



Fall 2016 Meeting and Luncheon Minutes

Saturday, October 22nd, 2016

St. Clair's Winery & Bistro

11:30 am-1:30 pm

- **Present:** Esther Devall, Eva Diaz, Dolores Ellis, Connie Kratzer, Anne McGinnis, Kimberly Miller, Gloria Ortiz, Linda Schultz, Nancy Siddens, Noreen Lehmann, Olga Conter, Susan DeMar, Mickey Duttle, Pamela Jeffries, Dinah Jentgen, Jessica Ulmer
- **Welcome and Introductions** – Susan DeMar, President
- **Business Meeting**
 - **Approval of Spring 2016 Meeting Minutes** – Olga Conter read the minutes from the Spring 2016 Meeting and Luncheon held on April 16, 2016, at Josefina's. Motion to approve minutes was made, seconded and approved.
 - **Treasurer's Report** – Pam Jeffries, treasurer, provided treasurer's report. Dinah Jentgen (centerpieces for Spring Luncheon) - \$162.99, scholarship contributions - \$1,330.00, membership fees - \$1,000.00. Ending balance \$3,338.29. Pam also mentioned that the membership dues had gone up from \$20.00 to \$25.00 for regular members and from \$25.00 to \$30.00 for honorary members.
 - **Upcoming Activities** – Anne McGinnis went over the following upcoming activities. Renaissance Faire on November 5. Native American Market on November 12. Home Grown at the Farm and Rach Museum on November 19. Holiday reception on December 2. Downtown Farmer's Market & lunch at the Bistro on December 3. Mesilla Valley Chorale Concert on December 4.
 - **Interest Groups and Calendar Updates** – Deb Franzoy – not present. Anne McGinnis provided update and mentioned that on Saturday, October 29 was the gourmet club Oktoberfest celebration at Esther Devall's home. Please RSVP by October 22. For those new to the club please visit the Women's Club website for more details.
 - **Election of New Officer**
 - **Treasurer** – Pam Jeffries term ended but she volunteered to continue helping out until new treasurer is appointed.

- **Guest Speaker: Sylvia Hendrickson** gave a brief history of how she got started working with gourds. Sylvia moved to the Las Cruces area in 2007. She first discovered buffalo gourds in the desert and was introduced to the world of gourd art. She discussed her technique, which includes carving and wood burning, using dyes, inks, paints, beads, feathers and leather with a variety of other natural products. When working with a gourd and turning into a piece of art is a bit like carving a Halloween pumpkin as you must remove the seeds and fibers inside, clean the outside then focus your attention on the exterior design. Sylvia also said that anything you could do to a piece of wood you can do to a gourd such as burn-in, paint a design or attach decorative items. She showed us beautiful gourds where her creativity became known. A unique gourd that stood out amongst the others was one she turned into a beautiful purse. She used a California gourd for the purse as she says California has some of the strongest gourds. Sylvia proceeded to teach us how to paint gourds and got us all engaged by providing a gourd for each attendant and paints we shared at our tables. We all had a wonderful time painting our own gourds that we turned into beautiful ornaments.
- **Raffle Drawing for St. Clair's Wine Gift Basket, Talavera Pot & Painting**– Noreen Lehmann drew names for the raffle winners. Sylvia Hendrickson was the raffle winner for the Talavera Pot from Casa Bonita Imports. Pam Jeffries was the winner for the Wine Gift Basket from St. Clair's. Kim Miller was the winner of the beautiful painting donated by Anne McGinnis. Funds raised from raffle go towards the scholarship fund.

Minutes submitted by Olga Conter, Secretary

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