

LUCINDA WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT opened the meeting at 10:00 am by welcoming all members & guests. She asked for a volunteer to be in charge of each table to assure all phones are silenced and members cease conversation while our guests are speaking. Lucinda then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELIZABETH SHERMAN, 2nd VP introduced the speakers, Dr. Silveria & Jake Mangus, Fund Raisers for Mercy Foundation North, which has raised over 10 million dollars for the new Regional Cancer Center - breaking ground in Sept 2024 with a planned opening in 2026.

LUCINDA WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT thanked the Speakers for a very informative talk. She then thanked our Greeters from the "WHY COOK TONIGHT" Group and brought attention to their Greeters' tags so new members know who to ask for any help or info needed at the meeting. She asked for Members to introduce their non-member guests today and had Sharon Roberts introduce the new members (wearing their leis of welcome) and we welcomed them.

LUCINDA WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT – introduced the "Code of Conduct" that has been added to our Club's rules & regulations. Copies are on all the tables, on the Website, and will be in the September Welcome Mat. She encouraged all chairs & co-chairs to read & become familiar with, and be responsible to implement for the integrity of the Club. She read the first two paragraphs aloud of **ARTICLE IX – RULES OF CONDUCT**.

REPORTS:

ANDI WINTERS, WELCOME MAT EDITOR, stated the WELCOME MAT will be "DARK" in July & August. If any activity chair needs to put out info on their activity in those 2 months, they can contact Sharon Roberts or Carol Skill for a mass email.

ROMONA BOWLING, SECRETARY, greeted the members and asked how many attended the April Fashion Show – a large show hands resulted. Romona stated that was their General Meeting for April so they know the Minutes first hand.

MICKEY MARTIN, TREASURER, reported the current balances in the Checking Account of \$15,680 & Savings Account \$6,289. Complete report is on our Website.

PEGGY NISWANDER, FINANCIAL SECRETARY, reported the Financial Secretary Position has separated the following duties from the position. President appointed Committees with a Chair will now be: Audit, Budget, Insurance. Financial Secretary will be responsible for filing required reports & taxes to the state and IRS, etc. Peggy agreed to remain in position for one more year. She has served for 4 years now and the Board approved extending her term.

KAREN COUPE-BONNETT for absent **RUTH PLATO, MEMBERSHIP** reported we have 289 members. She is accepting dues of \$30 today & is selling Summer Celebration Tickets for \$25.

ELIZABETH SHERMAN, 2nd VP asked for ideas for next September's speaker.

SHARON CHESTNUT & AME DODGE, (absent), SUNSHINE, Romona read their report that is in the June Welcome Mat.

JOYCE MENTA & JOANN ROSKOSKI, "YES, WE CAN", (FOOD DRIVE), thanked the members for their generous money donation of \$345 and the truck load of donated items. Next September's donations will go to ONE SAFE PLACE. Joann read a heart-warming thank-you from Exodus Farms for last month's donations.

LOUISE WILSON, COMMUNITY TABLE, shared the info she has consolidated by categories for upcoming events. She made 2-sided copies for our members' use. She also has info from today's guest speakers available, along with other interesting flyers & magazines.

SHARON ROBERTS & CAROL SKILL, WEB-SITE: Chairs can contact them for needed activity notices in July & August. They will put out a mass email for them.

TRUDY RIBIERO, thanked the Nominating Committee: **SHARON SALPAS & HEIDI NIETSCHMANN (Connie Laughlin & Mary Hanrahan were absent)** for their hard work.

Trudy proceeded with the election of the 3 open Executive Board positions: She asked twice if there are any nominations from the floor for the following positions: Membership, Secretary, President. There were none. The following nominated positions: MEMBERSHIP – KAREN COUPE-BONNETT, SECRETARY – JUDY KENISTON, PRESIDENT – RUTH PLATO were elected unanimously by the membership.

The full roster of the Executive Board is: President-Ruth Plato, 1st VP-Susan Sechrist, 2nd VP-Elizabeth Sherman, Secretary-Judy Keniston, Treasurer-Mickey Martin, Financial Secretary-Peggy Niswander.

A motion was made by Peggy Niswander, seconded by Romona Bowling stating that the names of President-Ruth Plato, 1st VP-Susan Sechrist & Treasurer-Mickey Martin are the approved signatures at Tri-Counties Bank for the Newcomers Club's Checking Account and Savings Account. This motion is verified by Judy Keniston, Secretary. MOTION APPROVED. Copy to be given to Tri Counties Bank

GERRI SMITH, SCHOLARSHIP – reported the 3 applications received did not meet the criteria required, so the Committee met and established a more inclusive criteria as follows: The Club will support a scholarship for a relative or friend (female or male) of a current member. A current member is a paid membership club member. The Club will support a scholarship for re-entry applicants to higher education, preferably in Shasta County. The money will go directly to the school the student is enrolled in. Applications must be complete and received by Sept 1, 2024. The committee will meet in September to review the applications and the scholarship money will be given out at the September General Meeting.

FREDDIE MARTIN, FASHION SHOW, reported the April 25, 2025 was a very successful and fun show. We received a donation of \$1590 from Win River for the Club's Scholarship Fund. Next year's show will be again at Win River on April 17, 2025.

ACTIVITIES:

VICKI BURROUGHS introduced the new chairs for "WHY COOK TONIGHT" for next year.

LUCINDA WILLIAMS gave a special "thanks" to our coffee barista – **BRENDA SIMMONS**

SHARON SPARKS, MYSTERY PRIZES: This month's winners of Gift Certificates to local food places : **Sher Quaday, Patti Sauret, Louise Wilson, Trudy Ribiero, Susie Smith**

B'DAY WINNERS: April – **Karlene Stoker**, May – **Elizabeth Sherman**, June – **Chris Bagley**

CAROL WHITNEY, STORY TELLER: Updated some of our favorite songs with today's "older" timely words. And....told the story of a "crappy golfer".

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**JOINT BOARD MEETING and SUMMER CELEBRATION ON JUNE 27, 2024 AT WIN RIVER.
DOORS OPEN AT 10:30 – EVENT STARTS AT 11:00 AM**

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am

Submitted by Romona Bowling - Secretary