

**REDDING NEWCOMERS AND FRIENDS  
GENERAL MEETING  
ELKS LODGE, REDDING, CA  
Mar 28th, 2022, 10am**

**President Freddie Martin** called the meeting to order and asked **Lucinda Williams** to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Freddie thanked the Bunco Ladies for being this morning's greeters.

**2nd VP Linda Eyre** introduced our guest speaker, **Blake Fisher**, Program Coordinator for Viva Downtown Redding. Blake reported on the many ongoing projects in our downtown area such as the parking structure and new housing units, as well as the many events to support the downtown area such as First Fridays, Hops and Shops, and the downtown discount cards. He also reminded us that he writes an article for every issue of the Enjoy magazine promoting events in the downtown titled "Downtown Details".

**1st VP Diane Silver** reported a good turnout of Activity Chairs at the New Members Coffee this month, and introduced several new members and guests attending this morning.

**Treasurer Karen Coupe-Bonnett** stated that the checking account balance for March was \$8995.44, and savings account balance was \$6288.27.

**Membership Chair Ruth Plato** said that our current membership count is 328 and that our \$30.00 dues for the coming year need to be paid before the end of May.

**Carol Shultz at the Community Table** gave us an overview of the many local events being offered this month.

**BREAK**

**Joann Roskoski from the One Can at a Time** food drive thanked all for their contributions and announced 10 full grocery bags donated today will be delivered to Exodus Farms along with some checks. Next month she will be collecting for Dignity Health Senior Food Bank. She requested that we bring any spare brown paper bags.

**Sunshine Report Chair Sharon Chesnut** reported on a number of members needing a card or a call. Her full report appears in the Welcome Mat.

**Arlene Hascall, co-chair of the Nominating Committee**, presented the current slate of candidates for the coming term. The current nominees are: President Lucinda Williams, First VP Rhonda Hodgson, 2nd VP Linda Eyre, Secretary Susan Sechrist, Financial Secretary Peggy Niswander, Treasurer Karen Coupe-Bonnett, and Membership Chair Ruth Plato. Nominations are still being accepted and the election will be held in May.

**Cheryl Zeh, Editor of the Welcome Mat** thanked those who participated in the survey in last month's newsletter. She drew a name at random from those who replied and presented **Barbara Eddington** with a gift card. Cheryl pointed out the beautiful quilt and handmade scarves on display at the back of the room. They will be raffled next month as a fundraiser for the **Scholarship Fund**.

### **ACTIVITY CHAIRS REPORTS**

**Gerri Smith** announced that plans for the **Fall Event** were underway. There will be a mystery dinner party held at the Igo Inn on October 1st, Seating is limited to 70 people so plan on purchasing your tickets early. The play will be "Murder at the Deadwood Saloon".

**Sandi Cain, Redd Thumb Chair**, invited interested members to hear a talk by a Master Gardener from Shasta College at her home on Monday April 4th. See the Welcome Mat for details.

**Kathy Jensen of Quilt'n Friends** said they will meet at her home on April 8th at 10am.

**Gerry Carroll from Why Cook Tonight** announced that this month's venue is Cheesecakes Unlimited.

**Patty Suaret announced the Pick of the Vine** is meeting on the 4th Thursday of the month. Attendees bring an hors d'oeuvre of their choosing to share, and will split the cost of the wines served by the hostess. See Welcome Mat.

**Mabel Lythgoe** announced that she brought in more books for the **Book Exchange** during the break and invited all to stock up.

**Vicki Burroughs** notified all that the **Summer Celebration** is scheduled for Monday June 27th, and that luncheon tickets will be on sale at the next General Meeting for \$25.00.

**Connie Charles and Sandy Ceragioli** held the **Mystery Prize** drawings awarding prizes to Lucinda Williams, Liz Lamar, Vickie Smith, Linda Eyre, and Karen Coupe Bonnett.

The **Birthday prize** drawing was awarded to **Liz Lamar**.

**President Freddie Martin** closed the meeting with a clever story about a group of penguins and their fun outings to the zoo and movies.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Haskell, Secretary