



FARM & RANCH CLUB FLASH

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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Shanna Weaver

The Fort Worth Farm & Ranch Club is a terrific organization with a long-standing history (dating back to the 1950's) and an encouraging, bright future. I want to thank the club for the opportunity to serve as president and look forward to an exciting year. This remark rings true for the other officers Jim Bradbury (vice president), Joan Imlay Jacobsen (secretary) and Rosalind Sullivan (treasurer) as well. Please don't hesitate to talk to any of us if you have ideas, questions or suggestions that would help improve the club.

There has been a lot of *successful* activity already this year, including the Tarrant County Junior Livestock Show, the annual Rendezvous at the River and of course the Pizza Ranch. If you took time out of your busy schedule volunteer at any of these functions, THANK YOU! You have touched someone and you may not even realize it. Whether it was a 4-H member showing their first project at the county show, a high school student struggling to earn scholarship money for college, or even a 4th grader who made his way through Pizza Ranch and saw a dairy cow for the first time – or saw where herbs and vegetables come from that make that pizza sauce so good, there is no doubt you can consider your “volunteer time” as part of that success. After all, the goal of our organization is to promote, encourage and stimulate the interest in and advancement of agriculture and agribusiness in Fort Worth. In fact, even if you weren't able to donate your time – your heart is in the right place because you are a member of this club, which strongly supports these youth activities.

As we make our way through the “always eventful” spring season and into summer, hopefully you have managed to dodge the heavy force of mother nature's hand.....and have been able to enjoy some of the rain. We will take it whenever we can get it!

Hope to see you at the next meeting!

Shanna Weaver

MAY MEETING:

Jim Bradbury

Tuesday, May 27, 2008
12 Noon
TSCRA Brand Room
1301 West 7th Street, Fort Worth

Fried Catfish - \$10.00

Speaker

Jason Skaggs
of the
Texas SW Cattle Raisers Assoc

*will discuss legislative and political
issues in Austin and Washington DC.*

CLUB NOTES:

We will always remember

Mark Newton Green
1967-2008

Our Friend and Fellow Club Member



FARM & RANCH CLUB MINUTES

Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Museum, Brand Room

April 22, 2008

39 MEMBERS AND GUESTS

CALL TO ORDER: Breinn Richter

INVOCATION: Walt Richburg

WELCOME AND OVERVIEW: Guests for lunch were: Bob Lansford, Jack Rowland, Connie Lott, and guest speakers Laura Johnson and David Bezanson.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Breinn recognized new club officers for 2008-2009: Shanna Weaver, President; Jim Bradbury, Vice President, and Joan Jacobsen, Secretary.

Paul Burrough invited everyone to the 6th "Rendezvous at the River" Gala to be held April 24th at the River Ranch.

Robbie Robertson invited everyone to Pizza Ranch. Volunteer training on May 5. Event on May 6-7.

Treasurer's Report given by Rosalind Sullivan reported an ending balance of \$8,983.36.

President Shanna Weaver presented a gift to outgoing President Breinn Richter for her service.

PROGRAM: THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

Laura Wood Johnson - Associate Director of Philanthropy for Northwest Texas introduced the Nature Conservancy, a global conservation organization with a mission is to preserve the plants, animals and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive.

David Bezanson - Program Manager for North Texas shared the Fort Worth Prairie project which includes portions within the city of Fort Worth and west of Fort Worth. Their activities include awareness education to encourage conservation easements and technical assistance to those wanting to protect the grasslands. The Conservancy partners with landowners to help them keep their heritage ranches and family lands intact for future generations. There are currently two conservation easements in Parker County.

DRAWINGS:

Member door prizes provided by the generous support of Albert Ross.
Manicure set – Helen Cleveland
Swiss Army Knife – Walt Richburg
Duck art print – Bob Wright

Guest door prize of a free lunch at our next meeting – Laura Johnson

ADJOURN: Shanna Weaver adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.