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# **Navigating the Journey**

#### **Officers:**

President—Patricia Souriall

Vice President— Marcia Barren

Recording Secretary-Annette Bopp

Corresponding Secretary—Di Ann Suggs

Treasurer-Janet Robb

# CALENDAR

12/11 Christmas Brunch, DiAnn's house
02/03 Valentine surprises for youth at Bridgeview Youth Center
04/07 Founders Day, Margaritaville on Lake Conroe

## BIRTHDAYS

12/22 Di Ann S. 01/04 Janet R. 01/24 Patty S.



# Birthday Dinner a Huge Success!

November 4, our day to celebrate the forming of the Conroe chapter, our "mother" chapter, was a joyful event. We invited members of the Conroe chapter and celebrated both our forming of the chapters as well as the upcoming Veterans Day honoring all our veterans.

Janet served as host as we met at her new residence at The Conservatory. Our plated meal was delicious. Thanks, Janet, for hosting us. Thanks go to all who attended, making the event a positive celebration.

Our speaker honored Veterans. **Marcey Phillips** representing Montgomery County VFW Post 4709, bringing a service dog with her told us that we can help veterans by volunteering through the VFW. **Col. David Suggs**, Di Ann's son, nearing retirement, added to her presen-

tation, giving us a meaningful tribute to those who have served.. David Suggs





Veteran and VFW spokesperson Marcey Phillips



"Royalty" at our birthday celebration: (I-r) Gidget Bailey-Conroe President, Teresa Toliver, Area 18 Coordinator, our own President Patty

Have news or ideas for the newsletter? Please contact Anne Sundquist, editor, at sun1gypsy@gmail.com.

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# Posted from the President...



Dear Sisters,

Janet was a gracious host at our November meeting and took care of all the arrangements. The staff, servers and the chef did a great job. Our military guests really shed a light on the importance of supporting our veterans. It was also such a great meeting with our Conroe chapter sisters joining us.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, December 11, at Di Ann's house in Eagle Lake. We can carpool if anyone is interested. We will have our usual Christmas brunch with a white elephant gift exchange. Look for my email with detailed information.

## Happy Thanksgiving!

Love, Patty

Thanks for bringing your change to fill our piggy bank. Your change helps us success-



fully complete our projects to help students and teachers. Your next opportunity will be at the February meeting.

# **October Meeting**

Clara has a great list of presenters for our meetings. Our October meeting was held at Uncle Bob's Barbecue in Montgomery, and we had the pleasure of welcoming **Pat Stark and her two daughters** to our meeting. She is the former dean of the School of Nursing in the Medical Center and is the author of *Women Leaders in a Man's World.* 

Pat shared with us the tactics she has used over the years to put her talents to a leadership position where generally men have gone. Her delightful personality added to the presentation.

The food at Uncle Bob's was delicious, and Patty led us through our meeting with plans for the November birthday

meeting.





## **Rookie Teacher Scholarship Winners**



Each year we offer a \$100 scholarship to two new teachers to help them with supplies for their room/ teaching. Pictured is one of our winners, **Katie Burnham**, from Magnolia Intermediate. Principal Lisa Bertrand and our

President Patty are also pictured. **Meagan Neubauer-Osgood** at Nichols Sawmill Elementary is the elementary winner.