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President: Carolyn Bukhair
www.northwoodwomansclub.org

November/December 2011

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.*

NWC November General Meeting and Alternative Meeting **"Christmas Gift Extravaganza" Thursday, November 17, 2011** **Neiman Marcus Willow Bend, Mariposa Restaurant (3rd Floor)**

This exciting annual event, hosted by Neiman Marcus Willow Bend for NWC, will feature NM's Chuck Steelman as he presents the latest gift items just in time to start (or complete) your holiday shopping! Gifts for all, including the little ones, will be showcased. Home Accessories designer Atticus Lyon and FOX "Master Chef" winner Whitney Miller, who will sign copies of her new cookbook "Modern Hospitality", will make personal appearances at both the general and alternative meetings.

General Meeting

Breakfast 9:30 am/Meeting 10:00 a.m

Cost \$23, Check payable to NWC

NMWB opens for NWC at 9:00 a.m.

(East entrance/covered parking by Men's Wear)

Alternative Meeting

Appetizers 6:30 pm/ Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Cost \$18, Check payable to NWC

Cash bar available, serving wine.

Seating is limited at both events to 125 attendees due to the size of the Mariposa Restaurant. Reservations will be held on a first-come, first-served basis. Your check will hold the reservation.

General Meeting: \$23

Mail checks to: Debor Cassen
6830 Brookshire Dr., Dallas, TX 75230
214-369-8890

Alternative Meeting: \$18

Mail checks to: Susan Burton
4127 Towne Green Circle, Addison, TX 75001
972-490-9121

Checks must be received by Debor, for morning program, or Susan, for evening program, **by Monday, November 14.**

Annual NWC Sherry Party

The 2011-2012 New Members proudly announce the Annual Sherry Party:

Thursday, December 1, 2011

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

City Club Dallas

901 Main Street, Suite 6900

Dallas, TX 75202

Please RSVP by November 18th to
972-437-2238 or
forsherryparty@yahoo.com



Directions to the City Club are listed on the back of each invitation. Valet parking is available in front of the red statue on Main Street.

Please bring a new unwrapped toy.

For those of you who are unable to drive downtown, we have arranged several places for you to meet and carpool. Please contact those listed below who will meet you at the following locations to arrange carpooling.

Bent Tree Country Club - Sheila Radabaugh

Fretz Park - Linda Myers

Suzanne Caruso's home - Suzanne Caruso

The carpools will be leaving promptly from each location at 12:30 p.m. and leaving the City Club at 3:00 p.m.

Look forward to seeing each of you.

Cheryl Toman, 972-387-3887
Patty Fielder, 972-239-8616

BOARD BYLINES

by Carolyn Bukhair, President



First I want to congratulate Liz Martin and Pat Saari for a great Kaleidoscope 2011. It was a great event due to their efforts and all the wonderful teams working toward a successful and fun evening. Leading teams for the silent auction were Laura Williamson and Barbara Kutz. The Live Auction component of

the event was chaired by Bettye Stripling and Underwriting was led by Elizabeth Jenkins. So many positive comments were heard about the Malachite Room, the food, the overall facility, the silent and big board auction items, as well as the live auction and the auctioneer. We were also fortunate to have Beth Wagner Mortenson as our Mistress of Ceremonies. Beth is the daughter of proud parents, Lynn and Alan Wagner. Congratulations to all of our leaders and all the members who made it a great party with one big purpose in mind- --that being raising money for our 6 beneficiaries and UTD Scholarships.

Because of the success of our major fund raising event, the November 5th Board meeting, hosted by Debor Cassen ,kicked off with recognition of the leadership of Pat and Liz with a banner, “bon bon’s” , and just time to reflect on a quote of Ted Geisel (Dr. Seuss),

“Don’t Cry because it’s over. Smile because it happened.”

So the board took a few minutes to just smile and enjoy all the accomplishments and achievements of so many of NWC members.

The rest of the board meeting centered on routine business including the financial reports, minutes, correspondence, and routine reports of board members. Detailed discussion items included:

- “Sherry Party” transportation planning was discussed and resulted in plans for car pools by board members arranged in 3 sites. This should enable all members to be able to attend this wonderful holiday celebration.

- Research and development preliminary report was made by Ann Jordan. The charge to the committee was to be a “think tank”, a true research and development group, starting the process of research, building ideas for the future.
- Community Service reviewed wonderful agencies for consideration for “Sherry Party” toys. A very thorough discussion on all the wonderful agencies was held but due to constraints regarding pick up and other considerations *Community Partners* was selected as the site for this year.
- Dine by Design leader, Beth Muse, presented an update on plans for our “Spring” fund raising event . A lot of preliminary work has been done by Beth and by her committee. She told us just enough to know you better “hold on to your hat” because they have a lot of surprises and fun planned for this great event.

Carolyn

CONGRATULATIONS KALEIDOSCOPE COMMITTEE FOR A JOB WELL DONE



**Financial Report General Fund
October 1 thru October 31, 2011**

Beginning Balance	\$24,551.75
Income	5,730.00
Expenses	(7,746.39)
Ending Balance	\$22,535.36

Debor Cassen, General Fund Treasurer

**Financial Report Charitable Fund
September 30 thru October 31, 2011**

Beginning Balance	\$130,910.89
Checking Balance	55,094.38
Income	102,216.80
Expenses	(33,554.47)
Ending Checking Balance, Oct. 31.	\$ 123,756.71

CD Beginning Balance, Oct. 1	\$ 75,816.51
Interest earned	40.50
Ending CD Balance	\$ 75,857.01

Total Ending Balance	\$ 199,613.72
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Sheila Radabaugh, Charitable Fund Treasurer

ADMINISTRATION

Freda Stratton, 1st VP

**Inspirational and Entertaining October
NWC Meeting at Gleneagles CC**

The NWC meeting held on October 27, 2011, was a great kick-off for Fall. The beautiful centerpieces designed by Sandra Brewer and Mary Kennedy with pumpkins serving as containers for fall colored flowers set the mood. President Carolyn Bukhair began with a moving introduction reminding us of the true difference we can all make through our efforts in emphasizing the "power of one". Tricia Sumner, the C.E.O. of Mission East Dallas, spoke to us of the difference Northwood Woman's Club will be making to the people of east Dallas, having been selected as one of the recipients of our fund raising efforts this year. The program presented by Suzie Humphries had us both laughing, and then at the end some of us even shedding a few tears, as she presented the story of her professional life under the title "I Can Do That". Over 226 members attended this luncheon-and it was said by many that it was one of the best meetings they had ever attended as Northwood members. Thank you to all who made the effort to bring this to us!

Maurine Croley



Approximately 18 Yearbooks remain to be picked up by Members. If you have not received your Yearbook as this date, please contact Carolyn Boyle at 972.625.6089 or 406.697.2751 to arrange a pick up. The Yearbooks have been available at the August, September and October monthly meetings, but personal arrangements must now be made to receive the publication.

NWC Beneficiaries 2011-2012

- CASA of Collin County**
- Dallas Furniture Bank**
- Genesis Women's Shelter**
- Mission Ease Dallas (MED)**
- Neighborhood Service Council**
- Vogel Alcove**
- UTD Scholarships**

MEMBER SERVICES

Shannon Burton, 2nd VP

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS (cont'd. from last month)

Kaye Smith and her husband, Ken, have lived in Dallas for over 30 years. Kaye has worked as an Accounting Teacher at Richland College and as an Accountant for Controlled Systems Sales Co. She is a member of Delta Gamma Alumnae and the Northwood Republican Women, where she has served as Treasurer and Recording Secretary. Kay has donated many hours serving as a Contact Crisis Line Counselor. Through NWC, Kaye is looking forward to giving more time and energy to serving our community and looks forward to participating in the many activity groups within the Club. Kaye's sponsor is Carol Shannon.

Sandy Smith and her husband, Richard, are long time residents of Dallas, having lived in the area for 20 years. Sandy has spent her career as a nurse, holding many leadership roles at Children's Medical Center. She has been a member of the Texas Nurses Association and the National Association for the Care of Children's Health and is now a member of the Preston Hollow Women's Club. In the past, she has volunteered as a nurse for clinics sponsored by North Dallas Shared Ministries. Sandy looks forward to the community service involvement that membership in NWC offers. Sandy is sponsored by Susie Ard.

Velma VanGorder is a former member of NWC and has lived in the Dallas area for 11 years. In the past, Velma has designed clothing and is currently designing jewelry. Velma is active in her church where she is a member of a Bible Study group. She is looking forward to contributing her talents to NWC and its projects. Velma is sponsored by Nancy Simpson.

HOSPITALITY REPORT

Joan Martin, Chair

Our NWC general meetings continue to be well attended. A reminder to our associate members, make your meeting reservations each month to Joan Martin at 972-503-6464.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Joe and Glenda Ledford on the death of their grandson, Jordan Stabach.

Our thoughts and prayers also go to Corky Evans and family on the death of Corky's husband Ray on Oct. 31st.

We also want to remember Barbara Welch, whose sister passed away recently.

Dot Zimmrman is in rehab at Willow Bend Legacy Rehab home. She broke her hip and is recuperating there.

Tinker Frederick is also recovering from knee surgery

New email for Mary Jane Goodman is mjgnola@gmail.com

ACTIVITIES

Susan Boles, Chair

ANTIQUES LUNCHEON

ADDISON CAFÉ

December 14, 2011

11:00 a.m. \$30.00

Speaker: Chocolateer Michael Bogner

Entrees: Grilled Chicken w/Rice

Grilled Salmon

Tournedos of Beef

Shrimp w/Pasta

Includes: Soup or Salad and choice of Dessert

Please send your check made out to Pat with choice of Entrée to:

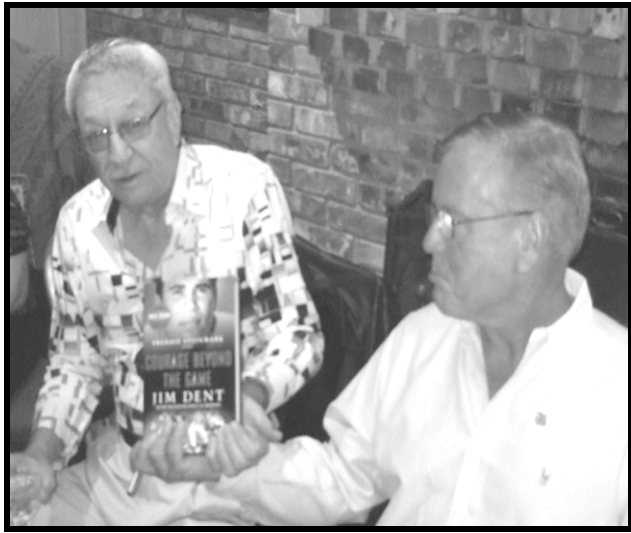
Pat Williams

6515 Westgate Drive

Dallas, Texas 75254

Antiques will meet on January 11, 2012, for a 11:00 scheduled tour of the Jean Paul Gaultier exhibit at the Dallas Museum of Art conducted by NWC docents, Jan Coltrin, Joanne Stevens and Peggy Shuman.

Any questions, please call Beth Muse, 972-733-0494.



Frank Luska and Jim Dent

SOCIAL BRIDGE ... meets
second Thursday, November 10th, 10:00
a.m., Canyon Creek Country Club. We
DO NOT meet in December.

Ruth Gibson



THEATRE GROUP

On October 27th, 38 Theatre-goers enjoyed seeing "Midtown Men" at the Eisemann Center. The music of 4 members of the original cast of "Jersey Boys" was uplifting and very entertaining as it carried us back to our youth.

- Our November production will be "To kill a Mockingbird".
- There will be no theatre event going on in December.
- The January play will be "Giant" on Wed. January 18 at 7:30 at the Wyly. Mark your calendar but tickets are not on sale yet; Theatre Group members will receive an email when prices are available.

Upcoming plays are "Women Fully Clothed" on Feb. 9 and "Million Dollar Quartet" in March.

Contact Susan Boles if interested.

EVENING BOOK CLUB

NWC's new activity group, Evening Book Club, hosted local author, Jim Dent, for a discussion on his book, "**Twelve Mighty Orphans**" the inspiring true story of the Mighty Mites who ruled Texas football. The book is a powerful story of human courage and determination. Frank and Henrietta Luska also attended the meeting. The evening was capped-off with Jim reading from his newest book, "**Courage Beyond the Game**" which is dedicated to Frank for his contributions to sports journalism. Henrietta, a former member of NWC, joined Frank in celebrating this recognition.

November's meeting will be held on Wednesday, the 19th, at Beth Braziller's home. The book is "**The Paris Wife**" by Paula McLain. The discussion will be led by Mary Darelus.

DAYTIME BOOK CLUB

The Daytime Book Club will be meeting on Monday, November 21st at the home of Lynn Wagner, 6006 Jericho Ct, Dallas, Texas. We will discuss the "**Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid**" by Bill Bryson. If members have any questions, please contact Carolyn Boyle at 972.625.6089 or Marcia Messinger at 972.733.1256.

Bunco for November will be at the home of Linda Fennell, 3304 Leighton Ridge Drive, Plano, TX 75025. Lunch will be served at 12:30 and the activities will be over at 3:00.

Gail Kennedy

DINE OUT

There will be no Dine Out event in November so that we all may attend Kaleidoscope 2011. The next event will be the Holiday Cocktail Buffet from 6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. on December 10th at the home of Stella and Jim Montgomery, 14708 Winnwood Rd., in Dallas. Invitations containing more information will be mailed soon.



Looking ahead to January 2012, the Dine Out group will meet for cocktails at 5:30 pm on Saturday, January 14th, at the home of Barbara and Don 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.

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

TRAVEL CLUB

The Travel Club enjoyed a day trip with the head witch, Rosemary Rumbley, on Halloween. There was lots of treats but no tricks. Our Christmas Outing to the Bass is filling fast so be sure and get your reservation to Judy Smith. Remember, husbands and significant others are welcome. This is a first for "White Christmas" and promises to get us into the Christmas spirit. Upcoming trips include a Cruise in January and a return trip to the Spa in February. If you have any questions, please contact either Judy Smith 972-250-2222 or Judy Rice at 972-931-6376. Our next meeting is scheduled for **January 5** at the home of **Judy Thorpe**.

May you all have a wonderful holiday season and happy travels in 2012.

CANASTA

Substitutes are needed - please contact Shannon Burton at shannonbb@sbcglobal.net



GOURMET VI

Maureen Anderson and Doris Knappek are co-chairing the Gourmet VI group for the 2011-2012. The membership was complete before the sign up meeting.

For our first luncheon in September, we went to Whole Foods in Plano. Chef Jason treated us to a fabulous three course lunch which he prepared for us while demonstrating how each course was prepared, also giving us tips on how to make preparation easier.

Recipes were available for all the things that were prepared. A good time was had by all who attended.

For the October get together we did something special for the group. Instead of our usual lunch, we decided to have an afternoon event getting ready for the holidays. We met at the lovely home of Dianne Hart, whose home was decorated with wonderful Halloween decorations. We had various hors' d'oeuvres prepared by the three hostesses for the month, plus wines and a delicious dessert wine to go with the chocolate covered strawberries. This was a great change from the usual luncheon and such a good time was had by everyone that we would have stayed for "happy hour" but we ran out of wine!!

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Peggy Shuman, 3rd VP



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

Scottish Rite Hospital decorating schedule:

- Preparation, November 18th
- Rail decorating, December 21
- Tree Decorating, November 29
- Un-decorating, January 9

If you are interested in helping, call Mary Jo Pinac or Charmian Wallis.

Popular Hour Opportunities

Guide at Arboretum call Freda Stratton
Buckner Shoe Mailings call Delma Hendrix
Adoption Day at CASA call Suzanne Bryan
Host a Nursing Home Party call Karen Paterson
Genesis "Done in a Day Dinners" call Linda Ayers
Baylor Imaging center help call Sheila Radabaugh
Cuddle babies at Medical City call Marion Mitchell
Can Do Quilters call Rosemary Raley
NETWORK Food Bank call Nancy Purcell
Help sort kid's clothes at CP call Alice Collerain
Help Friday Clothes Closet call Ann Jordon

November 1 – January 1

Be a Study Buddy call Mary McElvany
Make sandwiches for NSC call Mary McElvany
Do a Display at Attitudes call Gaylan Sapp
Help 2nd graders read call Barbara Welch
Help at Visions for CONTACT call Isabel Brooks

Notes from Chairman Shuman:



The toys collected at the December Sherry Party will be contributed to Community Partners this year.

I received a thank you note from the chaplain we all sent the Bisquick to: It reads "I want to than you for all your kindness. Your gifts were truly appreciated. May the Lord Continue to Bless You.

Sincerely, Chaplain Gillian"

Lt. Richard Wagner is safe at home and do not send any more boxes to him. If you need a name for your box, call Peggy Shuman, 972-931-8059.

I also have a new Dallas soldier. He is the executive officer of an engineering company. He says they are doing well, taking care of four different Route Clearance Platoons (RCP's) spread across Eastern Afghanistan. They clear the roads of the IED's

1st Lt. Kermit Gable USA
e-mail: kermit.gable@afghan.swa.army.mil
USA 689th EN CO
FOB Fenty APO AE 09310

He writes, " We don't want a ton of things except chocolate and microwave popcorn.

We would like to have little things to give out to the children during our patrols. They love pens (cheap inexpensive pens), also candy and gum. Some kids in the villages throw rocks at us, others want us to stop and say "hi" to them. We need all the kids to be like the later. See you when I get home, thanks for everything."

Baylor Volunteer News

A luncheon was held on Wednesday, November 2 to honor all volunteers at Baylor. Volunteers, who achieved 100 hours or more since the hospital opened in 2005, received pins denoting their total hours thus far. Northwood Woman's volunteers that received pins were: Beth Braziller, Nancy Natinsky, Sheila Radabaugh, Sue Redmond, Audrey Tinsley, Pat Williams and Patti Williams. Most of our member volunteers had in excess of 600 hours each. Congratulations and thank you on behalf of Baylor Regional Heart Hospital of Plano.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES



Easy hours for making casseroles or pies.

The New Friends New Life Org. has asked us to provide the Thanksgiving dinner for the protégés this year. The dinner is Wednesday evening November 16th at 6:00. This is the week before Thanksgiving!

We need: Green bean casseroles
Sweet potato casseroles
Pecan or Pumpkin pies
People to assist in setting up and serving

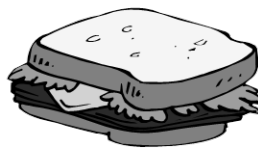
At: Preston Road Church of Christ (6409 Preston Rd. Dallas 75205) *Preston and University*

Recipes will be provided.

Food will need to be delivered to the church or to Pat Lawson's house on the 16th.

Call or email if you can help with this. Thanks.

Peggy Bounds, 972-661-1336
Pat Lawson, 972-233-2309



Easy hours for making sandwiches or cookies.

Neighborhood Service Council will hold its annual Open House on Friday, December 2nd, 11:30 to 1:00, at 13050 Peyton Drive, Dallas. We will serve a light lunch.

We need: Sandwiches (your choice)

Cookies (again your choice)

To be brought to NSC by 10:00 on December 2nd.

Please Call Mary McElvany (972-380-6269) if you can help provide these. Thanks.

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

CHARITABLE FUND

Betty Ann Fults, 4th VP



REWARD NWC AS YOU SHOP – IT'S EASY



“Mark Your Calendars”

NWC's Eleventh Annual **Dine by Design In Style** is coming up on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at Bent Tree Country Club. In addition to counting as a meeting, we will have many beautiful decorated tabletops created by our members and vendors, and our wonderful Spring Fashion Show presented by Neiman Marcus Willow Bend, as well as our Raffle with prizes you will want to win. We will be including a form in the November Communiqué for you to submit the names and addresses of friends and prospective new members to receive invitations to the luncheon.



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”.

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!

Beth Muse, “Dine by Design In Style”, 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

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 hangars.

All appliances in working order.



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 mens' shoes, DVDs, records, tapes, holiday décor or flowers, sleeping pillows.
NO electronics such as faxes, telephones, TVs.

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, c/o Elizabeth Jenkins, 6105 Sandydale Dr. Dallas TX 75248.

Questions? Call Elizabeth at 972-233-7989.

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

THE BACK PAGE REPORT



HOW TO OBSERVE THANKSGIVING

Count your blessings instead of your crosses;
Count your gains instead of your losses.
Count your joys instead of your woes;
Count your friends instead of your foes.
Count your smiles instead of your tears;
Count your courage instead of your fears.
Count your full years instead of your lean;
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.
Count your health instead of your wealth;
Count on God instead of yourself.

~Author Unknown.~~

Editor's Note: As I look at conditions around me and hear the many newscasts, I cannot help but think of the many things for which I am thankful:

- Good Health (for my age)
- A large Family (keeps me going)
- Living in the USA (no words needed)
- Being free to worship as I see
- Friends (who accept and love me as I am)
- Children's Hugs (can't be replaced)
- Food/clothes/a place where I can live safely
- Curiosity (that has made me achieve)
- The saying, "You Can Do that" (and I can)
- My high school typing teacher (who gave me the skills to earn a living)
- My Vision (and a good eye doctor)
- Books (and time to read them)
- Growing up poor (although I didn't see it that way when growing up)
- The microwave oven (my kitchen must-have)
- Forgiveness (for the many things I do wrong)
- Education (can't be replaced)

In what country is Thanksgiving ironically not celebrated? Turkey.

"The greatest victories come when people dare to be great, when they summon their spirits to brave the unknown and go forward together to reach a greater good."

Ronald Reagan

FAIR PARK - 2011

Great Places in America WINNER

American Planning Association

"Dallas has so much that we all just forget when we travel to see wonderful things."

Bettye Stripling

Dallas Park & Recreation Board District 12



A crowd gathers for the annual Texas State Fair in front of the Hall of State building. This plaza is used to host many events that take place on the park grounds throughout the year. (Photo courtesy of State Fair of Texas.)

DATES TO REMEMBER

November General Meeting
Thursday, November 17th, 9:30 a.m.

Alternative Meeting
Thursday, November 17th, 6:30 p.m.

Sherry Party
Thursday, December 1st, 1:00 p.m.

Dine by Design
February 21st, 2012

NWC Rummage Sale
April 20 and 21, 2012

Kaleidoscope 2012
October 20, 2012

