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Upcoming General Membership Meeting



As *Spring* has arrived, please join us for an outing to **Dallas Arboretum** on April 21st. Experience Spring in full bloom as we visit the Arboretum for a tour of their beautiful gardens and an opportunity to take a moment to *"stop and smell the roses"*!

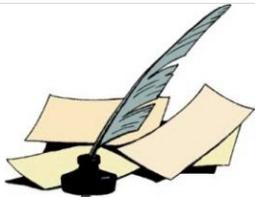


This will be a great time to invite a friend or just have a brief getaway to mingle and meander through the gardens with fellow club members. Plan to arrive at the Arboretum at 10:30 am. If you would like to carpool or caravan, meet at Parker City Hall at 9:30 am to head to Dallas. Pre-book parking online for a discount if you plan to take your own vehicle. Admission is \$13pp or \$10pp for over age 65. Please call or text me to reserve your spot as a head count is needed to ensure our group discount. Lunch will be on your own after or feel free to bring a picnic if you choose. I look forward to beautiful weather and seeing you there!



Marilyn Kittrell

President's Corner



This membership year is quickly wrapping up! I can't begin to thank the Membership and the community enough for the support throughout the year! At the April Board meeting, the officers had the pleasure of discussing how the funds raised this year would be spent in support of our Parker community. **It was agreed to donate \$10,000 to the Parker Volunteer Fire Department!** We are extremely pleased to be able to once again donate this generous amount. It all comes down to the tremendous support from the membership and the community. The PWC will make the formal presentation to the PVFD at a City Council meeting in May. Additionally, \$5000 has been allocated to the PWC Scholarship Fund, a donation to the Parker Police Department will be made, and there are a few other items to benefit the City, particulars of which are being worked out. More details will follow in next month's newsletter! *Stacy Patrick*

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March General Membership Meeting



Mix *St. Patrick's Day* with a great venue, over **100** people, an awesome band, dinner, drinks, dancing and a chance to win some great prizes and the end result equals = **SUCCESS!** Our first reverse raffle fundraiser, *Winning O' the Green*, held at Event 1013 in Plano was a great night! Guests arrived to a festive mix of green & white décor sprinkled with shamrocks, balloons, lucky coins & a bit of twinkle. As this was our first event of this kind, many attendees weren't quite sure what to expect. We learned a bit later we should have more thoroughly

explained the process, but by the end of the evening most understood your ticket would be announced as a winner or you would see your chance was lost by viewing the display above the band.

And talk about a BAND! The *Clay Potter Band* was FABULOUS and kept guests entertained as they dined and danced while the festivities of who would win the big prize rolled through the night. Tickets were eliminated randomly and various winners of additional prizes led up to the finale of drawing for the top 7 prizes ranging from \$50-\$2,500! A lot of work went into planning the event and pre-selling the limited 250 Raffle tickets at \$50 each. Thanks to all who helped and/or purchased tickets as well as attended the event. We hope one and all enjoyed the evening and will support us next year as we intend to repeat the event with a few improvements!

A big THANKS to Deborah Pierce, owner of Event 1013 for generously allowing the use of such a great venue! Also thanks to Urban Crust for working with us on our catering needs and Nothing Bundt Cakes, Kroger & Market Street for donating desserts and additional food trays. This was a true team effort and we appreciate their support allowing continued support to our community. What a *fabulous* evening and congrats to all the winners!!

Marilyn Kittrell

Winning O' The Green Excitement



A great time was had by all at the Winning O' the Green fundraiser event! After all the accounting, the event cleared over \$7000! **A huge thanks to those who purchased tickets, donated prizes, attended the event, and helped in any way to make the event successful!**

There were **36** winners drawn from the **250** tickets.

Congratulations to the winners of the raffle prizes: Charles Patrick, Chris Wealch, Billie Glosser, Johnnie Frost, Bridget Ford, Carol Denio, Melinda Marshall, Mike Denio, Martha Martin, Wendy Clark, Holly Krull, Kelley Feagins, Lura Raney, Lisa Ricketts, Deryk Jernigan, Tricia Fecht, Dave Helffrich, Carla Stephens, Jamie Turrentine, Vicky Barrera-White, Tom Svoboda, Martha Bellens, Stacy Patrick, Patti Cordina, Mary Urquidez, Sheryl Baird, Danielle Parker, Peggy Threadgill, Doris Mardon.

The top **7** winners were - Craig Langelier, Jackie Fields, Sheryl Davis, Martha Martin, Kathy Martinez, Jim Pendleton, and the **grand prize winner** was Marilyn Kittrell!

As if raffle prizes weren't enough, **7** door prizes were also given away! Winners included Dave Gilmore, Johnnie Frost, Vijay Lewis, Jamie Turrentine, Jane Marshall and Trudy Jackson.

Winning O' The Green Excitement *(continued)*



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Membership



April showers bring spring flowers. Parker Women's Club is busy and going strong. We're glad we have **133** members to go along! **22% (29)** of the **133** are new members. Our last two months will be exciting and welcome any new member to "tag" along!

LeAnn Turrentine

PWC Scholarship



With the application deadline past, the Scholarship Committee is busy reviewing the submissions for the **2016** PWC Scholarship. Join us at the May General Membership meeting to meet the latest exceptional Parker scholar(s) to receive this award.

Linda Nelson

2016 – 2017 Board of Directors



The following is the proposed Slate of Officers for 2016-2017 as it was presented to the current **PWC Board of Directors** on April 12, 2016. The BOD accepted the proposed Slate. The members in attendance at the April 21st General Membership meeting will have an opportunity to make nominations from the floor, or to accept the Slate as presented to them. The Installation of Officers will be held at the May General Membership meeting on May 19th. If you have any questions, please contact Stacy Patrick at 214.240.6606.

Stacy Patrick

❖ President	Stacy Patrick
❖ VP Programs	Marilyn Kittrell
❖ VP Membership	Tammy Jones
❖ VP Outreach	Sharon Brucato
❖ VP Fundraising	Le Ann Turrentine
❖ Treasurer	Debbie Crutcher
❖ Secretary	Vicky Barrera-White

Treasurer Report



Funds in the PWC treasury total **\$26,446.25** as of April 13th.

Debbie Crutcher

Outreach



Happy Spring! Outreach continues to work with the Angel Tree Families. There are funds that still remain from donations that will be used for the families. For Easter, gift cards were purchased and delivered to both families. Communication continues to see if there are other specific needs that will help the families. If nothing is determined, gift cards will be purchased with the remaining funds and given to the families by the end of May.

To thank the PVFD and police department for their work within our City, PWC will be providing dinner for both departments. You should have received an email about the dinner scheduled for April 19. Entrees, vegetables, desserts, paper goods and more are needed. Signs ups are through a website: *"Sign Up Genius."* This website is an easy way to see what is needed. All details will be on this sign up. If you have any problem accessing the website please email Devra at parkerwomenscluboutreach@gmail.com.

Please notify me if you or someone you know is ill, having surgery, etc. so PWC can reach out to those in need.

Devra Helffrich

Acts of Kindness

- ✓ 7 Cards mailed: 2 surgeries, 2 illnesses, and 3 deaths; 1 arrangement & 1 plant sent for deaths.
- ✓ In memory of Glenn Justice, a **Shumard Red Oak tree** has been planted in the Parker Preserve through the City's Living Legacy Tree Program.

Other Outreach Opportunities



Spring is finally here! Join *Timeless Creations* on April 24th from 1:00-5:00 pm at the home of Letty Valdez (7297 Moss Ridge Rd) for the Annual Spring Home Show featuring *Unique Hand-Crafted Jewelry, Stained Glass by Annie, and Treasures Just For You by Nancy.*

This year, we will be supporting, **St. Anthony Women's Ministries.** A percentage of proceeds will be donated to strengthen & enrich the spiritual lives of women. Invite Family & Friends! Hors d'oeuvres & Refreshments will be served.

Please **RSVP** to Letty (lettval1@gmail.com/214.335.8164) or Annie (972.618.7229) or Nancy (972.679.2189).

Letty Valdez

If you would like to HOST a Fundraiser Party to support the CHARITY of your choice, please feel free to contact us.

Bunco



Our Bunco group met in April at the home of Connie Kielman.

Winners were: Most Buncos – **Cindy Frost**; Most Wins – **Jean Noland**; Last Bunco – **Kay White**; Most Losses –

Connie Kielman and The Pot – **Carla Stephens**.



Anyone who would like to be on our sub list, please let me know.

Cindy Frost

Crafts



A big **thank you to Chris Lucich** for teaching the club how to make the cutest small sized scrapbooks! They are darling!



The PWC Craft Club will be meeting on Monday, April 25 at 7:00 pm (a week later than previously scheduled) at **Jennifer Barnaby's home** (4704 Boulder Drive). Do you have a t-shirt that you like the logo but don't like the big boxiness of it? We will be making any boxy t-shirt in a cute woman's cut shirt. The only supplies needed are a t-shirt or two and GOOD scissors. Please **RSVP** to jenniferbarnaby@verizon.net or call/text 972-

567-5281. Look forward to seeing you!! *Jennifer Barnaby*



Dottie Dames (Mexican Train Dominoes)



This monthly group met at the home of Gail Lewis on Thursday, April 14th. Our next get-together will be on Thursday, May 12th at the home of Cindy Stachiw (4404 Pecan Orchard Drive) at 9:30 am. Please **RSVP** at 972.849.9078. **See you there!**

Pat Waggoner

Ladies Coffee



A group of 12 ladies attended last month's PWC '**Ladies Coffee**' on Thursday morning, March 24th, at the home of Marie Dinverno. Everyone enjoyed 'catching up' with their Parker friends and neighbors. The next '**Ladies Coffee**' will be hosted by Gail Lewis (401 Barranca Trail, Wylie - - in the Seis Lagos neighborhood) on April 28th. Watch for email reminder as the date draws closer - and remember - **no RSVP necessary!**

This informal **Activity Group** is hosted by a PWC Member on the 4th Thursday of each month and is open to all Members and their guests. If you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact group Co-Chairpersons Susie Pohl at spohl96@yahoo.com or Peggy Threadgill at psthreadgill@tx.rr.com.

Susie Pohl and Peggy Threadgill

Lunch Bunch



Napoli's Pizza and Restaurante - This longtime neighborhood favorite restaurant served us generous portions of homemade Italian food and allowed us to use their private Party Room. We met on a Tuesday because of another club's charity fundraiser that Wednesday, so attendance was down a bit, but the meals were fabulous!

Our final restaurant selection of the year is **Wild Salsa**, a new Mexican restaurant in Fairview, offering great shopping at either the Fairview or Allen malls. Be sure to look for an email in your inbox with more information.

Gayle Romans and Sharon Brucato

Young Moms Group



The April Mom's Club Meet Up is planned for Friday April 15th from 4-6 pm at the Parker Nature Preserve Gazebo off of Gray Lane. This activity lets **Kids and Moms** bring fun outdoor toys to enjoy some more of this gorgeous spring weather!

Our next meet up will be held in June. Details coming soon in the May newsletter as well as on the Parker Women's Club Young Mom's Facebook page! If you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Melinda at melinda-marshall@hotmail.com.

Melinda Marshall