Present: 27 total, including 3 guests. (Guests were our guest speaker, Denise Chavez, and our Scholarship recipient, Heather Lanksbury, and Heather's fiancé, Christopher.

Welcome and introductions: Esther Devall, President

Remembering Patricia Throneberry: Esther Devall, President

Business: Esther Devall read the minutes from the Fall Business Meeting and Dinner (from October 17, 2012). The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Judy Maese gave the Treasurer's report. Our balance as of March 3, 2013 is $4,165.86. The Treasurer's records have been reviewed by Barbara Baron.

Interest Group Reports:
Antiques: Mary Henson reported that the Antiques Group next meeting will be in Radium Springs to see a Barbie Doll Collection.

Bridge: Barbara Baron gave the Bridge report for the Thursday afternoon bridge group.

Crafts: Clara Lindemann gave the report for the Crafts group.

Day at the Races: Esther Devall reported that everyone had a fun time at the Day at the Races.

Dining at Noon: Clara Lindemann gave the report for the Dining at noon group.

Gourmet Group: Judy Maese gave the Gourmet Group report. The group had a wonderful Saint Patrick's Day Dinner at Deb Franzoy's home, and also had a fun December get-together at Esther Devall's home.

Hiking: Judy Maese gave the hiking group report. (The group hasn't had any hikes yet this Spring.)

New Interest Group: Susan DeMar reported that a new interest group has been formed for movies and plays. The group went to see the movie "Bless me Ultima" at the Telshor Theaters, and also went to the play "Our Town" at NMSU. Susan reported that the group is planning to see the play "Twelve Angry Men" at the Community Theater.
Election of Officers:

Judy Maese presented the slate of officers for the election. Esther Devall for President, Dinah Jentgen for a one year term as Vice President, and Barbara Baron for Secretary. (Judy Maese, treasurer, and Susan DeMar both have one additional year on their terms.) Casey Ancker voted to accept the Slate of Officers as presented. The motion was seconded. There were no nominations from the floor. The vote was taken, and the officers were elected.

Presentation of Scholarships:

Esther Devall presented a $500 Scholarship check to Heather Lanksbury. She said that our other Scholarship Recipients are Rachel Harrison-Martin ($500 scholarship), and Gabriela Dominguez ($200 scholarship contributed by Roberta Stathis and Rosemarie Sanchez, in memory of their Moms). Rachel and Gabriela were unable to attend the luncheon. Roberta Stathis and Esther Devall will take Rachel and Gabriela to lunch next week to present them with their checks.

Lunch was served

Guest Speaker: After lunch, Susan Demar introduced our guest speaker, Denise Chavez. Denise gave a wonderful talk about all of the activities of the Border Book Festival. The Border Book Festival will be April 19-21, 2013.

Raffle: Judy Maese drew the names for the raffle winners. Casey Ancker won the bottles of wine and the wine basket. Judy Maese drew her own name and won the book "Loving Pedro Infante" by Denise Chavez. Sherry Harris and Susan DeMar also won a raffle prize.

Submitted by: Judy Maese, Treasurer, April 5, 2013