

Clubs

High Plains Lions Club

The High Plains Lions met for their last meeting for the year 2002. Lion Chris Trundle called the meeting to order. Lion Koon led the group in the pledge of allegiance, Lion Matt gave the blessing, and Lion Sherrie led the group in singing. After the singing of a Christmas carol, the group had a wonderful buffet dinner.

Following the dinner the group took up club business. Lion Brenn announced the success of the pancake feed.

He said, "We feed over 400 people and will net about \$1,000 for community betterment. All of the bills have not been paid."

Lion Hurtt announced that the winner of the lions cook book was Gloria Goosen. The club heard several reports. The Boy Scouts had requested money to buy two dinner flies 10 X 20. The club approved the purchase.

Lion Gilbert gave a report on the band members going to the State Convention. She plans to contact each band member in person or by phone.

Lion Hurtt presented the club with a third place certificate for donations per club member. This certificate was received from the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation.

Lion Mary also announced that there would be no zone meeting this month. She also ask for members going to the Mid-Winter Rally on Jan. 11 and 12, in Salina.

The club gave a big thank you to Luke Moore, Paul Gilbert, George Faber, and the Boy Scouts for helping with the pancake feed.

Lion Lawver announced the death of past district Governor Getz from Hill City. The club voted to send a memorial in Lion Getz's name to the Kansas Sight Foundation. The club also voted to send a contribution to the Leader Dog and Specialty Dogs in Washington, Kan.

The closing of the meeting took a humorous turn. The club has two members that have received a lot of kidding about leaning on shovels. Lion Chris is employed by the state and Lion Frances is employed by the county.

Lion Melda Moore presented each one of them a shirt with upside down pockets, so they can just put the handle inside the upside down pocket and they won't have to use their hands while leaning.

Lion Hale invited the members to drop into his home on Dec. 27, from 3 to 7 p.m. for cake and ice cream as he will be celebrating his 60th birthday. He also invited them to drive by Lion Koon's home, as he probably has more Christmas lights in his yard than any other member.

The club was reminded of the Gem Club's pancake feed and the Christmas party on Saturday night. The Club's next meeting will be Jan. 13. Happy Holidays to all.

Brewster United Methodist Women

The Brewster United Methodist Women met for their monthly meeting on Dec. 4, in the fellowship hall of the Brewster United Methodist Church.

There were nine members and four guests who sat together at a beautiful Christmas decorated table and enjoyed a soup supper provided by the hostesses Bonnie Reid and Sue Randolph.

The District Connecting Link, Jackie Teeter of Grinnell, was one of the guests along with local ladies, Vi Bowman, Ceci Allen and Thersia Aschenbrenner.

Eva Lou Selby presented the Advent program, "Christmas - Women of Courage, Power and Peace." She was assisted by Wanda Fulwider and Lola Marrs.

After the program, Eva Lou conducted the business meeting. District officer, Jackie Teeter, shared some United Methodist Women comments about the Hays District. Since the unit did so well at the annual Turkey Supper in November, we voted to send additional money to the United Methodist Women Missions program and to help out with the local church budget.

The January meeting will be the program on "Prayer and Self-Denial." A special offering on this cause will be taken. The meeting will be held at the home on Nadine Kammer on Jan. 29, 2003.

Senior Progress Center to hold Christmas party

The annual Senior Center Christmas Party will be held at the center on Dec. 20, at 2 p.m. The Colby High School music department will provide special music for the occasion, with Shirley Malcolm at the piano. A Christmas carol sing-a-long is planned and there will be refreshments. Santa might even be there!

Gifts for daily maintenance of the center, may be placed under the tree at anytime. (Like janitorial supplies and items for the office.)

The following activities have been scheduled at the Senior Progress Center for the week of Dec. 16 through Dec. 20. All area residents and visitors,



Lois Myers

• Correspondent

60 or older are invited to participate.
 Monday: cards at 1 p.m.
 Tuesday: Alive with exercise at 9:30 a.m.; cards at 1 p.m.
 Wednesday: line dance class at 9:45 a.m., taught by Deb Koon; cards at 1 p.m.
 Thursday: Alive with exercise at 9:30 a.m.; senior bridge at 1 p.m.

Friday: Annual Senior Center Christmas Party, 2 p.m.

Indoor walking, exercise bikes, Cablevision, VCR, snooker, pool, puzzles and cards are available whenever the center is open, and the coffee pot is always on!

Planning a Christmas party? You do not need to be a senior to rent the center. Call Donna at 462-2901 for information.

Homestead Nutrition Menus for Dec. 16 - 20

Monday - cook's choice of entree, California mix vegetables, peaches, bread and tapioca.

Tuesday - chicken, mashed potatoes

with gravy, green beans, dinnerroll and plums.

Wednesday - sloppy Joes, bun, cole-slaw with carrots, rosy pear halves, bread pudding with apples and raisins.

Thursday - chicken and noodles, peas, carrots, bread and applesauce gelatin.

Friday - baked ham, sweet potatoes, pineapple and cranberry salad, bread and pumpkin cake.

Meal reservations need to be made before noon, 24 hours in advance at 462-2901.

Cancellations should be called in as soon as possible. Menus are subject to change.

Fairview Estates decked out for Christmas season

It is really a winter wonderland here at Fairview with all the beautiful Christmas decorations. We have some large Christmas trees decorated with lights, angels and ribbons, also smaller ones, wreaths, wall hanging nativity scenes and many other decorations. Most of the residents have decorations around their doors also. At times Christmas music is played softly in the background. It really gets us all in the Christmas spirit, and we thank all of you who worked so hard to make it possible.

Don and Karen Hodson have both been victims of the flu in the last two weeks but are back again feeling quite good. Walter and Brenda McGuire and Elizabeth Benjamin of McCook helped out during their absence.

Lucile Long, Edna Sloan and Ardis Boersma attended the dinner and program at the Quality Inn this week.

Eileen Dible and Lula Thieler attended the dinner and Christmas party of the Social Hour Club in Rexford on Wednesday evening.

Mary B. Grady and Pete Morrison are lunch with Mary Fran and Budd Rousch in Monument at the Mexican restaurant on Thursday and said it was a great place to eat.



Lula Thieler

• Fairview Estates Correspondent

Iryne Zoberst joined her sister, Faye Barnett and Ruby Zoberst at the Lantern Park Manor on Thursday for a birthday dinner honoring Faye.

Ray and Berneda Zoberst were present and brought a delicious angel food cake to eat with the banana jello salad which is one of Faye's favorite desserts.

Happy Birthday, Faye!

A very interesting program was

Babies

Hadlie Faye Focke

Kelsey Focke of Colby announces the birth of her daughter, Hadlie Faye Focke on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2002, at Citizens Medical Center.

Hadlie weighed 6 pounds and 4 ounces and was 19 inches in length.

Grandparents are Alan and Kelly Focke of Colby.

Her great-grandparents are Sherry Nickel of Tucson, Ariz. and Keith and Anita Focke of West Plains, Mo.

given Friday afternoon by Jane Kersenbrock from Norton on Nativity scenes. She and her husband, Jack, have traveled extensively and have collected around 100 nativity scenes. They started collecting them when they visited Bethlehem and the Holy Land in 1969.

The ones they showed us were from the Holy Land and also Germany, Peru, Colombia, Ecuador and several places in the United States. The one from Ecuador is made from vegetable ivory which grows on pine trees in clusters of nuts. All the work is done by hand by women who work for around \$2 a week. Many ivory buttons are made from these nuts also.

One set is made of tin and one set is made from lava from the Mount Saint Helens volcano. A beautiful lace table-

cloth with the nativity scene in the center was also displayed. All of the display was so interesting that it would be hard to decide which was the best.

Jack Kersenbrock is the son of Olive Kersenbrock who resides at Fairview Estates. We thank both of you so very much for showing us your collection.

A group of members of the Abilene Hustlers 4-H Club paraded in our halls one afternoon this week with jolly Christmas songs.

It is a joy to have the young ones come and we thank you.

Community Calendar

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

Sunday Morning Sixth Street Alcoholics Anonymous, 9:30 a.m.
 Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 485 N. Franklin, 2-8 p.m.
 Higher Ground, High School Youth Group, Berean Church, 6 p.m.
 New Hope Narcotics Anonymous, City Hall Basement, 8 p.m.
 Santa City open from 1 to 5 p.m.
 Western Plains Arts Association presents the Duttons from Branson, Family Christmas Show, 3 p.m. high school auditorium

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