

WOMEN'S COUNCIL

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Children's Christmas Party – Saturday, December 9th

The **Children's Christmas Party, *Unwrap the Magic!*** is fast approaching! Our Women's Council committee is in full swing preparing for this event, to be hosted at Rosine Hall on the grounds of the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden.

Children and parents alike are anticipating the many activities: **Santa** will be stopping by to hear the whispers of children's Christmas wishes; the **Craft Table** will be busy with ornament making and other holiday crafts; **Brownie Shytles' Ye Ole Merry Players** will entertain all with holiday songs; magical elves will delight the children with **face painting and balloon making**. A brunch buffet will be provided by Gil's Elegant Catering.



(Co-chair **Kristi Cole** and daughter, **Avery**, at prior Children's Christmas Party)

Back by popular demand is our **Sweet Shoppe**, headed up by **Pat Yanigan, Judy Birchfield and Faye Swindell!** Many Women's Council members will be hard at work in their kitchens baking up holiday goodies for you to purchase on Saturday! If you would like to contribute, please contact **Pat Yanigan** at **214-369-2367**.

Nancy Rothacker and **Linda Lynn** promise an exciting **silent auction** so plan on a little Christmas shopping and at the same time benefit **A Woman's Garden**. (Silent auction purchases may be made with cash, check, Mastercard or Visa.) The silent auction will have many items including a **Fitz and Floyd** holiday Winter Wonderland ceramic Santa; a two-night stay at the Dallas **Hotel St. Germain** including dinner and champagne cocktails; High Tea at the **Adolphus**; art lessons by **Ann Cushing Gantz**; several beautiful antiques; and many restaurant and retailer gift certificates (use those for stocking stuffers, ladies!). This is just the beginning! If you have a NEW item you wish to donate, please contact **Nancy Rothacker** at **972-771-3389**.

New this year is our Patron Party! Help us achieve this year's financial goals for **A Woman's Garden** by participating in patron level support for **Unwrap the Magic!** Patron levels range from \$80 to \$1,000. For more information on the Children's Christmas Party or to request an underwriting contract please contact the event co-chairs: **Kristi Cole** at **214-363-3630** or **Michelle Rickman** at **214-483-2300**. (continued on page 2 – patron party and raffle preview)

Remaining Calendar of Events for 2006 – 2007

Wednesday, November 15, 2006, 5:00pm – 7:00pm	Escada Soiree For Children's Christmas Party Committee, Patrons and WC Board
Tuesday, December 5, 2006, 6:30pm	Patron Party – Children's Christmas Party Scott and Linda Greer Home (Susan Sanford, Chairwoman)
Saturday, December 9, 2006, 10:30am	Children's Christmas Party Rosine Hall, Dallas Arboretum ("UNWRAP THE MAGIC!") (Kristi Cole & Michelle Rickman, co-chairs)
March 19 th or 20 th , 2007	General Meeting and Program (date and time will be confirmed in next newsletter) Speaker: Jane Pettigrew, Tea Etiquette Program (Jeane Pendery, Program and Arrangements) (Carol Huckin, Event Chair)
Thursday, March 22, 2007	Spring Volunteer Day Dallas Arboretum DeGolyer Estate (Jewel Williams & Connie Rhoades, co-chair)
Wednesday, April 25, 2007	Mad Hatters Tea Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden (Kim Matthews and Amy Moore, Co-chairs)
May 2007 (Date and time to be announced)	General Meeting

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Children's Christmas Party – Saturday, December 9th (continued)

Tuesday, December 5th, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm, Patron level donors are invited to a holiday party at the Mediterranean-style home of **Linda and Scott Greer** on Beverly Drive. **Sue John** will be catering the evening, **Xellent Swiss Vodka** holiday martinis will be served, and **Bill Green** will be tickling the ivories. Patrons will get a first hand look at the amazing raffle “gift boxes” that have been created for ***Unwrap the Magic!*** Contact **Susan Sanford** for more information on the patron party at **817-961-0762**.

The raffle continues to grow! Please purchase raffle tickets at the Patron party, or by downloading the .pdf file from the website and mailing, or by returning them in your invitation reply envelope. **Raffle ticket prices** are: 1 for \$10; 3 for \$25; or 15 for \$100. Raffle items to date include:

1. **Hastings Holiday Package:** Enjoy a 6 day/5 night stay at the private castle, Fairlight Hall, near Hastings, England. This early 19th century manor house is located just ten minutes from the site of the Battle of Hastings with views across the English Channel to France. It also has easy access to the famous gardens at Sissinghurst and Great Dixter. Tennis court, indoor swimming pool, fully equipped gymnasium and complete access to all the private estate gardens are available to the lucky winners. If you're yearning for Paris, embark on the Eurostar just 30 minutes from Fairlight Hall and Voila! Shop, dine and stroll along the Seine just two hours later. **Value: \$2,500.**



2. **Two Blue Boxes Package:** What a delight to find not one, but two famous blue boxes under your tree this holiday! A beautiful sterling silver pendant and earring set from Tiffany & Co.'s new Frank Gehry Collection. Large drop earrings and elegant pendant on 18" silk cord. **Value: \$1,050.**

3. **Totally Hollywood Package:** Live like the stars with an in-home consultation by The Hollywood Treatment crew. The two-hour kitchen makeover includes a one-hour cooking demonstration by chef Michael Lane; and pantry cleanout, healthy cooking basics, and body composition analysis by nutritionist and exercise physiologist, Jill Vollmuth. Package also includes: one week of gourmet meals prepared for you in your home, to your liking, by personal chef, Bart Autrey. **Value: \$700.**

4. **Ultimate Spa Package:** Wrap yourself in luxury with items from the Wintermoon Luxury Linens Collection. Paired with this, are items from Arcona, a luxury organic skin care line, originating in Los Angeles and favored by many celebrities.

5. **A Toast to You! Package:** You'll always have a bottle of wine to share with guests this holiday season after taking home this collection of favorite wines contributed by Women's Council members. Savor a Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, or Pinot Grigio from Perrin & Fils, Cuvaision, Clos Pegase, and Clos du Bois just to name a few! **Value: \$250+**

6. **Money Under the Tree:** Start the savings account of a little one in your family with this adorable hand painted wooden flower bank. Children delight in watching the coins travel all the way to the big belly of this cheerful bank. It comes filled with a surprise amount of coins from Comerica Bank. **Value: \$250+**

Underwriting at the newsletter's press time stands at \$10,000. **Help is still needed from the Women's Council membership to meet this year's \$20,000 goal!** There are stations and items at the Children's Christmas Party event and patron party still available for sponsorship as well as tickets available to the Patron party. Attend the Children's Christmas Party with your children or grandchildren and shop at the silent auction for the holidays. Again, for more information, contact **Kristi Cole** at **214-363-3630**.

President's Corner

Reaching out to our general membership is a priority this year. Using our General Meetings, email, our website, and our fabulous 8-page color newsletter will, we hope, inspire some of you to be more active than before – or to become active if you are new to the Women's Council.

But, WHY should this be important to YOU? When I look at my close friendships, I notice that most became friends through volunteering in Dallas charities, which leads to a story I would like to share with you. When I was a young girl my father moved our family from Houston to Grand Prairie and I was devastated. But, once enrolled in school my first friend was Kay, a girl that lived at the end of the block who happened to be in my class. We stayed fairly close through the years, even attending UT together. We saw each other at the first couple high school reunions, but over time lost touch – I was in Dallas and Kay in Oklahoma. I recently attended my high school reunion and after twenty years, met Kay again!



When we met, I recognized her immediately – who can miss someone that is only 4'10" tall? In conversation I discovered that she and her family had relocated back to Dallas! Specializing in non-profit work, Kay had eventually found an organization in Dallas that she really loved. Which non-profit had she found to be so right for her? THE DALLAS ARBORETUM! Kay Burnett Armstrong, my close childhood friend is our Director of Volunteers! Showing that volunteer work can not only lead to new friends, but also reunite former friendships!

The Women's Council was delighted to see almost 200 members attend our General meeting on October 21st. We heard **Tiffany Divis**, from the White House Office of Protocol speak and after the meeting, Tiffany and her twin sister, Tammy, both joined the Women's Council! Thank you, **Ann Dyer** for chairing this event, and to **Katie West** for assisting with the pumpkins! Thanks to new member, **Debbie Rexing**, of Heritage Press for the production of the invitations. Thanks as well to **Linda Lynn**, her committee and **Barbara Bubis** for the mailing.

Elizabeth Lee SOLD OUT her trip to see Dallas estates and gardens, and will have another fun trip in March. Volunteer Day at the Arboretum was a success thanks to **Jewel Williams** and **Connie Rhoades** and our wonderful volunteers. **Amy Carreker** organized a beautiful coffee for new members, though we wish more could have attended.

Our next big event is the annual Children's Christmas Party on December 9th, chaired by **Kristi Cole**, co-chaired by **Michelle Rickman**. **Michelle** and **Sharon Popham** are working on underwriting through November. This year, they have added a fabulous Patron Party that no one will want to miss, chaired by **Susan Sanford**. It will be held in the lovely home of **Linda and Scott Greer** on Beverly Drive. **Bill Green** will be at the piano and member, **Sue John**, will do the catering! The underwriting opportunities of varying amounts should allow all to participate.

Nancy Rothacker and **Linda Lynn** are plying their skills with the Christmas silent auction and already have some wonderful items on board. Member **Mary Potter** has obtained 5 days at a CASTLE in England for the raffle, and that is just the beginning! There is so much to be a part of, so there is little excuse not to come and join the fun! We'll discuss the Tea Tasting and lecture program in March in our next newsletter, so for now, best wishes throughout the holiday season! *Carolyn*

New Member Coffee – September 21st

Amy Carreker organized this year's new member coffee, hosted in the Camp House on the grounds of the Dallas Arboretum. New and current members enjoyed a welcome from President, Carolyn Rogers, and brief presentations from several Women's Council board members. Dave Forehand, Vice President of The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Gardens conducted a tour of **A Woman's Garden**. (Pictured at right are **Jill Goldberg** and **Kate McCoy**, new members; **Janet Nylund**, VP, Membership; **Jaclyn Braddy** and **Jan Harbor**, new members)



Fall Volunteer Day – October 12th

Thanks to **Jewel Williams** and **Connie Rhoades** and the volunteers that supported the Thursday, October 12th Fall Volunteer Day during this year's "**Autumn at the Arboretum.**" Do not forget that the **Spring Volunteer Day is March 22nd**, when the Arboretum sponsors their "Flower Power" themed program. Volunteer day is a good opportunity for our new members to learn more about the Dallas Arboretum and visit "A Woman's Garden."

Fall Meeting – October 19th



(Photo, left to right: Tammy Duclow, Carolyn Rogers, and speaker, Tiffany Divis)

The Women's Council first General Meeting was a spectacular success. The speaker was **Tiffany Divis**, formerly of Dallas, who earlier this year sworn in at the U.S. Department of State, Protocol Office, as the Special Assistant and Senior Gifts Officer. Ms. Divis shared personal stories about working in the State Department, the White House, and Blair House in her discussion of "The Etiquette of Protocol Gifting." The audience of approximately 200 thoroughly enjoyed the luncheon and program hosted at the Dallas Country Club. Many thanks go to **Ann Dyer** for her work on organizing this program.

2006 – 2007 Membership Update

Our Women's Council membership is currently at **667 members**. (Please forward potential new member names to Janet Nylund, and an invitation to join the Women's Council will be mailed.) We are looking forward to an exciting year with our members and friends. **Janet Nylund**, Vice President – Membership: (214) 692-5058

Fall Trip – October 11th – Handsome Homes and Glorious Gardens

Wednesday, October 11th, **Elizabeth Lee** and Travel and Education co-chair **Kathleen Johnson** guided a tour of seven Dallas area homes and estates. Our ladies toured these unique homes and beautiful gardens, sipped champagne at several stops, and enjoyed an alfresco luncheon beside Elizabeth Lee's inviting backyard waterfall and pool. The tour included several lovely homes; a landscaped water garden and fish pond; a fabulous property built in the style of a 17th century English Cotswold estate showcasing a beautiful conservatory, a sunken garden, flagstone walkway bordered by stone columns and wrought iron arches entwined with roses and wisteria; and yet another estate of five acres in size, reminiscent of French and Italian design. The latter showcased gas lanterns originally lining Paris' Champs Elysees bordering a curved drive, massive European urns, 19th century lions, stone benches and a variety of statuary and bronzes adorning formal arbors, pools and walkways. It was a truly enjoyable trip for all!

(Below: Fall trip Schlegel Estate photo montage: Kathleen Johnson, Myrna Schlegel, center, and Elizabeth Lee)



PHOTO MONTAGE OF THE WOMEN'S COUNCIL FALL TRIP



A Woman's Garden – Phase II



THE GENESIS GARDEN (GROTTO)



THE BRIDES WALK



THE BRIDGE



LINDA SPINA BENCH



THE RAVINE

Grateful appreciation is extended to new donors to *A Woman's Garden*:

Linda Spina - Shown seated on her Stone Bench in the Genesis Garden - **\$5,000**

Harry S. Moss Foundation, Frank S. Ryburn III, President - a gift of **\$20,000**

We invite members of the Women's Council to consider recognition in *A Woman's Garden* by the naming of one of the magnificent trees, which are available beginning at \$2,000.

- Japanese Maples
- Dawn Redwoods
- Blue Atlas Cedars



THE CISTERN



THE ACEQUIA

What a beautiful, living legacy to honor someone special - or demonstrate your own commitment to *A Woman's Garden*! Interested Parties may contact **Patricia Cowlshaw** and join her in the Garden to view and select one of these majestic trees. Telephone: 972-239-1702; Fax 972-960-8799; email patriciacowlshaw@sbcglobal.net

Spring Meeting and Program, March 19th or 20th (TBA)



A brief introduction to the spring meeting follows with more information to come in the next newsletter issue. On the subject of tea etiquette, none is more knowledgeable than London's Jane Pettigrew. A leading authority and author on tea, its production, symbolism and social history worldwide, She has written numerous books, and is perhaps best known for the definitive book on tea: *The Tea Companion: A Connoisseur's Guide*. Ms. Pettigrew is also a public speaker to women's groups in the UK, France, US, Japan, and other countries; has spoken at events on cruise ships; been a guest on radio and TV programs; and is an international consultant to food and beverage managers in hotels and tea rooms in numerous countries. The Women's Council is very fortunate to welcome Ms. Jane Pettigrew to speak at the March Spring Meeting.

Mad Hatter's Tea, April 25th – *The Eighth Wonder Of The World*

The Women's Council invites you to discover the *8th Wonder of the World* at the 2007 Mad Hatters Tea. The idea of the *Seven Wonders of the World* is traced back to the 5th century B.C. and consisted of seven extraordinary man-made constructions of classical antiquity. The theme of the 2007 Mad Hatters Tea invokes the legend and symbolism of these wonders, in a tribute to *A Woman's Garden* – designated as *The 8th Wonder Of The World*. Transforming an undeveloped sweep of land into a remarkable composition of garden rooms and landscaped vistas, *A Woman's Garden* is an outstanding accomplishment and truly a *wonder* to be enjoyed by our community.

Co-chairs **Kim Matthews** and **Amy Moore**, and their committee are well underway in their organization of the event, which will be hosted at the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden. The corporate underwriting goal is to secure seven (7) Dallas area corporations, at a \$5,000 level donation, each one to represent each one of Dallas' "seven wonders." Currently, it is envisioned that corporate sponsorship would be recognized throughout the event promotion and signage, with more information on the corporate sponsorship package to be announced in the next newsletter. We would like to ask our membership to consider any contacts they have within the greater Dallas business community that we might approach for corporate sponsorship. Corporate donors might be targeted within industry areas such as: hospitality, whether it be major hotels or restaurants chains; well-known clothiers/retailers; automotive dealerships; real estate developers or agencies; banking and financial services; sports franchises and more. If you have a contact within a major Dallas area corporation, please contact either **Kim Matthews** or **Amy Moore** to coordinate a sponsorship proposal as soon as possible.

Additionally, a goal has been set to sell seven (7) individual premier tables at \$10,000 each, with local designers asked to decorate each premier table to reflect the particular "wonder" theme selected by the table patron. While plans are still being formulated, some of what is envisioned for Premier table sponsors includes complementary tickets to all patron party events, preferred seating for ten, limousine transportation for table guests the day of the tea and permanent recognition in *A Woman's Garden*. It is not too early to start putting your table together and brainstorming ideas on your **wonderful** table! Perhaps you choose a man-made wonder: the Pyramids of Egypt, the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, the Taj Mahal, Great Wall of China, or Machu Picchu; or find inspiration in a natural wonder: Mount Everest in Nepal, Angel Falls in Venezuela, the Great Barrier Reef in Australia, Galápagos Islands in Ecuador, or the Grand Canyon in the U.S, or find inspiration in some place of beauty in your own travels.



Barring unforeseen filming conflicts, we are delighted that **Peri Gilpin**, the television star who has appeared on *Designing Women*, *Cheers* and *Wings* and most recently as "Roz" on the show *Frasier*, will join us as a celebrity host for the Mad Hatters Tea. Born in Waco, Texas, Peri Gilpin grew up in Dallas, attending school with Mad Hatter's Tea chair, Kim Matthews.

Spring Leadership Seminar – May 3, 2007

The Women's Council will hold the annual leadership seminar at Dallas Arboretum Rosine Hall on Thursday, May 3, 2007, when the second annual Leadership Award and Volunteer Awards will be given. Luncheon, speakers and workshops are planned for this seminar, with door prizes to be awarded as well. For further information or to submit an award nomination, please contact **Virginia Dykes** at 214-823-2743 or **Ruth Barnard** at 214-348-0817

2006 – 2007 Women’s Council Board and Board Meeting Schedule

President	Carolyn C. Rogers
President-Elect Nominee	Nancy Bierman
First Vice-President (Leadership)	Virginia Dykes
Leadership Assistant	Ruth Barnard
Third Vice-Presidents (Mad Hatter’s Tea)	Amy Moore & Kim Mathews
Fourth Vice-President (Membership)	Janet Nyland
Fifth Vice-President (Programs)	Jeane Pendery
Sixth Vice-President (Travel & Education)	Elizabeth Lee
Seventh Vice-President (Donor Naming)	Patricia Cowlshaw
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Nov. 2	Mrs. Clark Hunt (Tavia)	3920 Euclid Ave., Dallas, Texas 75205
Jan. 11	TBA	TBA
Feb. 1	Mr. Randall Wolfswinkel V	3535 Gillespie #704, Dallas, Texas 75219
March 1	Mrs. Denise Wolford	4512 Lakeside Dr., Dallas, Texas 75205
April 5	Ms. Betsy Whitson	3512 Crescent Ave., Dallas, Texas 75205

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