

## **Women's Group Meeting on 1/10/2009**

The meeting was held at Sue Downs' house. Those attending were: Frances Purswell-Montoya, Barbara Krause, Harriet Vaugeois, June Stephens, Nancy Scott, Doris Noard, Robbie Colander, Sylvia Crisler, Mary Ghormley, Joan Beaumont, Barb Wurfel and Sue Downs.

Doris reported there has been no financial activity. Our checking account balance is \$7,010.00. Barb said we have made back our initial investment on Logo Wear and a little more.

Sylvia reported that the Welcome Bags are being updated at this time. We still have four bags. If you know of any new residents in the Ranch please let Sue or Sylvia know.

General discussion followed:

Doris said Kim Pronovich and she are going to be involved in **Yoga Day USA**, January 24. They would love for all who can to attend. ([See flyer attached](#))

Barb Wurfel mentioned our trip to Rosemount Mansion in Pueblo. All who attended agreed it was a wonderful trip.

June thanked Denisa, Kim, Harriet and all others who assisted with the Christmas Dinner at Sabrosas. All who attended felt the food and service was excellent. Having to share the room was unfortunate. Thanks to June and Tom for again hosting this dinner.

June and Tom have always been so gracious in hosting special dinners for the Ranch Residents. At this time, however, June is facing knee surgery in March and she and Tom have to be in Albuquerque in February for orientation and have asked for the Women's group to assist with the Valentine's Dinner. Our group was in agreement to help.

It was decided to have the dinner on February 21 at Sabrosas, Trinidad Golf Course, with basically the same menu as the Christmas Dinner. The cost again would be \$24.95, including tax and tip. June will put the announcement on the web site, with the cut off date of February 13. Barb Wurfel will be the contact person for reservations. Chris at the restaurant must be given the final count by February 16. June will coordinate the event with Sabrosas.

Harriet was asked about SCRT. She gave a brief summation of last season's successes and on the up coming 2009 theatre season.

Doris was asked about Noah's Arc's Peacock Ball. She stated it will be March 14th at the Lucky Monkey. She was asked to check the price of a Corporate Table and she reported back this week that a Corporate table for 4 would be \$300, for 6 would be \$400, for 8 would be \$500, which would have to be approved by the group. Individual tickets are \$35.

Frances and Doris talked about the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. Many volunteers are needed to work on the annual dinner to be held June 6th. The next foundation meeting will be January 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Isaac Walton Hall on Santa Fe Trail Drive. All are welcome.

The next meeting will be March 7th, 10:00 a.m. at Francie Purswell-Montoya's home, 33088 Elk Park Road. Mary volunteered to bring the treats. There will be a short business meeting, followed by fun and fellowship.

## **Women's Group Meeting on 3/7/2009**

Present: Francie Purswell-Montoya, Sue Downs, Barb Wurfel, Ronda Reveles, Joan Beaumont, Doris Noard, Mary Ghormley, Sue Spanner, Nancy Scott, Linda Austin and Barbara Krause

The meeting was chaired at the home of Francie Purswell-Montoya. Prior to opening the meeting, each attendee introduced themselves to Ronda.

### **Old Business:**

1. Treasury Report: Doris Noard reported that our current balance is \$7010. June Stephens submitted expenses from the February ranch dinner and they were approved for reimbursement.
2. Summer Picnic: A discussion about the summer picnic determined that we should ask for volunteers outside of the group to help set up for the picnic as well as cook and clean up. Our experience from last year's event indicated that more help was needed. The date of July 11 was tentatively selected. Sue Spanner volunteered to send information to the webmaster asking him to post the tentative date and asking for volunteers. If a positive response is received we will move forward with the planning.
3. Logo Wear: Barb gave a report summarizing our current inventory of logo wear. We are not getting requests from the posting on the website and the picnic and annual meeting seem to be our best source of sales. If it is determined that we will sponsor the picnic, the logo wear committee will place an order with the vendor in time to have a good representative sample at the picnic. Special orders for items not in inventory can be taken at the picnic. Barb did receive a request for laminated maps which we no longer have in stock. It was determined that we should purchase some of the larger maps from the POA Board and have them laminated. We will get 10 of them.

### **New Business:**

1. Donation to the Jim Casius Fund: It was suggested that we make a donation to the Jim Casius Fund as he was very instrumental to the ranch when it was first developed. A discussion about our ability to make donations and our mission statement ensued. A motion was made to make a \$100 donation. Motion passed.
2. SCRT Donation: A suggestion was made that we should help SCRT with a donation since Harriet and Fred Vaugeois have played an important role on the ranch. A motion was made to make an anonymous \$250 donation to SCRT. The motion passed. The check payable to SCRT will be given to Harriet

with a request that it be shown as anonymous in any publications.

3. Can Good Donations: We discussed if we should bring can goods to the meetings for distribution to the Hunger Kitchen or other food banks in Trinidad. It was determined that this is best handled by individuals making food or monetary donations to the charities of their choice.
4. June Stephens: Linda Austin reported that Tom Stephens will keep her updated on June's surgery. Linda will keep everyone informed through the discussion forum. Linda will ask Tom if they would like any help with food preparation or other needs during June's recovery.
5. NRA Whittington Center: Doris announced that there may be a one day Women's Firearm Safety Course. Watch for details.

Wonderful baked goods were furnished by Mary Ghormley.

The next meeting will be April 18, 10:00 a.m. at Joan Beaumont's home, 33171 Fisher Peak Pkwy (lot F22). Sue Downs volunteered to bring the treats.

## **Women's Group Meeting July 11, 2009**

Present: Doris Noard, Betty Withington, June Stephens, Sylvia Crisler, Nancy Scott, Carol Rankin, Sue Downs, Barbara Krause, Francie Purswell-Montoya, Joan Beaumont, and Barb Wurfel

The meeting was hosted at the home of Nancy Scott. Joan Beaumont provided the wonderful treats.

### **Business Discussed**

1. The group would like to arrange a Christmas dinner since there will not be a summer picnic. We talked about various locations and a committee consisting of Nancy Scott, Francie Purswell-Montoya and Carol Rankin was formed. They will contact Holiday Inn, Tequila's, Aultman Hall, LaQuinta, TSJC, and El Rancho to see what is available and report at the next meeting. The tentative date is Sunday, December 6.
2. Betty brought everyone up to date on the discussions regarding a community center. The group thought we should consider raising funds for the center if the project moves forward.
3. We still have logowear, Santa Fe Trail posters and laminated maps to sell. We will plan to sell them at the annual POA meeting on October 17 and at the Christmas dinner. If anyone is interested in purchasing logowear that is no longer in stock, we can contact the vendor on availability of a special order. The maps are larger than the last batch we sold. Laminating expense is higher and we will charge \$15 per map.
4. The idea of having a litter clean-up day on the ranch was again discussed. It was thought that springtime is the best time of year to do this when it is cooler and there are not tall weeds. We would have a bbq after the work was done.
5. Sylvia announced that she is now able to get free bags from Humana to use for our welcome bags.

The next meeting will be at 10 am on August 8 at the home of Barb Wurfel, 33241 Mountain View.

## **Women's Group Meeting August 8, 2009**

The meeting was hosted at Barb Wurfel's home and Sue Downs brought the baked goods.

In attendance were: Joan Beaumont, June Stephens, Doris Noard, Barb Krause, Francie Pursewell-Montoya, Carol Rankin, Sylvia Crisler, Kim Pronovich, Sue Downs and Barb Wurfel.

The meeting began with reports from Francie, Kim, Carol and Barb about the venues that were checked to host this year's Santa Fe Trail Ranch Christmas party. After the reports and discussion, a vote was taken and the group voted to hold the dinner party at Tequila's on Sunday December 6, 2009. Tequila's is offering a private room for our use and has given permission for us to bring in a DJ. Discussion followed whether we prefer a buffet style dinner, an order off the menu option or just appetizers and drinks. Francie is going to check with Tequila's management to find out what options the restaurant can offer. Barb W. volunteered to check around for local DJ's availability and fees. There was also discussion about a theme to the party/perhaps a south of the border theme.

Discussion then moved to logo wear, posters, and laminated maps. The group decided to set up displays of caps, shirts, Santa Fe Trail anniversary posters and the maps at the annual meeting and at the Christmas Dinner party for sales. It was agreed that Barb would order a dozen new SFTR logo caps, Sue will check with Nancy about getting maps to laminate and Barb is going to try to purchase the Anniversary posters. June will get some regular Santa Fe Trail posters from Capulin to sell. We agreed that before each event we will remind our neighbors to bring their checkbooks.

Sue Downs is preparing an order for fleece vests with the SFTR logo on one side of the vest and embroidered names on the other side. An e-mail will be sent letting the Women's Group know more information about the vests and asking if there are more orders. The order will be placed with the caps.

Discussion moved to the Annual Meeting, October 17, 2009 and the Womens Group offering to provide coffee and cookies. Kim volunteered to bake some goodies and Doris volunteered to check with TSJC to be certain we could bring in the coffee and cookies.

Discussion moved to SFTR Women's Cook Book, "You've Come a Long Way". June suggested that as the cookbooks are all sold out, an additional order is necessary, maybe with some new recipes included as there are several new families since the first printing. June then told us of the great success Mayra Gonzales is having using the recipes in a restaurant where she is the pastry chef. The customers particularly like Mary Jo Shelton's Peaches and Cream recipe on page 114 and Flora Martinez Ice Cream Crunch Dessert on page 119. We wondered if the restaurant, "Babaloos Cuban

Cafe“ in Phoenix, AZ, would like to sell our cookbooks with the yummy recipes. Francie volunteered to contact George and Mayra.

Brief discussion ensued on new families moving onto the ranch and not having received a Welcome Bag. Kim is going to offer a new family's name to Sue and Sylvia for bag distribution.

The meeting closed with Francie offering to host the next meeting September 12 at her home and she will provide the refreshments.

Minutes submitted by Kim Pronovich.

## **Women's Group Meeting September 12, 2009**

Present: Sue Downs, Sheila Chatelain, Doris Noard, Carol Rankin, Betty Withington, Francie Purswell-Montoya, Mary Ghormley, Barb Wurfel

The meeting was hosted at the home of Francie Purswell-Montoya who also graciously provided the baked goods.

### **Business Discussed:**

1. We discussed plans for the Christmas Dinner. Tequila's is willing to provide us with the private use of their back room. They will also let us order off of the menu and provide separate checks. The cocktail hour will be from 6:00 to 7:00 with dinner to follow. We are still getting quotes for DJs. Barb has left a message for Noby Gomez and Doris mentioned that there is an ad in the local paper for another DJ so that we can get a second quote.
2. June Stephens is at home recuperating from her surgery. She asked Francie to share her thoughts on coffee and cookies for the POA annual meeting and distribution of a flyer for the Christmas dinner. She also purchased 10 Santa Fe Trail posters for the group to sell. Her thoughts were considered in the discussion of these items that follow below in the minutes.
3. We decided to sell the laminated maps, Santa Fe Trail poster and the Santa Fe Trail Anniversary poster for \$15 each. The motion was made by Mary and seconded by Barb. We only have a few anniversary posters left and they are no longer available. Francie is going to find out if the regular posters can be copied or if they are protected.
4. We discussed the group providing coffee and cookies for the POA annual meeting. We are required to purchase these from the college. We decided to provide 5 gallons of coffee (Starbucks) and 10 dozen cookies. We will put a donation jar out to help defray the cost. The cost will be approximately \$170. Carol made the motion to approve and it was seconded by Mary.
5. Volunteers are needed to distribute the coffee and cookies as well as sell the logo wear at the POA meeting. Everyone was asked to please consider volunteering and we will finalize the list at the next meeting. Doris will have the room set up so that the food table is right next to the logo wear table. Barb reported that the logo wear ordered will be here prior to the meeting.
6. Mary volunteered to create the Christmas dinner flyer for distribution at the annual POA meeting. She will have a mock-up available at the next meeting. We will then finalize with DJ info, etc.



7. Barb suggested that we do a ranch tour as a future meeting since many of us have not driven the entire ranch. Francie suggested that we could provide history and other interesting pieces of information at various stops. We could plan stops at some homes for restroom breaks, refreshments, etc. This was thought to be a good idea and will be discussed at a future meeting.

The next meeting will be on October 3 at 10:00 at Barb Wurfel's home. Betty Withington will bring refreshments.

## **Women's Group Meeting October 3, 2009**

Our meeting was hosted at Barb Wurfel's home, she and Sue Downs provided the tasty treats. Those enjoying the treats were Michelle Blake, Betty Ruward, Mary Ghromley, Nancy Scott, Carol Rankin, Joan Beaumont, Sue Downs, Sylvia Crisler and Kim Pronovich.

Our first agenda item was finalizing the [Christmas Dinner Party](#), scheduled for Sunday, December 6, 2009 at Tequilas. Cocktails are set for 6-7 pm and the restaurant will take each person's dinner order. Kim and Sue Downs have offered to be the decorating chairs and will first inquire with Tequilas as to their own Christmas decorations vs. our need to purchase the decorations. They also agreed that they will be responsible for bringing the name tags for each person to wear. We also discussed asking June Stephens to be our Mistress of Ceremonies for the event. We voted not to have a gift or ornament exchange this year. The group is going to place the invitation on the website and have it sitting out at the Annual POA meeting this month. The invitation is open to any resident and their guests, therefore we are including a "how many" on the invitation. Barb and Mary agreed to be the contact people for the RSVPs, with a deadline date of Nov 30th. Mary volunteered to send the information to the Webmaster to get the invitation posted on the website. Barb reported that she spoke with two different DJ's. The group then discussed the need for a DJ and it was decided that a DJ for our dinner party was not necessary. Instead, Barb offered the services of her husband, Dave a former DJ. Dave can create a play list for an MP3 player and we can use that, except we need a set of speakers for the room. It was suggested that we put our need up on the SFTR website and see who on the ranch can offer that. We are going to set up a table at the restaurant with logo wear and offer sales of the items. We are also going to have a silent auction on an anniversary Poster of the SFT. We are going to display a framed poster of Sue Downs at the annual meeting so residents can take a look at one. Kim, Sue and Barb offered to go to Pueblo to have one of the two remaining posters framed for the auction. We will set a beginning auction price based on the cost of the framing. The group agreed that if the cost could not be met at this event, we will simply keep the poster and hold it until another opportunity presents itself for an auction. The group then decided to print 80 invitations for our dinner party and have them out at the POA meeting. We will also post the invitation on the bulletin board by the mailboxes.

Second agenda item was the annual POA meeting, Board meeting and Fire Mitigation tour, Saturday October 17, 2009 at 9am at TSJC, Sullivan Room.

We have placed an order with TSJC to sell us 5 gallons of coffee and 10 dozen cookies for our event. We agreed that if the coffee ran out, we would order one gallon at a time from the cafeteria. The cafeteria will provide water and glasses that day. We agreed to ask for donations for the coffee and cookies by having a cookie jar sitting out stating such. Kim thought it might be nice to have a stagecoach cookie jar and Sue thought maybe Joyce Wolff may have not a cookie jar but a display stagecoach and offered to

inquire with her. Michelle offered to create a new poster with the logo wear products and prices as we will be selling them at the meeting. We will be taking turns hostessing the two tables that day. One table for the coffee and cookies and one table for logo wear. It was suggested that the logo wear table have three people if possible and the coffee hostess one person...so here is the schedule for the day.

Initial set up at 8am Barb and Kim. Kim will hostess the coffee table before the meeting and Barb, Sue and Francie will hostess the logo wear sales. Between the POA meeting and Board meeting Mary will hostess the coffee and Carol Rankin, Sylvia and Michelle will hostess the logo wear. Between the Board meeting and the fire mitigation tour, Joan will hostess the coffee and Sue and Barb the logo wear. It has been asked that each person on our committee wear their own logo wear to promote sales. Sue Downs made a personal order of fleece vests with our logo and it was agreed that we would try to sell them at the meeting. If they did sell for \$25, Sue would replace hers and if more people were interested in the vests we would include them in the order as well. The vests, however were not going to become part of the logo wear inventory as yet.

New Business: We talked a bit about strangers driving around the ranch and a couple of ladies offered stories of watching them and speaking to them. A very brief discussion of the Welcome packages was the end of a perfectly delightful meeting.

Kim Pronovich has offered to hostess the next Women's Group meeting, Saturday, November, 14 at 10am. Michelle offered to bring the edibles.

## **Women's Group Meeting November 14, 2009**

**Date:** November 14, 2009

**Location:** Kim Pronovich's home, 33511 Mountain View Rd

**Present:** Barb Wurfel, Betty Withington, Sue Downs, Nancy Scott, Sylvia Crisler, Carol Rankin, Susan Young, Linda Austin, Joan Beaumont, Mary Ghormley, Frances Purswell-Montoya, Deb Roberts, Kim Pronovich, and Michelle Blake.

### **Annual Meeting/ Logo Wear**

Annual meeting was a success. We had \$1246.00 in logo wear sales and \$46.00 in coffee/cookie donations. Total deposit of \$1292.00. The final balance is \$7307.90.

Logo wear requests: Men's collared shirts (style that can be worn on a golf course).

At the Christmas Dinner we can sell our remaining inventory, take orders, and then decide if we want to expand our inventory. We have our logo wear inventory listed in the What's New section on the SFTR website as well as links in the Women's Group section and the Bulletin Board. Our mission statement was also added to the Women's Group section.

### **Secret Balloting for POA board election**

A summary of the discussion at the POA annual meeting was given. It was stated that the POA Board has discussed this topic in the past.

### **SFTR Annual Picnic**

Topic for next meeting, will we have an annual picnic next year? There were numerous requests for the picnic, and folks were disappointed that one wasn't held. If we decide to have a 2010 Picnic we will need new, committed volunteers, so the same people aren't always the ones doing all the work. If it is announced very far ahead of time, folks will be able to plan their vacations around the date. We should consider ways to keep the cows out prior to the picnic, unless people want to throw red white and blue cow pies. Second Saturday in July (7/10/2010) would be an ideal date. There is a check list that was used in the past to help prepare for the picnic. We need to locate this list.

### **Christmas Party Update (12/6/09 at Tequila's)**

- **Silent Auction**

Mary will include silent auction description in a new version of the party flyer. The SFTR poster is currently in Pueblo being framed, for a cost of

approximately \$140. We need a \$150 minimum bid to cover this expense. Currently, around 29 people have confirmed they will be attending the party. If it doesn't sell at the Christmas party, should we post it on the website? Which has higher potential for profit...a raffle or a silent auction? What are the legalities of having a raffle or silent auction?

Joan made a motion to go with the original plan of silent auction for the framed poster, starting at \$150, at the Christmas party. Mary seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed.

The auction will be mentioned on the website so that folks can make a bid even if they are not able to attend the Christmas Party.

- **Welcome Table**

Need to have an easel to display the poster and a table for displaying our SFTR items.

- **Music**

Music will be from an iPod instead of hiring a band or professional DJ. For the cocktail hour there will be background music (Christmas, Dean Martin, etc.) During the meal, Christmas music will play softly in the background. After dinner, if folks want to dance, there will be a fun blend of old rock and country. (Note: Barb volunteered to lead the group in the chicken dance.) Kim suggested a line dance instructor to get everyone up and dancing (or will lead it for us, if an instructor is not available). Dress is western/casual.

- **Dessert**

Should the women's club purchase dessert from Tequila's for everyone? It was decided that the party planning committee will speak to the restaurant about ordering dessert.

- **Photographer**

Photos on Santa's lap, or a dance with Santa for a fundraiser? Betty offered to take some photos. Betty will see if Jim Davis is willing to be Santa.

## New Business

June Stephens: June could not attend this meeting, but sent an email informing that her Guild will be having an annual Christmas Bazaar at the Presbyterian Church in Raton on Rio Grande and 3d Street today. She will have 2 tables of items for sale, until 2pm. Three quilts will also be raffled. June also thanked all of those that volunteered to sell logo wear and serve coffee at the POA annual meeting.

Mary Ghormley: November 15th, 2009 at 10:00 am at Heart of Trinidad Fellowship Church, on Main Street in Trinidad. Volunteers will be assembling Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

Mary Ghormley: The Metro Board has announced that there are two openings on the board. This Monday, November 16th 2009, at 9:00 am there will be a meeting at the Century Financial Solutions building to fill those vacant positions. If you are a member of the Metro District you are able to attend.

### SFTR Ponds

Frances Purswell-Montoya: Francie attended a conservation course at TSJC. She learned that the SFTR ponds need to stay in the condition they were originally in, prior to the formation of SFTR. The ponds were dredged several years ago and it was expensive. According to the conservation regulations, the cattails need to be removed and the ponds restored. The conservation staff will check the ponds every five years, and if the ponds have not been maintained, SFTR will be fined.

### Next Meeting

January 16, 2010, at 10:00 am, at Betty Withington's home (unless addition is not completed) at 33441 Mountain View (Lot B36). Mary and Joan will bring the refreshments.

Minutes submitted by Michelle Blake.