

**REDDING NEWCOMERS AND FRIENDS  
GENERAL MEETING  
ELKS LODGE, REDDING, CA  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2019, 10 am**

**PRESIDENT FREDDIE MARTIN** called the meeting to order. Bunco group was thanked for being today's greeters, and guests were welcomed and introduced.

**SECOND VP VICKI BURROUGHS** introduced the guest speaker, Redding Senior Center President, Joe Cosca, and his wife, Rae. Joe provided a colorful look at the history of the center, and a glimpse at the many activities offered for seniors over 50. These include exercise, dancing, bingo, crafting, ping pong and pool among many others. Joe says it's "a place where everybody knows your name." He concluded with a touching quote from Mother Teresa.

**FIRST VP DIANE SILVER** introduced Patti Brent from Eagles Soar Youth Activity Center. The program assists severely at-risk children. Due to a food shortage, the center is in need of no-cook food which they can provide for after school meals and weekend food bags which the children can take home. Hygiene products are also appreciated. Also, volunteers are needed for tutors, drivers and cooks. This organization will be the recipient of our food drive at the October 23rd General Meeting. Please give generously!

**COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES**

Adda Gripp from **KITCHEN KAPERS**- invited members to their next activity and pointed out that the date had been changed to October 8th.

Dawn O'Connell from **OUTDOOR ADVENTURERS** said to watch for this month's email announcing a fun outing to be held on the 3rd Friday of the month.

Carol Whitney from alerted members that the time to prepare for our **CHRISTMAS CHARITIES** party is upon us. The event is held at the Elks Lodge on December 18th at 9:30am in place of the General Meeting. Arrive at 9:00 to drop off your unwrapped new gift to be included in the raffle. No used or damaged items, please. Our own Quilt-N-Friends group will donate another beautiful quilt which will also be part of the raffle. The "charity" part of the party will be donations of socks, hats, gloves, and all of

the Marie Callender's pie tins you have in your pantry, to be donated to Christmas Charities.

Rhonda Hodgson of **REDD THUMB** invites RSVPs to a paperwhite bulb planting get-together at her home on October 9th. Materials will be provided for a \$6.00 fee, just bring your own pot. If time allows, a visit to Wyntour Gardens Nursery, a short drive from Rhonda's house, is suggested. Also, a new chairperson is needed to take over the leadership of this group. It is in danger of "going dark". Rhonda has been the gracious host and chairperson for the last three years and needs a break.

Mary Bond from **CREATIVE YOU** reported on a successful "Jammin' with Pam" (Albo) jam making party last month. They produced 40 jars of jam. This month they will host a wine tasting session at Mosley Cellars here in Redding on October 17th.

Cherly Zeh announced that the **WINTER EVENT** dinner and dance, will be held at the Gaia Resort on December 8th at 5:30pm. The theme is Winter Wonderland, and tickets are already on sale from Ruth Plato. Friends and partners are also invited to this gala event.

Joann Roskoski from **ONE CAN AT A TIME** said that our generous donations, totaling 375 lbs, will be donated to the Salvation Army this month.

Mabel Lithgoe stated she is happy to once again take care of our **BOOK EXCHANGE**, a much appreciated service at each General Meeting.

Bev Podwinski of **NEEDLE NUTS** invited members to join them on October 16th, 10am at her home. Bring any kind of sewing project or just come and check it out.

Gerri Carroll of **WHY COOK TONIGHT?** invites your RSVP to join the group at Guadalajara restaurant this month on the 2nd Thursday, October 10th at 5:30. Friends and partners welcome are too!

Connie Laughlin reminded all present to purchase a **MYSTERY PRIZE** ticket.

Vicki Burroughs announced that the **AUTUMN EVENT**, Denim and Diamonds, will be held at the Historic Igo Inn, October 5th, 5-9pm. Ruth Plato has tickets for sale today.

Lynn Smith for **QUILT N FRIENDS** said that the quilt they have made for the Christmas Charity raffle is finished and invited members to join them at the Sewing Room in Crafters Mall on Park Marina on the 2nd Friday of each month.

Anna Peterson and Karen Coupe-Bonnett introduced themselves as the new co-chairs of the **COMMUNITY TABLE**. There are many notices for local events on the table. Anna announced a fundraising event to help build the new Riverfront Playhouse.

**PRESIDENT FREDDIE MARTIN** announced a short break and reminded members to purchase their lunch tickets , purchase a mystery prize ticket and support the \$s for Scholars.

## **REPORTS**

**MADAM PRESIDENT** welcomed and introduced our new members who were present: Robin Thomas, Ann Marie Callahan, Sue Mangan, Sandy Glass, Nance Crook, Sandy Benfield, and Mary Hanrahan.

**2nd VICE PRESIDENT VICKI BURROUGHS** has arranged for the guest speaker at the October General Meeting to be Pamela Smith Jimison from HICAP, speaking about Health Education and Medicare.

**SECRETARY JAN HASKELL** made available a print copy of the May General Meeting for those interested in reading it. Carol Skill asked for a copy to be sent to her so that she may upload it to our website.

**TREASURER LYNN SMITH** presented the financial report. It is as follows:  
Checking account balance as of 7/31/19 was \$9293.00. No checks were written for August. August Deposits were \$40.00. Checking balance on 8/31/19 was \$9333.00. Savings beginning balance on 7/31/19 was unchanged as of 8/31/19 at \$7229.97  
Lynn announced that the annual budget for 2019-2020 was approved for expenditures totaling \$14,348.00 by the board on 9/18/19.

**MEMBERSHIP PERSON LUCINDA WILLIAMS** announced that our current member count is now 368.

**PARLIAMENTARIAN** Pam Albo requested a moment of quiet reflection to acknowledge the many contributions of two members who recently passed: Donna Davis and Marlene Robinson.

**WEBMISTRESS** Sharon Roberts announced that members who need help logging onto our website may contact her for MAC assistance or Carol Skill for PC assistance. Carol Skill said that those that had requested a print copy of the Welcome Mat should pick it up today, and that there will be an updated roster available on the website as new members are added. It was decided by a show of hands that the roster will also be emailed.

**SUNSHINE PERSON** Sharon Chesnut reported on the many thoughtful cards sent to members and their families over the past month and asked members to use the new yellow forms at each table to alert her to any member who could use a card to cheer them up.

**MADAM PRESIDENT** Freddie Martin announced that the October Board of Directors Meeting will be held at the comfortable Paris Park Clubhouse on October 15th and that Jan Haskell will be bringing refreshments. Freddie supervised the drawings for the birthday gifts. Recipients were: June, Ame Dodge; July, Jeanne Galusha; August, Diane Silver; September, Rose Worthington. All four were given Marie Callender gift cards with a reminder to donate the empty tins to Christmas Charities.

**MYSTERY PRIZE SHOPPERS** Janie LaCroix and Connie Laughlin presented raffle winners with beautiful glass pumpkins, just in time for the holidays. Winners were, Carol Whitney, Gretchen Ramsey, guest Marilyn Nathan, Gerri Carroll, Andi Winters, and Bonnie Lenheim.

**MADAME PRESIDENT** announced that our catered lunch today is a salad.

**STORYTELLER** Carol Whitney finished the meeting with a clever tale of a naval destroyer encountering a row boat filled with 20 Mexican illegal immigrants attempting to cross the border near San Diego.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Haskell, Secretary  
Redding Newcomers and Friends

