

**REDDING NEWCOMERS AND FRIENDS  
GENERAL MEETING  
ELKS LODGE, REDDING, CA  
February 26, 2020, 10am**

**President Freddie Martin** called the meeting to order. Our Scholarship Committee was thanked for being today's greeters and guests were welcomed.

**Marge Floyd** led us in saying the "Pledge of Allegiance".

**Second VP Vicki Burroughs** introduced the guest speaker Bruce Gillette from Mended Hearts, a cardiovascular group offering post surgery support for cardiac rehab patients. The local chapters have monthly meetings with speakers who offer encouragement and education for volunteers. Following the guest speaker, in a **special presentation** Vicki introduced 6 of our **past presidents** who were in attendance; Pam Albo, Gerri Smith, Gerry Carroll, Sharon Roberts, Adda Gripp and Mary Hoisington who was president in 1972. President Freddie Martin presented each guest with a red rose and we applauded their service to Newcomers.

**Committees and Activities**

**Gerry Carroll** is requesting volunteers to assist her on the **Nominating Committee** to find volunteers for the upcoming vacancies. She also mentioned the March "**Why Cook Tonight?**" St. Patrick's Day event would be held at "The Sons of Italy" complete with corned beef and a live band.

**Rhonda Hodgson of Redd Thumb** invited all to RSVP to the March event featuring butterfly attractors for our gardens. Rhonda also introduced Jeannie Fiandach an artist and new member who will be offering instruction to create a bluebird painting at the February "**Sip'n'Dip**".

**Sherrie Dobbins** asked those attending the "**Pick of the Vine**" activity at Patty Suaret's home to note the change of address in the Welcome Mat.

**Mary Bond** announced that "**Creative You**" is looking for a new chairperson. The March event will feature Marianne Seefert from Redding Senior Source Magazine.

**Fashion Show Chairperson Janie LaCroix** reminded all that the tickets will be on sale at the March General Meeting for \$22.00 and reminded all to note the menu choice on the check. Choices are Chicken Enchilada, Chicken Taco Salad or Veggie Salad.

**Joanne Roskowski** of One Can at a Time Food drive announced a total of 400 lbs of food and \$15.00 in checks. This month's collection will go to the Senior Nutrition Center at Mercy Oaks.

**Mary Forbes** asked those who need a printed copy of the Welcome Mat to pick one up today.

**Luncheon Party Chair Patty Sauret** reminded us that the March luncheon will be held at the home of Barb Schuller, and that she is looking for volunteer cooks for next year.

Our ever-cheerful "**Book Exchange**" chair, **Mabel Lithgow** said there are plenty of new books and magazines to choose from each month.

**Arleen Hascall** invited new members to join the "**Matinee and Critique**" group for a movie, to be announced, followed by lunch at Round Table. Details are in the Welcome Mat.

**Pam Albo** reported that the "**Summer Celebration**" will be held at the Elks Lodge in June. Stay tuned for more special announcements about the event.

**Community Table Chair Anna Peterson** asked all to stop by the table for printed material on local happenings.

**Scholarship Committee Chair Bev Schultz** reminded us to purchase raffle tickets for the beautiful quilt and hand knit shawl, and to put a dollar or two in the red apple.

**Gerri Smith** is planning a game day at the Igo Inn on October 24th for our **Fall Event** and asked for volunteers.

**President Freddie Martin** announced a short break and reminded us to visit the community table and book exchange, sign-up for February birthday drawing, drop a buck in the red apple, and most importantly, to meet someone new. Also, don't forget to sign in.

## **REPORTS**

**1st Vice President Diane Silver** thanked chairs and members for a great turnout at this month's New Members Coffee. New members, **Jeannie Fiandach, Judy Miller, Mickey Martin and Stephanie Caswell** were introduced and welcomed.

**2nd Vice President Vicki Burroughs** has invited Eva Jimenez from the Shasta College "Step-Up" program to be our guest speaker at the March General Meeting.

**Secretary Jan Haskell** asked members to log on to our website to see the minutes from past meetings, or to read her copy of last month's minutes after the meeting is adjourned.

**Treasurer Lynn Smith** gave a detailed financial report for the month of January.

**Membership Chair Lucinda Williams** stated our current membership count is 395.

**Parliamentarian Pam Albo** delivered new revised "purple books" to several chairs.

**Sunshine Chair Sharon Chestnut** gave us her report on those who were sent cards on behalf of Newcomers. You may read her detailed report in the Welcome Mat.

## **REMINDERS**

The next **Board Meeting** will be on Tuesday March 17th at 10am at the Paris Park Clubhouse. Cheryl Zeh is providing refreshments.

Our next **General Meeting** will be on Wednesday March 25th at 10am at the Elks Club, and the greeters will. Be "Quilt-n-Friends".

## **CLOSING**

**Marian Chandler** won the birthday raffle.

**Janie La Croix and Connie Laughlin** drew tickets for the **Mystery Prizes**. Winners were:

Marty McFarland, Pam Baugh, Marge Floyd, Louise Wilson, Vicki Burroughs, and Donna Harnden.

**President Freddie Martin** reminded all to wait for those who need extra time at the lunch table before lining up.

**Storyteller Carol Whitney**, gave us some chuckles with her tale about a Mother Superiors' wisdom in an Irish Convent involving Irish whiskey.

The meeting was adjourned by **President Freddie Martin**.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Haskell  
Secretary  
Redding Newcomers and Friends