

CLUB & ORGANIZATION NEWS

Xi Pi Psi Sorority

The 478th meeting of the Xi Pi Psi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Oct. 21 at the home of Vic and Cherry Corman.

President Sommerlatte presided over a short business meeting prior to the evening fall social. Thank you's were expressed to Secret Sisters and Halloween gifts presented.

President Sommerlatte announced the arrival of the Community Birthday Calendars and urged members to get them delivered.

Sorority members re-confirmed its support for the Attwater Chicken Festival and the chapter will be in charge of either an auction or sponsor a drawing.

State Convention will be a three night cruise to the Bahamas, leaving from Florida on June 4.

Members were reminded to bring a Christmas ornament for Secret Sisters to the Nov. 4 meeting.

A poolside chili supper was enjoyed by members spouses and guests amid beautiful lighting, jack-o-lanterns and scarecrows.

Becky Anderson passed a candy basket announcing daughter Meredith's wedding on June 27.

Anna Mae Wiese announced Richard and Christi's expected "little one" in May... her fifth grandchild.

Chapter members welcomed guests Charlene Rodgers and Wanda Gott.

Colorado County 4-H

The Colorado County 4-H Council met Oct. 29 at the Colorado County Agricultural Building.

Clubs represented and delegates were: Bluebonnet 4-H Club-Margie Leopold and Ashley Waligura; 4-HIM Club-Roxanne Roesler and Jordan Rutta; Wild Clover 4-H Club-Mark Prihoda; Rice 4-H Club-Frances Mrkwa; Sheridan 4-H Club-Jenny Hajovsky; Riverside 4-H Club-Whitney and Justin Thompson; Frelsburg 4-H Club-Erica Trojacek and Stacy Markwardt and Live Oak 4-H Club-Andrew Koch, Garrett Poncik and Brandy Tuck.

In the absence of Chairman Ryan Brandt, treasurer Hajovsky called the meeting to order. Secretary Tuck called roll and presented the minutes of the previous meeting. Hajovsky presented the treasurer's report.

Presiding chairman reported that the County 4-H Food Show would be held Nov. 1 at the County Ag Building. Winners will participate in the District Food Show to be in Palacios on Dec. 6.

Fruit sales were discussed. Delegates were reminded that fruit sales are due in the club managers on Nov. 7 and the fruit would be delivered on Dec. 5. The top two sellers in the county will receive \$50 and the 4-H member selling \$200 or more will receive a t-shirt.

The Christmas community service project was discussed. The Rainbow Room was chosen the council's service project for 1997.

4-H Assistant Program Coordinator Sharon Graham announced the Council Christmas Party will be held on Friday, Dec. 19 at the Ag. Building at 6:30 p.m. which will serve as the Dec. Council meeting.

The Colorado County 4-H Food Show was held on Saturday, Nov. 1 at the County Agricultural Building. Nine participants competed in the areas of Main Dish, Breads & Cereal and Nutritious Snacks.

To compete in the food show 4-H members had to complete a record form detailing their work and what they have learned in the foods project this year.

They also had to prepare their dish which they presented to a panel of judges. Participants were questioned about the preparation of the dish as well as their knowledge of foods and skills acquired in this project.

Sub-junior members who placed first were Philip Brune, Frelsburg 4-H, in the main dish category and Sarah Anderson, Live Oak 4-H, in the bread and cereal category.

Junior 4-H members receiving first place were Patti Koch, Live Oak 4-H, in breads and cereal category and Roxanne Roesler, 4-HIM Club, in the nutritious snacks category.

Brandy Tuck, breads and cereal category and Andrew Koch, nutritious snacks category, both Live Oak 4-H members, were the senior 4-H members placing first.

Placing second were Kaylyn Brune of Frelsburg 4-H, sub-junior breads and cereal, Hillary Thompson of Riverside 4-H, senior breads and cereal and Whitney Thompson of Riverside 4-H, junior nutritious snacks.

First place members will advance to the District Food Show to be held in Palacios on Saturday, Dec. 6.

Senior members will be competing to advance to state competition which will be held at Texas A&M University the first week of June 1998.

During the awards presentation, conducted by Marty Graves, all participants received a flexible cutting board, a variety of flavorings, a hot pad and a Food Guide Pyramid magnet. First place winners received a wooden recipe box in addition to the above awards.

Judges for the event were Sylvia Addicks and Madeline Hattermann of the Weimar FCE Club and Irene and Shirley Humbird of the Happy Homemakers FCE Club. The food show was hosted by members of the Riverside and 4-HIM 4-H Clubs.

Daughters of the Republic of Texas

The Nov. meeting of Monument Hill Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT) met at the home of Betty Hill at 10 a.m. on Nov. 1.

The group proceeded to Holy Cross Catholic Church, 839 Church Street, East Bernard, for a very interesting summary of the history of the church and a tour.

This church is the oldest Catholic Church in continuous use in Wharton County, beginning as the Holy Cross Parish in Aug. of 1900. At that time, cemetery property was acquired for the Catholic community, which was comprised of mostly Czechoslovakian immigrants.

In 1901, a mass was celebrated at the home of Jan Vacek, and in 1905 a small frame church was built. The present Holy Cross Church was built in 1925. The 50' x 110' building is symmetrically graceful in Spanish colonial style with a 70' tower. The most outstanding features in the beautiful structure are the 10 large stained glass windows that have designs worked in "rounded" glass. They were imported from Czechoslovakia.

Upon returning to the Hill home, Marilyn Miller, president, opened the meeting. Hill said an invocation and Joyce Stancik lead the pledges to the American and Texas flags.

There were seven members present. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as mailed. Treasurer Dorothy Albrecht gave the treasurers report, and she passed out yearbooks for 1997-99. President Miller thanked Rox Ann Johnson for doing the yearbooks, and Albrecht will mail them to members not in attendance.

President Miller read correspondence regarding the Award ribbons. After discussion, Albrecht made the motion to purchase the ribbons for our awards last year if they are still available. Seconded and passed.

The invitation to the William Barret Travis Chapter luncheon honoring Stephen F. Austin was passed to members.

Frances Underwood and the Pioneer Statue Committee's request for more funds was read.

Information from Helen Kelso, 5th Vice President General, regarding the Texas History Essays was read. The 7th grade Essay subject is Juan Seguin and the 4th grade subject is the Mier Expedition.

Nomination forms for the Teacher of the Year are available.

A letter for Friends of the French Legation was read. After discussion, Albrecht moved to send a check. Darlene Stancik seconded and motion was passed. The Legation's Christmas celebration was discussed. Chris Jervis is donating a weekend at their Bed and Breakfast; Albrecht, a wreath; Carolyn Marble, a gemstone; and Red Miller, a wooden creation. These items will all be included in the silent auction on Dec. 7 at the Legation Bazaar.

President Miller asked Joyce Stancik to check on obtaining a flag for the La Grange jail.

Sales opportunities for our items were discussed and several sales are planned.

Volunteer hours are to be turned in to Joyce Stancik at the March 7 meeting at Rox Ann Johnson's home. Hours must be submitted by early April to be included in this year total.

Bylaws and MOP changes were discussed. Marble read a change she has submitted regarding choice of the size of the Daughters Medallion.

Albrecht moved to change the MOP to read "three weeks prior to that District's workshop" regarding the Nominating Committee and District Representative nominations to be voted on in alternate years at District Workshops. Her motion was seconded and passed. She will send the suggested change to the Bylaws committee.

District VIII Representative Albrecht reported on the success of the District VIII workshop in late Sept. She has submitted four dates for consideration for next year when the Monument Hill Chapter will be host, Sept. 12, 19 and 26 and Oct. 10.

We began formulating plans for a salad supper on Friday night for the Board of Management and out-of-towners who will be attending the workshop the next day and a catered meal on Saturday. We have reserved the high school cafeteria for the function. All were asked to think of something clever for a theme gift for the participants of the workshop.

President Miller announced the Alamo Hero's Chapter Pin being offered for \$20. They will be available in Victoria on Nov. 15 and the Christmas ornament offered by that chapter for \$15. Founders and Patriots is to be available for \$42 plus postage and handling.

Albrecht reported on National Volunteerism Day at the Alamo with General Colin Powell and Gov. George Bush. The program, which was moved into the auditorium because of rain, was stirring and the food was great.

Monument Hill Children of the Republic of Texas (CRT) Sponsor Betty Hill reported the CRT Chapter worked at Texian Market Day on Sunday, Oct. 26, taking tickets from 1 to 4 p.m. The children will go to The French Legation in period dress to participate in the Christmas festivities on Dec. 7.

Neil Kocurek attended the Fall CRT Board of Management meeting in Austin on Sept. 28. Sponsor Hill read a proclamation honoring Principal Jim Bruce for his support of our CRT members in his school. Albrecht will take it to the BOM meeting for approval.

Albrecht reported on the Texas History Forum held on Oct. 25 at the Alamo. The subject was Texas Women, and she reported that the four speakers were very good and that it was a great program.

Marble suggested Monument Hill Chapter produce a brochure similar to one the Dr. Richard Fox Chapter of Brenham has for publicity purposes. Albrecht moved and Joyce Stancik seconded that we allocate funds not to exceed \$200 to produce the brochure, which Marble will prepare.

Albrecht announced our Jan. 10 meeting will be at the La Grange State Bank, in downtown La Grange beginning at 10:30 a.m. Gary McGee will speak on either The LaSalle Project or Texian Navy. The Monument Hill Chapter Sons of the Republic of Texas (SRT), Monument Hill Chapter CRT, prospective members and spouses are invited to attend. The lunch will be a cover dish.

President Miller thanked hostesses Hill and Joan Chapman, who closed the meeting with a table prayer then served a delicious luncheon of chili, chips, con queso, Coke cake and pecan pie.

Outdoor Nature Club

Migratory waterfowl was to star as featured performers for the final field trip of 1997 sponsored by the Tom Waddell Outdoor Nature Club (TWONC). Again it will be a return trip, according to TWONC President Doris Laughlin, to the J.R. Thomas celebrated "Duck House" on the Lissie prairie. This event was to be held Thursday, Nov. 20, 3 p.m. to dusk.

Club members, friends, and potential new club members were cordially invited to view ducks, geese, wading birds, hawks, newly-arrived song birds. Binoculars, spotting scopes, and cameras equipped with telephoto lenses will be useful. However, field clothes and waders will be unnecessary, because participants can walk conveniently from the parking area to a mowed, grassy knoll adjacent to Mr. Thomas' wildlife-populated and posted-to-all-hunting reservoir. From there, viewers will have an excellent panoramic view of an array of species belonging to the local wildlife community.

President Laughlin also wishes to remind everyone that the last TWONC meeting of 1997 will begin at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, indoors at LCRA's Lakeside Pumping Plant just outside of Eagle Lake on FM 102 South.

Come early to view wetland flora and fauna before eating-and-meeting beginning at about 6 p.m.

Barbecued pork, sauce, rice salad and beverages will be furnished. Participants (members, guests and prospective members) are asked to bring not only a covered side dish, salad or dessert but also a nature-related item (valued at no more than \$10) to be auctioned after a brief year-end business session.

For additional information about meetings or the club, call Doris at 409-732-8875 or Susan at 409-234-2465.

Schmidts

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wife, Sandra, Jody (Hairell) Levinsen with her children, Steven and Madison. From New Waverly, son Russell Hairell came with his wife, Robin and son, Riley.

The children of deceased son Henry Schmidt Sr. attending were daughter, Delores (Schmidt) and husband, Kenneth Vasina of Houston, and son, Henry Schmidt Jr. and Karyn Frayard with Henry Sr.'s widow, Annie May Schmidt of Eagle Lake.

Deceased son August Schmidt's widow, Elizabeth and son, Bennie Ray Schmidt, granddaughter, Anna Schmidt and her daughter, Destiny René all came from Eagle Lake.

The youngest and only living child of George and Bertha Schmidt, Alena (Schmidt) Richter, and husband, Hugo Richter Sr. and their son, Hugo Richter Jr. and wife, Deena, daughters, Angela and Vicki, and guest, Clayton Kenne attended from Weimar and College Station.

Special guests of the Richters were Hallie and Wilbert Lucko.

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Mrs. Ernest Seaholm...

Mr. & Mrs. Griff Thomas Jr. and Mr. & Mrs. George Cason went out to Uvalde Country last week to look over their deer lease...

Miss Carolyn Hollas complimented Mrs. Roy Beasley with a pink and blue shower at her home Tuesday afternoon...

The W.H.D. Club met at the home of Mrs. H.N. German Thursday afternoon, October 13, with 14 members and three visitors present. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Mrs. J.M. Tate, president; Mrs. Alvin Glueck, vice president; Mrs. H.N. German, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. J.K. Davidson, council delegate; Mrs. Russell Cooper, alternate; and Mrs. W.M. Pape, reporter.

Retired Teachers

The Colorado County Retired Teachers met at Schobels' Restaurant Nov. 3 at noon. A buffet luncheon was enjoyed before the business meeting.

President Don Montier introduced our guest speaker, Mr. Billy Youens, who explained many facets of the tax appraisal system.

Minutes were read and roll was called. (We now have 61 active members and five associate members).

Sonya Saul gave the treasurer's report and the newest balance for the building fund.

Mary Frances Montier reminded us of our volunteer hours that will be due in Dec.

Mr. John Saul gave a brief summary of the District III meeting in Bay City. The Eagle Lake-Garwood members presented a Thanksgiving Quiz.

Eagle Lake Study Club

The Eagle Lake Study Club met Nov. 12 at the Eula and David Wintermann Library.

Elaine Hess, president called the meeting. Betty Wilcox, secretary, read the minutes from the last meeting and Betty Wegenhoft, treasurer, gave the treasurer's report.

Fair Wells, Auction Chairman, gave a report on the Study Club Auction. The library was presented a check for \$14,000.

The meeting in Dec. will be a trip to Keilers Hotel in Fayetteville. Members will meet at 1 p.m. at the library to travel to Fayetteville.

Milton Schiller, of Sealy, presented a very interesting program, "Early Railroad and Memorabilia". He displayed telephone and telegraph insulators, different signs from the railroad and other memorabilia.

Mr. Schiller enjoys collecting and his collections are numerous, with old named bricks most active. He enjoys writing. He wrote the weather report for The Sealy News for 20 years and pens a column on a wide range of subjects and collections. Mr. Schiller is always looking for something to collect and an article to write.



After the Nov. 12 meeting, Study Club President Elaine Hess handed a check for \$14,000 to Chairman of the Library Board Betty Wegenhoft for the Eula and David Wintermann Library. Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Fair Wells, gave a sigh of relief that the task was well done. For a short time, she will enjoy the accomplishments of this year's auction, but soon will be planning for the next one.

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