



FARM & RANCH CLUB FLASH

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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Shanna Weaver

I don't know what ever happened to the theory of the "lazy days of summer" – but I don't think many of us (especially in this industry!) have many of those! Shouldn't we take the time every now and then to eat ice cream on the back porch or eat watermelon? After all – 'tis the season!

Things are busy all across the state...it's hay season, judging contest practices, the 80th Texas FFA Convention "Ignite the Flame" is July 15-18, 2008 ~ Lubbock, Texas, just to name a few things. Also, as you are reading this, the first session of the TALL (Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership) Class XI session is taking place in College Station (July 15-18). Fellow club member Anne Griffeth and I have been selected to participate in this incredible program!

A two-year program, but a lifetime commitment, TALL's mission is to create Texas leaders to help ensure effective understanding and encourage positive action on key issues, theories, policy and economics that will advance the agriculture industry. It is a competitive leadership development program that includes seminars with experts, on-site tours, meetings with business and government leaders, international study and personal skills improvement. Each class consists of at least 25 people, who are associated with agriculture. Participants come from every sector of agriculture and all parts of Texas.

It is an honor, to say the least, to have been selected for this opportunity. Our schedule this week has been packed with everything from a "Challenge Works" course, to touring Blue Bell, a Bison Ranch, a greenhouse as well as some very interesting seminars. I'll be sure and report back! It is an exciting and beneficial program– there are some TALL alumni in our club that exemplify that.

In the meantime, I hope you take the time to find a slower pace this summer – and maybe even spit some watermelon seeds! Hope to see you at the next meeting!

Shanna Weaver

JULY:

Jim Bradbury

Tuesday, July 22, 2008

12 Noon

TSCRA Brand Room

1301 West 7th Street, Fort Worth

Fajitas - \$10.00

Speaker = To be determined

CLUB NOTES:

Encourage someone you know to join us for lunch!



Run with the herd.
Join the Fort Worth Farm & Ranch Club.



FARM & RANCH CLUB MINUTES

Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Museum, Brand Room

June 24, 2008

33 MEMBERS AND GUESTS

CALL TO ORDER: Shanna Weaver

INVOCATION: Matt Brockman

WELCOME AND OVERVIEW: Guests; Scott Herring, President, X-O Corp., Kevin Jackson, Companion Trailers

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Shanna announced that Ken Leiber, would chair the 2009, W. A. Bill King Award Committee. Everyone get your nominee to him.

Rosalind Sullivan, Treasurer reported that the club had a beginning balance of \$8,979.31 and an ending balance of \$9,019.76 at the end of the month of June.

PROGRAM: Jim Bradbury introduced Becky DeShazo and her Crowley ISD FFA State Champion Horticulture Team and added that he was very proud of his FFA jacket.

Becky told us she had 24 years of experience, 15 with Crowley ISD, as an Agriculture teacher. There are 348 students in the horticulture/ floriculture program. She said they were within three points of tying for the State Dairy Award. She said they were meeting two times a week during the summer to study for the national contest. State requirements; identify 100 plants in any stage of growth and development, written exam on floriculture industry, place in six classes in greenery, flowers, and flowering plants. National requirements; more about floriculture industry, flower arrangements, dish gardening, job interview, media sells and advertisement and problem solving with tools, pesticides etc. Rachel Owen, Heather Beets, Megan Dornan and Brooke Beck then talked about their roles in the competition and fielded questions from the members.

They were offered assistance from the some who are master gardeners in the club as well as Dr. Gary Goodwin, Vice-President for Continuing Education Services at TCC. He told them that TCC has an Associates Degree in Horticulture

DRAWINGS: Guest lunch for next meeting – Scott Herring Scott also, brought samples of X-O for all of the members and told them that it was an all natural odor neutralizer, safe for family and pets. He said it would neutralize skunk odor and drive away horse flies. Our own Albert Ross brought the remainder of the door prizes.

1992 Texas Waterfowl Stamp Print - Ronnie Stephenson
Yard Birds Feeds and More Book and CD/DVD – Shanna Weaver
Chefs Secret Thermal – Jake Richter

ADJOURNED: Shanna adjourned the meeting – 12:55