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Pearls from PWC



Message from the PWC President

Spring is almost upon us – at least the calendar says so! We've endured snow, grey skies and rainfall these past two weeks, so I'm sure most of you, like me, are ready for a few days of warm temperatures and sunshine. Even though we were nearly covered in snow two weeks ago, Parker residents came out in full force for the annual PVFD Fundraiser at SouthFork Ranch on February 28th. I want to thank the 15 Parker Women's Club Members who volunteered to work at the PWC information table that evening. These friendly volunteers shared information about the PWC, passed out future meeting and program flyers, and encouraged [eight new members](#) to join our club that evening! I want to personally welcome these new Members to the PWC and look forward to seeing you at some of our spring General Membership Meetings, as well as our informal monthly Activity Group get-togethers. We continue to grow our Membership each month and are currently at a new PWC record of [135 Members!](#)

Be sure to check the [PROGRAMS](#) section in this Newsletter to read about the special 'on-site' meetings that are scheduled for March at the [Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County](#) (CACCC) in east Plano, and in April at [The Meadows Museum](#) on the SMU campus in Dallas. Both monthly meetings will feature [private tours for PWC Members](#). This is your chance, along with other Parker friends and neighbors, to visit these special facilities in our area that you may not have had the opportunity to visit personally. In conjunction with our March 19th visit to the CACCC, the PWC is currently sponsoring an 'outreach' drive for items that are in need at this local center. See the [OUTREACH](#) section in this Newsletter for further details if you wish to participate.

I want to remind all Members that [PWC Scholarship Award](#) application forms are available at City Hall and on the City's website at www.parkertexas.us under the PWC 'link'. **ALL** Parker high school seniors are eligible to apply for this merit scholarship awarded each May by the PWC – parental membership in the PWC is not required. Please pass on this information to any friends or neighbors you know that may have a senior in their household. [The deadline date for all applications is Friday, April 3, at 5:00 pm.](#) The award recipient(s) will be announced at the final PWC General Membership Meeting of the year on May 21, 2015.

As many of you may know, the PWC supports the Parker Volunteer Fire Department with a financial donation each year, as well as funds and presents a PWC Scholarship Award every spring. At the March Board of Directors meeting, it was [voted and approved to allocate \\$1,400](#) for the immediate purchase of a defibrillator (AED) for the [Parker Police Department](#). On behalf of the department, Chief Bill Rushing has already expressed his gratitude for this unexpected gift from the PWC.

As a community service, the PWC is planning to sponsor the annual [Candidates Night](#) forum this year on Thursday evening, April 16, at 7:00 pm in the Victory Church on Parker Rd. Four individuals have filed applications to run for three Parker City Council seats this year. This is your opportunity to meet these candidates and be an informed voter! City of Parker's election day is Saturday, May 9 – early voting begins on April 27 at Parker City Hall. Please watch the City's website for further details and reminders about [Candidates Night](#).

As you can see, the PWC continues to be a dynamic and integral part of this community and has much to offer its Members, as well as the entire city. I invite you to join in and take advantage of what we have to offer!

Peggy Threadgill

February 2015 General Membership Meeting

Our February evening meeting on [Thursday, February 19th](#) provided an educational and enjoyable overview of wine tasting. Thirty-two members, guests, and spouses were in attendance at 96 degrees West Winery in Wylie. The winery produces and sells its own private label wines using grapes from various regions. David Hunt, the proprietor, provided five white wines and five red wines to sample from dry to sweet wines. David demonstrated his knowledge of how the taste of each wine is influenced by the unique flavor of each grape, place, people, culture, and time. A lively Q&A covered the topics of wine making, tasting, and serving. A smorgasbord of tasty treats were provided by the Co-Hostesses (Annette Stone, Janet Doil, Stacy Patrick, Jennifer Barnes, Kay White, Peggy Threadgill, and Mary Urquidez). The evening's greeter was Susie Pohl. At the end of the program, David raffled bottles of his reserve wines to lucky winners (Carol Young, Vickie Barrera White's guest, and Devra Helffrich's husband, David).



Programs



A VISIT TO THE CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER OF COLLIN COUNTY: The March evening meeting will be from 7:00 to 9:00 pm on [Thursday, March 19th](#) at the CACC (2205 Los Rios Blvd, Plano). The CACC provides safety, healing and justice to Collin County children victimized by abuse or neglect. Members will tour the Center with a Staff Member and learn how to help. For more information, visit www.caccollincounty.org.

Donations (new items only) will be accepted March 2nd through 18th at City Hall (PWC collection bin) or may be brought to the meeting. Special needs include shampoo, shower gel, deodorant, baby items, and school shoes. Cash donations or checks payable to CACC are also accepted. We hope to see as many members as possible to help fulfill the PWC goals of community service and charity.



THE MEADOWS MUSEUM TOUR: The April day meeting will be [Thursday, April 23rd](#). We're traveling to The Meadows Museum, on the campus of SMU (5900 Bishop Boulevard, Dallas). Also, known as the "Prado on the Prairie", the museum is breathtaking with its collection of Spanish works. This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the Meadows Museum with special art exhibits secured to honor this event.

Experience the museum in this private tour conducted by Parker's own resident Docent, Jan Clay. Special admission rate of \$5.00 per person (half of regular non-member admission) or free for Meadows Museum members. Free parking will be available beneath the museum. Carpooling will be also be available -- arrive at Parker City Hall Parking Lot by 9:15 am to leave promptly by 9:30 am.



SCHOLARSHIP AWARD(S) PRESENTATION: The May evening meeting will be from 7:00 to 9:00 pm on [Thursday, May 21st](#) at the home of Gayle Glosser (3400 Bluffs Lane). Come meet and congratulate the Parker Women's Club Scholarship recipient(s). The Installation ceremony of the 2015-2016 Board of Directors will take place as well!

LOOKING TOWARDS 2015-2016 The Nominating Committee has completed its canvassing of Members for those interested in holding a position on the Board of Directors for the upcoming 2015-2016 year. The Slate of officers will be presented first to the current BOD at the April Board Meeting and then to the General Membership for approval in April with the installation of Officers in May. There's still a good deal of exciting programs and events left in the current membership year. Please attend at either the April or May meetings to meet your new Board.

Activity Groups



BOOK CLUB: The February meeting was canceled due to weather. The group will next meet on [Wednesday, March 24th](#) from 1 to 3 pm at the home of Diane Lemon (2606 Dublin Park Drive) to discuss [Gone Girl](#) by Gillian Flynn. Whether you read the book, have seen the movie, or simply would like to come and chat, feel free to join us for fun, friendship and conversation. Meetings are the 4th Wednesday from 1 to 3 pm in member homes.

Questions or Suggestions? Contact Janet Doil @ 972-429-4413 or flowergallm@yahoo.com.



BRIDGE CLUB: The February meeting was canceled due to weather. The group will next meet on [Tuesday, March 24th](#) @ 10:30 am at the home of Eleanor Evans (3507 Hogge Drive) – bring your lunch. Watch your email for reminder / RSVP closer to the date. Meetings are the 4th Tuesday at 10:30 am in member homes. The group is full, but subs are always welcomed.

Questions? Contact Sandy Waites @ 972-618-1409 or s.waites@tx.rr.com.



BUNCO GROUP: Meetings are 2nd Tuesday at 1 pm in member homes. While the group is full, subs are always welcomed.

Questions? Contact Cindy Frost @ 972-423-6066 or fhsmagic@msn.com.



CHOOCHOO CHICKS (MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES): With the addition of another playing table, the regular schedule continues in April with meetings on the 1st Thursday at 10:30 am in member homes with lunch out afterwards.

Questions? Contact Sandy Waites @ 972-618-1409 or s.waites@tx.rr.com.



CRAFTING GROUP: This group met in February creating Sharpie Art at the home of Jennifer Barnaby. The group had fun creating colorful shoes, tiles and canvas and some of us ended up with colorful fingers! Join us next month – watch your email.

RSVP / Questions? Contact Dena Tartaglino @ 972-422-5499 or dtart1@me.com.



Activity Groups *(continued)*



LADIES COFFEE GROUP: This group will meet at 10 am on [Thursday, March 26th](#) at the home of Susie Pohl (6906 Audubon Drive, 972-442-1928). Meetings are 4th Thursday at 10 am in member homes.

Questions? Contact Pam Watson @ 972-442-3890 or daneandpam@verizon.net.



LUNCH BUNCH: Sixteen members ventured out in March weather to the Harvest restaurant located in Historic Downtown McKinney Square on Louisiana Street. The

local, farm raised fare was fresh and delicious – – worthy of a return visit to check out their dinner menu! Adding to the fun were two new members, Rachel Sanchez and Sharon Brucato. Mark your calendars for next month's lunch at 11:30 am on [Wednesday, April 8th](#) for another great outing – – *details to follow!*



Questions / Suggestions? Contact Marilyn Kittrell @ 214-412-7303 or marilyn@stepstoyourhome.com.



YOUNG MOMS GROUP: The PWC Young Mom's Group is a group of mothers who have young children who enjoy getting together for spontaneous play dates and meet ups. With the weather beginning to be nicer, there will be more outdoor activities from now through summer!



Questions? Contact Lori Davis @ 469-209-0119 or loriyarbrough@yahoo.com or check out our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Parker-Womens-Club-Young-Moms/617897488274966>.

Officer Reports



OUTREACH: Please don't forget to let PWC know if you experience a loss, illness or surgery OR are interested in serving OR know of families to nominate for 2015 Angel Tree Program.

Questions? Contact Melissa Tierce @ 214-693-9301 or mtierce1@verizon.net / parkerwomenscluboutreach@gmail.com.



TREASURER' S REPORT: The current balance is ~\$12,000 as of February 12th after the \$7,000 donation to the Parker Volunteer Fire Department. \$1,400 has been allocated to the Parker Police Department with Scholarship Awards yet to be determined.

Questions? Contact Barbara Douglas @ 972-422-1658 or douglas.properties@yahoo.com.



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: With the addition of 5 new and 5 renewing members since February, PWC is at an all time high of 135 members. *Many thanks to everyone in expanding membership for spreading the word about PWC!!* All of the PWC pocket directories have been distributed. A few extras will be available at the April meeting.

PWC membership is extended to current and former residents of Parker who will receive email announcements of all events. Annual dues are \$25.00 and may be paid by mail or at any general membership meeting. Forms are available at general membership meetings or via the PWC link on the City of Parker's website at www.parkertexas.us under 'Popular Links'. Even if you are not a Member of the PWC, you can stay informed by checking the City website.

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, 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

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

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Calendar

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Bridge Club		4th Tu		Lunch Bunch		2nd We		Crafts		varies										
Bunco		2nd Tu		ChooChoo Chicks		1st Th														

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.



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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.