

**3/28/24 MARCH NEWCOMERS' GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 105 Attendees**

**LUCINDA WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT** opened the meeting at 10:00 am by welcoming all members & guests. She asked for all phones to be silenced. She thanked the Greeters from the Open Pinochle Group. Lucinda led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ELIZABETH SHERMAN, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP** introduced the speaker, Joni Maggini from DLB Ranch, an Equine Assisted Therapy program for persons seeking emotional, physical, & mental health.

**REPORTS:**

**ROMONA BOWLING, SECRETARY**, greeted the members and stated the Minutes from the last General Meeting, with 82 attendees, are on our Website. Check it out for lots of info.

**MICKEY MARTIN, TREASURER**, reported the current balances in the Checking Account of \$13,046.74 & Savings Account \$6,289.47. Complete report is on our Website.

**PEGGY NISWANDER, FINANCIAL SECRETARY**, reported that our Club's Insurance increased by only \$6 for the upcoming year: \$500 for Officers' Insurance and \$306 for Liability.

**RUTH PLATO, MEMBERSHIP** reported we now have 284 members. Ruth is now accepting Membership dues of \$30 for the upcoming year.

**RUTH PLATO, PARLIAMENTARIAN** previewed the Summer Celebration on June 27 at Win River. Tickets \$25 will go on sale in May.

**1<sup>st</sup> VP, SUSAN SECHRIST**: Introduced 6 new members. Susan stated that the March Coffee was a great time with 18 persons attending. She asked that RSVP's be made to the monthly hostess. Please welcome the new members – they are wearing flower "Lei's" of welcome.

**SUNSHINE, SHARON CHESTNUT & AME DODGE**, stated that cards & calls were made to members with details in the Welcome Mat.

**YES, WE CAN, (FOOD DRIVE), JOYCE MENTA/ JOANN ROSKOSKI**, thanked the members for their generous donations of food & snacks and \$369 in cash donations going to Exodus Farms. No donations next month (Fashion Show at Win River). May's recipient will be Salvation Army.

**COMMUNITY TABLE, LOUISE WILSON**, shared the info on Turtle Bay's new events, and the Riverfront Playhouse and Axiom and Cascade's upcoming Ballet, & Roses & Rust. She has "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. Take a photo of lists.

**SHARON ROBERTS & CAROL SKILL, WEB-SITE: No updates.** The Website is up and running.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE: CONNIE LAUGHLIN, TRUDY RIBIERO, SHARON SALPAS, MARY HANRAHAN, HEIDI NIETSCHMANN** – They have the upcoming open Board positions & their duties posted on each table for members to sign up or suggest potential candidates.

**ROMONA BOWLING for GERRI SMITH, SCHOLARSHIP** –Scholarship Applications available now for Newcomers' family (daughters, granddaughters, sisters, nieces) and they are also on our Website. See Gerri Smith for any additional info on the Newcomers Scholarship.

Due Date: April 1, 2024,

**FREDDIE MARTIN, FASHION SHOW**, It will be on April 25 at Win River's upstairs event room. Doors open 10:30. The theme is "Paris in the Springtime". Tickets are \$25, being sold today. Members only. Only 25 left. If not sold this coming week, will send out an email offering them to member's guests. No reserved seating, first come, first served. Fashions from Dandy Lion. Short meeting of Models today at break time with Mary Bond.

#### **ACTIVITIES:**

**FREDDIE MARTIN, OUTDOOR ADVENTURES:** April 19, 2024 meet at Turtle Bay Café to walk thru the Arboretum with a coffee & "talk time" afterwards at the café.

**HEIDI NIETSCHMANN** , introduced Kayaking adventures – call her for details.

**MARY FORBES (Connie Bond's Jewelry Sales for Club's Scholarship program) – added \$83 today for a grand total of \$500 in jewelry sales. Thanks to all purchasers.**

**SHARON SPARKS & SANDY GLASS, MYSTERY PRIZES:** This month's winners of glass sparkles for vanities, etc: Kit Harvey, Gwen Knaebel, Sharon Gangloff, Sharon Salpas, Ginny Furr.

**B'DAY WINNER: March - Sue Vanderwerf**

**CAROL WHITNEY, STORY TELLER:** Gave an Airline flight story of having only 40 dinners for 150 passengers & offered free drinks for any giving up their dinner. End of flight 40 dinners still left.

**MABLE LYTHGOE, BOOKS, would like help with the "books" and a possible new Chairman.**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS;**

**BOARD MTG- April 16, 2024 at Lucinda's home.**

**GENERAL MEETING – April 25, 2024 - FASHION SHOW at WIN RIVER. Doors open 10:30.**

**NEW MEMBER'S COFFEE: April 3, 2024 at Susan Sechrist's home.**

Lucinda adjourned the meeting at 12:00 noon.

Submitted by Romona Bowling - Secretary