

FEISTA DAY COMMITTEE 2008

Fiesta Day was held Memorial Day weekend on Saturday, May 24, at the Lodge. Since Canyon Lake is celebrating its 40th year as a community, the theme chosen was "Celebrating 40 Years of Community Pride". Planning began in January and finished in May with a very successful, fun Fiesta Day. Many thanks go to the Committee for their dedication and hard work.

Once again Vonnie Kent did an outstanding job of organizing the parade, arranging for automobiles and dignitaries. Original residents Elinor and Donald Martin were chosen to be the Grand Marshalls. For the first time a float was built and was used to carry many of our current residents who purchased property in 1968. Many thanks to Rick Kent, Dave Owen and Mike Steifel for all their hard work creating the float.

Debby Gagnon arranged for the entertainment, stage, dance floor, signage, veterans breakfast, sponsors, posters, variety show and trick shot pool artist Chef Anton. The Beach Toys were the main entertainment and enjoyed by everyone. Debby always does an awesome job of making all these arrangements.

Roanne and Joe Grasso were in charge of the Kids Zone which was a huge success. Roanne also designed the program which listed sponsors, booth locations and event map. Joe designed the beautiful 40 year logo which will be used throughout 2008.

Joanna Spiller was in charge of taking booth reservations. In the freezing wind and rain, with the help of husband John, Joe Grasso and Bob Nolte, booth locations were set up. The number of booths was limited in order to allow sufficient parking for the vendors. There was a great variety of vendors, something for everyone.

As always Mike Shroyer did an excellent job as emcee for the event. Last, but not least, Kathie Barnes was invaluable to the committee in arranging for Police, Barton and Operations support.

This committee worked together smoothly and efficiently to create a safe, fun-filled, family atmosphere for our salute to our "pioneers" as well as our veterans, both past and present. Thank you all for a job well done.