

# Lake Country Neighbors

## August 2012 Newsletter



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Yes, it is HOT!**

With temperatures at 106 this week, it is hard to think about fall, but it will be here before you know it. Lake Country Neighbors has had a few months of rest, but with fall approaching, there are activities and events for all of us, many are listed in this Newsletter. There will be many meetings scheduled for the rest of 2012 so watch your email for LCN updates to keep informed.

Please bring a friend to the meetings as we always welcome new members. Be sure you explain to your friend that we are a "service group" and a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. This means we are a charitable group and we all volunteer and have fun working for the betterment of our community.

Belonging to Lake Country Neighbors gives women an opportunity to use the skills they have learned from life, and maybe a previous career.

We all need:

- ♥ the friendship of other women
- ♥ the feeling (blessing) of helping someone less fortunate
- ♥ the connection with the community

Bring a Friend . . . Get Involved . . . Volunteer . .  
and Receive the Blessing!

Love to all of you.

*Betty Davis*, LCN President

### AND IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU!

By Pam Bowden, Treasurer

In a down economy, despite a low probability of success, we're bucking the system and making a difference. What a fund raising year we've had so far and it's only going to get better.

We started out with a Scentsy party at the home of Joyce Shull and began adding to our scholarship program with net proceeds of \$500. Close behind that was the Mardi Gras in February which netted \$5950 and with the donation of a car that sold for \$2500, we were well on our way to matching our generous \$12,500 scholarship donation from the Edie LeFevre Trust. May 1st we danced around the May pole when our Spring Fling furnished \$1903 and sponsored the Veteran's Event, plus, we still have \$984 remaining to help with other operating expenses. Following close (too close) behind Spring Fling was our first Savor the Flavor event and Founder's Day weekend. It was a whirlwind week, but, well worth the time. With the proceeds from our very well attended Savor the Flavor and the 12.5% from the Founder's Day Committee, we ended that weekend with \$3557 extra in the bank. These funds will go a long way to helping fulfill our CASA and Christmas Family outreach needs in December.

Now we're closing in on the 3 Hog Night Pig Roast for October 13th. To date, t-shirt advertisement and t-shirt sales have netted us \$2475 and we haven't even roasted a pig yet. This year the event will benefit Alba Food Pantry and Rains County Good Samaritans.

To save you the time of going back and adding up all the amounts listed above, with the major events we've had so far and a couple of major donations, we've netted \$29,385. This doesn't include all the individual donations from our generous members along the way. Our gross income to date is \$40,820 and we have already put \$32,132 back into our community. Oh my, what big hearts you have! **AND IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU** (and me too)!



## RIGHT DOWN OUR ALLEY

By Lyn Baldwin

All nine LCN members who braved their aches and pains and bowled at Classic Lanes in Sulphur Springs on July 12 agreed that this kind of activity is something we need more of in our organization. We laughed "with" each other at our bowling skills (thank goodness for bumpers on the alley) and had a chance to really TALK and get to know each other better. We broke some of the bowling rules, i.e. walking in the bathroom with our bowling shoes on; laughed about the fact that some of us couldn't pick up an 8 pound ball and roll it down the alley; were upset about the fact that some chose white pants to wear and left with ball grease on them; spent too much money on the Rip-off game and didn't even get one stuffed toy; and ate bowling pin cookies and gave half of them away to kids in the alley. We all had our own style and delivery method when we tried to bowl. As usual, some of us are better at bowling than others, but we continued to give all our bowling friends positive encouragement!

We had 9 bowlers and 12 trophies...LOL. We had a ball passing the "heavy" plastic trophies around until everyone had one and some even earned two.



### TROPHIE WINNERS:

Linda Rowland - Most Improved on her team  
Lyn Baldwin - Highest Score on her team & Most "Goal Post" splits  
Debbie Joiner - Great Style & Best Personality  
Rita Ryser - Highest Scorer & Most Strikes  
Janie LeBlanc - Best Dressed & Most Improved  
Pam Bowden - Most Pin Action  
Kathi Ladewig - Husband Came to Watch  
Judy Johnson - Bowling Cheerleader  
Debby Keenan - Most Creative Bowler

**NEXT MEETING: August 2, 2012 11:30am**

**Location: Alba-Golden HS Cafeteria**

**Back to School Program – Cost \$6**

**Don't forget to RSVP:**

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## HONORING OUR VETERANS ON FLAG DAY

By Pam Bowden, Event Chair

What a great day we had. Those of you that were not able to come to the event missed out on an almost perfect day. The weather was great, the food was good, and the company couldn't be beat.



The June 14th Veterans Thank You and Flag Day celebration held in the park was opened by

President, Betty Davis, and County Judge, Wayne Wolfe gave the invocation. Introduced by his sister, Carolyn West, Jim Doescher gave a very entertaining and patriotic keynote address to the many Veterans and guests. With flags flying, and red, white and blue bunting hanging, we took the nation's Flag Day celebration to a higher level by honoring the Rains and Wood counties' Veterans.

Gary Thomas, Rains County Veterans' Services Officer addressed the attendees and honored the volunteers who drive the veteran's van to and from the VA hospital. The hours recorded by the 30+ volunteers were quite amazing and several of our members assist each month with this task. LCN, member, Lyn Baldwin, recited Heroes die for me, a moving poem written from the US flag's point of view.

The posting and displaying of the flags were performed by the St. John's Scout Venturing Crew as Billie Jo Russell sang our anthems and the crowd recited both the US and Texas pledge of allegiance. What a great day we had honoring the men and women that so proudly and fearlessly fought to keep this wonderful nation free and Old Glory flying high.





## CASA CHRISTMAS PROJECT

By MJ Dougherty



Is Christmas 2012  
really just around  
the corner?

Believe it or not—it is! And, we are already making plans for our CASA children's Christmas project. Joyce Shull has joined me as co-chair of the committee this year, and although we haven't finalized our plans, we can share some of the details with you.

First, the good news is that the LCN Board has agreed to fund the project with monies from the operating fund. That means we won't be "passing the hat" during our November meeting. But...knowing that many of us like to shop, especially at Christmas, we will be publishing the children's "wish lists" before the meeting and anyone who chooses can bring the listed items to the meeting.

The program at the November meeting will feature a CASA volunteer speaking on her experiences and what the program means to the children. It promises to be a fun and memorable meeting. Hope you will join us and share our joy in helping to show these children that they are loved and cared for.

### GOOD SAMARITANS 5<sup>TH</sup> SATURDAY

LCN Volunteers work every 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday  
Good Sam's Resale Shop 8:00an – Noon

REMAINING 2012 DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

**September 29<sup>th</sup> and December 29<sup>th</sup>**

**The LCN newsletter is a quarterly publication. Please submit articles, pictures and information to editor, Vicki Leggett [vleggett19@gmail.com](mailto:vleggett19@gmail.com). The next edition is planned for the 4th quarter 2012.**

## Lake Country Neighbors and Edie LeFevre Memorial Scholarship Fund—2012

By Carolyn West

The 2012 Scholarship year proved to be one of the most rewarding ever as the Lake Country Neighbors and Edie LeFevre Memorial Scholarship Fund was dispersed to twenty four (24) students! LCN graciously gave \$22,000 to students from Alba Golden ISD, Yantis ISD and Rains County ISD. Committee members Dodi Cummings, Jo Ann Doty, Debby Keenan, Kathie Ruiz and Carolyn West chose ten (10) high school graduates from Rains County, ten (10) from Alba Golden and four from Yantis, with twenty two (22) graduates receiving \$1000 and two (2) receiving \$500 each.

After hosting the students at the annual LCN Scholarship Luncheon in May, all students were given their awards at their respective graduation exercises. To date, Treasurer Pam Bowden has mailed thirteen (13) checks to the students and their respective colleges. The balance of the checks will be sent as they are requested.

Notes of thanks from the students have been received with thoughts such as "It is greatly appreciated and will be used wisely as I leave in August for Tarleton State University to pursue my career." "I would like to say that ya'll are a great bunch of ladies with such big hearts!", "Thank you for investing in me, and on behalf of fellow and future recipients, I thank you again.", "I wanted to let you know that your generosity has been a blessing to me and my family." And "This money will help me to further my education so that I may become a successful adult."

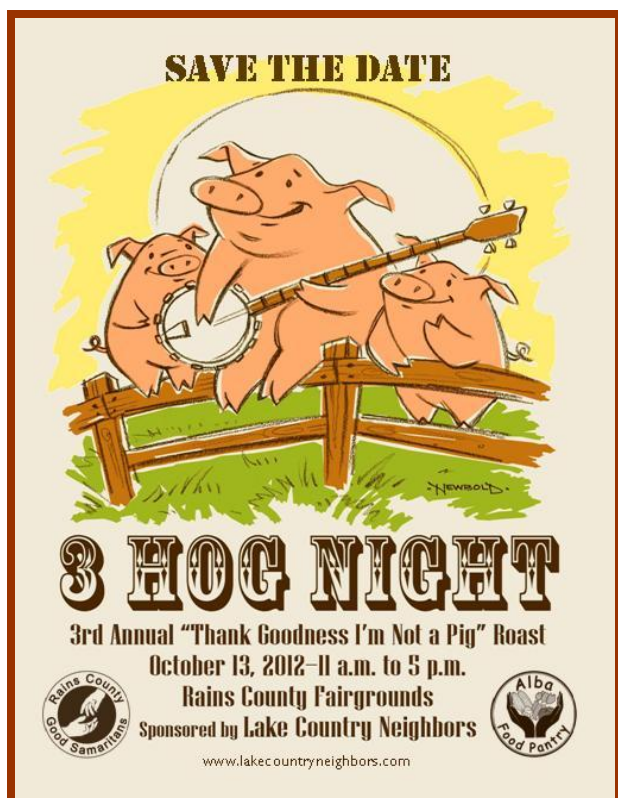
These notes and the looks of appreciation on the faces of the recipients make the job of the Lake Country Neighbors and Edie LeFevre Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee an even more important mission.



Scholarship Luncheon May 24<sup>th</sup> at Best Western



# 3 HOG NIGHT



The committee chairs have been hard at work and plans for this event are well underway. Details will be discussed during the August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting but here are a few of the highlights.

**PROMOTION** – Betty Davis and Pam Bowden have worked tirelessly to promote this event. Pam designed our logo and has produced some great posters, flyers, save the date cards and tickets. There is not enough room here to list everything these two have already done to promote this event.

**FOOD** – Steven Gowin, County Ag Agent, has offered to cook the briskets and beans again this year and Farmers Electric Co-op will cook the hogs. Betty arranged to have all of the hogs donated and LCN will only pay the processing.

**ENTERTAINMENT** – Back by popular demand is the singing contest but it has been moved to 2:30pm so that more of our LCN volunteers and others will be able to enjoy the competition. Pam has made several changes and will be managing this event herself this year.

**LOCAL CHURCH INVOLVEMENT** – Betty Davis, Joyce Carrell and Mitzi Horne have been contacting the various churches that provide support to the Alba Food Pantry and Good Samaritans in order to promote t-shirt & ticket sales as well as soliciting volunteers to help with the event.

**ADVERTISING** – Lyn Baldwin is again handling our advertising and has added some new ideas. In the “dining hall”, we will be using placemats and Lyn is selling advertising spaces on the placemats as well as including the sponsors from our t-shirt ads.

**VENDORS** – Judy Johnson and Carolyn West are signing up vendors. In addition to many repeat vendors, there are several new ones that everyone will enjoy. Please let them know if you have any suggestions for vendors.

**4-H COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENT** – The Rains 4-H club has planned an activity during 3 Hog Night and is so excited to be part of this year's event. Using equipment purchased with funds from last year's pig roast, they will collect donated non-perishable food to help stock the food pantries. Details will be publicized soon.



# 3 HOG NIGHT

## A special message from President Betty Davis

Several committees are already working hard to make our 3rd Annual Pig Roast a success. Mark your calendars NOW.....October 13th.

This year we are benefiting Rains County Good Samaritans and Alba Food Pantry. With the increase of unemployment, gas prices and higher food prices, many people are relying on these two organizations to help feed their families.

Last month, Good Samaritans served 270 families (815 people) and Alba Food Pantry served 45 families.

Both of these organizations rely on donations to keep their doors open. The Food Pantry cannot purchase food from the Food Bank in Tyler, so it is totally relying on donations. Good Samaritans' facility is qualified for Food Bank purchases but the requirements are so great, it is difficult to meet the needs.

Churches provide some financial support for both organizations and they are willing to work with Lake Country Neighbors on the Pig Roast.

Now, it is left up to us to make 3 HOG NIGHT SUCCESSFUL.

- ▶ We know the needs
- ▶ We have some help
- ▶ We have Committee Leadership

We NEED Lake Country Neighbors members to fill the gaps by working, so when you receive an email asking for help to work a booth, sell t-shirts, sell tickets, serve food, help with vendors, take tickets at the gates, make phone calls, decorate, work the talent show,

**Please say YES**

**It takes ALL of us!**

*Who is that hiding behind the pink pig?*



*It's Betty Davis & Paula Stone working the LCN booth at the Oak Ridge Block Party.*

**THANK YOU  
FARMERS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE  
for cooking hogs at Hogatar, Hee  
Hawg and Oct. 13th at 3 Hog Night!**

