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January 2012

NWC Mission Statement: *The purpose of the Club shall be to foster interest and participation in helping to meet the philanthropic needs of our community and to stimulate the intellectual, cultural and social development of its members.*



Happy New Year



Afternoon Tea & Book Review

Back by Popular Demand

Gayle Brink

"The Art of Racing in the Rain"

by Garth Stein

Museum of Biblical Arts
7500 Park Lane
Dallas TX 75225

NWC Alternative Meeting
Tuesday, January 17, 2012

6:30 p.m. registration, 7:00 p.m. program

Women, Love and Money
Joy D. Kirsch, CFP®

Prestonwood Country Club
15909 Preston Rd.
Dallas, TX 75248
972-239-7111

Your \$18.00 check will hold your reservation.
Make checks payable to NWC and mail to:
Susan Burton

4127 Towne Green Circle
Addison TX 75001
972-490-9121 or 214-738-7609

Checks must be received by January 12th

Thursday, January 26, 2012

1:30 Registration
2:00 NWC Meeting
2:30 – 4:00 Speaker & Afternoon Tea

\$25/pp Checks to NWC
No Valet - parking is very convenient

**SAVE THE DATE: October 20,
2012 Kaleidoscope 2012**



Welcome back to all the NWC members after the holidays gatherings and celebrations. I hope that all of you had a great holiday and had time for some much deserved rest. The results for the first half of the NWC calendar year have been exciting, productive, and rewarding.

December 1st was the official NWC kickoff for the holidays with the fabulous Sherry Party. What a kickoff it was. The new members did a great job with planning, arrangements, and great food. The location of City Place provided a beautiful setting. We extend a special thanks to Gregg Chilton, husband of new member, Janice Chilton, for making the site possible. Also thanks to Janice and Gregg's son who provided the music. All in all, everyone attending the Sherry Party gave the New Member class a grade of "AA Plus" for the wonderful party. The leaders of the class, Patty Fielder and Cheryl Toman, are to be congratulated for their wonderful leadership and support.

The board met on January 3rd to focus on plans for the second half of the 2011-12 year. Standard items were presented including general and charitable fund reports (refer to inset in Communiqué), minutes, correspondence, and reports.

Special reports were also made and included:

- a report that 370 toys were collected and donated to Community Partners.
- the Dine by Design report by Beth Muse about the budget for the event and the program including guest designer, Jill Statter, who will speak for the world famous china firm, Replacements, in Greensboro, North Carolina. (Everyone will want to attend this very special event.)
- an overview of plans for the Seconds to Go, Rummage Sale. (Refer to article.)
- the announcement by Freda Stratton that the Kaleidoscope pictures are on the NWC web-site.

- the optional retake opportunity for yearbook pictures at each of our future meetings. Susan Burton will be our photographer.
- an announcement that Northern Trust will again provide financial underwriting for the sponsor party. We take "Hats off to Northern Trust" for their continued partnership with NWC. (*Be sure you are on sponsor party guest list by contributing to the charitable fund. It is not too late.*)

The meeting concluded with the teams for administration, community service, member services, and charitable fund working on plans in each of the areas.

Again welcome back to NWC for the second half of the year. I look forward to seeing you at the January meetings.

Carolyn

NWC Alternative Meeting (cont'd.) Women, Love and Money Joy D. Kirsch, CFP

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Women tend to be more concerned with leading balanced lives than with their balance sheets. Based on the latest findings in behavioral science, this exciting program discusses how to use our strengths and recognize our weaknesses in order to ask the right questions, make better financial decisions, and reach our financial goals. It discusses how the human brain works, especially under times of stress, and explores how the female brain differs from the male brain. It is also designed to provide women in relationships with tools to help them better communicate with their mates in order to capitalize on each individual's strengths.

Alternative Meeting Menu

Hot and Cold Hors d'oeuvres
International cheeses with crackers
Fresh Fruit Tray
Pecan Squares, Lemon Squares, Brownies and Cookies
Iced Tea and Coffee
Cash bar serving wine available

**Financial Report General Fund
November 1 thru December 29, 2011**

Beginning Balance	\$22,535.36
Income	<u>3,718.00</u>
Expenses	(6,476.70)
Ending Balance	\$19,776.66

Debor Cassen, GF Treasurer

*Reminder: **Expense Reimbursement Policy.** Submit all club expenses to the General Fund Treasurer, Debor Cassen, within 30 days of incurring the expense. Expenses turned in after the 30 days will not be reimbursed. Turn in May's end-of-year expenses by May 25, 2012.*

**Financial Report Charitable Fund
November 1 thru December 31, 2011**

Beginning Balance	\$199,613.72
Checking Balance	\$123,756.71
Income (November)	66,091.38
Income (December)	<u>27,580.43</u>
Expenses (November)	(26,327.96)
Expenses (December)	(20,859.98)
Ending Checking Balance	\$170,240.58
CD Beginning Balance	\$ 75,857.01
Interest Earned (November)	40.53
Interest Earned (December)	<u>40.55</u>
Ending CD Balance	\$ 75,938.09

**Total Charitable Fund as of
December 31, 2011** **\$246,178.67**

Sheila Radabaugh, CF Treasurer



Northern Trust Repeats Sponsor Party Underwriting 2012 For "Sweet Sixteenth" Year

Northern Trust rang in the New Year with their commitment to underwrite the Northwood Woman's Club Sponsor Party 2012. An early Christmas present came in the form of a phone call from Keith Braley, Senior Vice President and Managing Director of Northern Trust in Bent Tree, making it official. NT will partner once again with NWC for another delightful evening designed to thank our many generous patrons who have helped us all year long to meet our beneficiary goals. When I told him how thrilled I was for their positive response to our request, he said, "They too were thrilled to continue the partnership." We agreed it is one which maximizes for both groups a philanthropic outreach to the Dallas community. This will be our sixteenth year to do so. The catch word that comes to mind is Sweet!

Oprah Winfrey once said: "Cheers to a New Year and another chance for us to get it right." That may be true in some cases but not in this one, we have always gotten it right with the NT/NWC annual Sponsor Party. The strong financial support from NT combined with the commitment, vision and personal efforts of our 400+ club members contribute together to its success.

Our NWC President-Elect, Peggy Laidlaw, who always gives 100% to whatever role she agrees to play, will be on board as Chair of the event scheduled for this spring. She is already actively engaged in the party planning phase and it promises to be great! We look forward to announcing soon the details as to date, time and place. You will not want to miss this special party, so please ensure your name is on the invitational list.

"Here's a toast to the future, a toast to the past, and a toast to our friends far and near. May the future be pleasant, the past a bright dream; may our friends remain faithful and dear."* HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Shelba Brown
NWC Liaison to Northern Trust
*(anonymous)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

ACTIVE	377
ASSOCIATE	34
CONDITIONAL	2
TOTAL	413

TOYS, TOYS and more TOYS

NWC's annual Toy Drive was a wonderful success with 370 toys collected and donated to Community Partners this year.



CONGRATULATIONS TO NWC NEW MEMBERS FOR A “JOB WELL DONE”

. December 1st was the fabulous Sherry Party at City Place, a beautiful setting. The new members did an outstanding job with planning, arrangements, and great food. The leaders of the class are Patty Fielder and Cheryl Toman.

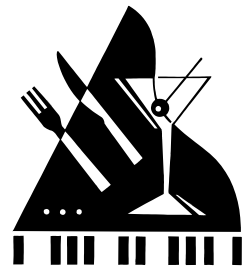


ACTIVITIES

Susan Boles, Chair

Antiques Group – Field trip to Dallas Museum of Art, January 11th for a tour of the Jean Paul Gaultier exhibit. Meet at Fretz Park parking lot 10:00 a.m.

The Dine Out Group will meet for cocktails at 5:30 pm on Saturday, January 14th, at the home of Barbara McAlister, 6822 Mossvine Circle, Dallas 75254. Dinner will be at 7:00 p.m. at Bent Tree Country Club. Details will follow with the invitation.



Cocktails for the February Dine Out will be at 5:30 pm on Saturday, February 11th, at the home of Jennifer Hajdu, 6805 Sedgwick in Dallas. Location of the dinner and menu and cost details will be included with the invitation.

Please call Elizabeth Jenkins (972 233 7989) or Mary Hansen (972 306 9719) if you have questions.



Travel Club hopes that everyone had a fun filled, exciting holiday season, but now it's time to get back on the road. On February 2, 2012 we will visit the DMA to take in the Jean Paul Gaultier exhibit which I'm sure we will find fascinating.

We will meet for lunch at 11:00 a.m. (place to be announced later) and then on to the DMA. One of our members, Jan Coltrin, has agreed to give us a quick tour and then we are on our own to take as much time as you wish. January is the perfect month for a cruise...so several of our members are enjoying the Caribbean at the release of this newsletter. Don't forget it is not too late to join us in February for the Spa and we are still accepting waiting list members for our "Help" trip to Jackson and Greenwood, MS in April. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 5 at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Doris Knappek. For any further information please contact Judy Smith at 972-250-2222 or Judy Rice at 972-931-6376.

The Can Do Quilters will meet on Friday, January 20th at the First United Methodist of Richardson on Arapaho from 9:00 to 4:00. This is our annual Quilt-a-thon! So much fun!! Bring your machines, sewing materials and lunch.

Social Bridge ... meets
second Thursday, January 12th, 10:00
a.m., Canyon Creek Country Club.

The Third Monday NWC Book Club will meet on Monday, January 16th at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Suzanne Caruso. We will discuss *The Hidden Diary of Marie Antoinette* by Carolly Erikson and our leader will be Marilyn Bilquist. A light lunch will be served.

Marcia Messinger, Chair

Evening Book Club will meet Wednesday, January 18th, at 6:00 p.m. at Mary McElvany's home. January's book is *"The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey"*. The discussion will be led by Mary Darelus and Carol LaFountain is the co-hostess.

P. J. Bate, Chair

The Theatre Group has had a record number of attendees this year for the productions. Thirty-one Theatre group members will be seeing the musical "Giant" on Thursday, January 19th at 7:30pm at the Wylly Theater. Beforehand, dinner will be at **Fedora Restaurant** 1722 Routh St. at 5:15pm. Anyone who would like to be



on the "Wait list" if we have any cancellations, please contact Susan Boles at susan.boles@sbcglobal.net.

On Thursday, February 9th @8:00pm don't miss the hilarious "**Women Fully Clothed**" at the Eisemann Center. Please send your \$36.50 check to Susan Boles if you'd like to attend.

GOURMET VI REPORT

The Gourmet VI group has had an interesting and enjoyable year. We started off the year with a "Lunch and Learn" kickoff in September at the Whole Foods Dining Facility in Plano. In October we had a Cocktail Party at the home of Dianne Hart, with a great selection of hors d'oeuvres and wine that was in preparation for the Holiday Season. November was a wonderful Harvest Lunch at the home of Sheila Radabaugh. In December we went to Lavendou Bistro Provencal Restaurant where we had a wonderful lunch and Chinese Gift Exchange. In January we will be treated to a brunch at the home of our member Jan Vaught. This has been a delightful year for the group with us trying a little different approach rather than the usual meeting each month in a member's home.

Co-Chairs: Doris Knappek & Maureen Anderson

HOSPITALITY REPORT

Joan Martin, Chair

New numbers for Dian Foster:
2nd phone number, 972-689-8859
e-mail: dianfoster60@yahoo.com

New e-mails: Mary Kennedy: rmkmtk2@gmail.com
Diana Leatherman: djleatherman3@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS to Barbara and Mason Brown who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, December 22nd.

Get Well Wishes to Suzanne Caruso's mother who is recovering from a broken bone.

Get Well Wishes also to Dottie Stafford who broke five bones in her foot. Look for her to soon sport a "designer boot."

Sad news among the members:

We send our condolences to the following and their families. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Joan Casey passed away suddenly on December 3rd of a heart attack. Funeral was held on December 9th at All Saints Catholic Church. Joan had been an active member of NWC since 1976. Joan is survived by son, Brian, his wife Meridith, three grandchildren, and numerous relatives.

Gary Dobiynski, brother of member Carol Bratcher, passed away on Sunday December 18, 2011.

Carolyn Bukhair's brother, Rev. John Stewart Bell, passed away Christmas Day.

Pat Williams' brother also passed away January 3rd.

Former member Shirley Van Meter passed away on December 26th.

Ann Sanders' sister, Carolyn, passed away the weekend before Christmas.

Stephen Piper, husband of Linda Piper, former member, passed away suddenly on December 27th after undergoing surgery.

Gene Hoffmann, husband of active member Jane Hoffmann, passed away on January 9th.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Peggy Shuman, 3rd VP



(This column is to help you plan for completing your required 15 Community Service hours.)

Opportunities for 15 Hours

DINE BY DESIGN on 2/21 972-733-0490
Guide and Host at The Arboretum, Friday, 3/26 and Monday, 3/30 Call 972-370-9295
Our Friend's Place Refresh a Room Project in March or Bake a Casserole 972-248-3107
Genesis Mother's Day Project 214-696-1021
Baylor January 28 Well Woman Clinic 7:00am (5 hours credit) call 972-931-5623
Volunteer for NWC ESTATE SALE, Saturday, April 21 Call 972-416-0271 or 972-386-6581
Work Vickery GRADUATION, April 31, or Vickery Office Help any day 214-348-4086
Recycle All Season Cards 972-250-2222
Neighborhood Service Council, 972-380-6269

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

For Women For Life, 2012

**Saturday, January 28 -- 7:00 a.m. to Noon
THE HEART HOSPITAL, Baylor Plano**

Would you like to earn 5 hours of community service hours? Sign up to help out at the 2012 For Women For Life event on January 28. With more than 400 women expected to attend, this successful event offers free heart health screenings, heart health information, and a question and answer panel with physicians on the medical staff. Additional screenings will be offered at the Baylor Plano facility. **We need your help!! In order to**

ensure they have enough volunteers, please let **Sheila Radabaugh** (saradabaugh@sbcglobal.net or 972-931-5623) know by Wednesday, January 11th

if you would like to volunteer your help. The areas needing volunteers are Registration, Guest Assistance, Physician Panel Assistance, and Event Preparation. A free breakfast is served before the event.

NWC PARTICIPATES IN DALLAS CASA NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY

On November 19th NWC participated in National Adoption Day by providing and serving refreshments for 67 children and their new forever families. Adoption Day is a national event created in 2000 to help eliminate delays in the Adoption process. The occasion was held at the Henry Wade Juvenile Justice Center in Dallas and marked the 9th year NWC participated. Funding for this has been provided by the Special Projects Committee of NWC. Approximately 50 NWC volunteers took part. Ginger Sconyers was chair and has served since NWC has been involved in this project. Special recognition goes to Ginger, Ross and Ann Sanders, who donated the popcorn, Isabel Brooks' granddaughter, who baked 12 dozen cookies, and the very generous monetary donations of many members to the CASA Angel Tree.



NORTHWOOD WOMAN'S CLUB HONORED IN COMMISSIONERS COURT

On Tuesday, November 29, 2011 the Dallas County Commissioners Court honored the volunteers for



National Adoption Day. Debby Buchanan, long time CASA advocate and volunteer, represented NWC at these proceedings. Other representatives present were from Child Protective Services and Dallas CASA.

Commissioner Mike Cantrell introduced

the resolution "...WHEREAS, year after year, several groups have made this even a unique day of celebration and have transformed the look and feel of the courtroom. ... Northwood Woman's Club provided financial support and volunteers served refreshments to the crowd....

"NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby recognize and extend sincere appreciation to all of the Volunteers who made the 12th Annual National Adoption Day in Dallas a huge success by linking children in foster care to loving families."

Signed by: Clay Lewis Jenkins, County Judge

Suzanne Bryan, Dallas CASA Board Member
(County Judge Clay Jenkins is picture above with NWC members at Adoption Day.)



Dallas Blooms: March 3rd to April 8th, 2012
NWC Volunteer Days: Monday, March 26th and Friday, March 30th, either AM or PM shifts, 9am to 1pm or 1pm to 5pm for which 4 hours will be awarded (or actual hours worked). If you still need hours for 2011/2012 or if you want to come out and smell the flowers and be with your friends, you can **sign up at the February General Meeting or by calling Freda Stratton @ 972.370.9295 or email at fstratton11@aol.com.**

Volunteer Opportunities: DeGolyer House docents, Education Program Assistants, Garden Guides (training needed). Gift Shop Merchandisers, Greeters, Visitor Services and Mommy and Me Mondays. You will be assigned "inside" or "outside" (your choice) and job depends on availability.

**DEADLINE FOR 2012
COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS
May 10, 2012**

NWC Special Projects

Do you have a special hands on community project that could use extra money? If so, please contact Jaci Crawford at 972-769-8861 or jacicd@aol.com to find out what you need to do to be considered for funds from our Special Projects Budget. An application will be E-mailed to you including all necessary requirements.

All applications must be received by Wednesday, February 22, 2012. The committee will meet in March to select the projects receiving funding for the 2012-2013 NWC year.

Jaci Crawford, Special Projects Chairperson

KALEIDOSCOPE 2011 LOST & FOUND

We found two pairs of eye glasses among the left over items at Kaleidoscope. We are not sure if they were left behind on Friday's set up, Saturday's gala, or the Sunday morning wrap up. If someone is missing some glasses, please email: Pat Saari to claim your glasses. patsaari@hotmail.com

NWC Beneficiaries 2011-2012
CASA of Collin County
Dallas Furniture Bank
Genesis Women's Shelter
Mission East Dallas (MED)
Neighborhood Service Council
Vogel Alcove
UTD Scholarship

CHARITABLE FUND

Betty Ann Fults, 4th VP



REWARD NWC AS YOU SHOP – IT'S EASY



DINE BY DESIGN In Style 2112



Introducing the **“Order of the Fork”**. In order to join the “Order”, contribute to the underwriting of Dine by Design in Style. If you have a lot – underwrite a lot! If you have a little – underwrite a little! Just join us in the fun of being a member of the “Order” and receive your “golden fork lapel pin”.

Northwood’s highly successful Dine By Design will be held at Bent Tree Country Club, February 21 at 10 am. Cost is \$85.00. Last year the luncheon and style show was an early sell-out, so make your plans now to attend this popular fundraising event. I look forward to seeing you there!

If you would like to submit addresses of friends and prospective new members to receive invitations to the luncheon, please complete the attached and/or get the information to Laura Williamson, 5705 Roswell Dr., Plano 75093, 972-692-7578, laurajw113@aol.com.

Dine By Design 2012 guest designer is Jill Slatter, Retail Manager of Replacements, Greensboro, N. C.

A delightful London lady, Jill came to the United States sixteen years ago and began her career with world famous Replacements. She is a spokes person for television, guest speaker, table setting and design coordinator. Jill has a son and daughter, two granddaughters and three step children

Replacements was started by Bob Page going to estate and garage sales and purchasing china. His hobby out

grew his family home to huge warehouses the size of a football field harboring shelves sixteen feet high and loaded with every pattern you could dream. He buys china from everyone and has a fabulous selection. Replacements also does silver patterns and can reproduce lost patterns for their customers.

For information: Beth Muse, Chair
972-733-0490, Email: beth.muse@me.com.

SAVE THE DATE for *Seconds to Go*

April 21-22, 2012

Jan Vaught, & Judy Weigand, Co-Chairs



We want luggage, toys, children’s and baby’s clothing, home décor, books, bedroom and bath linens, ladies clothes, shoes and purses, men’s clothing.

We DO NOT WANT men’s shoes, DVDs, records, tapes, holiday décor or flowers, sleeping pillows.

NO electronics such as faxes, telephones, TVs.

As you clean out closets and cabinets, we ask that you use the following info as a guide to donate to the sale:

We will accept items right before the sale in April.

All clothes must be clean and on hangers.

All appliances must be in working order.

Honor that Wonderful Someone

What a great way to honor someone special by making a donation in their name to the Northwood Woman’s Club Charitable Fund!

Send the honoree’s name and address along with your check (\$50 minimum) to: NWC Charitable Fund, Elizabeth Jenkins, 6105 Sandydale Dr. Dallas TX 75248
Questions? Call Elizabeth at 972-233-7989.

Ball de la Rose Monte Carlo

The following photos were taken at Kaleidoscope November 5, 2011. We want to again express warm congratulations to Liz Martin and Pat Saari and their committee for a wonderful evening. Our event included cocktails, dinner, dancing with a live band and singers, silent auction, big board auction, live auction and a casino with 17 tables. The evening was also a financial success raising funds for the Charitable Fund.



Blackjack anyone?



A beautiful event



Dancing the Night Away



Auctioneers Ready To Go

Sharyl & John Weber



**Robert & Freda
Stratton**



Liz & Pat get a little rest

THE BACK PAGE REPORT



Chuck Steelman of Neiman Marcus Willowbend provided the program for both the general meeting and alternative meeting in November.



New Year's Eve has always been a time for looking back to the past, and more importantly, forward to the coming year. It's a time to reflect on the changes we want (or need) to make and resolve to follow through on those changes.

The tradition of the New Year's Resolutions goes all the way back to 153 B.C. Janus, a mythical king of early Rome was placed at the head of the calendar. With two faces, Janus could look back on past events and forward to the future. Janus became the ancient symbol for resolutions and many Romans looked for forgiveness from their enemies and also exchanged gifts before the beginning of each year.

Following are the resolutions I will try to keep in 2012:

- **Enjoy Life More** – Spend more time with Family and Friends, Keep a journal of awesome moments, Take a trip, Be less grumpy
- **Tame the Bulge** – Fit in fitness, Eat properly, Get enough sleep
- **Improve Self** – Learn something new, Read at least one book per month

- **Become more organized** – Reduce stress, Manage time, Be more independent
- **Help Others** – Volunteer for something new
- **Say “Thank You” more often** – notes, calls visits

DATES TO REMEMBER

Alternative Meeting
Tuesday, January 17, 6 p.m.

General Meeting
January 26, 2 p.m.

Dine by Design
February 21st, 2012

Rummage Sale
April 20 & 21, 2012

Kaleidoscope 2012
October 20, 2012

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful people can make a difference – in fact it is the only thing that ever has.”