



Richmond Kiwanis



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March 20, 2012 Kiwanis: " Changing the world one child and one community at a time." J. McCarter, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at the 19th Hole Restaurant by President Vickie McGinnis with 22 members present. Also present was one guest Keri, Nurse Practitioner, guest of Marti "Doc" Cowherd. Levan Thurman led the song; Larry Goodloe led the Pledge and John Johnson the Prayer.

Announcements: Vickie welcomed the interclub from Carrollton, Norm Bliss, Melvin Martin, Lorelee and John Sweeney.

President Vickie read a letter of resignation submitted by **Jonell Hall** due to her work obligations.

Vickie also shared thank you letters from the Ray County Library for the support of the Summer Reading Program and donation designated to the pay off the Library debt.

Sergeant At Arms Report: Bob Swafford fined the following:

Missed Meetings: Shannon Wollard, Misti Wolf, Larry Goodloe, Bill Dooley and Bob Bond.

Took a trip: Bill Dooley

Badge Violation: Steve Meyer

Anniversary: JoEllen Dale's (would have been) 60th Wedding Anniversary.

Other: JoEllen Dale for leaving early, Ed Hughes, for general principles, Bryan McMahon for talking business.

Chili Dinner No-Show fine: Bryan McMahon and Bob Bond.

Leaving early: Levan Thurman

Today's Lotto Winner: Misti Wolf



March program chair Patty Walker introduced our speaker for today, Christina Lohmann.



Christina is one of seven Housing Family Advocates at the Lexington House of Hope. She has served that position for five years. She answers to Executive Director Ann Gosnell. The House of hope depends on the successful writing of grants and donations. She estimated that the ration is about 70% grants and 30% donations.

Christina keeps very busy with duties in addition to her House of Hope duties. One such activity is a Parenting Class that is held at the Health Department 3:30 – 4:30 daily. Some of the attendance is mandated by the Judicial System and is open to Ray County residents. She also has a teen program in which she counsels with youngsters about their "worries" and abuse or domestic violence. In addition there is the Parenting Fair held from 4:30 to 8:30 at the Higginsville High School. This is a six session program. The House of Hope is big enough to handle up to 30 women and children. It was estimated that they serve about 100 persons per month on the average.

Thanks Christina for bringing us a very meaningful program.