

# COUPLES HOLIDAY PARTY

**Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM**

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# Forest Creek Woman's Club Newsletter

December 2011

## Message from the President

Linda Lieser—972-896-5905, [linda.lieser@pisd.edu](mailto:linda.lieser@pisd.edu)

Our general meeting this month was held at the home of Sherry Craig, and everyone had great fun shopping for gifts for themselves and others. Thank you to all the wonderful vendors who displayed their wares and made the evening such a delight. And, of course, a special thank you goes to Diane Apprill who planned this interesting program, and to Sherry Craig for hosting such a lively event. Lauralee announced that she was in the midst of planning a special event in the spring with a western theme that is sure to entice the guys and gals of Forest Creek Estates. It was reported that our service project will be to provide gifts for children at **Carlisle Elementary School**; please note that **we will be collecting donations until December 8th**. Our next special event, the holiday party, is coming up soon and will be held on **December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** in the home of Joyce and John Milarski. Please plan on attending this yearly festive “get together.” During this busy time, may we all experience the warmth of family and friends, and realize all the blessings that we have in our lives this holiday season.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Membership

Shannon Martin—214-725-0089, [shannonmartin3@gmail.com](mailto:shannonmartin3@gmail.com)

Our enrollment is still growing! We currently have 109 members. Please encourage your neighbors to join if they haven't already. Our woman's club has such a variety of activities and programs and is made up of so many interesting and delightful women. Please take time to introduce yourself and get to know them.



The November meeting was so much fun. I think I found the true meaning of “shop ‘til you drop!” What a great group of women entrepreneurs Diane Apprill brought together for the Shopping Showcase. I was able to purchase most of my Christmas gifts and a few things just for me. I can hardly wait for **December 13th** to see what she has pulled together for the Holiday Tour of Homes.

Happy Holidays to all!



Join us for the  
**Holiday Tour of Homes**  
Tuesday, December 13th, 7:00 PM  
at Marsha Schwartz's home,  
3512 Gary Drive



## 2nd Vice President—Programs

Diane Apprill—972-618-2412, [daprill@aol.com](mailto:dapprill@aol.com)

Wasn't it so much fun at the Craig's home? High Five to you, Sherry and Roger! In addition to thanking Sherry, I would like to thank everyone for your enthusiastic support of our wonderful vendors. I enjoyed putting this event together for you, seeing many new faces from the neighborhood, and renewing friendships from long ago! This proved to be a great way to get our neighborhood women together!

Sales for the night were \$2574.20 with a total of 5% (\$128.71) going back to Programs. In addition to this, our six vendors each donated a \$50.00 gift item, making Marsha Schwartz, Erika Berman, Ronnie Vokolek, Joyce Pollacia, Kalyani Alladi, and Brenda Radke all very happy! Additional drawings worth \$75.00 were held for a ticket to the home tour in Terrell, "Christmas in a Small Town," Stella & Dot earrings (Michelle Conklin's new business) and Scentsy, with winners Joyce Milarski and Michelle Conklin.



So, we generated money, were gifted with over \$375.00 worth of wonderful merchandise, and had a great time with friends! And the best bonus of the evening? I believe we recruited new members in the process! Let's do this one again!!!!

Looking to December, we have one of my favorite events of the year, the **Annual FCWC Holiday Home Tour!** Let me begin by thanking our generous hostesses for this month. Truly, at this very busy time of year, it is an exceptional woman (and spouse) who offers her home for all of us to visit and enjoy. Each home this year is extremely different in style, both in decorating and in celebrating. Please join me in thanking all of the women who will be sharing the joys of their family holiday with us.

We will **begin at the home of Marsha Schwartz, 3512 Gary Drive, at 7:00 PM sharp on Tuesday, Dec. 13th.** After a brief meeting, Marsha will share a beautiful and timeless story about her faith. In addition, she has generously offered to host with some of her favorite traditional Hanukkah foods and wine! *Way to get the party started, Marsha!!!*

I recommend that you consider parking your cars near the last house on the tour, the home of Denise Hogan at 3201 Gary Drive, and car pooling to the other homes. We will have two homes to tour between: Kristie Towers, a long time neighbor, but a new member of FCWC this year, as well as Jaye Heil, who has added onto her home this last year. Can't wait!!!



This year we have tickets with the names and addresses for the homes. You will have your ticket marked at each home, and fully stamped tickets will be eligible for a drawing at the end of our evening. You don't want to miss this! I promise it will be something that all of you would treasure!



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It's a boy!!

In case you haven't heard, we have a new addition to the neighborhood! Luke Asher is the newest member of the Bodendein family. He was born September 30 at 9:10 a.m., weighing 7lb, 15oz. Kim, Dan, Jake, and Luke are all doing wonderfully and look forward to showing Luke off to the neighborhood.



If you know of any FCWC members who are in need of support, please call or email!

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*Message from Lauren Vicars*  
214-797-9356

Thank you for the opportunity to photograph the beautiful women of Forest Creek Estates. With this project, we accomplished two goals: to make updated portraits available for the FCWC website and to make a donation to the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. All together, FCWC, Diane Apprill and my business, Portraits by Lauren, donated \$250 to this cause. I thank you and Susan G. Komen thanks you!



**Your portraits will be posted on my website until the end of December.** Any time during the month, you are welcome to go to the site and order a copy of the file for your own use (to print 4 x 6 and smaller or to post on your own social media site, such as Facebook). There is no charge for the file to be emailed to you. Just be sure you complete the order form and put your email address on it. The total should be 0.00 and, if it requires, you may put that you are paying "by check" so it will submit the order. If you are interested in ordering any other prints from your portrait, you are welcome to do that as well. Prices posted for these are 50% off usual prices. All prints must be paid in advance, and delivery time will be about 2 weeks.

To access the portraits, go to my website:  
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Go to Online Ordering at the bottom of the home page  
Event password: FCWC

Thank you again.

An advertisement for "portraits by lauren". It features two framed senior portraits. The top one is of a young woman with blonde hair, identified as "ANNA ELIZABETH VICARS". The bottom one is of a young woman with brown hair, identified as "DANA GALWAY". To the right of the portraits is the text "portraits by lauren" in a cursive font, followed by "FUN SENIOR PORTRAITS THAT JUST MAKE YOU LOOK GREAT". Below this is the website "WWW.PORTRAITSBYLAUREN.COM" and phone number "214-797-9356". A third portrait of a young man, "PARKER HIGGINS CLASS OF 2011", is partially visible on the right.

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT** regarding Christmas in a Small Town...the four times were left off the ticket, and those times are: **Saturday, Dec. 3 from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM.** The gift shop hours are on the back of the ticket. Please notify anyone who bought a ticket of these hours. I know we had many women purchase tickets who are not going to receive this newsletter. Thank you!!!



# *Christmas in a Small Town*

2011 Home Tour  
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**3rd Vice President—Communications**

Denise Provencher—214-679-3347

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Please email articles for the January 2012 newsletter

by **Monday, December 19th** to

[denise.provencher@verizon.net](mailto:denise.provencher@verizon.net)

Thanks to everyone for being so prompt with your articles; I *really* appreciate it!

**Moms and Tots**

Moms and Tots is a neighborhood play group that meets on **Monday mornings from 9:00—10:00 AM** and is a great way to meet other mothers of preschoolers. The group currently has 6 “tots” ranging from newborn to 3 years. If you are interested in joining this group, contact Kim Meeds at 972-208-8986 or

[kimmeeds@verizon.net](mailto:kimmeeds@verizon.net).

**Backyard Design Opportunity!**

Diane Apprill—972-618-2412, [daprill@aol.com](mailto:dapprill@aol.com)



I would like to ask if anyone is considering a pool/backyard “make-over” or “significant renovation” project next year? My idea is to find a member who would be interested in having 3 top outdoor designer/renovators come to their home, consult with their family and then present the design concepts in front of FCWC at our March meeting. The design would of course reflect your wants, needs, and budget. In the end, you would have three great designs with estimates at no charge. And, we would always let you know what we think!

Let me know pronto, as this meeting will take some significant advance planning!



**Service Project**

Martha Cordell—806-470-7772

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We will be collecting money this year to provide Christmas gifts for less fortunate children at Carlisle Elementary. We received a call from the counselor there who asked for our help again. **I will be collecting money until December 8th. Please drop your check by my house, 3413 Melanie Lane.** I will place a box on my front porch. Thanks in advance for your generosity in remembering these children at our neighborhood school.



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**Treasurer’s Report**

**Joyce Pollacia** — 972-618-2146

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Beginning Balance	10/1/2011	\$7,485.27
Receipts		\$2,205.00
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**Ronnie Vokolek**

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**Ya-Yas Book Club**

Denise Provencher—214-679-3347  
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Thank you, Lynn, for hosting our November meeting. We had a great turnout and enjoyed Lynn's wonderful appetizers and *both* delicious desserts! This month we will have our traditional holiday celebration at Pat Gray's home, 3320 Melanie Lane. Note that the meeting will be on the **third Thursday, December 15th, at 7:30 PM**. If you would like to participate in the annual gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift in the \$10—\$15 range. No book discussion is planned for December, but if there is interest, we may discuss *Cutting for Stone*, by Abraham Verghese (I am reading it now and cannot put it down!).

The book club welcomes all members of FCWC. If you plan to attend the December meeting, please let Pat know at 972-208-2211.

Below are the books for next year—note that we have changed the March selection to *State of Wonder*.

Date	Title / Author	Hostess
Jan 5	I Still Dream About You / Fannie Flag	Joyce Pollacia
Feb 2	The Forgotten Garden / Kate Morton	Judy Paulson
Mar 1	State of Wonder / Anne Patchett	Janet Gorrie
Apr 5	Sarah's Key / Tatiana de Rosnay	Mary Toler
May 3	The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks / Rebecca Skloot	Debbie Little



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**Showgirls**

Ronnie Vokolek—214-957-2725  
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It seems that December is a busy, busy month and we will need to re-schedule our outing for some time in January. I will provide information on the new show and date in the beginning of 2012. Happy Holidays to all!

Shows planned for 2012:

3/8/2012    **Tiger Be Still** at Dallas Theatre Center, tickets TBA.

4/19/2012    **August: Osage County** at Water Tower Theatre, tickets \$32. We saw this play last year at AT&T – simply fabulous. Absolutely riveting.

If anyone has additional suggestions, we are delighted to incorporate them into our schedule.



Jennifer Daniel Milligan with husband Kelly,  
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The dates for upcoming Wine and Dine events are January 14th, March 10th, and May 26th. Please call Ronnie Vokolek (214-957-2725) or Judy Paulson (972-618-3049) for more information.



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**Bunko I**

Linda Whelan—972-618-3731  
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Thanks, Sherry, for hosting our November Bunko. Your kitchen was beautiful. We will be traveling up to Bethany Rd. in Allen for our holiday dinner. Our reservation is for **7:00 PM at Brio's at Watters Creek (Crossing) on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**. Everyone is on their own for driving there. Some girls have said they want to shop a little before dinner. I will give a reminder call before the dinner. Looking forward to having laughs together!

**Bunko II**

Corinne Kowalski—972-491-1340  
[cookie0242@verizon.net](mailto:cookie0242@verizon.net)

Thank you, Cindy, for hosting our November Bunko where we set a record for most Bunkos in an evening. We had twenty Bunkos and the highest scores I have ever seen in the eighteen years I have been in this club. Our own Martha Cordell got most Bunkos (4), last Bunko, and, of course, highest score. Next month we meet at Pat and Chris Gray's home for our Christmas dinner and gift exchange. The date is **December 20th at our usual 7:00 PM time**. We don't play that evening, so you do not need to get a sub if you can't attend. Bring the dish that you signed up for and a gift valued between \$10 and \$15. I hope everyone can make it as we have a great time at this special gathering. Of course, our subs are also invited and only need to let Pat know for a head count.

**Bunko III**

Laurie Thomas—972-491-1295  
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We had a great time on our field trip to Frisco. Thanks for hosting a wonderful evening, Helen. It's holiday time, and this year, we'll gather at the home of Brenda Cerrato, 3408 Gary Drive, on **Monday, December 12th**. Please note the **time change to 7:00 PM** so we don't have to rush our activities. After Bunko, we'll have our gift exchange, so if you'd like to participate, bring a wrapped present (\$10 limit) to the gathering. I know you won't want to miss this, but if you must, please call Brenda at 972-618-0381 with the name of your sub. Happy Holidays, Bunko Babes!



**Bunko IV**

Diane Apprill—972-618-2412  
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Second Annual Sock Party! Yup, we exchanged crazy socks for the holidays instead of having Bunko in November. With the Thanksgiving holiday interfering with our regular date, we "rolled" chips and guacamole at Salsa's and enjoyed the season with a few Sangrias and Margaritas! In December, same story, different plan: we are **meeting at Shannon Martin's home prior to the Home Tour on the 13<sup>th</sup>** to carpool and pick a designated driver! Holidays are so hard on Bunko IV Girls...

**Mexican Train Dominoes**  
Pat Gray—972-208-2211

Our next meeting will be **December 6th At 10:00 AM** at Kathy Schoemann's home, 3200 San Simeon Way. Thank you, Jennie, for hosting in November!

Happy Hanukkah and Merry Christmas!




**Welcome Home!**  
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**First Monday Bridge**

Barbara Barton—972-491-7469

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Thank you, Kim, for hosting in November. We will meet on **Monday, December 5th** at Ronnie's home at **7:00 PM**. Please arrange for a sub if you cannot play. See you then!

**Easygoing Bridge**

Janet Gorrie—972-618-8002

[jlgorrie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jlgorrie@sbcglobal.net)

Unfortunately, we were unable to meet in November due to travels and illness. But I am sure that we are all looking forward to our dinner in December. We will

meet on **December 12th at 7:00 PM for a wonderful meal at Season's 52**. If you are not able to come, please call me so that I can adjust our reservations. Hope that everyone will be there for our Christmas celebration!!!

**Just for Fun Bridge I**

Kathy Baird—214-244-0169

[kathy.baird123@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.baird123@gmail.com)

Our group will not meet in December. We meet next on the 4th Tuesday at **7:00 PM, January 24th** at the home of Nadine Zimmerman. We always need subs! If you would be interested in joining the group as a sub, please contact me at 214-244-0169 or [kathy.baird123@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.baird123@gmail.com)



**Easygoing Bridge**

Nancy Ganci

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Scores to date are:

**Just for Fun Bridge II**

Barbara Barton—972-491-7469

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Just for Fun II is taking a break for the rest of the year! Enjoy the upcoming holidays and stay tuned for next year's schedule.

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Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season from our group.

We will be playing again in January!

**Couple's Bunko II**

Judie Dellis—214-769-4000  
[j.dellis@verizon.net](mailto:j.dellis@verizon.net)

Couples II Bunko will not meet until next year.

Happy Holidays to all and see you in January at the Brigham's!



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**Out to Lunch Bunch**

We have been exploring new restaurants in Plano. Zanatas did not disappoint our taste buds last month. Everyone enjoyed her dish and the service was very good.

We will take a break for December, so watch the newsletter for our January destination. This activity is open to all members!



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# October Wine and Dine



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## *November Board Meeting*



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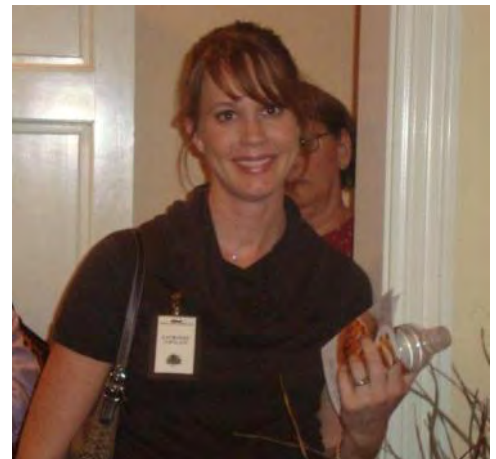


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