stacy Patrick for teaching us to make these beautiful creations and to Jennifer Barnaby for hosting our group all year! We had a great year of creativity!! This group will be on hiatus through the summer -- see you again in September. *Have a fabulous Summer!!*



Dena Tartaglino Jennifer Barnaby

Activity Groups *(continued)*



DOTTIE DAMES (MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES): Meetings will continue through the summer on the regular schedule: [2nd Thursday from 10 to 12](#) in member homes.

Pat Waggoner



LADIES COFFEE GROUP: This group will be on hiatus through the summer – – see you again in September. *Have a great Summer!!*

Pam Watson



LUNCH BUNCH: It's time to wind down this year's Lunch Bunch and we went out on a high note with our visit to Marcus Café!

The group who attended enjoyed a fabulous lunch and a little shopping at a darling boutique across the way – Beyond the Door! If you haven't been to the café before, it is perfect for a nice day to enjoy their charming patio. It will definitely be on my list for a repeat visit!!



Thank you all for your attendance at the various luncheon venues we chose throughout the year. Sandy and I worked on a list of prospective restaurants/cafes we wanted to check out, and it was ever evolving as we discovered new destinations. I appreciate your patience and adventurous spirit in letting me use you as guinea pigs to try out new places! As a newer member to the club and the area I had a fantastic time meeting other members and dining together. It was a pleasure getting to know each and every one of you and I look forward to forging more new relationships as next year's VP Programs! Thanks again for being a part of PWC and allowing me to join this wonderful group of women who represent what makes Parker such a wonderful place to live! *See you all next year!!*



Marilyn Kittrell

Activity Groups *(continued)*



YOUNG MOMS GROUP: The Young Mom's Group is a great way for moms in Parker to support each other, obtain friendships, and establish connections for our children. Each year, our group grows along with our community. I want to specifically thank Jennifer Burggraf and Melinda Marshall for their generous support and investment of time to our group this year. Jenny has spent hours of planning each month on different events for our children, spouses, and moms to attend. Melinda stepped in to help promote our group through Facebook and at public events, such as the annual PVFD Fundraiser. As a result, our PWC Young Mom's Facebook page has received over **900** views since February alone!

The Young Mom's Group met at Joe's Crab Shack for lunch in April. Although pouring down rain, we had a good turnout, with some bringing kids and others who did not. It was a great way to meet new faces and have friendly conversation in a relaxed, kid-friendly environment.

Although the PWC year has ended, the Young Mom's Group will continue to thrive throughout the summer months, as our children are out of school and are always looking for things to do and people to meet!

Please be on the lookout for Melinda's "Meet & Greet" Facebook post that will detail our first summer gathering!

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Parker-Womens-Club-Young-Moms/617897488274966>.

Lori Davis

Where to Find PWC

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



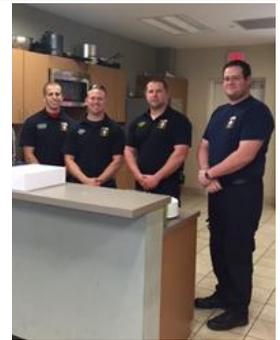
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Officer Reports



OUTREACH: On [Tuesday, May 12th](#), PWC provided a meal to thank the Parker Fire and Police Departments. A huge thank you to the following members who donated to this effort: Annette Stone, Kristl Pearl, Jane Marshall, Annette Thorton, Jennifer Barnes, Devra Helffrich, Natalie Rollier, Gayle Romans, Marilyn Kittrel, Andy McCollom, Gloria Perez, Tricia Fecht, Stacy Patrick, Betty Stanislov, Mary Anne Seal and Ling Shurtz.

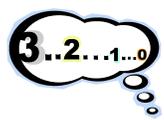


Melissa Tierce



TREASURER'S REPORT: Recent expenditures include the Police Department defibrillator, Parker Preserve picnic tables, program supplies, hosting candidates night and two scholarships. The remaining account balance of approximately \$5,000.00 will be available to the newly elected BOD as they prepare for the August membership drive and initial program activities.

Barbara Douglas



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Another record-breaking year (September through May) for membership with **32** new members and **105** renewals for an all time high of **137** members. *Many thanks to all members for spreading the word about PWC and the commitment to service projects and meeting participation!!*

The annual \$25.00 membership dues are used to fund general operating expenses, monthly programs, and guest speakers. Fundraising activities, combined with donations from generous **Resident Sponsors**, are used to support other community service projects throughout the year, including the Parker Volunteer Fire Department (PVFD) and the annual PWC Scholarship Award. A big thanks to all our supporters and members! *Be sure to watch your mail for next year's Membership Drive notice in early August.*

Gayle Romans



REMINDER: PWC was granted its 501(c)3 status as a tax deductible charitable organization in 2011. These tax-deductible donations help fund community projects and activities throughout the year.



Resident Sponsorships

A whole-hearted "Thank You" goes out to all of the Resident Sponsors for your kind donations this past year. Without your generous contributions, the PWC would not have been able to offer the level of financial support given to the Parker Volunteer Fire Department and scholarship recipients.

- ❖ **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, VICKY CRAIGHEAD (IN MEMORY OF ANDREW CRAIGHEAD), 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

More about PWC

The [Parker Women's Club \(PWC\)](#) was organized in August, 1973 to support the community and promote social interaction. It is made up of a diverse group of women – some have lived in Parker for over 35 years while others just a few months. All share the mutual goal of promoting a sense of ownership for our community that is based on charity, service and friendship.

General Membership meetings are usually held on the third Thursday of the month, from September through May, with meetings ranging from informational, charitable or merely social. The PWC has various ongoing groups such as Lunch Bunch, Young Mom's Group, Craft Club and more.

Fundraising events have provided the means for sponsorship of such things as the building of a gazebo located in the Parker Preserve, awarding scholarships to deserving high school seniors residing in Parker, annual donations to the Parker Volunteer Fire Department, periodic publications of the City of Parker directory, and sponsoring a family in need through the Angel Tree Program at Christmas time.

Outreach Testimonial – Members are encouraged to let PWC know if

they experience a loss, illness or surgery. *"I would like to thank the PWC for the beautiful bouquet they sent me following my stay in ICU. It is gorgeous as you can see and so happy, they really cheered me up. Plus the smell was just wonderful, made my area smell like a garden in bloom. I can't tell you how much I appreciate the PWC and their kindness and thoughtfulness. Every time I look at the bouquet, I smile and feel better. Thank you so very much."* – *Long-time member, Lee Pettle*

