



# The Woman's Forum Mirror

## November 2020

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## President – Debbie Berend

*Happy Fall!*

*Hope you are all healthy and safe. I wish I had something to report as we are wrapping up 2020. Most all of our Woman's Forum departments are on hold until we get past this pandemic.*

*We had our first virtual Woman's Forum Board meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup>, hopefully this will not be the new normal. I'm also sad to report for the first time in over 40 years there will be no Annual Women's Forum Christmas Tour of Homes. It was a decision not made lightly by the Christmas Tour of Homes Committee. They had already spent so many hours planning for this annual event. THANK YOU to those on the committee for your time and devotion.*

*My hope for you Ladies of the Woman's Forum is that each of you will be able to spend time with those that you care about the most in the upcoming holidays. I pray that 2021 will bring back hope and normalcy.*

*Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to you and your families!*

*Debbie*

### **Board of Directors**

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*Alpha Forum – Bethany Scheuermann  
Book Club – Shannon Inman  
Bridge Club – Sharon Laughon  
Culture Club – Debi Farrell  
Garden Club – Carrie Spencer  
Gourmet Club – Marge Collins &  
Elisabeth Wenger  
Junior Forum – Courtney Garcia  
Senior Junior Forum – Liz Wathen*

### **Special Committees**

*Election – Jill Montz  
Membership – Carrie Spencer  
Newsletter – Debi Farrell  
Publicity – Ladell Schmalzried  
Yearbook – Joyce Capron*

## Department Reports

### **Alpha Forum – Bethany Scheuermann**

Alpha forum had a great time Bowling for Babies. We collected diapers, wipes and footed pajamas for Patsy's House and the girls had a great time competing for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in bowling.

We really enjoyed watching the senior girls on the runway

October was a busy and fun month. We are excited about yoga in November!

### **Bridge Club – Sharon Laughon**

The Forum Bridge Club met on Thursday, October 1, at The Red Lobster restaurant. There were 8 members in attendance, enough for 2 tables of bridge. A good time was had by all members and the Red Lobster meeting room was an excellent place to meet. First place in bridge was won by the team of Georgeann Blankenbecler and Anne Halsell.

Due to the increase of COVID-19 cases in Wichita Falls, I feel it is in the best interest of everyone's health that meetings of the Forum Bridge Club be suspended until the number of active cases go down or a vaccine is available to all.

### **Book Club – Shannon Inman**

We have enjoyed two great books so far and November's book will be another good one, "Winter Garden" by Kristin Hannah. Maureen Laukhuf will lead the discussion. The meeting will be done via Zoom due to the increasing number of Covid cases and Joyce Capron will send out an email with a link for the meeting. This will be our last meeting in 2020, as we don't meet in December. Book club will start up again on January 11th with the book "The Husband's

Secret" by Liane Moriarty and the discussion leader will be Shannon Inman. Elisabeth Wenger will be the Hostess, 2725 Red Oak, for this meeting though the plans are subject to change based on progress of the COVID-19 pandemic. I would like to wish everyone a Blessed Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Hopefully 2021 will be a better and safer year for us all!

### **Culture Club – Debi Farrell**

The Culture Club has postponed all activities until a later date in an effort to stay safe from the pandemic. We, hopefully, will be able to resume events soon.

When we are able to gather, we always have a great time. If you would like to join our group please contact Debi Farrell at [debifarrell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:debifarrell@sbcglobal.net) or 940-704-7299.

### **Garden Club – Carrie Spencer**

No report at this time.

## Gourmet Club – Marjorie Collins/Elisabeth Wenger

The Gourmet Club's Cooking Together in Members' Homes event, scheduled for November, has been cancelled due to concerns about the safety of our members during this Coronavirus. Hopefully, the situation will improve and we can cook together Santa Fe cuisine in February. Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving 🍂



## Junior Forum – Courtney Garcia

I hope everyone is staying safe! The Jr Forum is trying to keep things positive and have fun doing their monthly events. We just finished the Senior style show and it was a great turnout. We have yoga this month where the girls will be donating food to the food bank. For December we are very excited to have a painting class where moms and daughters will be painting together. We are painting a butterfly where one side moms will paint and the other side of the butterfly the daughters will paint. We think will be a great bonding time. Our charity for December is Toys for tots and the girls are very excited to help the children. We are hoping everything keeps going as planned so please keep your fingers crossed! LOVE- The JR Forum 💕

## Senior Junior Forum - Liz Wathen

It has been a very different fall for the Senior-Junior Forum. The Executive Board had to make the very difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Christmas Tour of Homes. The CTOH Committee was unable to secure homes for the tour. The pandemic had caused delays that prohibited some owners from being ready to offer their homes as well as probably caused concern for others in allowing visitors in their homes. However, plan for a bigger and better tour in 2021!



While we were unable to hold the CTOH, the organization did approve the distribution of funds to our charities. The charities will be receiving their money this week.

Last but not least, our members are still staying very busy. We have members who are delivering meals for the Kitchen. Some ladies are helping out at Whispers of Hope. We had several who helped with Haunted House Tours and Pumpkin Decorating at the Kell House.

We are all hoping that everyone stays safe and healthy. Can't wait for 2021! Have a Happy Thanksgiving!!

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## Committee Reports

### Newsletter – Debi Farrell

I would love to incorporate pictures of your activities in the newsletter. If you have pictures you would like to include please send them to me at [debifarrell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:debifarrell@sbcglobal.net).

### Publicity – Ladell Schmalzried

If you would like spotlight your club or an event, I would be glad to help you submit a picture to the Times Record News. There are some specific guidelines for submission. Please email me at [lmhenslin@yahoo.com](mailto:lmhenslin@yahoo.com) if you would like to submit a picture, would like a copy of the guidelines or you have a question about publicity.

### Yearbook – Joyce Capron

Hopefully, everyone has received their 2020-21 Woman's Forum Yearbook. Please look over your information and let me know if there are any changes or corrections.

Please update your yearbook as follows:

#### ADD

Pillow, Amy (Kevin), 5454 Prairie Lace, WF 76310, 940-781-1690, Alpha Forum

Silvertooth, Ashley (Patrick), 470 Alcorn Road, Henrietta, 76365, 940-781-6740, Junior Forum

Waggoner, Courtney (Todd), 3302 Harrison Street, WF, 76308, 940-232-8882, Woman's Forum

#### CHANGE

Larque, Natassja (new address), 8317 Carriage, WF, 76305

Morton, Lindsay (new address), 4307 McCutchen Avenue, WF 76308

#### CORRECTION

Senior-Junior Forum May meeting should be changed to May 4, 2021. This date is found in the yearbook on page 50 of the printed version and page 22 of the electronic version.

# Picture Gallery

Alpha Forum at Bowling for Babies







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