

LUCINDA WILLIAMS opened the meeting at 10:00 am. She asked for all phones to be silenced. She thanked the Greeters from Quilt n' Friends. Mary Forbes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELIZABETH SHERMAN 2nd VP, introduced the speaker, Nikki Blum, from Redding Refuge Sponsor Circle. She gave a very informative talk of how her volunteer group helps refugees.

REPORTS: SECRETARY, ROMONA BOWLING reported the last General Meeting in Sept. had 97 attendees and all the happenings are in the minutes on our Website. Check it out.

TREASURER, MICKEY MARTIN reported the current balances in the Checking Account \$15,558 and Savings Account \$6,289. The complete report is on our Website.

LUCINDA for FINANCIAL SECRETARY, PEGGY NISWANDER : Reported the Club's tax reports are filed and the Audit is scheduled.

LYNN SMITH for MEMBERSHIP, RUTH MARKS reported we now have 256 members.

1st VP, SUSAN SEECHRIST,: The next Coffee will be at Sherry Vargas' Clubhouse on 11/1/23. At Gen Mtg. look for the "Leis" identifying new members – greet them warmly. Susan is also starting up the Hand and & Foot Cardgame on 2nd Thursday of month at her home at 1 pm.

SUNSHINE, SHARON CHESTNUT, gave the Sunshine Report which will be in the Welcome Mat. She also spoke of the importance of knowing what to do for a stroke to prevent brain damage. She personally recovered from a stroke due to the quick action taken.

YES WE CAN,(FOOD DRIVE), JOYCE MENTA/ JOANN ROSKOSKI, thanked the members for bags of food & other items plus \$735 going to Good News Mission. Next month's donations will go to the Eagles Soars – they need packaged Snacks, Foods, Juice Boxes, & hygiene items.

COMMUNITY TABLE, LOUISE WILSON, gave info on the many happenings in our community this season. Lots of Church Holiday Bazaars, Plays, Dance, & outings. Louise also started new "SIGN-UP" LISTS if you are interested in going to these events and want to know who else might want to go together, add your contact info to the list – make a new friend to go with.

SCHOLARSHIP QUILT from Quilt 'n Friends: Tickets are \$1 each – Raffle will be at Nov. GM.

CAROL SKILL, WEB-SITE, stated the Roster is now on the Website, along with all other Club info ; ie: Welcome Mat, Officers, Treasurer's Report, Meeting Minutes, etc. If you need help in accessing the Website, please call Carol Skill or Sharon Roberts.

NEW BUSINESS: SHARON ROBERTS – CHRISTMAS CHARITIES - Sharon reported for Gerry Carroll & herself that Christmas Charities will be on Monday, 12/11/23, at the Elks. Doors open 9:30. Bring an unwrapped gift with your name on it for the raffle. She has volunteer sign-up sheets on all the tables today for members to help with Christmas Charities: GREETERS at the door to receive gifts and take to the WRITERS at the tables, RUNNERS to place gifts on tables, ELVES to deliver the gifts to the winners. You will be called by your co-chair with your assignment. Lunch plans are being finalized. TICKETS for both the LUNCH and THE RAFFLE will be sold at the NOV GENERAL MEETING.

ADDA GRIPP asked for **"HOMEMADE COOKIES"** (Feel the Love) – sign-up sheets are on the tables and she has platters for you to use. All members will enjoy cookies before, during & after the raffle. Bake 2 dozen of your favorite family cookie recipe.

B'DAY WINNER: October – Sharon Chestnut

SANDY GLASS & SHARON SPARKS-MYSTERY-PRIZES : This month's winners of scented candles: Patti Sauret, Judy Keniston, Pat Deen, Liz LaMarr, Ame Dodge, Sharon Sparks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: PRESIDENT, LUCINDA WILLIAMS, announced the Club now has business cards advertising our activities and how to contact us to join. All members can use them.

LUCINDA thanked Andi Winters & Romona Bowling for producing the Nov Welcome Mat. She is looking for a "committee" to share the work load of each month's Welcome Mat.

CHAIRS REPORTING ON UPCOMING EVENTS:

Vickie Boroughs & Karen Coupe-Bonnett – "why cook tonight" at Rose' on Calif St on 11/16.

Sandy Cain – Garden Group (Redd Thumb) 11/6 - They will show trimming Rose bushes.

Trudy Ribeiro – Creative You at Gerri Smith's on 11/8 at 10 am – Making fabric wreaths

Trudy Ribeiro – Kitchen Kapers's traditional "Friendsgiving" 11/14 at 10 am at Trudy's.

Lynn Smith - Quilt n'Friends on 11/10 at Lynn Smith's. Dec's TBA.

BOOKS – Mabel will be back with books in November and January.

BOARD MTG at Lucinda's 11/7/23 – GEN Mtg AT THE ELKS 11/9/23 – Greeters: Redd Thumb

CAROL WHITNEY – Story Teller – Entertained us with "An email to a wrong person" story.

LUCINDA WILLIAMS ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 12 NOON. Submitted by Romona Bowling - Secretary