



# Arlington Woman's Club

Established in 1957

Find Joy in the Journey

## **AWC Newsletter** **Volume 60 Issue 3     January 2025**

### **A Message from the President** **Linda Black**

Happy New Year to each of you! I hope that each of you had a wonderful Christmas with your families and friends and that 2025 will be a great year!

We finished 2024 by honoring our Veteran's and First Responders with a wonderful program put on by our Performing Arts Department. An awesome General Meeting took place that same week with us learning about drones being used by the Arlington Police Department. The last big activity of the year was our Fabulous Christmas Tea and Gift Boutique! I hope you were able to be a part of these activities.

We are so excited about our new doors being in! That happened on December 27<sup>th</sup>, December 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. Hope you are enjoying them!

We have many wonderful opportunities for you to be involved at the club for 2025! Be sure and look in your yearbooks so you do not miss anything! All the departments have resumed after the break, and they have many great programs for you to participate in.

Be sure and read Linda Smith's article about Awards. It is time to nominate ladies for these awards. Forms are in the office.

Our first special event for 2025 will be our Spring Fling on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 in the morning. We will fill bags of food for New Day. The bags of food cost about \$7.00 a bag. We hope to fill 1,000 bags. We would appreciate any donations to be made to the acrylic box which sits on the check in table in the Thompson/Reeder room. After filling the bags, you will be treated to a salad lunch. It is a special time of fellowship as we work for our community.

Do you like to fellowship with one another over a Mexican dinner and then listen to some great music together? We have the place for you to be. On Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> we will enjoy a Mexican dinner catered by Marcona Kitchen and then listen to music by Craig Murphy in the Thompson/Reeder Room at the club. The doors open at 6:00 and dinner will be served at 6:30. This will be a casual night and come in your jeans and boots. This is a club fundraiser, and all of the money raised will go in our general fund. Of course, husbands and significant others, and friends are invited to attend. You can purchase tickets in the office from Monica and you can also purchase a table in the office from Monica. The tickets are \$50.00 a person and the tables are \$50 a table. We hope to see you there!

The next Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM we will have our first General Meeting for 2025! Amanda Churchill, author, will present a program about her book "The Turtle House." This will be followed by a delicious lunch. Tickets are \$20.00 and on sale in the office with Monica.

Just six days after our General Meeting will have another Open House for Prospective New Members on Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. I know it is a different day and time, but we tried it last year and we had several ladies come who work. Be thinking of any ladies you could invite and let Cynthia Berend know their name and address so she can send them an invitation.

We had a successful Scrip order in November, and we have our last one for the year due on Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Laura Lace oversees this for the club. She will have order forms in the parlor for you to pick up. This is a good time to get those gift cards for Easter, Graduation, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Birthdays.

Our Business General Meeting will be on Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. This is not a ticketed event, but we will need for you to RSVP by March 28<sup>th</sup> in the Parlor, so we know how many tables and chairs to set up. This is an important meeting as you will elect club officers for the next year. I hope you will mark your calendars now!

The following Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> will be our Philanthropy Dinner at the club with the theme “Off to the Races.” Don’t forget to wear your fascinator! Joy McKee and Peggy Martin have been working on this since June. They have a committee that has been working hard on all the different areas. The funds raised will be divided between Scholarships receiving 60%, ShareFest Texas receiving 20%, and Metroplex Women’s Clinic receiving 20%. Come out and support our community by participating. Bingo and Blackjack will be two of the games you can play that evening and remember how much fun you had last year playing them. You have already paid for your ticket and guest tickets are \$15.00. You can pick up your ticket in the office and purchase your guest tickets.

As you know, Glenda Court, loss her husband this past summer. She wanted me to let you know that she has two boxes of things that will be helpful if you have someone you know that is in the beginning stages of Alzheimer’s. She would love to give it to you. Please call her at 817-781-4992.

As you can see there are many wonderful opportunities for you to be a part of, I hope that you will take advantage of as many of them as you can. I look forward to seeing you as we “Find Joy in the Journey” in 2025!

“Appreciate where you are in your journey, even if it’s not where you want to be. Every season serves a purpose.” Author unknown



1. Christmas Tea with Donna Reinsch, Linda Black, and Terri Sisson
2. December 18<sup>th</sup> – We volunteered at the Christmas Store for Mission Arlington. Jim Burgin met us when we arrived and gave us a brief overview of the Christmas Store. Then we were personal shoppers to help the families shop for their children for Christmas.
3. January 2<sup>nd</sup>- Our new doors – Front and Back doors

# **A Message from the 1st Vice President**

**Linda Smith**

Happy New Year to each of you!!! As we begin 2025 (doesn't that sound strange?), I wanted you all to be aware of how successful our rentals have been. We have had 11 rentals, a few less than last year at this time, and we have made over \$8,000.00 for our club. I have contracts for 5 more for the last winter and early spring. I would like to send a shout out to my rental committee. They are the most willing group of volunteers and are very hard workers. I don't know what I would do without you. I am so appreciative of their willingness and eager enthusiasm for each and every rental they offer to help with. Thank you, thank you, thank you sweet ladies.

I want to remind you that we will be choosing our award winners in April. The Cooper Award, the AWC award, and the AWC President's Award which will be presented at the June General Meeting. The qualifications for each award are listed in the yearbook on page 146. Remember that a person who has won this award is not eligible to win it again. The previous winners are listed on page 10-11 in the yearbook. If you have anyone you would like to nominate, please stop by the office and pick up an application from Monica. All written nominations are due by March 31st. You can turn them into my box in the office or put them in the envelope behind Monica's desk. We have many, many members who are deserving of these awards, so look around and be thinking who you can nominate.

Hope 2025 will bring you much happiness, good health, and lots of fun activities at AWC!

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## **A Message from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Cynthia Berend, Membership**

Happy New Year! 2025! Can you believe it has been 25 years since the year 2000 when we thought everything we knew was going to end. I remember being fearful, now I am just thankful for every milestone. 2025 is going to be a great year!

Thank you to the women who have brought new members to our organization. Currently we have a total membership of 369. We have added 12 new members this year. I would love for that number to double!

Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. will be our Spring Open House for new and prospective members. My committee will serve a lite snack for guests, and we will answer any questions about membership in the Arlington Woman's Club. If you have names of women, you think would make great members for our organization please get those to me with a contact number and address and I will be happy to invite them to our open house in March.

Please stay safe, warm and healthy as we navigate the second part of our year.

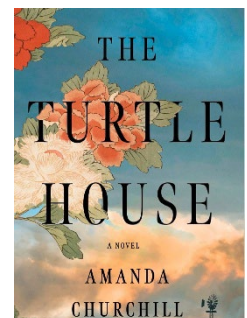
Thanks again for your support!

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## **A Message from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Karen English**

I want to remind each of you that our next General Meeting will be on Friday, March 7, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. At this meeting, our guest speaker is first-time, local author, Amanda Churchill. Ms. Churchill will be discussing her deeply personal novel, "The Turtle House" and autographing copies (both hardback and paperback) for members and guests.

Advanced purchase tickets are required and are on sale now for \$20 in the office from Monica. The last day to purchase tickets for this event is Friday, February 28, 2025. After that, you will be put on a waiting list.



Additionally, we will be selling raffle tickets for one lucky lady's 2025-2026 AWC member dues at this meeting. Tickets are \$5 each or six for \$25. The drawing will be conducted at the April General Meeting, and you do not have to be present to win.

Please plan to join me in March for a presentation that promises to be both compelling and heartfelt while enjoying a delicious catered lunch.

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# Treasurer

## Lee Ann Harmon

### *Christmas Vases*

Thank you to all the members and departments who contributed to the Christmas vases for Monica and Reggie's bonuses. Because of everyone's generous giving, we gave them bonuses of \$2,225 each. Thank you to Cheryl Pauley for making the beautiful containers to present the bonuses.

### *Spring Fling*

Spring Fling is coming up on Saturday, February 22 and the Community Service Committee is collecting funds for the purchase of the food. Last year, we raised \$7,732.

As a reminder, the departments need to vote to contribute towards the purchase of food. Contributions from the departments are optional. If you write a personal check for the contribution, please designate on the memo line that it is for Spring Fling.

### *2025 – 2026 Dues*

It is already time to start thinking about the next club year! Membership dues are payable on or before April 1, 2025, and become delinquent on June 1. There will be a box in the office to place your checks.

To keep things simple, please make out **ONE check** for your \$200 dues and \$25 philanthropy for a **total of \$225**. If you want to pay by credit card there is a \$6.75 added fee to cover the credit card processing fee that the club must pay. Monica can process the credit card payment for you.

# Building and Grounds

**Laurie Tittle**

I hope everyone had a blessed holiday season! As some of you have seen, we have new doors at the front and back entrances. There is still work to be done to finish it up. Unfortunately, it takes time to get all the pieces in order and then when you have inclement weather on top of it, it sets them back on finishing. These doors are much more secure than the old doors and are commercial not residential. The officers have worked hard to make the right decision for the club and for the safety and security of our members.

I am still working on the projector screen. Unfortunately, the vendor we are working with has had some major issues with family health. Hopefully I will be getting information soon and we can decide on what course we want to take. Until then, we will have to use the small screen, so please be patient with us.

# Christmas Tea

**Donna Reinsch & Terri Sisson**

The rain cleared and the sun came out for our annual Christmas Tea on December 8<sup>th</sup>. We would like to thank everyone for their support and for coming to celebrate this Joyous Christmas Journey with us. We hope you and your guests had a delightful time shopping the Christmas Boutique, getting your picture taken in our beautifully decorated parlor and having fun with the props, snacking on an assortment of goodies, and enjoying the company of good friends and family.



It takes a large group of dedicated women to make this event a festive experience. We owe our Christmas Tea Committee Members a huge thank you for their time baking and working shifts with a can-do spirit and a smile on their faces! Also, to our many committee and AWC members that donated their Christmas sleighs and sleds, it truly was a joy to journey through time as we browsed the beautifully decorated and vastly different sleighs and sleds.

As we journey into 2025, we wish you a new year blessed with abundant joy and good health!

# Community Service

Vicki Dixon

Through our Club members' generosity, hundreds had a more joyous Christmas. Holiday gifts and toys were collected in December for Greenbriar Nursing Home Residents and Toys for Tots.

**Angel Tree** - Gifts for each of the 55 Greenbriar residents were enthusiastically received. Santa and Mrs. Claus even made an appearance. Seeing the smiles on the residents faces and the appreciation of staff was very uplifting.



**Toys for Tots** was a new service project this year and participation exceeded

expectations. Toys for Tots picked up the 300 toys donated by Club members and delivered them to children who otherwise might not have had any gifts this holiday. Our membership really



delivered!

We also completed another successful **"Sock it to Me"** Sock Drive. A total of 1068 socks were collected – more than last year. The much needed socks and underwear donated were delivered to the Greenbriar and Heritage Oaks nursing centers, and the Arlington Life Shelter.

**And there is more in store for 2025.....**

**Eyeglasses** - We will continue to collect eye glasses year-round. You can bring **eye glasses** no longer used to the Club and place them in the basket in the ladies bathroom. The local Lions Club picks them up and sees that they are repurposed. So far, 86 eyeglasses have been collected!

**Toiletries donations** are collected year-round for the **Arlington Life Shelter**. Your donations can be placed in the box in the ladies bathroom. To date, 649 items have been delivered to the shelter.

**Snacks** for the **Open Arms Health Clinic** volunteers have been collected and delivered by a different Department each month. Check with Nancy Hadaway regarding the month your department is signed up for and what is needed.

**Spring Fling** (February 22, 2025) - This is the Club's largest service project. Our goal is to fill at least 1,000 bags with food for NEW DAY to distribute to AISD school children during Spring Break. The cost per bag has increased this year (like everything else), to \$7- \$8. This project is funded by Club members, so please consider how you can provide support.

Monetary contributions can be placed in the collection box which will be on the registration table at each meeting. We will need as many members as possible (and other helpers you can "draft"), to help at the Club on February 22. It is always a fun event and lunch is provided to volunteers!



Finally, don't forget to document **ALL your community service hours** each month and turn them into the office. As you know, this is critical to support the Club's 501-C3 tax exempt status.

Thank you all for continuing to be a blessing to so many in need in Arlington!

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## Philanthropy

**Joy McKee & Peggy Martin**

Philanthropy Committee meeting will be Wednesday, February 19th at 2:00pm. Tickets are now available to pick up from Monica in the office for the Philanthropy Dinner and Casino night on April 11th. Be sure to begin looking for your Derby style hat or fascinator for the event. Maybe a best hat contest?????

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## Scrip

**Laura Lace**

### All About Ordering for Spring 2025

**It's time** to plan for ordering gift cards for spring events and holidays, and by ordering through AWC's Scrip program, you are supporting and raising money for our club! Our fall/winter order earned nearly \$800 for AWC. With even more participants, we can bring in even more dollars!

Laurie Tittle was the impetus behind AWC's Scrip program. She emphasizes the safety and security of ordering through Scrip. Any questions? Check with Laurie!

Beginning in February, you will find new order forms on the parlor desk listing over 400 area stores, services and restaurants. Please use this updated order form and not an older copy as listings sometimes change.

Fill out your order form and write your check to AWC, adding \$3 to help defray shipping. Give your check to Monica in the office and leave your order in the bright green zipper folder you'll find there too. Cards come usually in less than a week's time, and you'll be notified when they are available to pick up in the office.

Plan ahead for all the gift cards you'll need, for yourself and for others. The deadline for turning in orders for spring is **Tuesday, March 25th!**

# **AWC Fitness Class**

**Roseanna Needham**

**Classes meet Monday & Thursday at 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm at AWC**

AWC FITNESS for the ACTIVE AGER FALL 2024

All Fitness Classes are FREE! Small Charitable Donations will be accepted for "OPEN ARMS" local Arlington Charity.

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Email Roseanna: [getfittexas@yahoo.com](mailto:getfittexas@yahoo.com)

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# DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

## Antiques & More Linda Lummus, Chairperson

Meetings are the Fourth Monday and Dues are \$15.00  
12:30 p.m. Refreshments – 1:00 p.m. Meeting

Look over these photos of Antiques and More ladies enjoying our November presentation on “The History of Mums in Texas”.



September 23  
*Antique Values & Current Trends*  
Presented by Tracy Keltner with  
Urban Pot Luck Estate Sales  
Lunch provided by  
Antiques & More Board Members

October 28  
*"Where Were You in 62?"*  
Musical program presented by  
Dave Tanner  
\*Guest Day  
Advance Luncheon Ticket \$20

November 25  
*The History of Mums in Texas*  
Interactive program presented by  
Amy Schultz

December - no meeting

January 27  
*Wedding Cake Toppers Old & New*  
Presented by Phyllis Stanton

February 24  
*Sign Language - A Little History &  
A Lot of Fun*  
Presented by Karen English

March 24  
*A Conversation with Charles Bates*  
Antique Dealer in Furniture, Glass,  
Vintage Jewelry, China, Primitives,  
Art, and Decor Items

April 28  
*America's Colorful Quilts*  
Presented by Dixie Cowan  
Snider Plaza Antiques  
\*Guest Day  
Advance Luncheon Ticket \$20

May 28  
*Memories to Share*  
Presented by Our Antiques & More  
Members  
Pot Luck Salad Luncheon &  
Installation of Officers

Then glance over our poster of events for the spring. We send you a personal invitation to join us this spring ... a lot of enjoyable and informative luncheons to choose from. Antiques and More features intriguing programs honoring treasured people, places, events & things from the past. Come and give us a try.

# Art & Design

## Jackie Finch, Chairperson

**Meetings are the Third Wednesday and Dues are \$10.00  
(Cost Per Meeting Varies)**

**9:30 a.m. Refreshments – 10:00 a.m. meeting**

The ladies of Art & Design enjoy working the boutique during the Christmas Tea Event. Thanks to all who purchased our creations!



# Bible/Joyful Living

## Cissy Conley, Chairperson

**Meetings are the Second Monday and Dues are \$15.00  
12:30 p.m. Refreshments – 1:00 p.m. Meeting**

"JOY" continues as our theme for our programs in the New Year and this spring. Our January 13th program features Cissy Conley's nephew, Dr. Bryan Demarie, who has graciously substituted for Sue Wallace. He will be speaking on "You Don't Know What You Don't Know". It will be information on health and wellness for seniors.

February 10th will be "What's Happening in Arlington" by Mayor Jim Ross and evidently, a lot is happening.

Come join us March 10th to get updated by UTA's first female President, Jennifer Cowley.

"These things I have spoken to you that my joy be in you and your joy be fulfilled". John 16:11

## Bible/Joyful Living continued



Lynn Kenner, decorations, with Margaret Watkins, New Member!



Susie Deible leading December meeting

Delicious refreshments being enjoyed by Lynn Henley, Doris Short, Shirley Simpson, Becky Lucas, Laurie Tittle, Charlene Mahan and Edwina Mitchell.



Talented guest performers from the Fort Worth School of Performing Arts.



AWC President Linda Black and Sharon Daugherty enjoying the festive meeting.

# Book Review

## Linda Dunson, Chairperson

**Meetings are the First Wednesday and Dues are \$20.00**  
**12:30 p.m. Refreshments – 1:00 p.m. Meeting**



The Book Review Department enjoyed a Christmas program December 4th presented by Mary Roberson. Her presentation incorporated *The Autobiography of Santa Claus* as told to Jeff Guinn and *The Night Before Christmas* by Clement Moore.



# Duplicate Bridge

## Sandi Martinez, Chairperson

**Meets First and Third Mondays at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Dues & Hospitality are \$20.00 – Cost Per Meeting is \$5.00**

# **Thursday Bridge**

## **Betty Hudgins, Chairperson**

**Meets Fourth Thursday at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Dues are \$4.00 – Cost Per Meeting is \$4.00**

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# **Tuesday Bridge**

## **Montie Green, Chairperson**

**Meets First and Third Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Dues are \$5.00 – Cost Per Meeting is \$3.00**

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# **Creative Living**

## **Pat Tremontozzi, Chairperson**

**Meetings are the Third Thursday and Dues are \$10.00**  
**9:30 a.m. Refreshments –10:00 a.m. Meeting**

A Vintage Christmas presented by Don King Cowan



# Garden & Gourmet

## Jane Buehler, Chairperson

**Meetings are the Second Tuesday and Dues are \$15.00**

**9:30 a.m. Refreshments – 10:00 a.m. Meeting**

This past fall Garden and Gourmet enjoyed some informative and entertaining meetings. In October, Sherri Williams, from Wild Birds Unlimited spoke about the store's mission to bring people and nature together by bird feeding. In November, Julie Williams from The Taste Project explained how the pay-what-you-can restaurant is helping the Fort Worth and Arlington community by providing jobs, teaching skills and quality food in a beautiful setting. We were entertained by the talented students from the Academy Musical Theatre Co. of the Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts in December.



Come join us for the January 14th meeting: A Taste of Arlington: Café Americana

Feb. 11: A Maple for Every Spot

Mar. 11: Healing Herbs, Medicinal Plants, and Sacred Minerals

Apr. 8: History of Chick-Fil-A

May 13: Spring Style Show





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# Literature Study

## Barbara Wadley, Chairperson

**Meetings are the Second Thursday and Dues are \$15.00**  
**9:30 a.m. Refreshments – 10:00 a.m. Meeting**

Literature Study Department met in December to discuss the book, *The Boys*, by Ron and Clint Howard. Gayle Krenzel led the group in a presentation and discussion of this very interesting book. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses.



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# Mah Jongg

## Lewayne Putman, Chairperson

**Meetings are the Third Wednesday**  
**Dues are \$10.00 and Cost Per Meeting is \$2.00**  
**10:00 a.m. in the Thompson Reader Room**

Mah Jongg has changed our official meeting day to the third Wednesday of the month. Our next official day to play is Wednesday, February 19 at 10am in the large room.

Second Monday of the month will be free play for Mah Jongg. There will not be attendance taken or food furnished. Come play February 10 at 10am and play in the small meeting room.

Please put on your calendar our Mah Jongg Tournament April 26.

# Night

## Kim Murphy Chairperson

**Meetings are the Third Monday and Dues are \$15.00**  
**6:45 p.m. Dinner – 7:15 p.m. Program**

Paula Cox won the raffle December at the 2024 meeting; Lyn Henley and Jan Simon look on.



Lezlee Liljenberg, who wrote "If Only You Knew" was guest speaker for the November 2024 meeting.

Only birthday in  
meeting attendance,  
BrendaTurner



# Performing Arts

## Kay Biggs, Chairperson

**Meetings are the First Thursday and Dues are \$10.00**

**9:30 a.m. Refreshments – 10:00 a.m. Meeting**



At our meeting in November our guest speaker, John Guyerman, spoke about the South American Wheel Chair Ministry.

Also in November we presented music from our Veterans Day Program to the Encore Club.



On November 10 our department honored Veterans and First Responders. Guest speakers included Sergeant James Sharp, Army Veteran of the Korean War, Army Veterans Jeannie and William Deakyne and Brittany Barakat. Bud Thames concluded the program with TAPS.



In December Young Junior Choir Show Choir put us in the spirit of the Holidays. PAD entertained Lucretia Cochran DAR with “A Politically Incorrect Christmas” readings and musical parodies. The reason for the season music “Heaven Everywhere” and “Oh What a Wonderful Child” concluded the program.

Our meeting in January was a festive luncheon meeting at the Rose Garden Tea Room. On January 15 we will perform selections from our “Sentimental Journey” program for the Suburban Club.



# Quilts Etc.

**Debra Hood, Chairperson**

**Meetings are the Fourth Tuesday and Dues are \$15.00**

**9:30 a.m. Refreshments – 10:00 a.m. Meeting**



Debbie Rake, quilt historian, spoke at the November Quilts meeting.

Show & Tell Joan showed one of her quilts.

# Theory of Games

**Sandra Reams, Chairperson**

**Meetings are the Second Wednesday and Dues are \$10.00**

**9:30 a.m. Refreshments – 9:45 a.m. Meeting**

The Theory of Games meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 9:30am. Delicious refreshments are served and a different fun game is played each month! Members, also, find ways to help others. There were 36 stuffed animals collected to donate to Alliance for Children, one month donations were collected for AWC scholarships, another month snacks were collected for the volunteers at Open Arms, and in April plastic eggs will be filled for Salvation Army. We have ladies that are willing to help others both in community projects and in learning how to play a new game! Come join us as a guest or a new member!



# Travel

## Jan Taborsky, Chairperson

**Meetings are the Fourth Wednesday and Dues are \$10.00**

**Meeting Time: Varies – TBA – Hostess Dues \$10.00**

The Travel Department adventures continue this spring. Upcoming trips include the Dr. Pepper Museum in Waco, the C.R. Smith Museum at the American Airlines Headquarters, a Mystery Day Trip, Fredericksburg & Kerrville, and Clark Gardens in Mineral Wells.

In November, we toured the inspiring Patriot Paws Service Dog training facilities in Rockwall. The Travel Department made a \$300 donation to Patriot Paws.



In December, we attended a performance of beautiful Christmas music by the Vocal Majority after a delicious dinner at Brio in Southlake.

See you on the Bus! 