#### FOREST CREEK WOMAN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER March 2014

Message from the President Judy Paulson — 972-618-3049 jpaulson86@yahoo.com

The February General Meeting provided all of us with the necessary information to make informed decisions on our estate planning. Several issues were discussed including wills, living trusts, probate, and legal health documents. The evening program by Cynthia Hurley was very informative. I know several people (including myself) who cited the need to visit with an attorney to update their legal documents. This was a wake up call to take action on these items.

At the February general meeting the updated By-laws were voted on. Although the changes were minor, the goal was to have the By-laws consistent and easier to understand. Since it was February, we were served delicious flowing chocolate to dip fresh fruit, marshmallows and pretzels in, as well as appetizers and desserts. Thanks again to Barbara and Diane. Yummy!

The Nominating Committee has been busily at work and will present the slate of Board of Directors at the March meeting. The slate will be voted on at the April meeting.

What a winter we have had! I am so grateful though that I am not still living in Wisconsin. At long last my daffodils are blooming!

Thank you,

Judy

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Membership Lisa Chill 972-208-8602 Ichill864@gmail.com



Please welcome our newest members Robin Popik and Lauren Vicars. Robin lives at 3412 Terry Lane and Lauren lives in Denise Hogan's old house. Robin is the volunteer coordinator for the City of Plano and Lauren is a photographer. Please welcome them to the neighborhood.

There are numerous benefits of membership, mainly friendship and camaraderie. It also gives the opportunity to socialize as individuals and as couples. However, I think one of the most important benefits is our network of great ladies. I know I can pick up the phone or send an email to start the quest for the solution to my problem, share an idea or for support. Our network keeps our neighborhood safer.

We relocated to Dallas two years ago and our house search took a year. While searching I discovered some neighborhoods & communities had a Woman's club or a Mom's group. We selected Forest Creek for the schools and the Woman's Club.

Thank you to the women who have been organizing and planning our events and promoting our club for the previous years and the years to come. This is what makes our neighborhood unique.

Great job ladies!

Sincerely, Lisa Chill

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#### **Treasurer's Report**

Patty Boyer-Moore—972-208-0164 patty.boyer.moore@hotmail.com



Several of us just had a great evening (Thursday, February 20th) with Showgirls

as we went to see "The Fantasticks" at the Eisemann. Ronnie Vokolek does such a good job of pulling us all together to see these very professional performances—events we would not go to by ourselves, and most of them for which our husbands are not available. "The Fantasticks" is a musical I have wanted to see for 30 years, and it is still showing on Broadway. We had a wonderful time! Thanks, Ronnie!

We are doing great this year financially because our groups, projects and events are staying within budget. No worries and lots of fun! Here is my report:

Beginning balance	7343.09
Receipts	75.00
Disbursements	534.51
Ending balance	6883.58

2nd Vice President – Programs Diana Hueter — 972.943.8172 dthueter@aol.com

#### Estate Planning by Cynthia Hurley

Thank you to our February speaker, Cynthia Hurley, resident partner with Jordan, Houser & Flournoy, L.L.P. Cynthia shared a wealth of information with our members on how to ensure that your property is transferred according to your wishes, common estate planning problems, the use of a living trust to avoid probate and your assets becoming public record, and what legal documents you need to best declare your intentions. Cynthia offered for any interested member to bring their existing estate planning documents for a free consultation and review. Cynthia's contact information is churley@jhflegal.com or 972-668-6810.



#### March 11th at 7: 00 PM: Creating Tablescapes by Kimbra Privitt, Floral Manager for Tom Thumb

Ever wonder what the key is to creating a fabulous tablescape design to provide that overall look that showcases the entire table or surface as well as its surroundings? Come to

our General Meeting and find out! Kimbra will demonstrate how to create a fabulous look for your dining room table. And, tablescapes are not just for the dinner table. They're wonderful to arrange on coffee tables, end tables, or any other occasional piece that lends itself to decorating. Kimbra will show you how with a little inspiration and creativity, a beautiful tablescape is possible by understanding how to set a table in layers, selecting a well-planned theme, and balancing colors and textures.

All members are invited to our General Meeting on March 11th at 7:00 PM. We will meet in the home of Barbara Desco, 3513 Terry Drive.

#### **3rd Vice President—Communications** Sherry Craig— 214-929-9914 <u>sherrycraigfcwc@hotmail.com</u>



What a great month February was!

Thank you to all the newsletter contributors— this month we hit the due date almost 100%!! Thank you for your commitment.

**4th Vice President – Technology** Denise Provencher — 214-679-3347 **denise.provencher@verizon.net** 



Thank you to Diana Hueter for reporting a problem with the website birthday calendars. Luckily our technical staff was able to correct it!

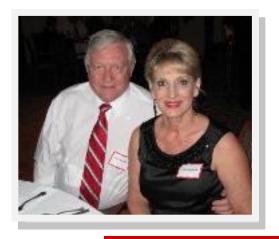
Also, we are fortunate to have had a number of new members join in the last couple of months. Remember that you can always find up to date membership and contact information on our website, <u>www.fcwc.net</u>, under the "Member Info" button.

#### Luck be a Lady

We had a great time at the FCWC Casino Party "Luck be a Lady" held at Prestonwood Country Club "The Hills" in February. Texas Casino Parties and DJ Vince provided the fun casino games and lively music and, thanks to the generosity of all our casino prize donors, there were 27+ prizes raffled off that night!

A very big thank you to Corinne Kowalski, Linda Lieser, Shannon Martin, Joyce Milarski and Ronnie Vokolek for serving on the party committee. Each person contributed their time and talents towards making the evening a huge success. I really appreciate all their efforts, time and support. You ladies were terrific!!

Special Event Coordinator, Ellen Brigham



































Ya-Yas Book Club Joyce Pollacia —- 972-618-2146 joyce\_pollacia@hotmail.com



Neither rain, nor sleet, nor snow, nor ice shall keep the Ya-Ya's from meeting!! And what a great meeting of 10 ladies! Patty Boyer-Moore did an outstanding

job leading the discussion of *The Shoemaker's Wife* by bringing everyone into the discussion and giving us an look into the life of Enza and Ciro. Thank you, Patty, for your time and insight!

Judy Paulson will host March 6th at 7:00 pm what we expect to be a lively discussion of *Gone Girl*. A psychotically themed thriller that is difficult to put down. Come join us and let everyone know what you would do???

#### YaYa's

#### A group of 3 or more women whose heart and souls are joined together by laughter and tears shared through the glorious journey of life,

I found this and thought it most appropriate to this group of ladies this year. It has been a great year of books and discussions. It is not too late to join in this year!

All members are invited to come to this discussion. Please call Judy at 972-618-3049 or email at jpaulson86@yahoo.com if you plan to attend. For more information please feel free to call me at 972-618-2146.

Date	Title / Author
Mar 6	Gone Girl / Gillian Flynn
Apr 3	Mrs. Kennedy and Me / Clint Hill
May 1	The Aviator's Wife / Melanie Benjamin

#### Hostess

Judy Paulson Carole Jernigan & Marilou Mills Barbara Desco

Out to Lunch Bunch Patricia Kempf - 716-544-0698 Psbrown78@aol.com

Bon appétit, Mademoiselles! Out to Lunch Bunch will dine at Lavendou Bistro Provencal on Tuesday, March 11, at 11:30 a.m. Lavendou is located at 19009 Preston Road in Dallas, south of the George Bush Turnpike and 1/2 mile north of Frankford Road on the west side of the road. Come join us for some award-winning

French cuisine. Please call or email Patricia with your reservation by Sunday, March 9.

#### NEW FEATURE! Restaurant Review - Urban Rio Cantina & Grill

If you're looking for an upscale Mexican restaurant, downtown Plano's Urban Rio Cantina & Grill comes well-recommended. It's full of unique surprises, like lime chicken soup, tomatobased Caesar dressing, delicious chips (served with warm mole dip and piquant salsa) and a case full of tempting gelato flavors. The atmosphere is sleek but comfortable and the service attentive. Your FCWC Out to Lunch Bunch rates the restaurant very good, with 4 out of 5 stars.



Moms and Tots Rebecca Sehnert—214-450-5969 rebeccasehnert@yahoo.com

Hello Forest Creek Estates from Moms & Tots corner!

We have had our share of cold weather over the last several weeks but it didn't hinder us from having fun! One of the biggest joys of bonding is with other moms in this season of life is opening up our homes & welcoming the neighborhood kiddos in to play & enjoy each other's company. And with spring not too far away, we are looking forward to hit-

ting the local playgrounds again & getting some fresh air along with encouragement and laughs from each other. If you have a little one and would like to join us, we meet on Monday mornings at 9:30.

Please contact Rebecca Sehnert for more information at 214-450-5969.





Bunko I Linda Whelan—972-618-3731 linda\_whelan@verizon.net

The "wearing of the green" for the Bunko girls will be at Carol Yerby's on Wed. March 12th. Her address is 3328 San Simeon Way. If you are unable to attend, please call Carol and let her know who your sub will be. Her phone number is 972-618-3668.

See everyone on March 12th at 7:30.

#### **Bunko III**

Laurie Thomas —-972-491-1295 laurie plano@hotmail.com

Welcome to Spring, Bunko Babes! Many thanks to Brenda Cerrato for the love-ly Valentine's-themed evening. In March, we are putting off our meeting for a week. So plan to bring your \$5 and wear your green for St Patrick's Day Bunko on Monday, March 17, at 7:30 p.m. We will be meeting at Lynn Brule's home, 3508 Gary Drive. If you will be unable to join us, please call Lynn at (214) 299-9781 with the name of your sub.

#### Bunko II Corinne Kowalski—972-491-1340

cookie0242@verizon.net

We had almost perfect attendance for Bunko at my home this month--only one sub. Judie Dellis was the all time winner with most Bunkos (4), Last Bunko and High Score. Our March Bunko will be at the home of Judie Dellis, 3417 Melanie, on March 18th. Please let her know the name of your sub if you are unable to attend.

#### Bunko IV Diane Apprill—972-618-2412 dapprill@aol.com

We met last month at the home of Denise Provencher and celebrated birthdays right and left! Fabulous meal, and great hostess as always. In Feb, we will be meeting at Judy Paulson's home for another great evening of fellowship and rolling. We donated a \$50.00 gift certificate to Studio Movie Grill for the Special Event - hope whoever wins it will enjoy their evening!

Couple's Bunko II Judie Dellis—214-769-4000 j.dellis@veizon.net

Thank you, Shannon for a great evening. For March we will meet at the Dellis' on 3/15.

#### Couple's Bunko I

Maria Giglio—972-618-1848 agiglio@airmail.net

We will be playing Bunko at Joyce and Phillip's home on Friday, March 28th at 7 PM. Hope to see you there. First Monday Bridge Sandy Tucker— 972-618-6594 sandy\_tucker@verizon.net

Thank you to Kathy Cleaves for hosting last month's bridge. Ronnie Vokolek came away with high score, Sandy Tucker was 2nd high and Terry Shepperd received her money back with low score. In March we will be meeting at Glenna Crawford's home, 3308 Louis Drive, on the 3rd at 7PM. If you are unable to attend, please contact Glenna with the name of your sub. Thank you

#### Just for Fun Bridge Group I

Sharon Russell — 972-618-0178 russellini2@gmail.com

We are looking forward to meeting on March 25th at Janet Gorrie's home. Please note the change of location. If you are having a sub please let her know who will be playing in your place.

#### **Round Robin Bridge**



Easygoing Bridge Kathy Troop kathy@planoapts.com

Thanks to Debby for hosting in Feb. and the delicious treats! Elaine Walsh won the Deuce prize AND high score. We will meet at her house on March 10th.

Nancy Ganci—972-618-2964 nganci@verizon.net

<u>November scores are:</u> <u>Team 1 vs 2 - 680 vs 3240,</u> <u>Plus 1 small slam</u> <u>Team 4 vs 3 - 870 vs 1860</u> <u>Team 5 vs 6 - 1850 vs 1440</u> <u>Team 8 vs 7 - 2580 vs 1140</u>

<u>January scores are:</u> <u>Team 1 vs 7 - 100 vs 1550</u> Team 5 vs 4 - 1510 vs 1810

<u>Team 5 vs 4 - 1510 vs 1810</u> <u>Team 6 vs 3 -</u> <u>Team 8 vs 2 - 1600 vs 490</u>

 February scores are:

 Team 1 vs 3 - 0000 vs 000

 Team 2 vs 5 - 1630 vs 1570

 Team 8 vs 6 - 000 vs 0000

 Team 7 vs 4 - 000 vs 0000

Mexican Train Dominoes Pat Gray—972-208-2211

Our next meeting is Tues. Mar.4th at 10am at Jennie's home 3405 Michael Drive

Thank you, Glenna, for hosting in Feb. Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Wine and Dine 2013 Ronnie Vokolek—214-957-2725 g.vokolek@verizon.net

Alert, Foodies! March 22nd is the night we will all wine, dine and share friendship! Hostesses, Please call your guests at least a week in advance!



Wine and Dine members, Please remember, if you cannot attend a dinner, YOU are responsible to get a sub. If you cannot find a sub then you are still responsible for the food that needs to be prepared PLUS your pro-rata share of the cost of the meal.

#### Showgirls

Ronnie Vokolek—214-957-2725 g.vokolek@verizon.net



Showgirls went out on the town this month! We saw The Church Basement Ladies and then a wonderful production of Fantasticks! A good time was had by all! Watch your e-mails for our March Show!

Couples Night Out Ann Deen —- 214-536-7074 jfdeen@verizon.net

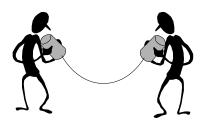
I'll be putting together a Couples Night Out event for April.... So look for an email coming your way with details.

Ann Deen

Care and Share Corinne Kowalski—972-491-1340 cookie0242@verizon.net



We have a brand new Forest Creek resident. Anne and Don Readhimer welcomed Kyle Joseph on February 3rd weighing in at 7 pounds 11 ounces. Please pray for the family of fallen firefighter, William Scott Tanksley, who died while helping others on an icy bridge. Also, please keep me informed at the number above of any activity in our neighborhood. FCWC/HOA liaison Lynn Brule



The Forest Creek HOA board met on Feb 12, with Steve Zuhoski presiding. Our yearly membership drive is now in full swing. Homeowners should have received an email with the information

and the sign-up sheet that is required. Remember, if you enter your email address, you will receive safety alerts from our crime-stopper member. As well, emails to assist in getting lost pets back to their rightful owners. There are so many advantages to being a member of the HOA, please consider becoming a member. New signs will be delivered once the committee receives your dues. The Board also discussed the removal of the old signs.

The next HOA sponsored event will be the Easter egg hunt! Watch this newsletter for details, coming soon!

The next General Meeting will take place on March 31 at 7:30 pm. Please plan to attend, as the budget, slate of officers for 2014, and plans for the year will be discussed.

#### Here are my notes from the December HOA board meeting:

The HOA met on 12/5/13. Welcome, to our new president of the organization, Steve Zuhoski. Steve took over the position from Denise Hogan, who has moved out of the area. Most of the discussion revolved around the Holiday Party in the park, and though it was a chilly, chilly night, good fun was had by all!

Because of the ice storm the board decided to hold the contest for best decorations, at a later date. The winners were chosen and they are:

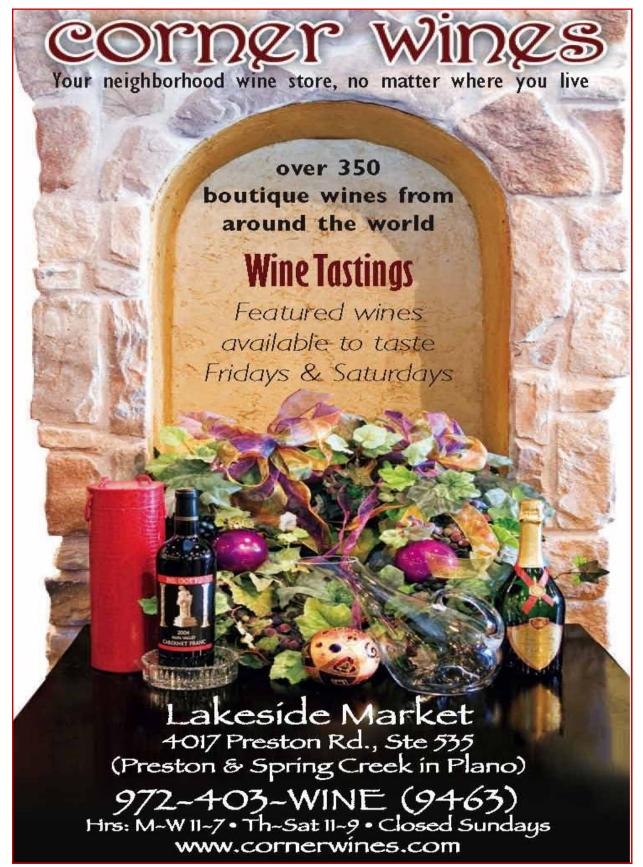
First: Chad and Holly Smith, 3500 Michael. Second: Matt and Michelle Adams, 3304 Terry Third: Tom and Diana Vanhootegem, 3500 Louis

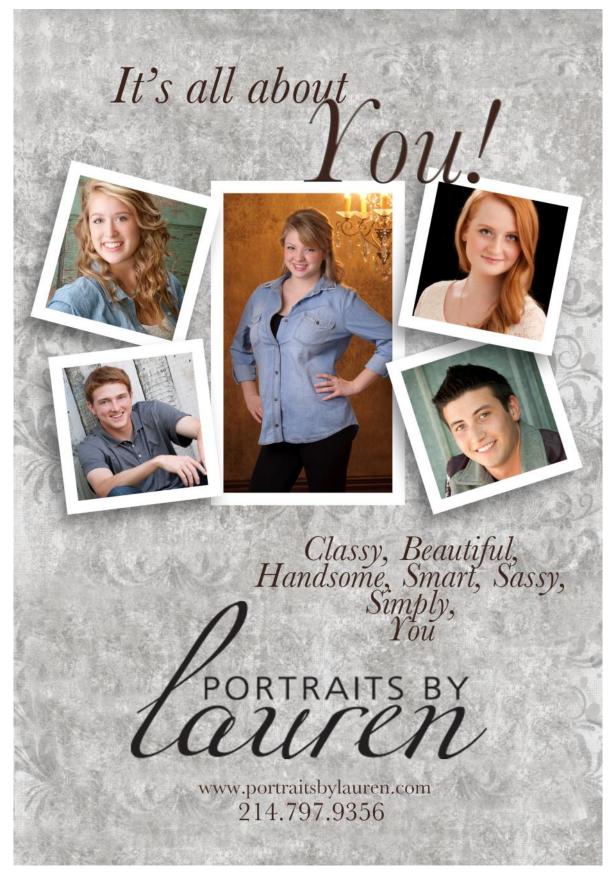
Some of the HOA-owned decorations in the neighborhood are scheduled to be replaced, specifically the bows, wreaths and some bells. Electric eyes have been added to the lights so that they go on/off automatically.

Plans are in progress for replacing a tree in the memorial bed and further improvements as needed.

The HOA is certainly working hard. The decorations and parties were wonderful. We have 294 members in the HOA and if you haven't joined yet, please consider doing so.

Respectfully submitted, Lynn Brule





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Jennifer Daniel Milligan with husband Kelly; Jack (16), Mary Kate (8) and Ginger (3)

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My Mother, Diane Daniel, has sold homes in Forest Creek since 1983; I grew up here and have been selling real estate in Plano since 1993. In 2003, I returned to Forest Creek to raise my own family.

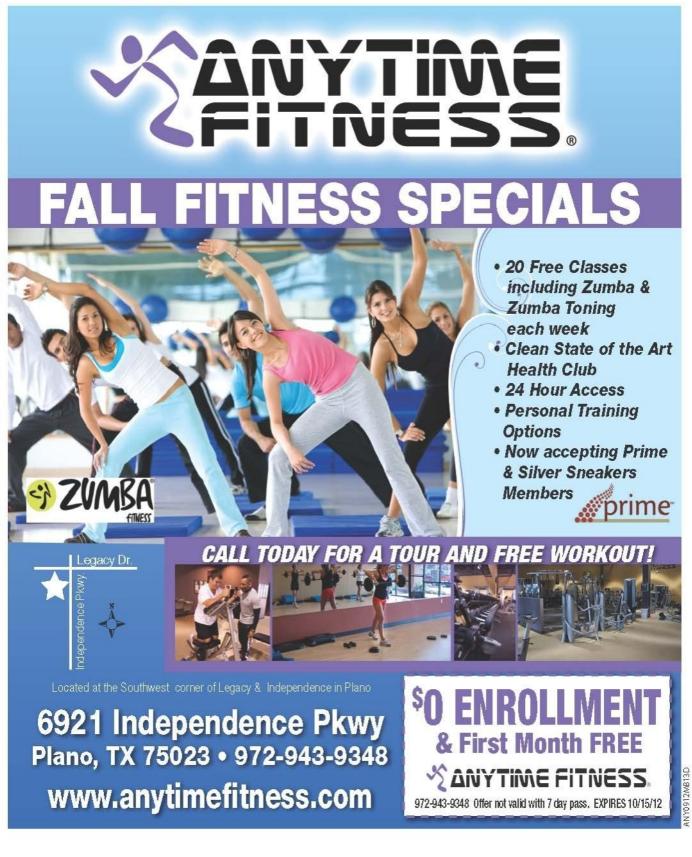
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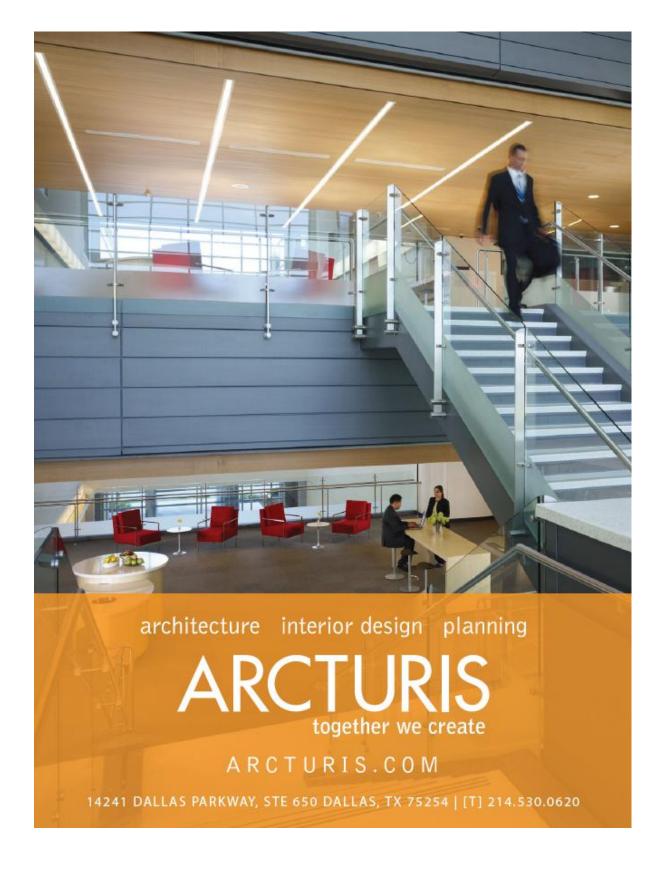
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