

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
OF LEA COUNTY WOMEN'S NETWORK  
March 19, 2010**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Lea County Women's Network was held on Friday, March 19, at the Black Gold steak House at Zia Race Track.

The Luncheon was called to order by President, Cortney Whitley, at 12:15 pm. All 27 present were welcomed and requested to silence their cell phones.

Prayer was led by Sharon Clark and the Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Cortney Whitley. Everyone was requested to register their attendance on the sign-in sheet.

Guests welcomed - Sheryl Reid introduced our 1<sup>st</sup> Club Invited Guest, Dr. Sharon Jenkins, Head Librarian at NMJC, Louise introduced her guest, Gretchen Koether, Suzanne Holler introduced Kim VanDyke, our 2009 Lifetime Career Achievement Award recipient, Anita Bryant introduced Leslie Edgeington from Casa and then Cortney Whitley introduced Heather Adams soon to be a Mother of five girls.

The minutes for February 19, 2010 were reviewed. Louise Hudson moved they be accepted as read and seconded by Sharon Clark. It was unanimously carried.

Sheryl Reid explained the Public Relation's table showing contact information for ladies to show what they do and the door-prize being donated.

Louise Hudson gave an update on the Mentoring Committee meeting. This year's final meeting was a pizza party with 14 participants. Q & A was encouraged. Cortney Whitley demonstrated the abilities or low costing accessories and jewelry to enhance their wardrobe with variety and style. Please remember that the Albertson's Shopping Card funds our Mentoring Program.

Cortney Whitley emphasized the importance of the \$5000.00 for scholarships were funded with the annual fund-raiser. She gave a biography of a scholarship recipient who was a full time mother, a foster-parent, and now going to school full-time and graduates this May with a Bachelor's in psychology with a 4.0 GPA and plans on starting her Master's this summer. Without our scholarship she would have stopped her education when her husband had to change jobs. Her name is Christie Hermosa and she thanks us for supporting her. Cortney encouraged us to view all our work and affords in obtaining silent auction items and selling tickets to the Wine Tasting as just a small uncomfortable time while helping ladies fulfill their dreams.

Suzanne Holler requested ladies to sign the sheet for Set-Up, Clean-Up, and/or Providing Food lists. The Wine-Tasting will start at 6:30 Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at Jesus and Mikal Fonseca's home.

Cortney Whitley stated there is a new link on the left hand side of the website called Scholarship Fund. Find details about the scholarships, auction items already collected, and \$100.00 scholarship sponsors. The \$100.00 Scholarship Sponsor's receives two tickets for the event, recognition during the event, and placement on the website. Everyone needs to explain the silent auction having wonderful men and women items.

**Announcements:**

Charlotte Smith stated she would be glad to notify silent-auction contributors of our appreciation and provide a tax receipt.

C.c. Nelson made a \$100.00 Scholarship Memorial for the Wine-Tasting event in memory of her sister that recently died.

Lindsay Oldfield stated that Lea Regional is having their 2010 Get Fit Challenge on March 30<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> for the weigh-in date. It's called the "Biggest Looser" and means getting fit and aquire greater muscle toning. Flyers were provided.

Anita Braun stated that CASA is having their first 5K race, a Fun Run for kids, and a 1 mile bike on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> starting at the tract. It begins at the Hobbs High School campus. Brochures and applications were provided.

Mary Jane Ward introduced our guest speaker Kelly Holliday from NMJC where she taught geology, aqua fitness, and rope climbing and repelling classes. She shared her passion of caving underground in the Guadalupe Mountains around the Carlsbad area. A few of the things she noted:

The Guadalupe Peak is the tallest peak in Texas reaching 8751 feet. General location of all the caves she explores. Geological history showed this area was once a reef covered by water with alga and sponges shown in found fossils. She showed many caves having small openings which lead into large areas with beautiful formations, such as Chimney Cave, and over 300 caves in the Guadalupe Mountains. The deepest cave, Letchaga, in North America is 1600 feet deep and in this area are still being explored and one. The micros found in the caves are being explored for breast cancer and leukemia cures. It's now a necessity to gate openings. Found evidence that Fort Stanton Cave had a chamber for treated tuberculoses patients. Registration may be made on line for a cave experience. Some like Cottonwood require special training and certification to qualify for caving. Showed many formations and water mixed with limestone sites plus. They measure the wing spans, weight, tail feathers, and size of the swallows too. Kelly had a question and answer time.

Cortney Whitley has tickets for the Annual Fund Raiser explained that the News Sun will begin having more articles regarding LCWN. She relayed Lynda Lakin' request for birthdays, garage sales, and membership requests to be uploaded to the website, stressing that the website needs to work for the membership.

Cortney Whitley announced that Hobbs Schools will host our April 16, 2010 meeting at the new Training and Fine Arts Facility located on the corner of Sanger and Seminole Highway (the old Shriner's building) and that they will provide lunch. RSVP would be necessary.

Cortney Whitley read the letter from Kim VanDyke which stated her appreciation of being awarded the L.C.W.N. 2009 Janet Seagrave Life-Time Achievement Award.

Old and New Business and Announcements:  
The next Luncheon Meeting will be April 16, 2010

The Membership Spotlight Door Prize Drawing was held by Windy Tippy presenting the gift from their family owned skating rink. Evelyn Rising won the gift basket full of items plus 4 gift certificates for participation at the rink.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.

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