

1/25/24 JANUARY NEWCOMERS' GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 95 Attendees

ADDA GRIPP (presiding for President LUCINDA WILLIAMS who was traveling) opened the meeting at 10:05 am. She asked for all phones to be silenced. She thanked the Greeters from Soup for Six. Adda led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELIZABETH SHERMAN, 2nd VP, introduced the speaker, Mike Krueger, who has recently launched a 24 hour weather site which is available as an app (weathernorcal.com) and on YouTube and other streaming sites. After 27 years presenting weather forecasts at KRCR, Mike decided to strike out on his own with what he believes will be the format most used in the future instead of television.

ADDA GRIPP asked if we had guests to introduce. Pat Deem introduced Missy McArthur and Lu Anne Perry introduced herself.

REPORTS:

SECRETARY, CAROL SKILL for ROMONA BOWLING, reported that the last General Meeting was our Christmas Charities in December and the report in the January Welcome Mat will serve as the minutes.

TREASURER, MICKEY MARTIN, reported the current balances in the Checking Account \$15,841.43 and Savings Account \$6,289.47 The complete report is on our Website.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY, PEGGY NISWANDER : No report.

1st VP, ADDA GRIPP for SUSAN SECHRIST, reported on a very successful Coffee this month and the next one will be at Adda's home. Adda introduced new members Jan DeHate, Goldie Russak, Debbie Smith, Nancy Randall, Sofia Wyant and Linda Feldman. She also introduced returning members Karen McIntyre and Janice Tinto.

2nd VP, ELIZABETH SHERMAN, announced that the February program will be speakers from the Whiskeytown Environmental School.

MEMBERSHIP, RUTH PLATO for Ruth Marks, reported that she will fill the position for the remainder of the year for Ruth Marks.

SUNSHINE, AME DODGE, said the Sunshine Report which will be in the Welcome Mat.

WEBMISTRESSES, CAROL SKILL & SHARON ROBERTS: No report this month.

YES WE CAN,(FOOD DRIVE), JOYCE MENTA/ JOANN ROSKOSKI, thanked the members for a trunk full of bags of food plus \$378 going to Dignity Health Connected Food Bank. Next

month's donations will go to Pathways to Hope which supports teens. They are asking for school, craft and art supplies, year, batteries, utensils/plates/bowls/napkins, gift cards, larger items such as bikes and scooters. Information is in the February Welcome Mat.

COMMUNITY TABLE, LOUISE WILSON, gave info on Turtle Bay's special membership prices, Riverfront Playhouse schedules, Redding Fashion Alliance, Axium Theatre, Shasta College day trips, and many more. 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 – make a new friend.

OLD BUSINESS:

CHRISTMAS CHARITIES, SHARON ROBERTS reported that earnings of \$2639 was distributed to 7 groups, each receiving \$377.00. The groups were Eagles Soar, Pathways to Hope, Children's Legacy, Exodus Farms, Lions Club's Camp McCumber, Whiskeytown Environmental Camp Re-Build Fund, YMCA Summer Program.

NEW BUSINESS:

SCHOLARSHIPS, GERRI SMITH announced that we have \$2200 scholarship money available. She introduced the committee members who worked on revamping the program: herself, Elizabeth Sherman, Romona Bowling, Peggy Niswander, and Carol Skill. Gerri explained that there are three applicant groups we are considering: One Safe Place, Liberty House (from the Good News Rescue Mission,) and relatives of current Redding Newcomers & Friends members. She suggested that members contact her if they want a copy of the application and that it will also be available on our website.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE, ADDA GRIPP introduced the members Connie Laughlin, Trudi Ribeiro, Sharon Salpas, Heidi Nietschmann, and Mary Hanrahan. Positions to be filled are: President, 1st VP, Secretary, and Membership.

SPECIAL FUNDRAISING EVENT, MARY FORBES shared that the board approved selling member Connie Bond's jewelry and beads at the February meeting with the proceeds going to the Scholarship Fund. Connie, who passed in late November, was an amazing crafter and beader.

HAND & FOOT, CHERYL ZEH promoted Hand and Foot and said they are looking for members to play.

COMMUNITY TABLE, LOUISE WILSON reported on local activities including Riverfront Playhouse, Axiom Theatre, Viva Downtown Discount Cards, Simpson University for Seniors, Shasta College Community Education including day trips, Turtle Bay Memberships, and Enjoy Magazine. She mentioned that Lucky Ladies Pinochle is looking for members to play and explained how the sign-up sheets for Riverfront and Axiom work. If you want to attend a play but don't have anyone to go with, check the sign-up sheet.

REMINDERS, ADDA GRIPP reminded members to sign up for the December and January birthday drawing, to buy a ticket for the Mystery Prize, and to check out the books exchange table.

BREAK – 15 MINUTES:

CHAIR ACTIVITIES & EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FASHION SHOW, FREDDIE MARTIN announced the Fashion Show will be 4/25 at Win River in the upstairs Eagle Room which can hold 200 guests. Tickets will be sold at the March meeting. **MARY BOND** asked new members to stay for about 15 minutes after the meeting as they are an important part of the Fashion Show.

ACTIVITY CHAIRS, VICKIE BURROUGH is helping **GERRI SMITH** contact all current chairs to see if they are continuing in the position next year, if there are changes in leadership of activities, and announced that there are opportunities to fill vacant positions.

SOUP FOR SIX, PAM ALBO explained how the activity works. Groups of six members meet six times in one another's homes for lunch. This is a wonderful opportunity for new members to get to know long time members.

SCHOLARSHIP, PAM ALBO reminded members about the Red Apple on the registration table which is for donations to our scholarship fund.

B'DAY WINNERS: Sandy Glass, December and Janice Gabriel, January.

MYSTERY PRIZES, SANDY GLASS & SHARON SPARKS This month's winners of décor items: Mary Ann Stai, Barb Edington, Karen McIntyre, Mickey Martin, Mary Lou Duncan, Nancy Randall, Missy McArthur.

CAROL WHITNEY – Story Teller – Entertained us with “A Superbowl Story.”

ADDA GRIPP ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 12:10 pm.

Submitted by Carol Skill for Romona Bowling - Secretary