

Santa Fe Trail Ranch Women's Group
October 20, 2012

The SFTR Women's Group met at the home of Nancy Scott on October 20, 2012. Those attending included Sharon Beaver, Sylvia Crisler, Vicki Mumma, Carol Rankin, Nancy Scott, Carol Smith, and June Stephens. Nancy and Carol Smith provided delicious goodies, which the group enjoyed during a time of fellowship and sharing prior to the business of the meeting. Some in the group were unaware that Kim & Mark Pronovich will be moving to Golden soon and all expressed their sadness that Kim will not be with us on a regular basis now and their happiness for the opportunities ahead for her and Mark. In addition, the group shared their sadness that Francie Purswell-Montoya has moved away from the ranch. Both Kim and Francie need to know how much they have meant to the Women's Group!

Barb Wurfel provided a detailed--and much appreciated!-- agenda for the meeting. The main focus for the meeting centered around the Christmas Dinner. Thanks to a lot of background work on Barb's part, most of the preliminary work has been realized. The group needed only to accept her findings and fill in a few details. Christmas Dinner will be at the Clubhouse Grill on Sunday, December 2. There will be a cash bar at 5:00 p.m. and a buffet at 6:00 p.m. The buffet will offer entree choices of roast beef and chicken picado (grilled chicken breasts w/onions, bell peppers, tomatoes and jalapenos), accompanied by oven-roasted potatoes, green beans, garden salad w/dressings and bread and butter. Drinks of water, coffee and iced tea will be included in the price. The cost quoted to Barb was \$12.95 plus tax and 18% gratuity or \$16.34. Those present agreed that it makes good sense to charge an even \$16.50. Those extra cents will help a bit to offset the cost of the dessert, which the Women's Group has traditionally provided. All agreed with June's suggestion that we should order white cake with raspberry filling from Safeway. That will add a Christmas-like touch. Carol Smith will check with Safeway and order the cake once we have an idea of how many will be attending. We will ask for RSVP's by November 21 since we must give a headcount on Friday, November 23. Sharon Beaver and Carol Smith will accept reservations and collect the money ahead of time. Mary Ghormley sent word that she will do the poster and posting on the website. We decided to ask Mary to also put a reminder on the website about the availability of logo wear and/or cookbooks for Christmas presents. Thanks, Mary!

The results of sales at the annual POA meeting were disappointing. Coffee donations were \$48 and logo wear and cookbook sales were \$269 for a grand total of \$313. According to June we sold 9 cookbooks; she sold 6 and Barb reported having sold 3.

There was lengthy discussion about what the group might do to raise funds and save money. The group is asking for all members of the Women's Group to consider the following suggestions as well as to come up with other ideas which we can discuss at the next meeting.

---Since the cost for coffee & cookies at the annual POA meeting is so high, should we approach the POA Board about considering a creative way to help with the expense? Is another venue for the meeting feasible toward reducing that cost? If so, what might that be?

---What should we do with the many cookbooks we still have? Put some in the welcome bags? Reduce the price?

---Are we "logo weared "out? New ideas???

Because of time constraints and so many of us are going to be gone for the holidays, those present decided that the next meeting will be tentatively on January 12, 2013. Nancy assured us that Sue Downs always wants to host the January meeting. Sharon will bring refreshments.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Beaver