

Lake Country Neighbors

December 2012 Newsletter



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Looking back over my tenure of serving as your President of Lake Country Neighbors brings me laughter, love, and happiness. "What a Ride this has Been!" There have been many hours of manual labor, computer correspondence, public relations, and community organizing along with an emotional roller coaster that required some Tylenol. This sure would look good on a resume but don't think I will need one.

Ladies, I cannot tell you how much I have enjoyed it all! You are the absolute best to work with and have as friends. Because of you, I feel sadness and a little melancholy. There have been so many accomplishments this club has achieved in the past two years. I cannot begin to name them all, but of course the respect and cooperation from Rains and Wood County rate high, along with the filing of the 501 C (3) status.

We pioneered with the election of the first slate of officers; and these gals knew how to get the job done. Thank you!

In 2013, you have a Board that will continue to make you proud to say; "I'm a member of LCN" Please support them in their efforts. It is not easy. I will be the best in a supporting role.

Love to all of you,

Galatians 6:9-10 says: "Let us not be weary in doing good; for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good....."

Betty Davis, LCN President

Newsletter Editor Vicki Leggett



This final 2012 LCN Newsletter is dedicated to the out-going Board Members, President Betty Davis, and Treasurer Pam Bowden. There is not enough space here to report all that these two have done for LCN. I hope this year in review will highlight the leadership, love, and dedication they have given to ensure the growth and success of this organization.

The mission and focus of LCN has not really changed; however, under the leadership of these two ladies, LCN has become a community leader, recognized for organizing successful fundraising events to help our community and people in need. While some might say LCN has taken on too many projects in 2012, the success of the events and the contributions made to charitable causes should warm the hearts of every LCN member.

The LCN newsletter has been a labor of love for me this year. I would like to thank everyone that has helped me with articles, pictures, suggestions and editing. *Vicki*



DECEMBER 6TH LCN MEETING **Point Church of Christ - 11:30AM**

Please make plans to attend the meeting which will be a time for fun and Christmas cheer. We will be wrapping the CASA gifts to get them ready for delivery next week. Wear something festive and join in the fun!!! Lunch will be catered with a cost of \$8.00 per person.



TREASURER'S REPORT By Pam Bowden, Treasurer

Financial success should not be measured by a profit and loss statement, but by the outreach and impact LCN has in the community. It's not about how much we made, it's about how much we gave and the influence it had on individuals and the local area. I have been approached by several community leaders and thanked for the changes and outreach LCN has made. Our impact has been noticed and appreciated.

Here is our 2012 "Impact Statement".

- ✓ The Mardi Gras fundraiser profit was \$5,950. That along with private scholarship donations of \$18,378, resulted in \$24,328, making it a record breaking year with 22 scholarships awarded.
- ✓ The Spring Fling Style Show, which funds our Veterans Thank You event, had a profit of \$1,535.
- ✓ The Founders Day city donation to LCN and Savor the Flavor event resulted in \$3,516 profit. These funds helped cover the CASA and Families Christmases with \$1000 remaining in the account. This benefit was possible due to our 501(c)(3) status.
- ✓ 3 Hog Night had a profit of \$8,018. These proceeds have been distributed between Good Samaritans and Alba Food Pantry. Good Samaritans has already installed new AC/Heat units, new doors, and locks throughout the building. Alba Golden Food Pantry has been able to purchase food which kept them open in November and set a record month for them with 75 families being fed thanks to our donation. It would not have been possible without it.

Thank you, LCN members for the time, talents and treasures you contributed in 2012. Your "impact" was off the charts!

This will be my farewell article in the newsletter. I am very proud to be part of an organization with as many caring, charitable, and classy ladies as we have. Thank you for allowing me to be on the board and able to hand out the checks to the organizations and individuals we support. It has been a blessing for me and now I proudly turn the Treasurer reigns over to Shirley Haskins. Thank you again.

Pam

GOOD SAMARITANS 5TH SATURDAY

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR and volunteer
for the last 5th Saturday in 2012
Good Sam's Resale Shop 8:00an – Noon**

December 29th

**Pam Bowden is now the coordinator for the
LCN volunteers for 5th Saturday.**

Farewell to LCN member, Rita Ryser

Rita and Rick Ryser have completed their move to Oregon where they are already getting snow in the nearby mountains. They are currently in a rental house but have found a new home and are looking forward to moving to it in January.

LCN sends best wishes to Rita & Rick!

FIRST 2013 MEETING January 3, 2013

**Mark your calendar and make plans to
attend this important event.**

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Throughout 2012, LCN members have worked hard to help and serve others. Many hours have been spent in service, organizing or working at events, and setting up for meetings.



LCN MEMBERS SERVING AND HONORING THE VETERANS



Working Savor the Flavor



Members setting up and arranging food for a meeting



Promoting 3 Hog Night



Working at the storage unit



Decorations of food

Laughter



Ring the bell, start the meeting.

Fun



LCN cap, T-shirt & shoes to match!

Craziness



Counting money is fun!



Practicing for the Singing Contest.



Laughing our _ _ _ off!



Paper Dress Script Writers



Oct. team competition to dress models in paper outfits with a story behind each creation. It was an LOL event.



Sometimes when planning a "wild & crazy night", LCN members find it necessary to dress in costume with a mask. The Mardi Gras fundraiser event is always fun and in 2012 it was better than ever!!!

Betty & Pam
 Thank you both for everything you
 have done while serving on the
 board of LCN. You have been a
 blessing to this organization and to
 the community.



Whether leading meetings or events. . . .



Working to help others . . .



Or participating in a party. . .



**You have given so much of your life to LCN.
 We thank you for all you have done, and we
 thank your husbands for sharing you with us.
 MAY GOD BLESS YOU!**

2013 LCN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Carolyn West
Vice President: Paula Stone
Treasurer: Shirley Haskins
Secretary: Vicki Leggett



Looking Back and Looking Forward Carolyn West, LCN President Elect – 2013

Before I could ever begin to plan a new year as President of LCN, I feel obligated to look back over several wonderful years of building under the leadership of Betty Davis and Pam Bowden. These two leaders have contributed beyond words to our organization and now are stepping down from leadership roles to become LCN members and contributors.

Betty has been the leader who has pushed us to maintain a role as “givers” in our communities while we still emphasized having fun as a social group. With her artistic talents and her salesmanship experience, she was the one who “knew somebody or place” to make something happen. She has always been willing to organize an event to make sure that Lake Country Neighbors took part in those events that helped the communities. As we all watched the group grow from a purely social group to a close-knit social outreach group, Betty led us making LCN the recognized organization of our current status. Thank you, Betty, for your years of guidance and success.

Pam was not only a Treasurer but she has been a TREASURE for LCN. Speaking of knowing people! Pam has known who to call to get printing done. She has known who to call to get entertainment. She has taken care of business for events such as Hee Hawg, 3 Hog Night, Mardi Gras and so many more. She has the quickest tears in the Southwest and every tear is shed to show she cares deeply for what we have done and what we need to do. Her bookkeeping skills have kept us finitely accurate with our dollars spent and taken in. As her last deposit, I think we should collect a million thanks for her own personal account.

Looking forward, 2013 will immediately become a busy year. As each of you read this, please reach inside and ask yourself what you can do to help keep LCN the strong social outreach group that it is and then think of ways to further grow. We need enthusiastic members. Not everyone is meant to be a leader, but everyone has potential as a contributor.

Mardi Gras will be on February 9. Plans for this scholarship fundraiser must get immediately underway. Our LCN Board for 2013 will be Paula Stone as First Vice President, Shirley Haskins as Treasurer and Vicki Leggett as Secretary—all strong leaders. We will meet immediately after we take office and begin planning the year. You should expect persuasive phone calls when we recognize duties and events with “your names on them”. As a Board and as your Leaders, we ask you to support LCN and we promise to put FUN and SOCIAL activities in with our outreach events. So after we look back, we now look forward to being your leadership team.

God bless each of you as we end 2012 and we ask his blessings on a healthy and happy 2013.

Carolyn