

Minutes of the General Meeting February 7th, 2025

Bill Wilson, President, called the meeting to order. Twenty members, two guests, and two speakers were present.

Bill Wilson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

John Derry led the members in prayer.

Bill Wilson led the group in singing "The Yellow Rose of Texas".

Program: Bill Wilson introduced Charlotte Ivy, Activities Director, Mayberry Gardens, and Mike Weaver. Charlotte, a Robson Ranch resident, provided an overview of Mayberry Gardens, an assisted living community in Denton. The facility includes five houses that provide living arrangements for 75 residents. The facilities offer three levels of care, from Assisted Living to Memory Care.

Each home is designed to accommodate 15 residents in a beautiful home-like setting, allowing for privacy and social interactions. Daily activities are designed to meet the needs and interests of each individual. The professional staff provides all the activities of daily living, giving gentle, loving care. The staffing level increases according to the needs of the residents in each of the three levels of care.

Charlotte works to provide fun and stimulating activities for the residents. These include games like Bingo and Dominos and visits from various individuals, such as Master Gardeners, to speak. There are also special events, including the ever-popular Car Shows. One of the most stimulating and fun activities for the residents is music. Often, individuals such as pianists, harpists, or even drummers come to engage the residents in music that frequently brings back fond memories of times in their lives.

In addition to games and entertainment, Charlotte leads the residents in several service projects that are very rewarding to the residents. The first is a project to make food bags for school kids in need. About 1,000 bags are made each month for distribution by Denton ISD to select kids on Fridays so that they will be assured food for the weekend. The second is to assemble essential toiletry bags for the homeless. These bags include small portions of daily needs that the individual can comfortably carry in a backpack. Working on these projects enhances the sense of purpose in the lives of the residents.

Charlotte and her team always need volunteers to assist in the activities and often spend time visiting with the residents. There is also a need for donations to fund the service projects. For more information about Mayberry Gardens, see their website at –

www.mayberrygardens.com/mayberry-gardens-denton-tx



Club Business Items

- Bill Wilson updated the members on the progress in getting the club more involved in SLP (Service Leadership Programs) programs for various levels of kids in schools. Several members met with Jackie deMontmollin from the Denton Kiwanis Noon Club, who provided several thoughts for our participation in a couple of the programs to get started.
- Roy Meyer reported the January 26th Bingo was very successful and thanked everyone who helped and attended the Bingo.
- Ed Ahrens reported that there is one opening for a volunteer at Our Daily Bread on February 14th.
- Comfort Dolls will meet on February 26th at the CATC

Announcements and Reminders

- Trivia Night will be on February 20th.
- Donations for February will be for Bob's House of Hope and Our Daily Bread,

Club Member Updates

- Birthdays for February Kathy Perry 8th, Susan Galbraith 8th, Bruce Walker 17th, and Ed Ahrens 20th.
- Anniversary John and Jane Derry
- Kiwanis Cares forms were provided.

Happy Dollars followed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.

Submitted - Ed Ahrens



Charlotte Ivy, Mayberry Gardens