

NMSU Women's Club
Minutes of the Spring Business Meeting and Luncheon
"Purple Up"
April 13, 2012, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Saratoga Room (Lorenzo's)

Present: Esther Devall, Linda Schultz, Deb Franzoy, Connie Kratzer, Clara Lindeman, Barbara Wise, Roberta Stathis with guest Marion Durio, Gloria Ortiz, Sandra Abernathy, Frances Cotter, Marge Peterson, Cecilia Magallanes, Charlotte Mathews, Gloria Chappelle, Ruth Ford, Mary Henson, Bunnie Jones, Rosemarie Sanchez, Maria Samaniego, Nora Williams, Dinah Jentgen, Lois Melton. **Guests:** Amanda Good, Genevieve Munoz, Sharen Bloom, Gloria Ortega, Judi Lujan. (31) Total 33 with two photographers (see next bullet).

- **Photographs** of each of the members were taken as they checked in. Photos by Alan Franzoy and Jerry Lester. (2)
- **Raffles** were sold for a chance to win a beautiful wine basket and an aloe vera plant. The proceeds of the raffle will be donated to **Operation Military Kids** (*described later*).
- **Welcome and introductions – Esther Devall, President**
- **History of the NMSU Women's Club Project** – Deb Franzoy, Secretary, explained that members had their picture taken when they arrived because she is going to start collecting membership information from present and past members to create a "biography" of the club since its inception. Deb gave out a sample "bio" sheet to members to complete with a description of their involvement with the club. She also asked if members could look through their pictures at home and find some from past club projects and events. Deb will scan them and hope to use them in the project. This will be an ongoing project. The information will be put on the Women's Club website: womensclub.nmsu.edu. ** We received permission to use the luncheon pictures on our website by a Verbal Vote of Permission. All agreed that their photographs could be used on the club's website.
- **Lunch was served** – Penne con sugo, green tossed salad, Lorenzo's famous Sicilian bread, assorted petite cheese cakes, iced tea and water.
- **Business meeting called to order at noon**
 1. **Approval of minutes** – Deb Franzoy, Secretary, forgot to bring the minutes from the last club business meeting – April 7, 2011 – but promised that she would get copies of that meeting and this one and would put them on the website and mail out copies to those members who don't use the Internet. Motion to approve minutes (as such) was made, seconded and approved.
 2. **Treasurer Report** – by Connie Kratzer, Treasurer - Beginning balance - \$3869.19; income \$2,809.00; expenses (including scholarship awards) \$3,121.10. Current balance \$3,557.09 in the account. Motion to approve the report was made, seconded and approved.

3. Interest Groups

- a. **Antiques** – Gloria Ortiz described a tour that was coming up soon to El Paso. The group is active and fun. Anyone interested in joining them, please contact her.
- b. **Bridge** – no report.
- c. **Crafts** – Clara Lindeman reported they meet regularly and enjoy creating something that can be started and completed in a couple of hours. She invited others to join them.
- d. **Day at the Races** – Barbara Wise reported that there were 21 attendees at this year’s “Day at the Races” at Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino on March 16, 2012. Lots of fun and they had a great lunch.
- e. **Dining at Noon** – Clara Lindeman reported they have an active group meeting on the third Wednesday of each month at 11:45. Invitation to join them was made.
- f. **Gourmet Club** – Next dinner will be Saturday, May 5, 2012 at the home of Judy Maese.
- g. **Hiking** – Linda Schultz reported for Judy Maese that the hikes are over for this season and will resume in the fall.

• Elections of Vice-President and Treasurer

President Esther Devall described that the constitution requires that the officers of the NMSU Women’s Club serve for two years. The VP and Treasurer are elected in even years and the President and Secretary are elected in odd years. Since this is an even year, we select a new VP and Treasurer. A call for nominations was made to the membership. No one volunteered to run for Vice President; Judy Maese (by proxy) agreed to run for Treasurer.

Election results:

Vice President – tabled as there were **no nominations**

Treasurer – Nomination for Judy Maese, Motion was made and seconded to accept **Judy Maese** as the new Treasurer. **Approved.**

• Scholarship Presentations

Three scholarships were awarded this year by the NMSU Women’s Club: two \$500, and one \$100 book scholarship. President Esther described each scholarship and then introduced the two **\$500 winners. They were: Genevieve Munoz and Sharon Bloom.**

The **\$100** book scholarship recipient was introduced by member Roberta Stathis and was awarded to **Gloria Ortega**. Each recipient spoke, telling their story about returning to school and how the money would be very helpful to them. They were all very thankful.

• Guest Speaker – Amanda Good, State 4-H Office Coordinator for “PURPLE UP” for *Operation Military Kids*

Amanda gave a presentation about the New Mexico *Operation Military Kids* program that she heads up through the state 4-H office. April marks the nation’s “Month of the Military Child” and a time to honor youth impacted by deployment. April 13 was declared “**PURPLE UP! For Military Kids**” in New Mexico (which was our luncheon theme and why we all wore purple!).

Amanda told us that purple symbolizes a joining of all the colors of the military branches. The program helps children of military families with school supplies and other needed items when their parents are deployed. The project not only raises funds, but also collects specific items that can be put into special backpacks created for the children involved.

Amanda encouraged us to find ways to become involved. She can be reached at

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- **Raffle and Drawing for Wine Basket and Aloe Vera Plant**
A total of \$130 was raised by raffle sales. The money will be donated to *Operation Military Kids*.
 - **Winner of wine basket** – Frances Cotter
 - **Winner of aloe plant** – Marge Peterson
- **Next meeting:** Will be in the fall and will be announced
- **Meeting adjourned:** 1:00 p.m.
- **Minutes submitted by Secretary Deb Franzoy, May 9, 2012.**

Executive Board for 2012-2013

President: Esther Devall

Vice President: none

Secretary: Deb Franzoy

Treasurer: Judy Maese

Special Interest Group Chair: Clara Lindemann

Membership Chair: Susan DeMar

Day at the Races: Barbara Wise