

Lake Country Neighbors

May 2012 Newsletter



The LCN Edie LeFevre Memorial Scholarship Program for 2012



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In the last six weeks, LCN member's talents have really been put to use. Your skills of *marketing, advertising, artistry, community organizers, fashion models, decorators, hostess, janitors, bankers, commentators and waiters* were all needed. Whatever the challenge, you exceeded the goals we set. Our communities will benefit greatly for our efforts.

Yes, we were tested by events being too close together in May. So many of you were on vacation, but with hard work, and the dedication of your time available, LCN once again rose to the occasions.

I "listened" while you worked at Spring Fling and Savor the Flavor, the sound of your laughter and friendship were filling the rooms. My heart smiles at all the love you show to each other.

You are a blessing to me. I encourage you to get your neighbors and your friends involved with LCN. They are missing the closeness of sisterhood that we have.

I love all of you.

Betty Davis, LCN President



Carolyn West
Scholarship Chair

What a record breaking year this has been for our scholarship program! With all the wonderful donations, the successful Mardi Gras party and silent auction, and the generous matching funds, our club will be awarding \$22,000 in scholarships this year.

Members of the scholarship committee attended scholarship information nights held at the schools where our Lake Country Neighbors and Edie LeFevre Scholarship applications were distributed to students, parents and counselors. The Scholarship Committee-Dodi Cummings, Jo Ann Doty, Kathi Ladewig, Kathie Ruiz, Debbie Keenan and Carolyn West, struggled to make decisions that will impact these students' college life. After several hours of reviewing the applications, discussing the needs, determining the amount for each applicant, the committee made final decisions and awarded 24 students scholarships. Alba Golden received 10, Rains ISD received 10, and Yantis received 4. The committee reserved \$3000 which will be invested in an interest bearing account for future use.

On May 24th the scholarship committee will host the scholarship luncheon to honor winners and give our members an opportunity to meet these outstanding students. Please make plans to be there early (11:00AM) to visit with the recipients.

The LCN newsletter is a quarterly publication. Please submit articles, pictures or information to editor, Vicki Leggett. Next edition planned for 3rd quarter 2012.

NEXT MEETING: May 24, 2012 11:30AM
Location: Best Western Hotel, Emory
Scholarship Award Luncheon – Cost \$8
Don't forget to RSVP: Carolyn West
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SUMMER ACTIVITIES

June 14th Veterans Event

The 3rd Annual Salute to Veterans Picnic will be held June 14th which is Flag Day. What a blessing it is to have an opportunity to thank the veterans in Rains and Wood Counties for their service to our country.

Pam Bowden is the chair for this event and will need the help and support of all of our members. Be sure and let her know what you would like to do to help.

Invitations will be sent to our list of veterans from prior events. All veterans in Rains and Wood County are welcome, so please help spread the word. Hope to see all of you there!



July 12th Membership Meeting



Lyn Baldwin will host the LCN "Let the Good Times BOWL" at the Classic Bowling Lanes in Sulphur Springs. It will be right up

your "alley" even if you don't know a strike from a spare, a split from a gutter ball, or a turkey from an open frame. Trophies will be awarded! So make plans to come and party in the "fast lane" or just watch the rest of us attempt to play this all American sport.



June 30th 8:00AM – 12:00 NOON

Top 10 Reasons LCN Members Love to Work 5th Saturdays at Good Samaritans Resale Shops!

- #10 \$\$\$ helps fund the food bank.
- #9 The regular volunteers need a weekend off.
- #8 Folks need this good stuff at great prices!
- #7 Bargain hunters never take a weekend off.
- #6 We're still looking for the lost snake.
- #5 Chasing cute (wild) kids is great exercise.
- #4 We practice decorating & sales skills by moving stuff around.
- #3 Free weight-lifting workout while helping to load furniture in pickup trucks.
- #2. The people we meet & the ones we work with are very special.

AND THE #1 REASON IS: We love to shop!

August 2nd Membership Meeting

We're Going Back To School



Joy Williams and JoAnn Doty will host the August Back to School Program.

August brings back to school planning for many families and that includes the LCN family. We will need to re-stock the shelves with all the school supply items we provide to help local students with special financial needs. Our school supply program supports Rains, Alba-Golden and Yantis schools.



RECENT EVENTS

Spring Fling Luncheon & Ladies Day Out

“The tables were outstanding!”, “You ladies really know how to do a fundraiser” and “I just ran in to a friend I haven’t seen in over five years!” These are just a few of the many positive comments heard after the luncheon.

The second annual event featured 31 tables decorated by many of our members and other creative ladies in the community. Walking into the facility, you’d never believe you were in a little ole East Texas town!

The LCN models put on a fabulous fashion show, wearing clothes provided by All Of Us in Quitman. Rumor has it several of the ladies left the luncheon and went directly to All Of Us to purchase some of the outfits!



LCN, Founders Day organizers, the community and participating restaurants can all *Savor the Success* . . . with comments such as “Oh my goodness, it’s all great!” and “The LCN ladies have done it again!” After all expenses LCN raised \$1,325, and everyone in attendance had a great evening of fantastic food and entertainment.

Restaurants and businesses showcased specialty appetizers, entrees and desserts which amazed the crowd of over 170. With decorations, costumes and top notch cuisine, there was plenty of food and fun for everyone. Our volunteers looked fabulous in the new “LCN bling” black aprons.

The ballots were counted and awards presented as follows:

- Appetizers: Vicki’s Cakes & Catering
- Entrée: Sidekicks
- Dessert: Y’all Come Back Café
- Decorations: Oak Ridge Marina
- Overall: Oak Ridge Marina



Paula Stone chaired the event again this year and with lots of help from many volunteers, it was a huge success.

Dressed in their Lake Country Neighbors aprons, the LCN husbands performed their duties like pros and were rewarded with \$631 in tips, which will help fund the “Salute to Veterans” event this summer.

All of the tables were special which caused a huge challenge for the judges. Here are the award winners.

Thanks to everyone that helped with this event.



Especially those behind the scenes!



Carolyn West, Connie Madrid, and MaryAnn Eubanks



Most Beautiful Carolyn West



Judges Choice Connie Madrid



Most Original Mary Ann Eubanks



Carolyn West checking every detail before guests arrive.



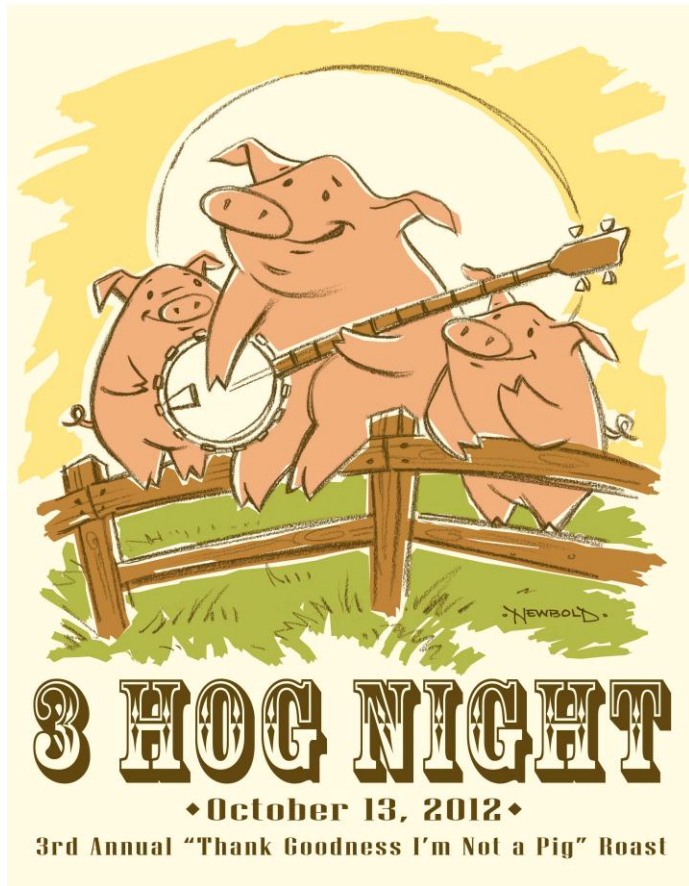
Everyone enjoyed the food.



LCN volunteers in the new aprons.

Pig Roast Planning Time!

Have You Signed Up to Help?



- ✓ Tickets will be available at the August 2nd meeting.
- ✓ Vendors & exhibitors are already being contacted.
- ✓ Committees are being formed, please volunteer to help.

3 HOG NIGHT

will make a difference to many people in our community. In APRIL 2012, Good Samaritans Food Bank & Alba Food Pantry combined provided food to 359 families (approximately 1,100 people).

The need is growing and the proceeds from the Pig Roast will be put to good use to help these organizations provide food and supplies to families in need.



Jimmie Standridge & Paula Stone showcasing the 3 Hog Night t-shirts at Savor the Flavor.



Betty Davis working the LCN booth during Founders Day.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

Saturday, June 9th from 9-noon is the next free electronics recycling event. Gather up those old TV's, computers, microwaves, and anything with a cord or battery (including boat batteries) and take them to RISD. NO large appliances such as refrigerators or stoves will be accepted.

Information provided by: Rita Ryser

GOOD SAMARITANS 5TH SATURDAY
LCN Volunteers work every 5th Saturday
Good Sam's Resale Shop 8:00an - Noon
2012 DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR!
June 30th September 29th December 29th

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