

WOMEN HELPING OTHERS (WHO) TENTH ANNIVERSARY AS A CHARTERED CLUB OF SUN CITY, TEXAS



Nina Stancil - President from January 2015-December 2016. Board was Judy Aishman, VP; Mary Tupacz, Secretary; Ruthie VanDeMoortel, Treasurer; and Jan Soula, Parliamentarian

As I reflect on WHO and its growth over the past ten years, I am amazed how much we have grown and how much we have accomplished. WHO barely had 50 member in 2014, just enough to become a chartered club. And now ten years later we are over 300. Changes and growth may have changed WHO in many ways but I still see that WHO's basic values have not changed. We are a group of passionate and caring individuals who want to serve and help our community. WHO is dedicated to educating our members about local nonprofits by sponsoring speakers and going on field trips. Field trips are one of the best ways to personally connect with a nonprofit by seeing and learning from being in their environment. WHO still promote volunteering and our Outreach Program has grown and touches so many lives in Georgetown. WHO has never lost its dedication to helping those less fortunate. Our dedication has gotten WHO recognition in the Georgetown Williamson County area. WHO has a monthly article in the Williamson Sun Newspaper, WHO is listed in the St. David's Foundation Grant that is awarded to Opportunities, Williams and Burnet Counties each year, WHO is known in Judge Bill Gravel's Williamson County Commissioners Court, and WHO's reputation for getting their members to work together for a common cause is legendary. How blessed I am to be part of this amazing club. "We may not have it all together but together we have it all." A quote from Ruthie VanDeMoortel, WHO's first President.



Ruthie VanDeMoortel: I am so proud to have been a member of Women Helping Others. They are such a dedicated group of women who have worked so hard and have generously given to the people of Georgetown and Sun City. In today's world, WHO is such an example of what we can do to make a community the very best it can be. I held the Office as President from January 2013 through

December 2014. In the beginning, we would meet on the third Monday of every month just praying that some ladies would show up. We were happy to get around 15, and if we got more, it was Heaven! As time went on, we worked in the community doing whatever we could to meet the needs of organizations that were responsible for helping the local people. However, that didn't seem to be enough! We made sure we became known to a lot of the non-profits in the area, and there was no problem of talking about WHO to anyone that would listen.

As time went on, we realized that we weren't getting the exposure that was needed to strengthen our awesome organization. As a result, we decided to seek out the CA of Sun City and become a sanctioned club. By doing this, we could get exposure in the Sun City Magazine so more women would hear about what we were doing. We went to the CA to see how this could be done. We were given the proper forms to fill out, but the hard thing was, we had to have at least 50 active members of Women Helping Others!

So, we went to work thinking this was going to be tough going from 14 or 15 members a month to 50. Guess what, because of our wonderful ladies working hard and spreading the word, we arrived at 50 with no problem! We all paid \$10 each meeting and donated our money and time to help wherever we could. WHO finally arrived! By the time my term of office was over and with the help of our members working so hard, we had grown our membership to right under 150 women. We were making a big difference in Williamson and Burnet Counties! I know WHO has grown to over 300 members now, and I am so blessed to have been a part of it. I have never met such wonderful and giving ladies in all my lifetime. I treasure all the memories and accomplishments that I shared with all of you! We always said, "We may not have it all together, but together we have it all!" WHO is one of the best organizations that the Georgetown Area could ever have! Thank you so much for all the work you do to help kids and families have the opportunities they might not have if you were not there, always willing and ready to help!



Pam Gardner: I was fortunate to serve as WHO President in 2017-2018. As my term began we moved our meeting location into the Sun City Ballroom because of our increasing membership! We had a potluck lunch at each meeting along with a special time of meet and greet which included WHO hugs! The fundraising highlight was our Home Tour in Sun City which raised thousands for the Georgetown Project.



Judy Aishman: Vice President 2016 – 2018
President, 2019 – 2020 My years of leadership were unexpected and full of surprises. It didn't matter whether we were delivering sandwiches to a job site for Habitat for Humanity, selling cookies on the Courthouse grounds, or delivering carloads of toys to Celebration of Love for the children of soldiers deployed from Fort Cavazos... Every gesture helped grow the name of Women Helping Others. Friendships and love between the ladies of WHO are a Bonus Blessing! And the leaders of the Non-Profits we support have become members of our family, too!! Even after all these years, it is joyous to get a hug and catch-up on the latest at WHO Meetings. ***THERE IS NOT ANOTHER CLUB LIKE WOMEN HELPING OTHERS!!!***



Terry Fierle: In 2018 WHO, through a past president, came to my attention. Within months I found myself serving on the Programming Committee. This committee is the Heart of WHO. I learned quickly and was making wonderful friends and acquaintances. In 2020 an opportunity came as I was approached by the Nominating Committee to take a role in Leadership. I became President and have been working in this role for 4 years. Because of Covid we were meeting on Zoom, so our entire Board ran a second term. We wanted to look into the faces of the people we was working with. I am proud of the Board and committee people I've got to work along side. We raised a lot of money and our Outreach

goal of growing in our volunteering have reached new heights. I look forward to serving as Past President on the 2025-2026 WHO Board of Directors.