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# Pearls from PWC

## PARKER WOMEN'S CLUB

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## Upcoming General Membership Meetings



***The holidays are over and 2016 is upon us!*** We are

starting the new year with a great program to spotlight some of our local area talent. Join us January 21<sup>st</sup>, 7 pm at the home of Sharon Brucato, 3904 Saddle Trail, Parker, TX. Sharon, a newcomer to Parker from California, will share her love of llamas as well as introduce us to



her wooly, friendly friends and tell us about all she does and offers involving her beloved llamas. Also joining us will be Buck Mahaney, a longtime Parker resident and talented artist/sculptor. Buck has a myriad of colorful stories and experiences to share along with his magnificent sculptures. And if that were not enough, it will be our pleasure to meet Emma Chumley, a budding new artist and science buff. Emma only 14 years old, is a natural talent and will share with us some of her work and what motivates her passion for art at such a young age. Please make plans to join and be both entertained and amazed!

Please mark your calendars for February 18<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 am and March 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm. **These meetings will be very important for our Club's major fundraising efforts.** We will be providing details and tickets for pre-sales at the January meeting. February's program will be a fun and entertaining event held as a "**Luncheon and Style Show**" at Victory Church. There will also be a Silent Auction so please promote and invite guests to attend and participate. March will be our major fundraiser. St. Patrick's day will set the theme of the event which will be held in historic downtown Plano at Event 1013. We will be pre-selling tickets for this event as well which will give the ticket holders a chance at prizes and big bucks! This "**Winning O' the Green**" will be a reverse raffle combined with drinks, dining, dancing and more! Friends, spouses, colleagues, etc. are all invited to attend. Stay tuned for more details, but please mark your calendars today and make plans to attend. Have a safe and blessed 2016!

*Marilyn Kittrell*

## December General Membership Meeting

*Happy New Year to you all!* Our December Social was fantastic! We had 35 members and 2 guests attend the lovely home of our gracious hostess, Diane Gilmore. After a short business meeting, attendees enjoyed festive fun and games and lots of merriment with fellow members. Several members were lucky enough to come away with prizes as a result of winning one of the various games/challenges. The winners were Jennifer Barnes, Kathy Martinez (guest), Margarita Perez and Barbara Douglas.

Many thanks to all co-hostesses, greeters and especially our Head Reindeer - Stacy Patrick who came up with the entertaining games and prizes! Also thanks to LeAnn Turrentine for all the bells and our "Christmas" word game! What a fun group with whom I feel so fortunate to be a part! I look forward to seeing you all at the January meeting and around our community! *Marilyn Kittrell*



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## President's Corner



*I am just so excited about the upcoming months!* Spring is not quite in the air, however the Board is working hard at getting the next couple of month's programs and fundraisers ready to blossom. We're treading new waters a bit by showcasing a silent auction along with the **Style Show/Luncheon** in February. We already have some fabulous items for the auction – Vera Bradley purses, wine basket, and artwork, to name a few. What a wonderful way to spend a few hours! Be sure to invite a friend!

Then, it's March! The idea that has been in the planning stages for years finally becomes a reality!

**Winning O' the Green**, our March program/fundraiser is sure to cause some excitement! The fundraiser part – a *Reverse Raffle!* Just what is a *Reverse Raffle*?? The very last ticket drawn is the big winner!

Sometimes it's good to be last! The program part – a fun evening at Event1013 in Plano, with dinner, entertainment and of course, raffle prizes! Of course, this event will be open to guests and visitors!

In this New Year, I am looking forward to these fresh, new events! I hope you will join in the excitement and join us at one or both of these fun-filled programs. Your support is appreciated! *Stacy Patrick*

## Membership



*Happy New Year 2016!* As we welcome the new year, we are still welcoming members to **PWC!** As the New Year's forecast is great, so is membership - great with **126** members great!

Please let me know if you would like me to invite anyone to join! We don't want anyone to miss out on all of the fun activities and the great community service!

Here's to 2016 and Parker Women's Club! *LeAnn Turrentine*

## Fundraising



*Happy New Year!* We ended 2015 with \$9,085 in donations. Thank you to everyone that so generously gave to PWC. We are still accepting donations. We have two exciting events to help in our fundraising efforts, first in February, a style show/silent auction on February 18 and our main fundraiser, a Reverse Raffle on March 17. The Reverse Raffle will have a Grand Prize of a \$2,500 gift card plus there will be many more prizes during the drawings. At least a 1 in 7 chance of winning something! It will be a fun evening for all. Hope to see you, your friends and family at these events. They are open to residents and non-residents, alike.

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

## Outreach



**Happy New Year to all.** As mentioned in December, the Angel Tree was a huge success. The families wanted me to pass on their sincerest thanks to the PWC and the Parker community. They are very grateful and the children had a wonderful Christmas. This was only possible because of our great Parker community.

As all know, areas close to us were hit by devastating tornadoes in late December. Our wonderful member, Letty Valdez, was on the phone, calling to ask what she and PWC could do to help out our neighbors. Letty not only began volunteering her time but gathered information on details of needs. She then organized the PWC to help with desserts being served for meals coordinated by church and schools in the affected areas for those who lost their homes. Dinner was served on a Thursday and Friday with the PWC desserts. Letty's efforts led to 24 members donating desserts and 16 PWC members volunteering to help serve the desserts although the organizers only needed a few. Olive Garden and Pizza Hut donated the food, with a total of 200 people being served over the two days. Food volunteers prepared 400 sack lunches using the PWC cookies as dessert. Sam's and Tom Thumb provided donations for set-up grocery store of granola bars, chips, water, etc.

Letty, thank you for stepping up to volunteer, lead and organize these efforts to our neighboring communities. As you said, **"it could have been Parker."** The PWC is grateful for your giving and caring heart. Thank you to all who participated by providing dessert and serving.

Don't forget to notify me if you or someone you know is having surgery, has an illness, etc.

*Devra Helffrich*

Recent '**Acts of Kindness**' include: No cards have been sent



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## Bunco



Our Bunco group met at Madeliene Dickson's house on January 12<sup>th</sup>.

Winners were: Most Buncos - Kay White; Most Wins - Connie Kielman; Last Bunco - Madeliene Dickson; Most Losses - Carla Stephens and The Pot - Diane Gilmore.

We would welcome some new names for our sub list. *Cindy Frost*



## Ladies Coffee



After taking a two month 'coffee break' in November and December, the first PWC '**Ladies Coffee**' of 2016 will be on Thursday morning, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am, in the home of Devra Helffrich (6903 Audubon Drive) in Brooks Farm. Drop by and join your Parker friends and neighbors for a quick cup of coffee and catch up on conversation after the holidays. Watch for email reminders as the date draws closer - and remember - no RSVP necessary! This informal **Activity Group** is hosted by a PWC Member on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month and is open to all Members and their guests.

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

*Susie Pohl and Peggy Threadgill*

## Dottie Dames Mexican Train Dominoes



This monthly group met at Pat Waggoner's home at 4301 Red Oak Circle at 9:30 am on Thursday, January 14. RSVP Pat at [pavbw@yahoo.com](mailto:pavbw@yahoo.com). Anyone who would like to join

us is always welcome. *"Try It, You Might Like It". Pat Waggoner*

## Lunch Bunch



Parker Women's Club constantly seeks ways to help our community. That's why the January 6 Lunch Bunch gathering at Macaroni Grill included board members from the philanthropic, nonprofit organization known as the **Assistance League of Greater Collin County**. We learned so much about the selfless efforts of local members who are dedicated to these key programs:

**OPERATION SCHOOL BELL:** Collin County elementary school counselors identified more than 1,400 children in need of school clothes for 2015-2016. In some families, children take turns attending school so they can share their one outfit. Since 1998, our local Assistance League has provided new school clothing to more than 17,500 children in Plano, Frisco, McKinney, Allen, Lovejoy and Prosper school districts. Specifically, the Assistance League provides one pair of jeans, two shirts, a sweatshirt and jacket, underwear and socks, plus a personal hygiene kit, totaling \$87 per child. Because of a 28 percent increased need this school year, the Assistance League has clothed more children but sadly can't include shoes. *CURRENT NEEDS: Referral to wholesale suppliers of shoes and sweatshirts; youth and adult toothbrushes, full-size toothpaste, plus combs and brushes; financial donations for wholesale clothing purchases.*

**WEE MEMORIES:** Assistance League members prepare bereavement boxes for the staff at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospitals in Plano and Allen, who present them to parents whose babies have died at or shortly after birth. *CURRENT NEEDS: White crocheted newborn blankets; sewn and embroidered baby gowns; financial donations toward supplies.*

**PASS THE WORD:** Members distribute new magazines to patients and to waiting room areas at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in Plano. *CURRENT NEEDS: New magazines; financial donations for purchasing magazine subscriptions.*

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY:** Our local Assistance League has donated 2,466 books to the Boys and Girls Club of Collin County. *CURRENT NEEDS: New or gently used children's books, including Dr. Seuss books distributed on Dr. Seuss's birthday. Often, a Seuss book becomes the only book a child owns.*

During Lunch Bunch, many PWC members expressed interest in attending Assistance League fundraisers, including the February Wine and Cheese Party and the April Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show. Details will be announced soon. And after learning more about PWC, Assistance League members plan to attend PWC fundraisers, too. What a wonderful collaboration between clubs!

For more information about the Assistance League of Greater Collin County, please visit <http://assistanceleague-gcc.org/>.

*Gayle Romans and Sharon Brucato*



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## Crafts



In December the Craft Club had fun making the two sided **Frosty/Be Mine** block set!



Join the group on Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at Jennifer Barnaby's home, 4704 Boulder Drive, to create 'something from dots'. You can dot a small canvas, tote bag, t-shirt, anything really! Please RSVP to

[jenniferbarnaby@verizon.net](mailto:jenniferbarnaby@verizon.net) so we have enough workspace available. *Jennifer Barnaby*



Supplies to bring: 8 x10 canvas/tote bag/t-shirt, pencils with unused erasers, acrylic paint, 3D or puffy paint in your color choices (at least 3 colors if you want to ombré like the tote), optional: very small brushes if you want to include smaller dots.

## 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 for 2015 / 2016 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; 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; THE UPTON FAMILY; DR. RONALD WHITE; JESSE & TERRY WILSON; LEANN & JAMIE TURRENTINE; JODY LAUBENBERG
- ❖ **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: 17 DONATIONS TOTALING \$3,910**

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