

Sorosis Study Club Report

By Lanette Fletcher

The Sorosis Study Club had an interesting and productive year! The club started things off in September with having a luncheon at the Upstairs/Downstairs Bed and Breakfast in Ballinger.

Janet Wommack, president, reminded the members that the club gave \$150 to Paula McWright, coach, of the Bronte young girls volleyball team through the YMCA. This money was used to purchase t-shirts for the girls. The club agreed to purchase an ad in the BISD annual as they had for past several years.

In October, club met in the house of Martha Ratliff. Pat Lee introduced Carol Cane, Administrator of the WASP Museum, and Sandra Spears, Historian. The ladies gave such an interesting program on the history of the WASP of WWII and the National WASP WWII Museum located in Sweetwater. After the program, the club finalized everything for the annual potato bake luncheon to be held in November. Also, volunteers signed up to work at the BISD book fair.

In November, the Sorosis Study Club drove to Mt. Carmel Hermitage in Christoval. The club members were given a tour of the hermitage. Then the ladies went into the gift shop and bought wonderful fudge, honey, jellies, breads, etc. This money is used to keep the hermitage running. The club then drove back into San Angelo and ate at Stango's Café. The food was wonderful and everyone enjoyed the juke box and all of the memorabilia on the walls.

November was also the month the Sorosis Study Club had its annual potato bake luncheon. The final report on the money raised on this luncheon was \$1,174.24. The club allocated all the money to their scholarship fund.

December is always a fun month where the husbands join the club ladies for a covered dinner and games. Pat and Martin Lee hosted the Christmas Party in their home. Pat out did herself once again with some wonderful games, fun, and fellowship.

In January, club was held in the home of Lanette Fletcher. Fran Lomas from Robert Lee gave such an interesting program on genealogy,

collecting data on families, and websites that seem to be the most useful.

February snuck up on everyone so quickly. Beverly Sims hosted club in her beautiful home. Suzanne Campbell, from San Angelo, presented the Story of George Jackson, a Buffalo Soldier and Rancher. She has collected data for years on this gentleman and is working on a book. All of the members were engrossed in her discussion of George Jackson, and interested to find out such an impressive man lived in the Concho Valley. Club members voted on giving their sno cone machine, syrups, and all others supplies to Missy Boyd to be used at the Bronte Pool. Club would not accept any money for the sno cone machine; they were glad that it would be used to benefit the Bronte Pool and the local kids.

The Sorosis Study Club gave two \$500 scholarships to graduating Bronte Seniors. This year's recipients were Brooke Bedford and Jael Williams.

In March, club was held in Frenda Moore's lovely home. Callan Clark gave a very well prepared program on the history of Hayrick Mountain. Many questions were asked and Callan had informative answers. All of the members were impressed with Callan's presentation and knowledge on the subject. Janet Wommack, president, thanked the members for helping with the benefit for Jan Magness by providing desserts.

For the April meeting, Lanette Fletcher hosted club again in her home. The Wesley Nurse for the First United Methodist Church, Stacy Cooper, presented an educational program on aging, memory loss, and ways to improve memory. Everyone present enjoyed Stacy's personal approach and the information she brought. It was asked that the club provide baked items for the Bronte Chamber of Commerce dinner on April 30th. Several club mem-



New Windows in Blackwell! Whitworth Stained Glass traveled to Blackwell last week to install the gorgeous new windows in the sanctuary of First United Methodist Church of Blackwell.

bers happily agreed to help.

For the final meeting of the year before summer break, the club went to Fort Chadbourne and had a private tour by Garland and Lana Richards. Everyone was fascinated by all the work the Richards had done and enjoyed a hayride. Cynthia Robinson's chair (bale of hay) was taken by one of the buffalo while on our ride. Everyone laughed and had a good time; and Cynthia didn't seem to be too traumatized about losing her seat. The club gave a donation to Fort Chadbourne as a thank you for the tour. Mrs. Royce Fancher gave, as permanent loan, Royce's saddle and spurs to be put on display in the museum.

Then in June, the club ended things with a hamburger supper at the home of Keith and Lanette Fletcher. There was no meeting, only food, fun, and fellowship. The dinner would have lasted longer, but many people wanted to rush home to watch the San Antonio Spurs in the final game; which, regrettably, the Spurs lost.

The Sorosis Study Club lost its last charter member this year, Mary Glenn. She was such an inspiration to the club and a member since 1946. The entire community had felt her loss. But the club also

got some new members: Fran Sonnenberg, Cynthia Robinson, Merle Kelso, and Mary Percifull.

proper temperatures, safe serving, and handling leftovers.

Safe Thawing

Never thaw meat on the counter or defrost it in hot water. Storing foods at room temperature is not a safe practice, bacteria can multiply rapidly at room temperature. Frozen food is best thawed in one of three ways: in a refrigerator at 41°F, under cold running water, or in a microwave oven.

Safe Preparation

Be especially careful with raw meats. Bacteria present on raw meats can contaminate your hands, utensils, and work surfaces. If these surfaces are not cleaned thoroughly before working with other foods, bacteria from the raw meats can then be transferred to other foods. After working with raw meats, always wash your hands, utensils, and work surfaces before they touch other foods.

Remember to use soap and warm water and wash your hands for at least 20 seconds. If food is prepared at an outside venue where a sink is not available, bring a large container of bottled water with a spigot. Make sure you have liquid hand soap, paper towels, and some unscented, liquid

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Summer Food Safety Tips

Many people will be firing up their grills and cooking food to eat outdoors this month. Food experts encourages you to follow safe food handling steps to prevent food-borne illness and make sure food is safe and healthy for you and your guests.

Frequent hand washing is by far the most important safety tip for all of us to remember. Each of us can play a role in preventing food borne illness with good personal hygiene and safe food handling practices. When preparing for a barbecue or picnic, be aware of the following important safety issues: thawing, preparing, marinating, cooking and maintaining

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