

# **Wonder Women League**

(Operating under the United Way of Ellis County)

## **Membership Meeting**

**May 11, 2023**

### **Agenda**

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Welcome Members and Guests
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Financial Report
5. Announcements -
  - Reminder to sign in – Extra drawing ticket for wearing nametag
  - Parking concerns – Extra drawing ticket for parking in front of Ashley Furniture
  - Pink Cup Presentation
  - WWL Online Store - open until May 14
  - United Way Golf Tournament – Friday June 16<sup>th</sup>
  - BIG ANNOUNCEMENT
6. Old Business
  - Power of the Purse 2023 – Rhonda Meyerhoff
  - WWL Committee Reports - (Please see attached reports)
    - Member Relations Committee Drawing - LaVonne Giess
    - Community Missions Committee – Darla Froelich
    - Elder Care Committee – Deb Hoffman and Jan Klaus
    - Scholarship Committee – Ruth Ruder
    - Publicity Committee – Katie Dorzweiler
7. New Business
  - New Project – Star Summer Project Partnership
  - DSNWK request for funding – LaVonne Giess
8. Open Forum - Membership Suggestions
9. Adjournment

<p><b>Next Meeting</b> <b>Thursday June 8th, 2023 – 5:15 p.m.</b> <b>Thirsty's – The Venue</b></p>
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## **Additional Information and Committee Reports - Membership Meeting May 11, 2023**

### **Important Information –**

#### **Parking and meeting space concerns – Thirsty's**

Wonder Women League continues to grow!! The good news is that it will allow us to do more projects to benefit our community. This is a good problem to have, however it now has begun to negatively affect Thirsty's business. the number of people coming to Thirsty's for dinner on our meeting nights. The parking lot is FULL and the restaurant is EMPY. Brent has asked if we can help with a solution. One solution might be if we all parked in front of Ashley Furniture at the south end of the parking lot. If we do that, perhaps people that come to eat at Thirsty's will find a parking spot and not leave because they think the restaurant is full. Please help us in solving this dilemma and park in front of Ashley Furniture. If you do park at the south end, you will be rewarded with an extra ticket for the drawing. THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!

### **Old Business**

### **Committee Reports –**

#### **Community Missions Committee Report – Chair Darla Froelich**

Park Clean-Up – Approximately 14 members attended, many wearing their pink shirts. Donuts were served in the shelter house, photos were taken, and everyone got to work picking up trash throughout the park. It took less than 45 minutes and everyone had a good time.

Thank You HaysMed Staff and Nurse Appreciation Day – will be held Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am – 11:30 p.m. WWL will hand out individually wrapped cookies with the WWL logo. The committee has enough volunteers to help for the event but would like members to come for a photo op at 10:30. (Blue tents in Parking Lot G) and wear pink shirts (will only take 5-10 minutes). Volunteers are needed to wrap 1,000 cookies for Appreciation Day and will meet on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in Hadley Room 1. Please let Darla know if you are able to help wrap cookies.

#### **Elder Care Committee – Chairs Jan Klaus and Deb Hoffman**

Via Christi Prom - Held on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> with 7 volunteers signed up to help have 7 volunteers to help Via Christi Residents get ready for their prom that day. It was a fun event for both residents and WWL volunteers.

Raised Garden Beds - The Elder Care Committee provided Via Christi with vegetable plants for their salsa garden and also donated bird seed for the bird feeders yesterday. They will assist in the planting and maintenance. Good Sam's is not interested in maintaining a vegetable garden at either the long term care or independent living locations so the committee will purchase and plant drought tolerant flowers in both gardens sometime in May.

Craft Project – The Elder Care Committee will be assisting residents at Homestead and Brookdale on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> with constructing a Patriotic Wreath for their personal doors. The cool thing this is also Armed Services Day and the wreath will be good for Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and Labor Day. Homestead we will start at 10:00 a.m. and Brookdale at 2:00 p.m. Please come if you can. The activities directors for both facilities will let Jan and Deb know how many will participate, but thought a good number to count on would be 6. At Brookdale there are 7 men and the director thought they may enjoy doing something different, so I contacted Home Depot to see about getting their project of the month for them to assemble. The birdhouses are all gone, but I did get some of the pin ball machines that were made the month before and I will get the project for May on the first Saturday of the month so we will have a choice. Homestead said they only have 3 males and they usually don't participate so no need to have a different craft for them. The committee also talked to the director at Centennial Towers and she liked the craft idea but they only had 3 that were interested.

**Scholarship Committee – Chair Ruth Ruder**

WWL Scholarships (\$1,000 each) were presented to Hays High Senior Halle Lohmeyer and Kaley Rejewski on Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> by Erin Giebler and Nancy Jeter. Scarlett Deutscher and Audrey Schoenberger presented Ellis High Scholl Senior Haley Cranwell her scholarship on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Publicity Committee – Chair Katie Dorzweiler**

The Publicity Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. They will be discussing ideas to promote WWL and ideas for the new WWL in the process of being created. Ideas are welcome. Cristina Janney is working on organizing all the photos we have of WWL and is asking if anyone has any pics to please let her know.

**New Business –****New Project – Star Summer Project Partnership - \$1,500 request**

Bethesda Place is putting together a summer program for kids with disabilities with activities that they can do all summer. Parents have a very big issue sometimes finding someone to watch their child during the summer. It is going to be called Star Program and will run through June, July, and the first part of August each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. There are all kinds of activities planned and will be an amazing experience for the kids.

Many kids do not want to try new things so a Treasure Chest filled with prizes and rewards will be given for participating and trying new things. There will also be a reward at the end of the summer for competing in the program.

The kick-off will be on June 6th at Arc Park as a fun event for families to come and learn about options and services for their children. Funding will also cover the cost of having the Sno Cone Truck or Ice Cream Truck at the kickoff.

**DSNWK funding request** - “Elite Woodworker” machine to expand services and training for clients. Total cost \$3,000. LaVonne Giess, DSNWK, will briefly present the need for the new machine with discussion to follow.



Two is Better than One

## Building Community One Calendar Day at a Time! Places and Programs Adapted & Accepting of All

June 6 - August 3 (T/W/Th 9:00-4:00 pm)

You are invited to join others in our community to enjoy 8 weeks of FREE activities. Once you have signed the attendance form at the bottom of this page and the attached liability waiver **your child/young adult and the caregiver of your choosing** are eligible to attend any and all events on a come and go basis. We want to provide a PLACE and PROGRAM for you and your child's caregiver to have the freedom and flexibility to have an enriching summer - whether they want to attend every program for all hours or one program for a few minutes.

We know that all activities are not for all people but we would like to encourage you to TRY them all. We will strive to have the most accommodating and gracious environment for each individual participating. We ask that you be brave. Try new things. Allow your child (and you) to have some experiences you will absolutely hate this summer - so that you can make incredible memories and find some experiences that will brighten your lives for years to come!

Tuesday activities will be hosted at Bethesda Place and provide diverse opportunities for individuals and families to enjoy a farm setting, woodworking and clay crafts, as well as a private pool and a chance to roam free in the great outdoors.

Wednesdays will be hosted at a variety of locations throughout Hays and will present different artistic, STEM, or physically active experiences.

Thursday events will be hosted at the HRC gym and activities room allowing for a variety of athletic, sensory, baking, and group projects.

**STAR SUMMER does NOT provide transportation or support staff for your child** - but we do provide a place and a program for your child and whatever support person you choose to send them with.

**Call or Text 785-259-8475 with any questions:  
(YOU MAY TEXT A PHOTO OF YOUR  
REGISTRATION AND CONSENT FORM)**

**QR to Send Registration and consent form to:**

**REMIND SIGN UP: Text @atippy to 81010** - to be sent details on the program throughout the summer

**PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR TEACHER BY APRIL 6**

**STUDENT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/ Gardian:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency contacts with WORKING Phone#:** 1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Interested in Participating in Star Summer (Circle One):** Most All Days Occasionally

Most Tuesdays Most Wednesdays Most Thursdays When I have a support Person

**Shirt Size: Youth:** XS S M L **Adult:** S M L XL



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### **Bethesda Tuesdays:**

Welcome to Bethesda. We encourage you to bring sunscreen, bug spray and a water bottle every time you visit and clothes and shoes you don't mind ruining! If you like swimming bring a swimsuit and towel. There is no lifeguard on duty but you can swim at your own risk with an assistant. Every week you can enjoy gardening, woodworking, ceramics projects, riding four-wheelers, going on walks, laying in the hammocks and having picnics while you get to know the men of Bethesda Place. If you are interested in learning new work skills - there are always opportunities to volunteer around the farm!

**Wednesday Rotations:** Pay attention to the calendar to see at which community location we will be meeting! Often we will meet at one place in the morning and a different in the afternoon. This is a great way to familiarize your children with a variety of venues and opportunities available in our community, as well as learn new skills and hang out with friends. (SPECIAL NOTE: Wednesday events end at 3:00 because **Breathe Coffee House** is generously naming Wednesdays from 3:00 - 4:00 "Caregiver Coffee Hour" - any support person who is joined by an individual with disabilities will receive a free drink of their choice. This is a wonderful opportunity to socialize in a very gracious environment.)

### **Hays Recreation Thursdays:**

Welcome to HRC! All you'll need to bring to Hays Rec each week is a water bottle. Every week you can enjoy different leisure activities such as: arts and crafts, painting, sensory activities, simple games, bingo, jeopardy games, and almost any board game you can think of! Gyms will be available for games with friends as well.

### **Friends and Siblings!**

We would love you to bring friends and siblings!

The events are free for any Students with a Disability Support IEP and one support person.

Wednesday events will have a \$5 fee for anyone else participating



Triple 8 Equine Center



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## Calendar

### **Tuesday, June 6th - 6:00 - 8:00pm - ARC PARK KICK OFF PARTY!!!**

Join friends at the ARC Park for a Picnic of hamburgers and hot dogs grilled by the men of Bethesda, games organized by our friends at Tigers for IDD, and free snow cones provided by the Ellis County Transition Council. This will be a wonderful time to meet together for a summer kick-off with friends from school and new friends from the community. Come ask questions about Star Summer, and give honest input to the Ellis County Transition Council about your great needs and concerns.

### **Wednesday, June 7th - WEKAN Center Make Shirts / bags**

We asked you to give us your shirt size at enrollment because we will have shirts ready to Cricket Cut with our Star Summer Logo (tote bags as well!) We are excited to teach you how to do this project as well as mingle at the WEKAN center (which may feel like home to some of you and maybe completely brand new for others!) We will also have supplies to make slime!

**Thursday, June 8th (HRC) - Canvas Painting** will be our first HRC project. We will provide the canvas, blue tape and paint. Our Nex-Gen intern can assist you in taping your name with blue tape to the canvas. Then you can choose all your favorite colors to paint the canvas with. After it has dried you can remove the blue tape to showcase your work of art! Following that students can relax in our leisure room and play board games, or play in one of our basketball gyms depending on gym space availability.

### **Tuesday, June 13th (Bethesda) - Tours and gardening at Bethesda**

Throughout the day (Whenever a new student arrives) we will take you on a 1 hour tour of the farm to meet the animals and see all of the work the men do and all of the options that are available to you throughout the summer. After the tour you can choose a garden project to participate in with the men or enjoy independent time in the park or pool

#### **Start a wood working project and a clay project**

All day students will be able to begin creating clay fish and loaves, or sanding on little disks and cutting boards. We will show all students and their assistant where the items are and these will be available to work on during free time for the next 6 weeks. Free time activities in the pool and park will also be available.

**Wednesday, June 14th- Museum / Movie** - In the morning we will meet at the Sternberg for a hands-on experience with fossils and snakes. In the afternoon attend a movie at AMC Movie theater together. Don't worry if this is your very first time in a theater! Everyone in the room will understand if you have to leave or take breaks. Try it - you might like it!

**Thursday, June 15th (HRC) – Fuse Bead and Regular Beading Creations!** Come for a relaxing and crafty day as we make keychains, bracelets, necklaces, and fuse bead creations! Following that students can relax in our leisure room and play board games, or play in one of our basketball gyms depending on gym space availability.

**Tuesday, June 20th (Bethesda) - Tea Party and Trucks in the Giving Garden**

9:00 - 11:00 - We will be making little tea sandwiches and cookies and setting up a tea party in the Garden and getting out all of the little trucks and machinery that fits in the sandbox and try on any little costumes we have around.

11:00 - 1:00 - People can put on costumes and enjoy a little tea luncheon in the garden or play with trucks in the sandbox

1:00 - 4:00 - Clean up of the "Giving Garden" tea party and trucks and then free time in the park, pool and with projects

**Wednesday June 21st - ARC Park / HAP**

Meet at the ARC Park for a variety of games set up by our friends at the ARC. In the afternoon we will meet again at the Hays Aquatic Park. As a community we can help each other enjoy this great location in safety.

**Thursday, June 22nd (HRC) – Bingo activities** will be this week's main project! A variety of bingo games will be available to play with your staff/caregiver and friends if available. Games will include dice bingo, card bingo and regular bingo. Prizes will be candy pieces for all winners!

**Tuesday, June 27th (Bethesda) - Frontier Farm Game Circuit**

9:00 - 11:00 - Come help set up old time farm games like bobbing for apples, pancake races, firewood stacking, bow and arrow shooting, ring toss, lassoing, and more

11:00 - 2:00 - Farm Game Circuit available to move through at your own pace. Great day to Bring a Picnic Lunch to enjoy with the men of Bethesda from 12:30 - 1:30!!

2:00 - 4:00 - Clean up the farm games and free time activities and craft projects

**Wednesday, June 28th - Horse Encounter/Make, Take and Bake at North Oak**

Triple 8 Equine Center has generously offered for us to come experience their horses all morning long. In the afternoon at North Oak Community Church we will make Pizzas that you can take home to your family and bake brownies to give to a friend!

**Thursday, June 29th (HRC) – 4<sup>th</sup> of July Craft!** This week - 4<sup>th</sup> of July is right around the corner. We will have set up a fun firework painting project for students to create. Also 4<sup>th</sup> of July coloring pages to decorate. Ice cream sandwiches with red, white and blue sprinkles will be available as a snack option. Following that students can relax in our leisure room and play board games, or play in one of our basketball gyms depending on gym space availability.

**Tuesday, July 4th (Bethesda Place) - POSSIBLE FAMILY PICNIC AT BETHESDA?**

We will have a sign up and if we have 5 or more families interested we will host a potluck 4<sup>th</sup> of July party at Bethesda from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 5th - Petting Zoo/ Precision valley (\$1) (Siblings \$3)**

Kris Munch has a menagerie of exotic friendly animals on his little farm. Feel free to pack a sack lunch to eat by his pond while the animals roam all around. At noon we will move across the street to play as much miniature golf as we want at Precision Valley.

**Thursday, July 6th (HRC) – Movie and Muffin Day at HRC!** We will have popcorn available for snacking. Throughout the day we will show three different movies. Stop in whenever you're available or during the one you would like to watch best! We will have muffin mix available so that you can bake up a tasty treat to take home.

9:00am we will show: The One and Only Ivan

11:00am we will show: Toy Story 4

1:00pm we will show: The Greatest Showman

**Tuesday, July 11th (Bethesda Place) - Water Day**

9:00 - 11:00 - Enjoy free time activities and crafts

11:00 - 2:00 - Help fill water balloons, put out a slip and slide, and set up games.

2:00 - 4:00 - Water games available to play & Clean up the water games.

**Wednesday, July 12th - FHSU Art Department / Maker space**

University students will be prepared to meet you at both the Art Department and the Maker Space to allow us to use their state of the art equipment. In the morning we will be meeting in the basement of the FHSU library to work on a variety of scientific explorations and hands on learning. In the afternoon we will journey over to the AMAZING Art facility to tour the space, practice some weaving and make new friends!

**Thursday, July 13th (HRC) – Escape!** This week's Hays Rec activity will include working in small groups together to complete simple brain puzzles, and questions to correctly "escape" the task! This activity will encompass hand-eye coordination, sensory activities, and problem solving! Following that students can relax in our leisure room and play board games, or play in one of our basketball gyms depending on gym space availability.

**Tuesday, July 18th (Bethesda) - Scavenger hunt and Open Air Painting**

10:00 - 11:00 or 2:00 - 3:00 - Join us for two different sessions of "open air painting" with a painting instructor and all of the supplies.

Throughout the Day there will be a big nature Scavenger Hunt available for people to participate in and a prize will be given to the Student who finds the most items.

When you are not painting or doing the scavenger hunt you can enjoy free time activities or work on your crafts.

**Wednesday, July 19th - Hays Public Library / Arts Council** - the Folks at the Library and the Hays Arts Council are professionals at creating wonderful opportunities for everyone in our community to learn and create. Please join us as we gather in these wonderfully gracious environments to play games and create masterpieces.



**Thursday, July 20th (HRC) – Minute to Win It Games!** Today's activity will be set up as stations throughout the leisure room.

Quick, simple 60 seconds (or so) fun challenges that will have everyone laughing and having a good time. You can rotate through the stations at your leisure. Following that students can relax in our leisure room and play board games, or play in one of our basketball gyms depending on gym space availability.

**Tuesday, July 25th (Bethesda) - Wrap up wood working and clay projects**

Throughout the day we will be oiling our wooden disks and cutting board pieces and and glazing our ceramics. Free time activities will be available

**Wednesday, July 26th - Arts Council / Hays Public Library** - Flip flop of times from last week - in case you missed one or the other - come for games and a variety of arts and crafts.

**Thursday, July 27th (HRC) – Sensory Stations and Arts and Crafts** This week come see us at Hays Rec to explore some sensory activities and complete a few fun crafting projects to take home with you. As usual, once you've completed your projects students can relax in our leisure room and play board games, or play in one of our basketball gyms depending on gym space availability.

**Tuesday, August 1st (Bethesda) - Goodbye "Thank you" Party with all of the men of Bethesda.**

9:00 - 12:00 - Bake and frost a cake, make homemade ice cream, Prep and grill hamburgers, set table fancy, hang streamers, blow up balloons, Make thank you cards,  
12:00 - 2:00 - Party. Bingo with Prizes, pool option of water volleyball  
2:00 - 4:00 - Goodbye tour with four wheelers and visits to animals and wrapping up any outstanding crafts, projects, or plants that kids want to take home.

**Wednesday, August 2nd - Theater And Acting Day @ Celebration Church** - Annie Wasinger and Crew have been working on Theater within our community for years. This is your chance to see if you have any stage skills - or at least overcome some stage fright. There will be acting games and activities and an opportunity for you to shine. And of course LAUGH!