



FARM & RANCH CLUB FLASH

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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Shanna Weaver

Isn't Mother Nature amazing?! As we prepare to persevere through what is typically known as the hottest month of the year, I noticed there is rain in the forecast - and a *good* chance we will actually *see* some of it that thanks to the weather patterns along the coast! Our grazing pastures and yards could use the relief and it might be nice to see the daily temperatures hover under the 100 degree mark.

It sure seems like summer just started doesn't it? The month of August signifies many things: The reality that we are approaching end of summer, the start of a new school year and the promise that fall/harvest season is just around the corner. With that being said, there are many projects and activities to think about like fall livestock shows, jackpots and of course the State Fair of Texas is next month! The dates are September 26-October 19.

BILL KING AWARD NOMINATIONS

Thanks to Ken Leiber for agreeing to again chair the Bill King Award Committee. Other committee members are: John Merrill, David Gibbs, Nan Fidler, Breinn Richter and Shanna Weaver. The committee is currently seeking nominations for this year's award recipient. The award recognizes those who have made significant contributions to agriculture and to Fort Worth. Of course Mr. Bill King was the founding member of the Fort Worth Farm & Ranch Club, a superintendent for the Fort Worth Stock Show and was dedicated to promoting agriculture and helping the youth of Tarrant County. Do you know anyone that is a worthy candidate? The **deadline for submitting nominations is September 2**. The committee will announce the recipient at the September 23 meeting. Please contact Ken at 817-882-4700, Fax: 817-882-4717 or kenleiber@sbcglobal.net. Of course please feel free to contact any of the other committee members as well.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the August 26 meeting – I think you will enjoy the Texas Farm Bureau's presentation from Kaci Creel. Instead of signing off saying "try to stay cool"I can say "try to stay dry" and I think we are all okay with that!

Shanna Weaver

AUGUST:

Jim Bradbury

Tuesday, August 26, 2008
12 Noon

TSCRA Brand Room
1301 West 7th Street, Fort Worth

Lasagna/Pasta - \$10.00

Speaker =

Kaci Creel
Texas Farm Bureau

will discuss the Urban Initiative

CLUB NOTES:

Encourage someone you know to join us for lunch!





FARM & RANCH CLUB MINUTES

Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Museum, Brand Room

July 22, 2008

25 MEMBERS AND GUESTS

CALL TO ORDER: Shanna Weaver

INVOCATION: Bill Ward

WELCOME AND OVERVIEW: Guest: Mandi Stucks, National Finance Intern
New Member: Scott Herring

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Shanna Weaver and Anne Griffeth have been selected to participate in the Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership (TALL) Class XI. Participants are chosen from throughout Texas and participate over a two year period, but the commitment is for a lifetime.

Kimberly Thomas announced that Lone Star Ag Credit will host a Futures Market Symposium on August 28 in Weatherford. The event is free of charge but pre-registration is appreciated.

Rosalind Sullivan gave the financial report. Our current balance is \$8,698.53

PROGRAM:

Vic Suhm is Executive Director for the Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition (TRTC). Mr. Suhm explained that the TRTC supports effective solutions to our growing transportation crisis in the western half of the Metroplex. He noted two reasons for the crisis: diminishing quality of life and negative impact on the economy.

Three things we have to gain from better transportation are: 1) time, 2) health, and 3) economic vitality. Some interesting facts he shared: *North Texans waste an average of 58 hours a year in traffic. That is the third highest rate in the nation. ***Our air quality gets worse as cars sit in congested freeway traffic, and trains sit on the tracks.***Today North Texas loses an estimated \$4.2 billion annually in lost productivity and wasted fuel from sitting in traffic.

He encouraged us to contact our legislators and tell them that: 1) Transportation is important. 2) We need to increase our level of investment. 3) We are willing to pay more to sustain mobility. He also encouraged us to become more informed and attend monthly TRTC meetings. More information is available at www.TRTCmobility.org

DRAWINGS:

Albert Ross and Kimberly Thomas generously donated door prizes. Winners were:

Knife set – Mayna Haggard

Waterfowl print – Kathy Wood

Duck stamp – Billy Parker

Earth friendly shopping bags – Buddy Almy and Scott Herring

Guest Mandi Stucks won a free lunch at next month's meeting.

ADJOURNED: Shanna adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.
