

Santa Fe Trail Ranch Women's Meeting
April 14, 2012

For most of us, today was the first time being at the home of Jeff and Carol Smith out on Vista West Dr and, oh, what a vista their home has!

In celebration of Sylvia Crisler's birthday, the ladies in attendance were: Ann Scott, Mary Dye, Mary Ghormley, Joan Beaumont, Sharon Beaver, Carol Rankin, Vicki Mumma, Barb Wurfel and Kim Pronovich. We asked Sylvia what plans she had for her birthday celebration and she told us of a surprise party given to her by a couple of loving neighbor/friends. She also told of a celebration with her son, Tim, and daughter in law, Jean, and Jean's mother, Natalie. That Sylvia is a very loved little lady on the ranch.

We really could go no further in our meeting without mentioning that our Club's treasurer, Barbara Krause is recently diagnosed with colon cancer and is asking for prayer. Her journey begins asap on the road to recovery. We missed her and her closest friends at today's meeting.

Barb W received a call from Chris Simpleman at Mt Carmel Health and Wellness Center inviting us to come back for our May meeting and meet Dr Serafina, the new Family Practice Doctor on staff. We discussed the possibly and after a few minutes decided that since we were invited and had such a super time last month we agreed to meet there again. We discovered that our next meeting date is Carol Rankin's birthday, so Vicki offered to bake and bring a cake for the event. We decided that for anyone wishing to bring their own ceramic coffee mug, they should, but anyone with no preference would drink their coffee from a styro foam cup. Barb W is going to make contact with Chris at Mt Carmel and ask about the coffee and accessories there.

Moving on then, Barb mentioned the need for a scrapbooker and Women's Group historian. She went out to her car to bring in the scrapbooks of yesteryear and we spent a few minutes looking at the photos and articles of our founding members. Things were so different then, the Women's Group participated in so many fund raising events for the Ranch and Trinidad. The pictures are a reminder to us and what great leadership preceded us. Carol Smith offered to create new scrapbooks for our photo collection.

Logo Wear:

Barb W, Francie and Carol S. spent a morning together and placed an order for our logo wear. This included some of our old favorites as well as some new items. One such item being camp chairs, which all of us thought was a super idea. We will purchase a couple of chairs, have the logo embroidered on them, take them to the picnic and see what kind of response we get. The cost may be prohibitive, so we may possibly sell them for less than our usual markup.

Picnic:

Cow pie cleanup: Stills needs a chair, although we may not need to have much of a cleanup depending on the weather and whether the cows come onto the Ranch. The fact that the

cattle did not graze on the Ranch last year will make the job very easy if we are able to fence off the area of the picnic. We would only need to do a very quick clean up of other wildlife dung.

Signage: Carol R. will take on that responsibility and will make contact with Susan Coopet about the warehousing of the signs.

Set Up: needs a chairperson

Clean Up: needs a chairperson

We are reminded that last year we offered two free raffle tickets to anyone who volunteered to help with the setup and cleanup.

Cooking: Sharon offered to look into renting a very large grill for the picnic and will report what she and Monte find. She is still checking on the availability of Mike Carter's grill.

Barb W offered to ask Steve S. to make a couple of birdhouses again this year. One for the raffle and one for a Bingo coverall prize. Barb is also going to plan a date that she and her neighbors can get together at her home to label the poles for the tents to make setting up just a little bit easier. We thank her for that.

Mary is going to send out a couple of notices to the SFTR discussion forum. One for volunteers for the open positions mentioned above and one for a request for prizes to be donated for the Bingo game.

Sharon Beaver offered to hostess the June 9 meeting at her home and she will delight all of us with her incredible snacks. We love when Sharon bakes for us. If you have not enjoyed any of her yummy snacks, we encourage you to come and feast and get to know us. We are a great group of women and neighbors. If you have not yet been to the Mt Carmel Health and Wellness Center and would like to meet the new residing doctor, please consider joining us for our May 12 meeting.

Very kindly,
Kim Pronovich