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Pearls from PWC

Message from the PWC President

This month I can say – “spring HAS sprung!” We have enjoyed some wonderful rains these past several weeks and everything is becoming so green and beautiful – even a few bluebonnet patches are blooming again – always a welcome sign of spring in Texas.

With each spring, the end of another PWC year is fast approaching, but your Board of Directors (BOD) has been busy making final spending decisions and planning the last two General Membership meetings in April and May. Next Thursday's (April 23) private tour of the Meadows Museum on the SMU campus promises to be a very special program. If you have not RSVP'd yet, check out all the details in the PROGRAMS section on page 3. We are anticipating a large group for this 'field trip'.

I want to thank Stephanie Casson, PWC Member and Candidates Night Chairperson, for her hard work in planning and organizing this year's Candidates Night Forum last Thursday evening at Victory Church. A special thank you should also go to BOD Members Stacy Patrick, Debbie Crutcher, Mary Urquidez and Carol Denio for their volunteer help and assistance by hosting and providing refreshments that evening, as well. Please remember to vote at Parker City Hall on Election Day, May 9. This year, four candidates are on the ballot seeking 3 available Parker City Council seats. Early voting begins Monday, April 27, at Parker City Hall.

At the April Board of Directors meeting last week, it was decided to allocate \$4,500 to this year's PWC Scholarship Award. The announcement and presentation of this year's recipient(s) will be held at the General Membership meeting on May 21. This is always an entertaining and special meeting where PWC Members can meet the exceptional Parker senior(s) – along with their parents – to congratulate them and admire their accomplishments. The evening's program will also include an installation ceremony for the new PWC 2015–2016 Board of Directors. You can see the results of the Nominating Committee's efforts by checking the new slate of officers on page 2 of this PWC Newsletter.

As I reported last month, the Parker Police Department will be receiving a new defibrillator (AED) as a gift from the PWC. The order has been placed and the department should be in possession of this donation before the end of April. Melissa Tierce, VP Outreach, has also set the date (May 12) for another 'appreciation dinner' for the Parker Volunteer Fire Department (PVFD) and the Parker Police Department. PWC Members did a terrific job in November providing an outstanding pot-luck dinner for these community service individuals. If you'd like to contribute your favorite dish in May, see the details in the OUTREACH section on page 6 in this Newsletter.

Due to our healthy treasury this spring, the BOD also voted at last week's meeting to donate another two permanent metal picnic tables to the City of Parker. Last year, this contribution was very popular and well-received. The 'acceptance' of this donation from the PWC has been placed on the City Council's agenda for Tuesday, April 21. Upon receipt, the two new tables will again be placed in areas that all the residents of our City can use.

FYI ... the next issue of the PWC Newsletter will be published AFTER the May 21 final meeting, rather than the Sunday BEFORE the regular monthly meeting. That issue will be the final issue of the 2014–15 PWC year. We hope you have enjoyed these Newsletters each month!

Peggy Threadgill

March 2015 General Membership Meeting



Our March evening meeting on [Thursday, March 19th](#) provided an informative two hours on the work of the Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County (CACCC). Seventeen members were in attendance for the tour by Katy Seitzler, Community Relations Manager. CACCC provides families safety, support and the resources to heal through a collaborative team effort under one roof (e.g., law enforcement, child protective services, therapists, caseworkers, interns, nurses, volunteers). The center also works closely with the District Attorney's office. Since opening in 1992, the CACCC has helped over 50,000 children and their families victimized by abuse.

Through the March outreach effort, PWC together with Parker residents, provided CACCC with funds and special needs articles (e.g., shampoo, shower gel, deodorant, baby items, school shoes). The greeter for the evening was Gail Lewis. The co-hostesses were Annette Thornton and Mary Urquidez.

For further information see the [OUTREACH](#) section in this Newsletter.



LOOKING TOWARDS 2015–2016: The proposed Slate of Officers for 2015–2016 was presented to the current Board of Directors on [Tuesday, April 14th](#) and unanimously accepted. The members in attendance at the April General Membership meeting will have an opportunity to make nominations from the floor or to accept the Slate as presented. The Installation of Officers will at the May General Membership meeting.

PROPOSED 2015 – 2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT	PROGRAMS	MEMBERSHIP	OUTREACH	FUNDRAISING	SECRETARY	TREASURER
Stacy Patrick	Marilyn Kittrell	Patricia Gannon	Devra Helffrich	Gayle Glosser	Vicky Barrera-White	Debbie Crutcher



Programs



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). 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. We will experience the museum in a private tour

conducted by Parker's own resident Docent, Jan Clay.

A special admission fee of \$5.00 per person (half of regular non-member admission) can be paid at the door or admission is free for Meadows Museum members. Free parking is 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. To better facilitate the tour, **RSVP to [Mary Urquidez](#)** no later than [Monday, April 20th](#) at 940-224-0038 or mary.urquidez@gmail.com. If your plans change and you have not RSVP'd, you are still welcome to attend!

**** During a short PWC business meeting, the members in attendance will be voting on the 2015-2016 Slate of Officers. ****



SCHOLARSHIP AWARD(S) PRESENTATION: The final General Membership meeting of the year will be at the home of Gayle Glosser (3400 Bluffs Lane) from 7 to 9 pm on [Thursday, May 21st](#). Come meet and congratulate the Parker Women's Club Scholarship recipient(s) and the new 2015-2016 Board of Directors. *Feel free to bring a friend! Refreshments will be served.*

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

Activity Groups



BOOK CLUB: Thanks to Diane Lemon for hosting the March discussion of [Gone Girl](#) by Gillian Flynn. The group will next meet on [Wednesday, April 22nd](#) from 1 to 3 pm at the home of Diane Newman (5010 Hackberry Lane) to discuss [The Orphan Train](#) by Christina Baker Kline and decide on the final book selection for the year. Whether you read the book 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.



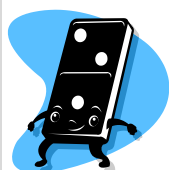
BRIDGE DIVAS: Meetings are the last Tuesday at 10:30 am in member homes with each person bringing their lunch. The group plays two tables and is currently full, but substitutes are always welcome.

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



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

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



CHOOCHOO CHICKS (MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES): Meetings are the 1st Thursday at 10 am in member homes with lunch out afterwards. The group plays one table and is currently full, but substitutes are always welcome.

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



CRAFTING GROUP: This group met in March to decorate Easter eggs at the home of Jennifer Barnaby. This group will next meet on [Monday, April 27th](#) at 9:30 am at the home of Jennifer Barnaby (4704 Boulder Drive, 972-633-0460) to make deco mesh 'ruffle' wreaths.



RSVP / Questions? Contact **Dena Tartaglino** @ dtart1@me.com or **Jennifer Barnaby** @ jenniferbarnaby@verizon.net.



Activity Groups *(continued)*



DOTTIE DAMES (MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES): With the addition of this new group, there are more opportunities to play. Nine ladies played at two tables at the April meeting. This group will next meet from 10 to 12 on [Thursday, May 14th](#) at the home of Patti Cordina (4302 Boulder Drive, 972-633-5504). Everyone is invited. Please let Patti know if you are attending. Meetings are the 2nd Thursday from 10 to 12 in member homes.

Questions? Contact **Pat Waggoner** @ 972-965-9976 or pavbw@yahoo.com.



LADIES COFFEE GROUP: This group will next meet at 10 am on [Thursday, April 30th](#) at the home of Chris Lucich (6005 Southridge Pkwy, 918-916-2700). Meetings are the 4th Thursday at 10 am in member homes.

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



LUNCH BUNCH: The April 'adventure in dining' was at Gloria's Latin Cuisine in Fairview. Mark your calendars for the next lunch outing at 11:30 am on [Wednesday, May 13th](#) – – watch

your email for details to follow!

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

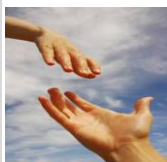


YOUNG MOMS GROUP: The PWC Young Mom's Group is a group of mothers who have young children who enjoy getting together for spontaneous play dates and meet ups. The group will next meet for lunch on [Friday, April 24th](#) at 11:30 am at Joe's Crab Shack in Plano (3320 Central Expressway) . Bring your kids and let them enjoy the outdoor playground! We will be sitting at a table on the patio next to the play area. Hope you can make it!

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



Officer Reports



OUTREACH: Part of the mission of PWC is *community service*. On behalf of Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County (CACCC), thank you for your generous donations presented at the March general meeting (See **PROGRAMS** section for more information). Here's an upcoming opportunity to support CACCC: Back to School Fair preparation begins

[Thursday, July 30th](#) and volunteers are needed to inventory, sort and fill backpacks (Over 800 children received school supplies last year.) If you are interested, please visit their website www.caccollincounty.org.

Sign up to bring a dish for the Parker Fire **and** Police Departments on [Tuesday, May 12th](#). You will drop off your item between 4:45– 5:00 pm in the Parker Fire Department kitchen. More information will be emailed out in the coming days.

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



TREASURER'S REPORT: The current balance is ~\$12,000 as of [Friday, April 17th](#). These funds will be used for a defibrillator for the Parker Police Department, Scholarship Awards, two new picnic tables, and a healthy reserve for the upcoming 2015–2016 year.

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



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: With 6 renewals and 6 new since February, PWC is at an all time high of **137** members. *Many thanks to everyone for spreading the word about PWC!!* A few pocket directories 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.












2014 – 2015 Board of Directors

POSITION	NAME	PHONE #	EMAIL
President	Peggy Threadgill	972-442-4442	pstthreadgill@tx.rr.com
Programs	Mary Urquidez	940-224-0038	parkerwomensclubprograms@gmail.com
Membership	Gayle Romans	281-413-6155	pwcmembership@gmail.com
Outreach	Melissa Tierce	214-693-9301	parkerwomenscluboutreach@gmail.com
Fundraising	Stacy Patrick	972-442-7507	parkerwomensclubfundraising@gmail.com
Secretary	Debbie Crutcher	972-740-1066	crutcher.cpa@verizon.ne
Treasurer	Barbara Douglas	214-850-7353	douglas.properties@yahoo.com

Appointed Positions: Parliamentarian ([Carol Denio](#)), Historian ([Vicky Barrera-White](#)), and Newsletter ([Linda Nelson](#)).

Calendar

2015 March							2015 April							2015 May						
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 Bridge Club						4th Tu	 Lunch Bunch						2nd We	 Young Moms						TBA
 Bunco						2nd Tu	 ChooChoo Chicks						1st Th	 Crafts						varies

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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