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Next Meeting, Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at the home of Erika Rodriguez.

Hello Ladies, this year is going by so fast. I cannot believe we are already half way into March.

First I would like to thank Rosemary and her team for organizing another successful cookie sale. If you still have cookie money outstanding, please bring that to our next meeting.

Also I would like to thank Cheryl and her team on a successful Art's Festival. We had two first player winners: Carrie Hairston in Macramé and Knotting and Karla Cooke for Photography – Human Interest Category.

Catherine and the Education Committee worked diligently to interview and select a scholarship student for us. This year our scholarship student is Victoria Brown and she is a senior at Ridgecroft. Victoria plans on attending school to be a Middle School teacher. We will have more information on Victoria's college plans and suggestions for shower gifts in our upcoming newsletters.

Congratulations to Harriet and Trey Byrum and to Stephanie and Chip Rose for their new additions to their families. Harriet and Trey had a little girl, Avery Thomas on February 17th. Stephanie and Chip also had a little girl, Chloe Adison born February 23rd.

Our next meeting is going to be held on **Tuesday, March 20th 6:30 PM**

at the home of Erika Rodriguez.

If you need directions, please give either myself or Erika a call. At this meeting Rena and Erika have arranged a guest speaker. We will have Cheryl Bowen from the Carolina Pregnancy Center – CareNet join us to talk about a project they are trying to get started in our area. Since we have a speaker, please make necessary arrangements to be on time. Also I know it can be hard to arrange for child care with everyone's schedules these days, but since we have a speaker if arrangements for child care this time it would be appreciated. Since I do not want this to keep anyone from coming, I know a couple of girls who have taken the Red Cross babysitting course and are certified if you are interested.

We also would like to have a gift exchange at this meeting. Since we decided not to have secret pals this year, we are going to gift exchanges during the year. To participate, bring a \$10 – \$15 wrapped gift to the meeting. As you bring in the gifts we will number them. Then we are going to exchange we will draw numbers for presents. With Easter just around the corner, this should be a fun time to do this.

On March 22nd 7:00 PM there will be an appreciation dinner held at Catherine's to honor those who have made donations and contributions for our Heritage Day Fundraising efforts. Club members are welcome to attend and help thank those area businesses, so please RSVP to Jennifer Robertson on or before March 20th.

-Rochelle

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

- March 20 Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. at the home of Erika Rodriguez.
- March 20 RSVP deadline for Appreciation Dinner.
- March 22 Appreciation Dinner at Catherine's 1770 Restaurant @ 7:00 p.m.

Department News



International Affairs

Karla Cooke

While our Operation Christmas Child project was a success in October, I am looking for additional ways to involve our club internationally. Something I found online is a simple way to give staple foods to the hungry worldwide. In 2006, by simply clicking a button, 52,020,141 cups of food were dispersed. Visit <http://www.thehungersite.com/clickToGive/home.faces?siteId=1> to start giving!

Garden Tip of the Month

Stephanie Rose

Time to prune roses is March 1st through 15th. If you have Shasta Daisy's and Chrysanthemum to divide, now is the time to divide them. Also, March is the month to apply Weed and Feed to your lawn.

Arts Department News

Cheryl Slachta

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Category 47
Macramé and Knotting
Carrie Hairston
1st Place!

PHOTOGRAPHY

Category 2
Scenic
Rochelle Harrell
2nd Place!

Category 3

Feature
Karla Cooke
1st Place!



Birthdays & Anniversaries

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Rena Barnes	3/11
Sarah Brown	3/07

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Rochelle Harrell	3/05
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Birth Announcements

Harriet gave birth on 2/17 to **Miss Avery Thomas Byrum.**

Weight: 7 lbs .47 oz.
Length: 19 1/2"

Stephanie gave birth on 2/23 to **Miss Chloe Adison Rose.**

Weight: 6 lbs 11 oz.
Length: 19"

Moms and baby girls
are doing great!