

Redding Newcomers and Friends General Membership Meeting

November 14, 2025

The members saluted the flag and the meeting was called to order at 10:00 by President Ruth Plato.

Second Vice-President Elizabeth Sherman presented Charli Cain who shared her experience with starting a free spay/neutering program for cats. She partners with a vet who donates his services. The high cost of commercial animal treatment facilities sparked her to make a difference. It is available once a month on a Thursday. Cats don't have to be in traps like other programs require. So far it is known by word-of-mouth and is just getting started to be publicized.

First Vice-President Trish Sakata expressed a need for homes to host new member coffees.

Christmas Charities chair Pat Deem reminded members to get their tickets for this event which will be on December 9.

Treasurer Mickey Martin reported a checking account balance of \$17,152.17 and a savings account balance of \$6,289.92.

Membership chair Karen Coupe-Bonnet asked that members contact her if someone needs information about joining,

Webmistresses Sharon Roberts and Carol Skill shared that the revised Rules and Regulations are on the website.

Welcome Mat co-chairs Andi Winter and Romona Bowling reminded members that the Welcome Mat has the changes that will be made for the months of November and December, especially meeting days.

Movie and a Meal program chair Becky Childs said there still tickets for Wicked and to email her if you would like to join.

Christmas Charities gifts/baked goods (on paper or non-returnable plates) can be brought on December 9 (Christmas Charities meeting) beginning at 9:00. There will be assistants at the door to let those members bring their item(s) in. The doors will open at 9:30 for attendees.

We CAN make a difference co-chair Joann Roskoski announced ten bags of requested items and three bags of clothing were donated. \$375 in checks and \$415 in cash were also collected. The charity for January is Dignity Health.

Community Activities chair Louise Wilson encouraged members to come to the table during the break to see all of the literature she has about things to do in Redding.

Mystery Prize Shopper chair Sharon Sparks presented gift cards to Vicki Burroughs, Kit Harvey, Mary Bond, Trudy Rubiero, and Jeanne Milcheck as winners of the mystery prize and birthday drawings.

The Welcome Mat for December will be out November 15.

The next board meeting is on December 3 and January 16 is the next general membership meeting. Christmas Charities replaces the December general membership meeting,

Judy Keniston/Recording Secretary