

***Tyler, TX    Tyler Oaks RV Park  
December 3, 2017***



*This year our Christmas Rally was held at the Tyler Oaks RV Park in Tyler, Texas. It was co-hosted by Kitty & Lamar Nicholson and Claudette & Dick Holmes.*

*Our first night's dinner and Happy Hour was held outside under a beautiful pavilion. All brought snacks to enjoy before our delicious meal of potato soup with all the trimmings prepared by Kitty Nicholson. Afterward, we enjoyed sitting around a gorgeous fire that was built in the huge outdoor fireplace.*

***Monday*** morning we had an awesome breakfast of sausage, bacon, egg, biscuits, gravy, and waffles prepared by our men. WOW !! These guys do a great job.



*After breakfast we had a short general membership business meeting.*

*We welcomed two new couples Robert & Debi Foster and Richard & Sylvia Sills that have recently joined our chapter and the guests of some of our members.*



*This rally had a very special meaning for all of us in the South Central Chapter.*

*Our president, Allen Meek was able to attend after a battle with cancer. He is now on the road to recovery.*

*It was good to see Lamar Nicholson here because he too has been battling cancer and is on the road to being cancer free.*

*Loyce Enos is a cancer survivor as well and is recovering from a small stroke. It was good to see her in attendance.*

*Last, but not least, our past president, Robin Fagala was able to attend after a year-long fight to stay alive with many problems including liver failure.*

*He received a new liver six months ago. He drove himself and Myrna six hours from Broken Arrow, Oklahoma to attend our rally.*

*They now have new names: “Wonder Woman and Super Man”!!*



*All these awesome members were recognized at the meeting and there was not a dry eye in the room as Robin thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers.*

*We all need to praise and thank our good Lord for the miracles we witnessed in the healing of these dear friends this year.*

***Tuesday** morning we had another great breakfast prepared by the men. We were all on our own today to see the Holiday sights around Tyler.*

*Some went to the Tyler Rose Museum and Rose Garden. It was quite a sight to see. If you have not been there and you are in the area, you should take the time to visit.*

*In the evening we all gathered at FD's Grill for a delicious meal.*



***Wednesday** was a full day. Men went to the Oil Museum in Kilgore and ate lunch together at a café there.*

*The ladies went to Potpourri's for the Ladies Luncheon hosted by Claudette Holmes.*

*The tables were beautifully decorated with candle trees that were later given as door prizes. All the ladies were given a small gift afterwards.*

*On the way out some did a little shopping at the boutique inside the restaurant.*



*We all enjoyed a wonderful meal and beautifully decorated room. Thank you, Claudette for hosting our good time.*



*After returning to the RV park, everyone started getting ready for our Christmas Gathering and gift exchange.*

*This time instead of having a raffle to raise money for our “dog fund”, we decided to have a silent auction.*

*Some members had brought items for a raffle. Then, our long time members Rex and Sally Mullenix showed up.*

*They had recently sold their coach for health reasons. Rex had cleaned their coach out and brought everything: tables, hoses, cleaning supplies.....the list goes on and on.*



*They wanted all the revenue from the sales of their things to go to the Dog Fund and that's the reason for a silent auction instead of a raffle.*

*Rex and Sally will be greatly missed and we appreciate their generosity. Gene and Jackie Anderson were unable to attend and Gene usually conducts the raffle (another reason to have a silent auction). We sure did miss Gene and Jackie. It is rare for them to be unable to attend.*

*Our Christmas meal was over the top! Thank you everyone that brought such variety of dishes to share. Yummm it was so good.*

*After our meal we had our gift exchange. There were lots of laughs and fun.*



*Before cleaning up and turning in for the night, we handed out the winners of the silent auction. We raised \$480.00 for the dog fund.*

*WHAT A RALLY !! We are all so blessed to be able to enjoy such fun and good times with our friends.*

*We all wished each other a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and safe travels.*



*For all those who couldn't make it to our Christmas Rally: WE MISSED YOU and hope to see you at our next SCC Rally.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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