

SMARTS Newsletter
16 August 2018

Thanks to Mary and Richard Engle for hosting this months get together. We had a brief meeting (details soon). There was a lot of fabulous food and desserts. We also had a cake for the August birthdays. I'd list everything we ate and who cooked what but there was so much I would be afraid of forgetting something. After lunch we had our meeting and then began to play games. Some of us had to leave early. We met several new friends and laughed a lot. It was a great day and there was talk of it becoming a tradition. Everyone seemed to like this idea.

Our visitors/possible new members were Diane and Michael Hensley, Pete Blevins, Cindy Mayberry, Bobby Quinn, Jim and Pat Thomas. We always enjoy having Will Plate (Mary's dad) and Eleanor Issaacsen (Mary's sister) with us.

To cover some of our business items and upcoming events we had a brief meeting. Our upcoming events are as follows:

1. Retiree Appreciation Day is 22 September. Kic and Eileen Wheeler have a table set up and need some volunteers. It would be from 8-12 that day. Please contact them or JoElla Huddleston if you can help.

2. We will leave on 22 September at approximately 10 a.m. and meet at JJ's Truck Stop on the other side of Benton. From there we will caravan to Sunrise RV Park in Texarkana Arkansas (8225 Camper Lane, Texarkana, AR, 71854, 870.772.0751). Some folks will meet us there. On the 23rd we will leave and head into Mineola, Texas. Check the SMARTS page for their address and a current schedule of events.. By arriving early this gives everyone the afternoon to rest and the next two days to do tours before the Muster starts.

3. Muster begins and we have several things we are responsible for i.e., Book Sale booth, rummage sale (need someone to volunteer to run this) and the skit Carolyn Eck has prepared.

- Books - please bring books to donate and please buy some. All the proceeds go to Fisher House to help people in need.

- Rummage sale - need volunteer to run it and items donated to sell. Please bring items you wouldn't mind buying yourself.

- THE SKIT - each chapter was asked to present something. For ours we currently need two (2) chairs, a steering wheel of some sort, a OPEN/CLOSE song, Pedestrian sign. If you have walkers or canes bring those. Contact Carolyn Eck and let her know what you have. She can answer any questions you have also. I will be the old lady with the giant bag that drops everything.

- The basket for Mineola giveaway - it was voted upon to put a \$50.00 gift card in with the Arkansas made items. Give JoElla Huddleston the items you have for the basket as soon as possible.
- Remember to bring can goods, lap blankets and or school supplies to support our local area people. Thanks

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. **November** Muster will be held at the Riverside RV Park in North Little Rock on the 8-13th. Make your reservations now.
2. **December** Christmas Luncheon will be at Red Lobster on the 12th of December at 11:30. Please remember to bring coffee and also two dozen cookies. Coffee is for the veterans and the cookies are for the soldiers and airman that have to stay here during the holiday season.
3. **January** Luncheon will be at American Pie, NLR, hosted by Bob and Lisa Duckworth. Date to be announced,
4. Think about next year and the schedule. Speaking of which... it's that time of year again where we submit and elect new officers for next year.
5. It is also time to pay our dues again. Send your check to Jeanette Duckworth, ten dollars per couple or five dollars per single person. These are chapter dues.
6. **Regional Muster 2019** - To be held in Arkansas - Need to be thinking and planning.

This is a lot of information so please save this newsletter. It will also be posted on the Smarts webpage. Remember to recruit new members and to have a great rest of the year!! Again, thanks to the Engels for a fantastic day of fun, food and fellowship.

Respectfully submitted
Lisa Duckworth