



Women's Club Newsletter

Just like branches on a tree, we all grow in different directions, yet we remain as one.

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Notes from the President

(Jan Utzman)



I feel like I have made so many new friends that are now a part of my extended family.

I will never forget you, or the fun and satisfaction I have felt these past months.

And so, as I say goodbye to you, I feel confident that the Robson Ranch Women's Club is being turned over to good hands with President Mala Bowdouris and her Board leading the way now.

Please give her the support and appreciation that you have given me.

Jan

To all 445 members of Women's Club I want to say thank you for making my year as President a wonderful happy memory.

With the participation of all of you, along with a fantastic Board, that I have had the pleasure of heading up, it has truly been a year that has given me much pleasure.

Welcome

(Sally Baggott)

It has been my pleasure to meet all of the new Robson Ranch residents. I invite you to come to our luncheons. We are all here to enjoy our retirement and to join in all the activities and there is no better place than the *Robson Ranch Women's Club* to get to know...

Sometimes I am not able to contact everyone in person so I reach out via the mail. This is OK but it would be nice if we could all meet in person.

They will have the opportunity to meet the wonderful Robson Ranch Women's Club members and kick off the new year with new friends!

If you have new neighbors, please invite them to attend the January luncheon

Monday, January 6,
2014

**"Women Working
Together"**



Program Details and Updates

(Linda Overfield)



The Last Program of 2013

It's so hard to believe that December is right around the corner and I am announcing the last program of the year.

We will welcome Donna Trammell (lyricist) and Kay Lamb (performer) who are very involved with the *Denton Community Theater* along with local pianist Susan Ogilvy. These 3 very talented women will delight us with a combination of classic favorites, sing-a- longs and holiday trivia.

They will be performing their program titled,

“Bubble Lights...The Golden Years of Christmas Pops from (1942-1958)”

I would like to take this opportunity to again thank all of the RRWC members that participated in some of the programs this year such as the fashion shows, Tai Chi demonstration, Mardi Gras cooking demonstration, Celebrate the Magic of Life and the talent show. Without you these programs could not be successful. I would also like to thank the RRWC board of directors. Their enthusiasm and willing spirit made these programs possible. They were definitely on board for my theme for the year, “Girls Just Want to Have Fun”.

I hope that you enjoyed the programs as we much as we enjoyed presenting them to you. Even though I will not hold the same position on the board next year, I know it's going to be another great year!

See you all in December.

Linda



Ways and Means

(Gayle Coe)

It has been my pleasure to bring you the amazing Spring Tea Party and the magical Fall Holiday Market this year! I believe the Robson Ranch Women's Club is a wonderful organization that embodies the Robson Ranch community spirit, "Welcome and Join Us in the Celebration!"

Thank you for the opportunity to be a member of the 2013 Women's Club Board.

Gayle Coe



Once again it's time to get out the decorations, think about menus for the "Big Day", and shop for that perfect gift. It's also a time when people ask for donations for their charity. I come to you basically, with the same request. I want you to think about this for a minute. Please think about giving without leaving your home while giving the perfect gift that doesn't have to be exchanged!

Please take a minute and become a **Holiday Home Tour Family Gift Donor!** Your gift will be donated to "The Friends of the Family" and "Ann's Haven VNA". The \$25.00 check you write in your family's name will clearly make many people smile.

We would like to recognize your participation and include your name in the Tour of Homes program.

Please make your check out to the **RRWC** and mail it prior to **November 22** to ensure you are listed in the Tour of Homes program.. Please mail your Family Gift check to:

Susan Hebert, 10512 Gardner Trail, Denton, TX 76207

Please take a minute and become a Family Gift donor. Thank you, Susan Hebert

Membership

(Glenda Brown)

MEMBERSHIP IS 445!**ANOTHER RECORD!!**

Please invite your friends and neighbors, who are not members yet, to attend our next luncheon on ...

**Monday,
December 2**

2014 Membership Dues are only \$15. Please make your check out to the RRWC.

To join, please print the **Membership form** from the Women's Club, Robson Ranch HOA website. Complete it and bring it along with your check, to the **Membership table**, in the lobby, at the December luncheon.

As a reminder...

Guests are welcome to attend one time prior to joining.

See you in December!



Have You Bought Your Holiday Home Tour Ticket?



November Luncheon: Senator Jane Nelson, President Jan Utzman and President Elect Mala Bowdouris



Women's Club Newsletter

Sunshine

(Rosemary Weinstein)

Do you know anyone in our community who may be needing some encouragement or cheering up?

Perhaps someone who has had surgery, illness, death in the family, or an accident.

We want to let our community know we care and we would

love to extend our concern and support on behalf of the Women's Club.

To date, we have sent forty-six cards this year to our friends and neighbors.

Just to let you know, we send cards out as soon as we hear of someone.

You are welcome to contract

Rosemary Weinstein

262-0151

or

dineout@grandecom.net

Please include the name, address and the reason for the card.

We Also Place Pink Sheets on the Tables at each Monthly Luncheon.

Thank You for Your Thoughtfulness and Concern!



Know Our Members

This month we'd like to tell you a bit about one of our new members, **Linda Venable**.

Until recently Linda was more often referred to as Chief Venable, as she was a Battalion Chief for the city of Dallas Fire Department when she moved into the Ranch earlier this year. She retired the following week. Linda started off as a firefighter and EMS paramedic and progressed through the ranks to become the Section Chief of EMS. After her stint in "staff", she then returned to a firefighting district and ended her career back in the field where she loved working. But 33 years were not enough for Linda.

After a few months of retirement, she decided that she needed to do more for country and firefighters. Linda and her husband Jeff Venable founded a 501(c)3 charity called, **Support for Firefighters, Inc.** (you should go onto Facebook and "like" her page Support for Firefighters, or visit her web page, www.supportforfirefighters.com and make a donation). The mission of their charity is support the families of fallen firefighters, to donate safety equipment to firefighters, and contribute to burn victim research for those injured in vehicle and structure fires.

Linda's husband, an accomplished ultra marathoner (that means that he runs really long distances for fun), not to be outdone, decided that the family should run across America to raise funds for the charity. So next June, Linda, Jeff, and their three dogs, will run across America (I understand that Jeff is going to run the majority of the miles as it WAS his idea). This run is designed to raise awareness and funds through media attention and a blog that is available on their website. So if you see Jeff running through the neighborhood, or out on the streets, slow down and give him a wave. And if you are bored or hot this summer, you can visit Linda, Jeff and dogs on their run. They are going to be out running for 4 months from Oregon to New York City for 9-11 at Ground Zero and then on to Maryland for the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial event, so you should have plenty of time to escape the heat and head up north to find them.

They will be posting their route and location daily as internet service allows along with the blog, including pictures. So please follow along! They both say that they can use all the encouragement and support that we can give them.

Welcome all of the New Members!! Did you know all new members have their picture taken at the luncheons? This is another way we recognize our membership and everything they contribute to this wonderful organization. You will hear our President, Jan Utzman, welcome the new members and announce that they will have their picture taken immediately following each luncheon. **New Members from the October Luncheon (L to R):** Marjorie Williams, Judy Field, Mary Jo Belding, Karen Skokan and Betty Ferguson.



2014 Board Officers (L to R) President-Mala Bowdouris, President Elect-Susan Hebert, 1st Vice President (Membership)-B J Watson, 2nd Vice President (Programs)-Darla Mahan, Secretary-Linda Overfield, Treasurer-Donna Ross and Luncheon Coordinator-Joan Krause. Not pictured Jane Thompson

