

Redding Newcomers and Friends September General Membership Meeting

First Vice President Trish Sakata led the membership in the flag salute at 10:00.

Freddie Martin, Scholarship Coordinator introduced the scholarship recipients for 2024:

Kathleen Saxton: nominated by Lucinda Williams (new friend) presently attending Simpson and Shasta Colleges whose goal is to be a counselor.

Cadence McIntire: nominated by Karen McIntire (grandmother) at Cal Poly with an emphasis on learning effective and creative communication.

Jacob Dodge: nominated by Ame Dodge (grandmother) attending Santiago Canyon College whose goal is to be an EMT/Paramedic/Firefighter.

Michael Dale Griffith nominated by Karen Coupe-Bonnett (grandmother) attending Martin Luther College whose goal is to be a pastor.

Yaritza Carrillo nominated by Deborah Davis (family friend) who is attending Shasta College majoring in Psychology with a goal of transferring to a four-year college.

Macie Molter nominated by Sharon Salpas (friend) who is attending ACU with the goal of becoming a teacher.

Second Vice President Elizabeth Sherman introduced the program presenter Erin Ross from K2 Development Companies who is developing a sustainable and thriving community in downtown Redding. She was born here and is very involved with the downtown revitalization program that started in 2016 –2017. She has been working in this field for several years starting with housing development. The goal is to create a downtown community with businesses on the ground level of buildings and housing on the levels above that will also provide supportive services. Market Street was the first area of improvement and redesign. The Redding Public Market is nearing completion. The McConnel Foundation is also supporting the new concept. Questions from the members focused on parking issues and possibly the return of the shuttle service that was available during the construction of the parking garage. Erin offered to help members download the parking app on their phone to make parking easier.

The meeting was called to order at 10:45. The Charmers were thanked for being the greeters.

Trish Sakata reported on the New Members meeting and asked for volunteers to host new member coffees. The new members introduced themselves and gave backgrounds on their reasons for joining.

Membership Chair Karen Coupe-Bonnett reported that present membership is 240.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and is available on the website.

Community Activities Table Louise Wilson presented activities that are available in the community for October. Enjoy the Magazine copies were made available for everyone to take as well as play sign-ups and information about classes at Simpson and sShasta Colleges.

At the break members were encouraged to buy raffle tickets as well as enter the birthday raffle if appropriate.

Activities Coordinator Vickie Burroughs asked for volunteers for chair the Kitchen Kapers activity.

Web Mistress Carol Skill reported that the website is up and running. She said to contact her if communications are not being received. Let her know if a paper copy is needed.

We CAN Make a Difference chairs Joyce Menta and Joann Roskoski reported that monetary donations for One Safe Place totaled \$1,025. Next month we will be assisting the Good News Rescue Mission. Details will be in the Welcome Mat.

The Birthday drawing awarded Cookies and Yogurt Certificates to Judy Germone (June), Barbara Timmerman (July), Vicki Burroughs (August) and Lisa Berstein (September)

Mystery Prize Shopper Sharon Sparks presented Pat Deem, Louise Wilson, Gerry Carroll, Lucinda Williams, and Adda Gripp with their drawing prizes.

Lucinda Williams spoke about expressing love for family and friends.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55. The next board meeting is on October 15.