

January 2017

Santa Fe Woman's Club & Library Association

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LUNCH MEETING

Monday, January 16, 2017

The speaker this month is **Shirleen Sitton**, Director of Environmental Services for the City of Santa Fe. Her department is responsible for collecting all municipal residential and commercial solid waste (trash) and recycling.

She has 17 years of experience in municipal solid waste. She previously worked in North Texas, has a master's degree from the University of North Texas in Environmental Sciences, and her bachelor's is from Texas A&M.

She will tell us about the city's new recycling program, give us an overview of the economics of recycling, and answer our questions.

MENU

from Betty Scott

Scalloped Potatoes and Ham
Best Ever Crescent Rolls
Green Salad
Snowball Peaches

Please RSVP by Jan. 13, 2017

If you will be attending, please RSVP to Sue Horne or Betty Scott. Lunch is **\$8.00** per person and starts at noon so please arrive by 11:45 A.M.

From The Co-Presidents

Submitted by Carol Rose

Happy New Year Everyone! Here's to another successful year for our club. The club officers met in Dec. 2016 and decided on the following donations: \$250 to Saint Michaels High School choir; \$200 for Kitchen Angels; \$200 for School for the Deaf; \$500 to Friends of the Library; \$250 for a "buddy bench" at a local elementary school; and \$500 for the Food Depot. Additional spending was also proposed by the board: \$4,000 for a new shed at SFWC; \$4,000 for SFWC website development; and \$2000 for SFWC scholarships. This is a total of \$11,900 which was earned from the SFWC fundraising efforts in 2016.

For 2017 we hope to have a functioning website to improve our visibility in the community for rentals, increasing membership, and promoting events at the Club.

In April we'll co-host a "trivia" competition in with teams participating for the championship, should be a fun event, and we will need VOLUNTEERS.

Something we want to mention to all members is that we want you to give 10 hours of volunteer time to the club each year. (Of course, most of you give much, much more). With this year marking our 125th anniversary as a club, we want and need all of you to help us celebrate. We'll need a planning committee. Is this something you could do?

Let's appreciate and remember the work that women in Santa Fe have contributed to the quality of life in this beautiful historic city.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 21, 2017 - SF Public Schools Spelling Bee, @ SFWC auditorium, 8 AM-12 PM

Trivia Smackdown! Save the date: April 23, 2017, Santa Fe Woman's Club Theater. Sponsored by the Woman's Club and the Friends of the Santa Fe Public Library. Anyone interested in learning more should contact Susan Sheldon.

Looking for teams of 4, sponsors, corporate/family teams, production assistants. More details coming in February.

THANK YOU

*Submitted by Kathie Enz,
2016 Holiday Home Tour Committee Chair*

The Holiday Home Tour Committee thanks those who helped us to set up this fundraiser right from the start, and those who participated the day of the tour. Without their support, it would not have been the success it turned out to be.

Special thanks to the newsletter staff, Chris Durlak and Kandy Frame, who passed along our needs and information in a timely manner.

If the tour is repeated next year, we would hope all members of our Club participate and support this project, whose goal is to serve women and children in any way that we can.

"Happy New Year" from the Committee

LIBRARY NEWS

Submitted by Susan Sheldon

Annual Membership Meeting, **Sunday, January 29**, 2-4 pm, Community Room, Main Library. Guest speaker: Lucy Moore, local author.

Cocktail Party Book Launches:

Thursday, February 9: David Morrell at Joan and Jeffrey Less' home.

Thursday, May 4: Anne Hillerman at Bev and Mike Morris' home. Anne's third mystery, *Song of the Lion*, will be published in April.

Happy Hour Author's Book Club Schedule:
Location: Bourbon Grill at El Gancho

Thursday, March 2: Michael McGarrity: Michael will lead a discussion on the Kearney Family Trilogy, which includes *Hard Country*, *Backlands* and *the Last Ranch*. (It is not necessary to have read all three novels.)

Your support speaks volumes!

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A LOOK BACK IN TIME

Submitted by Dolores Whitaker, Historian

A headline in the Thursday, July 5th, 1956 Santa Fe New Mexican stated the following: "Shrinking Funds Force City Library to Shut on Mondays"

In 1956, the Santa Fe Woman's Club owned the Santa Fe Library building, and, with the financial help of the county commissioners, the City Council and the Santa Fe Board of Education, maintained services to the community. The Monday closure was announced by Mrs. Marshall Hester, Chairman of the Library Board, who said the action was necessary because of insufficient funds for staffing, loss of trained personnel due to inadequate wages, and increased cost of operation. She pointed out that funds from all public sources did not increase to meet the rising cost of services. The Santa Fe Woman's Club and Library Association went to battle to find the funds necessary to maintain the Monday Library schedule.

This action led to a City Budget Hearing attended by Woman's Club Board members who requested that the city appropriation to the Library be increased from \$10,800 to \$12,800 to maintain Monday openings. Mayor Leo T. Murphy responded at this meeting that though he appreciated the plight of the library, "we cannot give what we do not have."

The fight for monies continued, and was reported in the Monday, August 20, 1956

edition of the Santa Fe New Mexican that included the following: "A city of Santa Fe's size should certainly be able to offer a fine library, that is well-staffed and with free access to the citizens of the community." Urging Santa Feans to pressure the various agencies that finance the library, the article added: "Let's not let any grass grow under our feet in demanding a fair break for the Santa Fe Library."

Finally, in another article from the New Mexican on December 11, 1956, the headline read: Library Gets Funds to Open on Mondays. Noted in this article was an agreement by the Schools to redistribute part of their funds to the city to increase the library appropriation. However, the Woman's Club financial struggles continued as monies for library expansion were also needed. In 1962 the city of Santa Fe purchased the land and Library building from the Santa Fe Woman's Club and Library Association which donated the Library book inventory, appraised at over \$100,000, to the city. Money from the sale led to the purchase of land and the erection of our Club House (dedicated on February 16, 1964) at 1616 Old Pecos Trail.

The formation of the Friends of the Library organization continued the development of a strong financial support system for our modern libraries. Details to follow in next month's newsletter.

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MEETING SCHEDULE

*Held on Third Monday of the Month at Noon
Lunch is \$8.00 per person*

February 20, 2017 - Lou Finley will present her book "Ticked Off and Tickled About It".

March 20, 2017 - Annual meeting

April 17, 2017 - Baby shower

May 15, 2017 - Michael Clark "Container Gardening"

No Meetings during the Summer

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 10th at 10:00 AM
Location SFWC

Open to all members

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As of November 2016

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Santa Fe Woman's Club Websites:

<https://santafewomansclubandlibraryassociation.wordpress.com/>

RECIPE

from Mary Clyde

Pumpkin bread/cake

3.5 cups flour

1/2 tsp salt

2 tsp soda

3 cups sugar

1 tsp nutmeg

1 tsp cinnamon

mix all dry ingredients, stir in following

2 cup pumpkin

a few chopped dates if desired

nuts (chopped walnuts)

1 cup salad oil (usually canola, but any other, not olive oil)

3/4 cup water

4 eggs

mix till smooth

bake in 1 pound coffee can, or 3 regular size well greased bread pans

bake 350 about 1 hour, not quite.

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