



COMMON THREADS

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Newsletter of the Quilters Guild of Plano

Hi Everyone

The holidays are upon us and it's the Time of Sharing. I know you are enjoying sharing with your family and getting ready for holidays. Seeing someone open a present you made or bought just for them makes our hearts sing.

Plan to keep the sharing going this year. It is fun to share all year long. See what you can do to share with the guild. Gift your time and efforts. This group is part of your family. Share with all of us your ability to lead, teach or work on activities to keep our favorite passtime interesting and vital. The guild is only as good and friendly as the members make it. I only get to see some of you briefly once a month. But seeing you is important to me. I've enjoyed very much working for you as President for the past two years and with you for the past 13 years. Giving of your time as a volunteer also gives you a special sense of "ownership" of the guild. It gives us a sense of belonging.

Thank you for all the work you did with the Stocking Project and the money donations for buying some extras for our recipients. They will be able to enjoy some of the sharing season also, knowing that someone cared enough to share with them.

Last year I asked for food donations for the church food pantry. I was overwhelmed with the response. However, Parkway Hills Baptist Church has a food outreach program taking meals out to the streets, feeding any who are hungry. They buy large cans of food. So this year, I'm asking for cash donations so help them pay for the food they need. At the December meeting, I'll have a basket for any donations you want to make along with one from the guild. By the way, we took the food last year to Hope's Food Pantry, so it went to a worthwhile group too.

Happy Holidays and as always, Happy Quilting,

Donna Petrick



MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2009 - Sheri Smith, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by president Donna Petrick at 7:00 p.m. She welcomed everyone and asked that all cell phones be turned off. Donna thanked Julie Schaefer for hosting the October meeting. Donna asked if there were any changes or corrections to the October minutes or treasurer's report. There were none and both were accepted as written.

NEW BUSINESS:

The next board meeting will be December 7th at Tino's restaurant. Dinner at 6:00 p.m., meeting at 7:00 p.m.. Donna asked for two volunteers to audit the books. Joan Wilson and Beverly Almaraz volunteered. Donna introduced the visitors selling raffle tickets from the Dallas Guild and from the Bear Creek Quilt Guild. She encouraged members to purchase tickets from them. Donna brought Quilt Show CD's with her tonight. After tonight please contact Kemberly Wilshire if you ordered a CD or wish to purchase one. Donna pointed out the new signs at the various tables. Margaret Schafer made them. Donna hopes this will make it easier for new members to find the various activities each month. The chairpersons will bring the signs to each meeting. Donna announced that the storage unit has been cleaned out. Everything has been organized and is in tubs with signs on them. If anyone needs to get into the storage unit please contact Donna, Shirley Weaver or Sharon Schenke.

NEW COMMITTEE APPOINTED. Donna discussed the committee for honoring members. Since no one volunteered to join at the last guild meeting, the board made up a committee and will meet to discuss recommendations and procedures the guild will take for sicknesses, deaths, births, etc. and report back to the guild.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEEDED IN JANUARY. Donna told the guild that in January she will be asking for members to form a nominating committee. She asked members to think about serving on either the board or a committee. She encouraged new members to work as an assistant to see if they might be interested in moving into a committee chair or VP position.

WEBSITE NEWS. Donna warned us that we have been having trouble with the web site. Beverly Geise has been working very hard to get it straightened out. Our contract with this server service is up early next year and we will be changing to a new company. We will try to make our web site more user friendly. Beverly has been the web master for three years and is ready to train someone else to take over this position. If you are interested this would be a great time to learn what it takes to set up the web site. Please see Donna or Beverly if you are interested.

DECEMBER MEETING. Donna announced that our December meeting is going to be a party. The board will bring refreshments, there will be lots of door prizes and she will be giving out service bars and Lone Star awards. We will also have a make and take project that Donna Lobelson has been working on. So be sure to attend and have a really fun evening.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Programs: Donna Lobelson told about the upcoming months and who would be our guest speakers.

Stockings: LaDawn Dalley read a thank you note from Soldier's Angels for all the stockings we contributed. She also said that she has around 950 stockings at home and close to 500 have been turned in tonight. She passed around a stocking for contributions so she can go and buy items to fill the stockings. She will not be delivering the stockings until after the December meeting so you can still bring completed stockings then and also stocking stuffers.

9-Patch Blocks: Terri Anderman said that she has muslin for the 9-patches and needs members to purchase some and make 9-patch blocks for the members moving away.

Hospitality. Terri then put on her Hospitality hat and introduced two new members: Enriqueta Benavides and Sheryl Stith. There were five guests tonight.

Membership: Crisann Skinner announced we had 78 members in attendance tonight. She then gave out nine door prizes donated by *Quilter's Workshop*, *The Old Craft Store*, *Quilt Country*, *Quilt Asylum*; *Happiness is Quilting*, *Suzy's Quilt Store* and a member donation.

Fat Quarter Lotto: Mindy Myint announced the winners: Karen Hawkins, Aggie Meszaros, Beverly Almaraz

and Karen R. Wood.

Block of the Month: Dayna Ragland announced the Shirley Weaver was once again the winner.

Education: Teresa Knode said that 96 crayon blocks were donated from the International Festival. These will be made into charity quilts. She also asked if anyone knows of a free location where she can teach quilting to the community. The public libraries won't let us have more than 6 sewing machines at a meeting.

Retreat: Janet Plotkin announced that there are 4 spaces left at retreat. You need to contact her if you want to attend. She said that it is going to be a really fun time with a beading class, a mystery project, line dancing and a live performance. Happiness if Quilting is the sponsor shop for the retreat.

Community Service: Julie Schaefer thanked everyone for all the contributions turned in tonight. She said that all the items will be passed out to the various charities and if you are interested in knowing who gets what, read her column in the newsletter.

Show and Tell: Karen Hawkins hosted the members sharing their quilts.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. Donna Lobelson introduced the guest speaker Bonnie Browning.



PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS - Donna Lobelson

This month is our Christmas Party. We'll celebrate with extra door prizes, a small "make and take" project and refreshments provided by board members. I know everyone is busy during the holiday season, but please try to come. This meeting is an opportunity to get to know each other better.

In January we will host Bonnie McCaffery. She will teach the two classes listed below. If you are not familiar with her work check out her website <http://bonniemccaffery.com>

In February Barb McCraw and Teresa Sherling will be teaching a three dimensional appliqué class. Some of you may already know Barb and Teresa. They are from Denton and have taught in the area. Stop by the programs table to see a photograph of the class project.

In the spring we will delve into quilt history. Linda Reynolds of the East Texas Research Center will visit us in March. April will bring Helen Widener, author of "Scraps of Life".

Advance Purchase of Workshops:

The reason the guild offers the advance registration discount is because we want to know as far in advance as possible how many will attend the workshop. Many of our contracts with the speakers have a cancellation clause. In order to take the discount I need to have your check *in my hand* 35 days before the event. In this case the event is the monthly meeting. A postmark, an email or a phone call 35 days before the event doesn't count. You must "show me the money."

Workshops are: \$40/day for members
 \$45/day for non-members

Hours: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Prepayment of registrations **received 35 days** prior to the scheduled event entitles enrollees to take a \$5.00 discount with each prepaid workshop.

Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope to receive the supply lists via USPS. Supply lists may also be printed from the website. Your telephone number and email are particularly important so we can reach you in the event of any last minute changes. Copy or clip and bring completed form to a meeting, or mail to:

Donna Lobelson
8828 Haddington Lane
Dallas, TX 75287

See the guild website at www.quiltersguildofplano.org and go to the programs page for more information. Fees are refundable only in the event the speaker cancels her appearance. Questions may be directed to the workshop coordinator. Refer to our website for current email.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND WORKSHOPS

January 2010 – Bonnie McCaffery

- Friday, January 15th – Painted Faces for Beginners
- Saturday, January 16th – Stitch and Glitch Project

February 2010 – Barb McCraw and Teresa Sherling

- Saturday, February 13th – Folded Flowers Workshop

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TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

COMMUNITY SERVICE – Julie Schaefer

Saturday, at the Bonnie Browning workshop we all actually could have completed a wall quilt and they all would have been really neat. I say “could have” had Shirley Weaver and I brought 4 inch blocks as the others did instead of 2½ inch blocks. We did have a lot of fun; Bonnie has a great sense of humor, and we learned some more tips, too. One thing was in making a quilt pattern, the color or design of the fabric is not as important as the tone (light, medium, dark) and how it comes off – tonally (I don’t think that’s a word) - with the surrounding fabrics. Sign up for a class. You may not end with a quilt, but the experience of working and learning a technique is valuable and well worth the money spent for the class. Besides, the people that take the class are fun to be with and get to know.

As Teresa Knode mentioned at the guild meeting there were **96** colored blocks that were donated back to us at the International Festival to make into a quilt. I noticed one mother looking very closely at the quilt we had hanging as an example and she was taking quite a few pictures of it. Come to find out, the block her daughter (who was in the process of coloring a 2009 block,) had done in 2008 was pieced into the hanging quilt. Oh, she was just so pleased to see that we actually do make quilts from them. All of this blathering is to say that Teresa Knode has enough blocks – at 12 each – to make 8 quilts. I’ll bet that if you let me know you want to piece a top (I’ll do one so that leaves 7 of you to jump in – I mean how hard can it be?) I can convince Teresa into making kits out of them with fabric from what she has. Just email me juliescha@sbcglobal.net or call 972-699-8884 and we will make a kit for you to pick up at the general meeting next month. FYI, due to economic circumstances, the Executive Board of the Blackland Prairie Festival, Inc., cancelled the 2009 Festival.

We were so pleased with the number of people who really came through for the stocking project. LaDawn Dalley hasn’t counted the total number of completed stockings. I know that because when I cleaned out the trunk of my SUV, I found another paper bag that I was to turn in from one of my buds filled with more stockings; also, underneath some material in my sewing room I found another 12. Then too, I got an email from another “quilter” (quilt quilter) saying she had some stockings too. I’ll get all of them to LaDawn this week. If you have some stockings that didn’t get to the guild last Thursday get with LaDawn (lsdalley@verizon.net 972-422-6449) or me (listed in the paragraph above). In the same vein, there are some raffle quilt blocks out there that need to be turned in to a member of the ADOs bee: Janet Plotkin, Tracy Spruell, Kemberly Wilshire, Beverly Geise, Catherine Seles, and Kathryn Hardage. Yes, I have another one of those to turn in too.



For those of you who want to know where the quilts that are handed in to Community Service go, last month I took 20 quilts and 7 afghans to Children’s Advocacy Center, and 19 quilts and 6 afghans to the Rape Crises Center. Thanks to June Taylor, Tina Connolly’s mom, for crocheting and donating all 13 afghans. One more time I am going to ask a bee to make a special quilt for the Collin County Rape Crises Center. They have requested one for their silent auction in October. It doesn’t have to be completed until September of 2010.

Karen Christoffer has a wonderful holiday luncheon planned for the guild members that have contributed to

our efforts over this year. If you have not received an email about it and are interested in joining in, please contact Karen at karen.christoffer@tx.rr.com. The date is Tuesday, December 8th from 11:00 am until 2:30 p.m. The place is the Veranda Tea Room which is inside *Antique Land*, just south of Plano Road on the east side of Highway 75 (800 North Central Expressway – actually just south of Hooters off the frontage road). There will be a gift exchange of a half yard of fabric, wrapped. We play a wonderful game of “I’ll take that.” Since *Antique Land* opens at 10:00 a.m. you can come early and shop; or you can also shop after lunch, if that is an interest of yours.

Then, on January 12th, 2010 Karen will again have her “Sit and Sew” day which is always the second Tuesday of the month. I have no idea what Karen will have us doing, but you can be sure that she will have more than enough for everyone to do. All you have to do is call (972-377-3018) or email Karen that you will be there and about what time; bring with you on that day a sewing machine that sews a straight line, some thread and scissors. We will start at 10:00 a.m. at the *Plano Sewing Center* (southeast corner Custer Road and Spring Creek Parkway) and since they close at 6:00 p.m. we try to be out of there by 5:00 p.m. You can come and go as your schedule avails.

FUN FACT:
 Wikipedia says that the earliest surviving quilt is from approximately the first century BC to the second century AD.
 It was found in a Mongolian cave and is a quilted linen carpet.



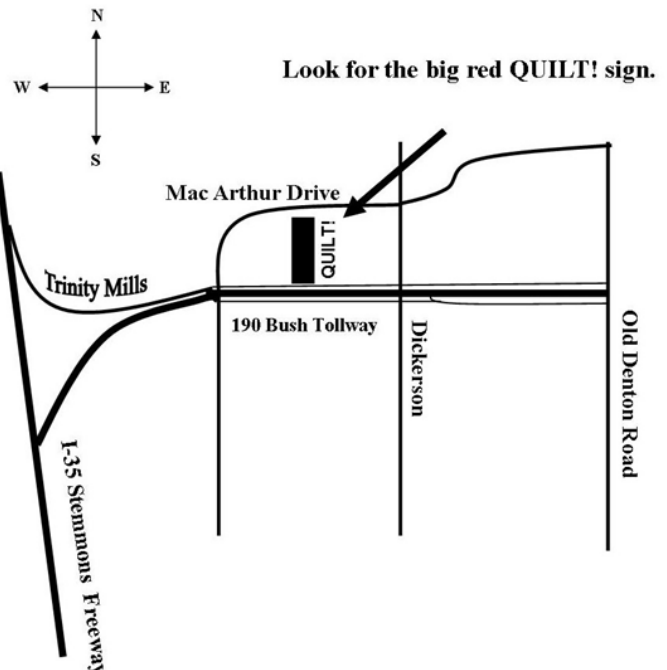
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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

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| Mickie Warrington | 12/01 |
| Karen Ficken | 12/04 |
| Gerry Augustyn..... | 12/06 |
| Ann Thomas | 12/06 |
| Susan Lozano..... | 12/08 |
| Kemberly Wilshire..... | 12/10 |
| Patty Allen | 12/11 |
| Emily Armstrong | 12/11 |
| Marilea Yapp | 12/14 |
| Joanne Donnelly..... | 12/16 |
| Jan Gostin | 12/16 |
| Mary Lord | 12/17 |
| Mildred Blair..... | 12/18 |
| Judy Williamson..... | 12/19 |
| Aurora Chancy..... | 12/22 |
| Cherie Wachholz | 12/22 |
| Sharon Schenke | 12/23 |
| Donna Lobelson | 12/24 |
| Sue Needle..... | 12/24 |
| Ada Whitman..... | 12/24 |
| Kathryn Hardage | 12/25 |
| Amanda Dierling | 12/27 |
| Kaye Dunn..... | 12/27 |

MEMBERSHIP - Crisann Skinner

New Members:

Benavides, Enriqueta

3116 Turquoise Lane
Plano, TX 75074
(home) 972-424-9443
(other) 214-729-0861
Member #: 652
Birthday: 10/01
Joined: 2010

Stith, Sheryl

3621 Quail View Dr.
McKinney, TX 75071
(home) 972-562-3412
Member #: 653
Spouse: John
Birthday: 05/06
Joined: 2010

New address and phone numbers:

deFreitas, Diane

9100 Independence, #1406
Plano, TX 75025
(home) 469-656-1626
(other) 214-641-0183

UPCOMING EVENTS - Brooks Wilson

January 14-16, 2010—Oklahoma City Quilt Show featuring Mark Lipinski, Kaye Wood and Cindy Walter. Cox Convention Center, Oklahoma City, OK. For more information, email qscspos.com.

PREZ SEZ - Donna Petrick

Plan to come to the December meeting. We will have lots of fun. We are planning on a lot of door prizes and plenty of refreshments. Come join the fun.

SMALL GROUPS - Cathy LaManna

Please make the following changes to your Directory:

Delete Art Chicks from the Daytime section.

Add Quilting Memories to the Daytime section: Quilting Memories, every other Tuesday (contact: Lut De Meulder).

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TREASURER'S REPORT - Shirley Weaver

| Category Description | Amount |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| INFLOWS | |
| Interest Income | \$9.31 |
| Total Administrative Income | \$9.31 |
| Guest Fees | 5.00 |
| Membership Dues 2009-2010 | 50.00 |
| Total Membership Income | \$55.00 |
| Advance Ticket Sales | 160.74 |
| Show Products Revenue: Pins | 40.65 |
| Total Quilt Show Income | \$201.39 |
| TOTAL INFLOWS | \$265.70 |
| Bank Charges and Supplies | 250.18 |
| Supplies, Postage, Printing | 85.97 |
| Total Administrative Expenses | \$336.15 |
| Charity Stockings | 65.00 |
| Supplies | 277.76 |
| Total Comm. Service Expense | \$342.76 |
| Total Library Expense | \$59.90 |
| Anniversary Pins | 47.25 |
| Membership Supplies | 13.99 |
| Total Membership Expense | \$61.24 |
| Guild Meeting Rent | 50.00 |
| Speaker Lecture Fees | 400.00 |
| Speaker Lodging | 67.75 |
| Speaker Meals | 6.59 |
| Speaker Travel | 110.00 |
| Total Program Expense | \$634.34 |
| TOTAL OUTFLOWS | \$1,434.39 |
| OVERALL TOTAL | <u>-\$1,168.69</u> |
| Overall Guild Net Worth | <u>\$57,690.40</u> |



OFFICERS OF THE GUILD - 2009-10

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| President | Donna Petrick |
| VP-Membership | Crisann Skinner |
| VP-Programs | Donna Lobelson |
| VP-Community Service | Julie Schaefer |
| VP-Guild Activities | Margaret Schafer |
| VP Media | Tina Connolly |
| Secretary | Sheri Smith |
| Treasurer | Shirley Weaver |
| Librarian | Emily Armstrong |
| Quilt Show 2009 | Kemberly Wilshire |

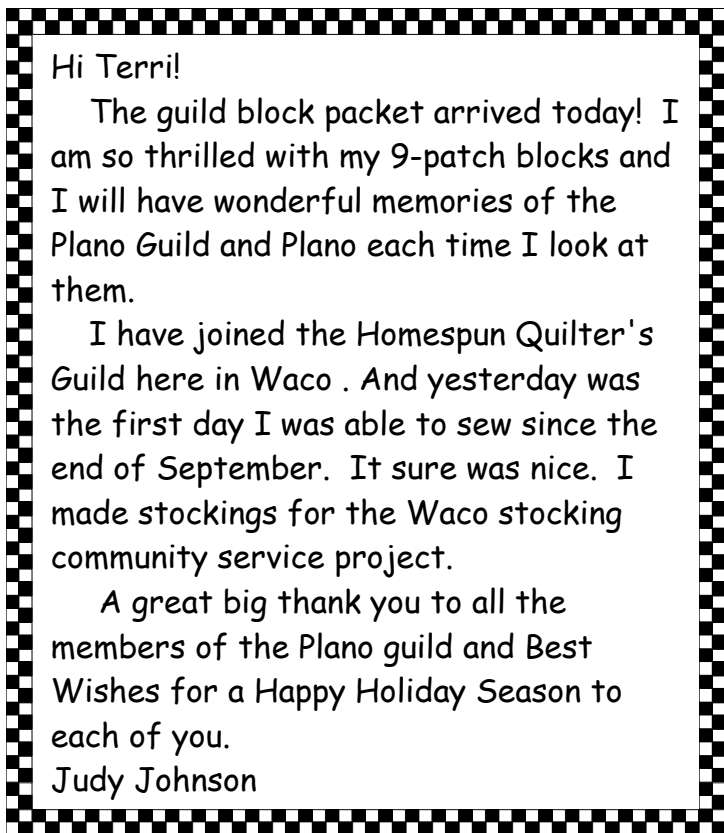
Committee Chairs

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| Assistant - Membership | Maria Eakin |
| Assistants - Programs | Sherry Worley |
| Assistant - Treasurer | Karen Hawkins |
| Assistant - Librarian | Becky Woods |
| | Debbie Skorepa |
| Block of Month | Dayna Ragland |
| Stocking Project | LaDawn Dalley |
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| Door Prizes | Rebecca Clayton |
| Education | Teresa Knode |
| | Amanda Dierling |
| E-mail/Web Master | Beverly Geise |
| Fat Quarter Lotto | Mindy Myint |
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| Hospitality | Terri Mendelow |
| | Teri Anderman |
| Inventory Control | Sharon Schenke |
| Newsletter Editor | Brooks Wilson |
| Nine Patch | Terri Anderman |
| Publicity | Rose-Clair Fletcher |
| Retreat 2010 | Janet Plotkin |
| | and ADOS group |
| Service Quilts | Karen Christoffer |
| Show 'n Tell | Karen Hawkins |
| Small Groups | Cathy LaManna |
| TAQG | Aggie Meszaros |

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9-PATCH NEWS – Terri Anderman

The guild received the following thank-you note from Judy Johnson, who recently moved to Waco: Have a happy holiday and contact me if you need muslin to make some 9-patches. As you can see, they are much appreciated.



Common Thread Advertising Rates:

Business card:

1 month = \$15

3 months = \$35

Quarter Page:

1 month = \$25

3 months = \$60

Half Page:

1 month = \$40

3 months = \$90

Please make ads in "jpg" files and email to Brooks Wilson at media@quiltersguildofplano.org

BOARD MEETING, NOVEMBER 9, 2009 – Sheri Smith, Secretary

President Donna Petrick called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. The minutes of the last board meeting were approved (M/S Emily Armstrong and Margaret Schafer).

- A deposit has been made to the Plano Centre for the 2011 quilt show August 12- 13, 2011. A message has been left to secure the building for 2012, but they have not yet returned our call.
- Discussed the need for the Web site to be changed and updated. Need to add an additional web master. Our two-year contract is up in May and we will change sites then. Committee will discuss guidelines and specifications.
- Discussed the 2010 board, who is staying and who is leaving. Need VP Media and Secretary positions. VP's need to ask committee chairs if they are staying and inform the board.
- Margaret Schafer showed the signs she made. They are for the different chair's tables and are wonderful. They will be passed out at the next meeting and it will be the chair's responsibility to bring them to and from the meetings.
- Discussed BOM and fat quarter lotto. Several new suggestions were given: fat quarters for birthdays, mystery quilt, etc. Will ask guild for ideas to draw interest.
- Discussed how to get new members to volunteer for positions and activities. Suggested that each small group take a month and sit with the new members explaining our procedures. They would work with hospitality.
- Discussed Sunshine and Shadows. No volunteers came forward at the last guild meeting. New names suggested were Forget-Me-Nots or Sunflowers.
- Volunteers will be recruited at the guild meeting to audit the books.
- Sharon Schenke, Shirley Weaver, Donna Petrick and Karen Hawkins cleaned out our storage unit. It is in good shape.
- Discussed the December meeting. There will be lots of door prizes. Board members will bring deserts.

• Meeting adjourned 8:10 p.m.

Those in attendance:

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| Donna Petrick | Crisann Skinner | Maria Eakin |
| Donna Lobelson | Emily Armstrong | Sheri Smith |
| Shirley Weaver | Tina Connolly | Julie Schaefer |
| Debbie Skorepa | Margaret Schafer | |

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Quilters Guild of Plano

PRESENTS

Guild Holiday Party

December 10, 2009

Parkway Hills Baptist Church
2700 North Dallas Tollway
Corner of Chapel Hill
on the east side of the Tollway

SOCIAL TIME - 6:30 pm ~ MEETING TIME - 7:00 pm
(Only board members will be admitted before 6:30pm)