

SUSAN SECHRIST, 1ST VP, (SUBSTITUTING FOR LUCINDA WILLIAMS,) opened the meeting at 10:00 am. Susan led the Pledge of Allegiance. She asked for all phones to be silenced. Susan thanked the Greeters from Kitchen Kapers.

2nd VP, LINDA EYRE, introduced our speaker **Dedre Mitchell** from Pathways to Hope for Children. She is currently their Educator Coordinator. She spoke on work they do to help abused children and their families. She answered many of our questions on the extreme high numbers of abused children in our county and the programs available to help them. She left lots of info pamphlets, brochures, & business cards for our members use.

A second speaker was: **Charlotte from Shasta Regional** telling us of the tour of the Hospital that will be on Tuesday, 3/9/23 at 9:00 am. She is taking sign-up today.

SHARON ROBERTS (filling in for 1st VP) introduced the new members and non-member guests.

REPORTS: SECRETARY, ROMONA BOWLING stated that the previous month's minutes (The Christmas Charities recap) will be on our website and available in our Minutes' Book

PEGGY NISWANDER (for TREASURER, KAREN COUPE-BONNETT), reported on the current balances in the Checking Account \$3,001.91 and Savings Account \$6,288.72. Also, the report is on our Website.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY, PEGGY NISWANDER – No Report.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT, LINDA EYRE, reported that next month's speaker TBA,

MEMBERSHIP, RUTH PLATO, reported we now have 288 members & she has name badges.

SUNSHINE, SHARON CHESTNUT/AME DODGE: Report is in the Welcome Mat. Plus additions: Arleen Haskel coming home from rehab in 2 days , Pat Deem: Broke wrist, Johnnie Hansen: Shoulder replacement, Lori Johns: died suddenly, funeral & memorial at Elks 3/14/23.

FOOD DRIVE, JOYCE MENTA/ JOANN ROSKOSKI: thanked the members for bags of food plus \$310 going to The Salvation Army. Next month's donations will go to Pathways for Hope: (Snacks, toiletries, diapers, wipes, children's clothing are also needed).

COMMUNITY TABLE, CAROL SCHULTZ, has Enjoy Magazines, Riverfront Playhouse schedules, Turtle Bay offering Thursday specials \$10 Adults, \$5 Seniors & Children, 3/8/23 Pink Martini at the Cascade, Symphony info, Birthday drawing for January (December postponed till Feb)

SPECIAL EVENTS

LYNN SMITH, Chairman of Christmas Charities, reported that \$2,575 was raised from the raffle ticket sales. She is meeting with her committee to decide the distribution of the funds. She will report next month on the recipients.

FREDDIE MARTIN, Fashion Show Chairman, reported that the Fashion show will be in April at the Elks. More info to come.

PAT DEEM, Summer Celebration Chairman, reported the event will be held at Win River on June 22, 2023. Win River will donate \$10 for each attendee towards our Scholarship Fund. More info to come. Save the Date.

ROMONA BOWLING – Riverfront Playhouse. Romona said that the 135 members attending the Play in December had a really nice time during the social Hour, eating desserts, having drinks from the Bar, and time visiting with friends during the Holiday Season.

The Play, however, was very disappointing to Romona and to most of the attendees as we could not hear the voices of the actors because they were not using microphones. This was unacceptable and Romona spoke to the management of the Playhouse and told them how unhappy we were. They responded that they have addressed the sound problem and will have it fixed by March. That being said, if we can work out the timing in September, we are pursuing the Musical "FOREVER PLAID". By a show of hands, the Members showed interest in pursuing this "Buy-Out Event" in September (possibly a Sunday Matinee or a Tues, Wed, Thurs evening in the last week of September). Further info to come.

NEW BUSINESS:

CHRIS BEGLEY (For Fran Roberts) presented a \$500 Scholarship to **Christina Borden**, who is getting her Nursing degree at Shasta College. She is a single mother of 2 young teens, working 12 hour shifts to accomplish her goal. She was most grateful for our help.

BIRTHDAY WINNER: MARY HANRAHAN

MYSTERY PRIZES WINNERS: Susan Smith, Jan O'Keefe, Donna Arnden, Linda Marchbanks.
The prizes were candles & sachets.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2/16/23 Why Cook Tonight is at Nello's,

3/11/23 Why Cook Tonight will be at Son's of Italy for corned beef & cabbage with entertainment by Club Cougar from Foothill High School.

2/15/23 Feb's Pick of the Vine: Calif Wines – RSVP Donna Holloway – March: Mosley's Tasting Room

FEB 1 – NEW MEMBERS COFFEE at Susan Sechrist's

FEB 21 – BOARD MTG at Connie Laughlin's, Co-Host: Trudy Ribeiro

FEB 23 – GENERAL MEETING AT THE ELKS

STORY TELLER, CAROL WHITNEY: (A man walking his dog at an Italian Funeral "Get in Line")

SUSAN SECHRIST ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 12:00 PM

Submitted by Romona Bowling - Secty