



Fall, 2014 Meeting and Luncheon Minutes “Fiesta Mexicali”

**October 11, 2014 11:30 am-1:00 pm
Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum**

Present: Esther Devall, Dinah Jentgen, Susan DeMar, Pam Jeffries and two guests, Olga Conter, Dolly Castro, Deb Franzoy, Sue Groth, Bunnie Jones, Connie Kratzer, Noreen Lehmann, Clara Lindemann, Judi Lujan and guest, Anne McGinnis, Marge Peterson, Susie Samuel, Rosemarie Sanchez, Linda Schultz, Ann Steinhoff, Sharon Wooden, Sherry Harris, Carol Aspinwall, Patty Conroy.

- **Welcome and Introductions** – Esther Devall, President
- **Approval of 2014 Spring Meeting Minutes** - Olga Conter read the minutes from the Spring Business Meeting and Luncheon held on March 8, 2014 at Meson de Mesilla. Corrections need to be made to the minutes where it states that Pam Jeffries was nominated for secretary and Olga Conter was nominated for treasurer. It should state Pam Jeffries was nominated for treasurer and Olga Conter was nominated for secretary. Motion to approve minutes was made, seconded and approved pending stated correction.
- **Membership Dues** - Pam Jeffries reminded everyone to send the new and renewal membership form to her. She also provided a treasurer report. Beginning balance for the fall was \$3,285.38; total income \$185; total expenses \$171.37. Ending cash balance \$3,299.01 as of 10/11/14.
- **Interest Groups** - Claire Lindeman provided a report for the different interest groups.

Fall, 2014 Meeting and Luncheon Minutes

“Fiesta Mexicali”

October 11, 2014 11:30 am-1:00 pm

Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum

- **Plans for Holiday Reception in December** - Dinah Jentgen informed us that the Holiday reception would be held on Friday, December 5th from 3:00-4:30pm at Gerald Thomas Hall room 330. Members are encouraged to please bring an unwrapped gift item for Jardin de los Niños, a childcare program for homeless children and their families.
- **Scholarships** - Esther Devall reminded everyone that applications for scholarships are due March 1. The requirements are that the applicant has to be a woman and has had to have a break in her education at least for one semester. Needs to state education goals and aspirations.
 - Information about new scholarship - Susan DeMar talked about a new scholarship set up in memory of her mother, Ruth Mary Webber. Requirements are a 3.0 GPA or higher. The scholarship is for \$250.00.
 - Election of scholarship chair – Esther Devall presented Sharon Lalla as a nominee for scholarship chair as she had volunteered to serve. There were no nominations from the floor. A vote was taken and Sharon Lalla was elected.
- **Guest Speaker Kelley Coffeen: Fiesta Mexicali** – Kelley Coffeen gave a brief history about self-publishing her first book, Great College Cookbook of the Southwest in 1993 and how she landed a guest appearance on good Morning America on ABC. She also talked about the time when she was hosting Kelley’s Kitchen, a weekly cooking segment, on KTSM/NBC in El Paso, TX. Kelley proceeded to demonstrate how to make pecan dip which is featured in Fiesta Mexicali, her favorite cookbook. She also demonstrated how to add pizzazz to a table arrangement by using a glass jar that you can purchase for a dollar then wrapping it in colorful tissue paper to give it some color and putting a votive candle inside. She displayed an orange and a green arrangement on each side of the table. Kelley showed us a beautiful centerpiece she created with different types of peppers, red onions and other

vegetables from the area. The audience proceeded to ask Kelley questions about her cookbooks and areas of interest. Kelley allowed us to then taste her dip which was delicious. She had some of her cookbooks for sale and was available to sign copies.

Minutes submitted by Olga Conter, Secretary
November 17, 2014

<http://womensclub.nmsu.edu>