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# Pearls from PWC

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## December General Membership Meeting



Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our PWC Holiday Social on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Diane Gilmore opens her lovely home at 5803 Bracknell Drive in Parker Lake Estates, 75002. Come mingle with friends and neighbors while enjoying holiday refreshments and participating in festive games for prizes! I look forward to seeing you all and wish you and yours

***Happy Holidays!***

*Marilyn Kittrell*



## Ladies Coffee



Christmas is such a wonderful time of year and I am sure everyone is busy getting ready for Family and Friends! There will be no 'Ladies Coffee' this month, but we would like to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

'Ladies Coffee' group is hosted by a PWC Member which meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month and is open to all Members and guests. It is a casual atmosphere to get to know your neighbors and other Members of PWC. Our next 'Ladies Coffee' will be January 28<sup>th</sup> at the home of Devra Helffrich, 6903 Audubon Drive in Brooks Farm.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact group Co-Chairs Susie Pohl at [spohl96@yahoo.com](mailto:spohl96@yahoo.com) or Peggy Threadgill at [pstthreadgill@tx.rr.com](mailto:pstthreadgill@tx.rr.com).

***Merry Christmas!*** *Susie Pohl and Peggy Threadgill*



## November General Membership Meeting

The November membership meeting was held at 96° West Winery in charming downtown Wylie. Attendance count was 43 including members and guests. We enjoyed a great program given by proprietor and vintner, David Hunt, along with some fabulous wines. David's knowledge and fun, informative style made for an entertaining and informative night! A beautiful gift basket and bottle of wine were given away as door prizes. Vicki Barrera-White and Cindy Frost were our lucky winners. A big thanks to David Hunt for donating wine for the give-aways and for being a wonderful host!



*Marilyn Kittrell*



## Membership Update



***Ho Ho Ho Santa's sleigh may be full***

***But we still have room for you!***

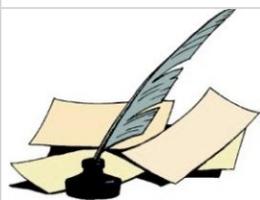
It's not too late to join Parker Women's Club to enjoy all of our fun, friendship and community gatherings. The directory will be printed soon, and you don't want to miss out-so, we are waiting on you!

Please don't hesitate to contact me at [lturrentine@verizon.net](mailto:lturrentine@verizon.net) or text me at 214-236-0360. We look forward to seeing you soon. May you and yours have a safe and happy holiday season.



Membership as of December 1, 2015: **118** Members *LeAnn Turrentine*

## President's Corner



December is a busy month for the Club. Be sure to read each of the articles from the Board Members – you'll see they have been as busy as Santa's Elves!

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to wish you all peace, love and happiness this holiday. Looking forward to 2016!

*Stacy Patrick*



## Fundraising Update



There were no additional contributions in November to the PWC. Thank you to everyone that has made contributions. A reminder to anyone that would like to contribute or even make an additional deposit before the end of the year that PWC is a 501c3. Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season and a healthy, happy and prosperous 2016. Any questions,

suggestions, please feel free to contact me at 972-423-0744. *Gayle Glosser*



## Outreach



The ladies of PWC and the residents of Parker are a fabulous and giving community. The Angel Tree project was an overwhelmingly successful project because of you.

There were **140** gifts collected that are in process of being wrapped and delivered to the two Angel Tree families. Some of the gifts were purchased with the financial donations collected, 16 donations in the amount of \$1,435.00. Thank you for being so generous and making the holiday season a special one for two fellow Parker families. They were very appreciative that others would be so kind.

Please keep up the great work of notifying me of surgeries, illness, etc. so I can touch base with our Parker families in their time of need.



*Devra Helffrich*

Recent '**Acts of Kindness**' include: *1 basket was delivered; 2 Get Well cards were mailed*



## Treasurer Report



As of December 9th, the current balance in our treasury is **\$15,885**. *Debbie Crutcher*



## Bunco



Our Bunco group met at Kay White's house on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Kay's house was decorated so beautifully for the holidays.

Winners were: Most Buncos - Kay White; Most Wins - LeAnn Turrentine; Last Bunco - Diane Lemon; Most Losses - Carla Stephens and The Pot - Sandy Waites.

If anyone is interested in being a sub, please let me know. *Cindy Frost*



## Lunch Bunch



**JOINT LUNCH BUNCH WITH ASSISTANCE LEAGUE IN JANUARY** - - Please join Lunch Bunch for a very special joint meal with the Assistance League of Greater Collin County on Wednesday, January 6, 2016, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at Romano's Macaroni Grill in Plano. For the first ten minutes, a representative from Assistance League will share how this organization serves area residents in need, followed by lunch and the opportunity to get to know these dedicated women from our

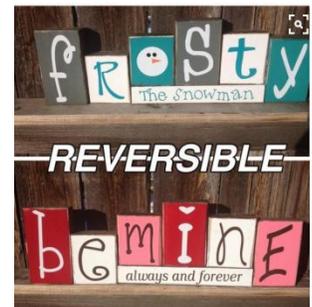
community. *Gayle Romans and Sharon Brucato*



## Crafts



On Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm the Craft Club will be making a project in preparation for January and February. They are cute reversible wooden blocks. This is a perfect handmade gift or to keep for yourself! You can customize these in any color to fit your decor. Keep in mind that I will have all white letters for **Frosty** and all brown letters for **Be Mine**. I will have a block and letter kit for you for \$10 if you RSVP. Supplies to bring: sandpaper, paint in whatever base colors you want, brushes, modge podge, and 3D embellishments are optional. See you at my house at 4704 Boulder Drive! **Questions?** Contact Jennifer Barnaby at [jenniferbarnaby@verizon.net](mailto:jenniferbarnaby@verizon.net).



*Jennifer Barnaby*



## Lunch Bunch



### Lunch Bunch Savors Holiday Meal - -

Imagine being served a superb five-course meal prepared by a personal chef. That was the experience of 11 Parker Women's club members who attended the December 2 holiday lunch. Personal Chef Kevin Johnson impressed all guests with each course that was impossibly better than the next.



The meal began with a cooking demonstration on the proper method for preparing scallops. Tips: The pan must be scorching hot. Blot scallops on paper towels first to remove excess liquid. Cook in butter with salt, pepper and herbs. Remove when scallops are browned on each side. Chef Kevin paired this first course with a New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc named The Loop.

For the second course, guests were treated to a visually appealing combination of colorful, organic heirloom tomatoes mixed with bocconcini, a white cheese similar to Mozzarella. Known as caprese, this dish was drizzled with smoked sea salt and balsamic vinaigrette and paired with La Vielle, a southern French rose' by Ferme'.

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In between courses, guests refreshed their palates from entrée' bites served on a silver platter. Most unusual were the shelled, sweet almonds in olive oil, which were complemented by rosemary crostini, an assortment of Mediterranean olives, and French gherkins (cornichons).

For the third course, Chef Kevin served his handmade rigatoni pillows stuffed with ricotta and topped with a lemon-caper-basil sauce. He paired the rigatoni with an unoaked chardonnay from Acacia known as A.

Course four offered a striking contrast between light and dark, with bronzed, braised short ribs atop white, puréed turnips, paired with an earthy-red Spanish tempranillo labeled Pallas.

This sumptuous meal concluded with Chef Kevin's signature French macarons, presented in a Kraft Chinese take-away box placed on a red metallic platter. Each guest received two macarons—one red velvet and one strawberry with dark chocolate—both moist and chewy and rivaling each other in satisfaction. These macarons were masterfully paired with Graham Beck Bliss's sparkling wine, which is a demi-sec chardonnay pinot noir from South Africa.



Although the holiday lunch was to have concluded at 1:00 p.m., guests lingered and enjoyed each other's company forty minutes more after experiencing such a taste sensation. Our compliments to food and wine expert Chef Kevin Johnson! Through [www.bcbckitchen.com](http://www.bcbckitchen.com), he offers personal chef services for private parties, wine-pairing classes, and home delivery of all-natural meals. Special thanks to Connie Kielman for hosting the December holiday lunch in her beautiful home.

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Gayle Romans and Sharon Brucato



## Young Moms Group



***O Come all ye children joyful and triumphant to decorate cookies and ornaments!***

With the holiday season rapidly approaching, along with out of town guests, we will get together Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, from 4 pm to 6 pm at the home of the Marshall's (5902 Gregory Lane). ***FINALLY, a Monday to look forward to!!!*** RSVP via the Parker Young Mom's Group Facebook event or at [melinda-marshall@hotmail.com](mailto:melinda-marshall@hotmail.com).

Feel free to bring an ornament for your little one to decorate, I will provide paints and stickers. I will also provide sugar cookies and basic decorating items. If you'd like to decorate with something specific or fun, feel free to bring it along! Children of all ages always welcome! *Melinda Marshall*



## Contributions



The Club was granted its 501(c)3 status as a tax deductible charitable organization in 2011. These tax-deductible contributions help fund community projects and activities throughout the year, such as holiday gifts for needy Parker families, college scholarships for deserving Parker High School Seniors and financial donations to the Parker Volunteer Fire Department. Contributions to-date include:

- ❖ **Lone Star Resident** (\$1,000 or more): JOHN AND DEBBIE CHISOLM; ANN & CHARLIE MCCOOK
- ❖ **Bluebonnet Resident** (\$500 to \$999): PAT MOORER
- ❖ **Pecan Resident** (\$250 to \$499): KAY WHITE; VICKY CRAIGHEAD; BOB AND DIANE LEMON IN MEMORY OF REGINALD WAYNE HARRIS; ELVIS & LINDA NELSON; THE PATRICKS; RICK & SHARI UNDERWOOD
- ❖ **Mockingbird Resident** (\$100 to \$249): JAMIE COLVIN; MICHELLE & TONY KNOERZER IN MEMORY OF SNOW KNOERZER; JODIE LAUBENBERG; HUGH & FRAN LEWIS; ANNE CATHERINE MALL IN MEMORY OF SARAH ELIZABETH OGROSKY; JANE & Z MARSHALL; MARGE PARSONS; KEITH & LEE PETTLE; DON & CINDY POWELL; LURA RANEY IN MEMORY OF JANE HARTSELL, MOTHER OF TRICIA RANEY, PARKER, TX; RICHARD & SHERRI RUSSELL; ANNETTE STONE; MARK & CINDY STACHIW; LEANN & JAMIE TURRENTINE; THE UPTON FAMILY; DR. RONALD WHITE; JESSE & TERRY WILSON
- ❖ **Good Neighbor** (\$50 to \$99): DAVID & JENNIFER BARNES; SUSAN & RICH BARR; TAMMIE BJERKE; DON & MADELIENE DICKSON; GAIL & VIJAY LEWIS; RON & ANDY MCCOLLUM; CHUCK & KRISTL PEARL; DON & MARY ANNE SEALE; LIZ YOUNGBLOOD; BETTY STANISLAV; MARILYN KITTRELL
- ❖ **Friend of PWC** (\$25 to \$49): CAM LINDSEY; BARBARA SMITH; JIM AND VICKY THORPE
- ❖ **Anonymous Donations: 13 DONATIONS TOTALING \$1,310**



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*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.*