

Redding Newcomers and Friends
October General Meeting Minutes

Oct 23, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Andi Winters, President, who led the group in the Flag Salute. She then welcomed everyone and requested that members present silence their cell phones.

Freddie Martin, 2nd Vice President, introduced the guest speaker, Margarita Vienneau, Managing Partner at Campbell, Clark, & Vienneau, who spoke to the group regarding estate planning. A plethora of information was shared, and many interesting questions were answered.

Andi Winters, President, thanked the guest speaker for her presentation, and Chairs Sherry Vargas and Susie Smith from Needle Nuts, who were the greeters for today's meeting.

A 10-minute break was announced, and Andi reminded members to check the Community Activities Table, buy Mystery Tickets, purchase cookies for the Scholarship Fund, and say hi to the new members present.

Reports -

President – Andi Winters, reminded members about the Red Apple, announced the change in meeting dates for November (Board Meeting will be held on Nov. 11, and the General Meeting will be held on Nov. 13th). She also reminded members to sign up for the Christmas Charities committees. Andi then welcomed the new members present and asked for them to introduce themselves to the group which they did.

Secretary – Trish Sakata, in leu of Judy Keniston, announced that the minutes for both the September Board Meeting and the September General Meeting will be posted on the website soon.

1st Vice President – Trish Sakata reminded members that New Member Coffees will no longer be held and that a short informational meeting will be held for new members immediately following the general meeting, and to please invite any possible new members to attend the next general meeting.

Treasurer – Tammy Douse shared that for the month of September expenses were \$383.62, deposits were \$3106.50, and the Scholarship Fund has \$2170.07.

Membership – Patty Susini expressed how delighted she is to be taking over in the Membership position. She stated there are currently 238 members.

Parliamentarian – Mickey Martin announced that the Rules & Regulations on the website have been updated.

Activities – Vicki Burrows informed members that there have been changes to some activity dates on the November Activity Calendar.

Community Table – Sue Vanderwerf, in leu of Louise Wilson, shared some of the various activities that are taking place around the Redding area in the upcoming months. She encouraged members to stop by the table.

Christmas Charities – Patti Sauret reminded members that sign up sheets for volunteers are on the tables and to please volunteer to assist. Ada Gripp shared information about the cookie bar at the event and requested that members sign up to bring cookies.

We Can Make a Difference – Joan Roskoski, in leu of Joyce Menta, reported that there will be only four (4) collections this year, with the first being in November for Eagles Soar.

Welcome Mat – Romona Bowling shared that the November Welcome Mat will be posted on the website soon.

Website – Carol Skills and Sharon Roberts reminded members to check their email for updated information (rosters, etc.)

Secret Pal – Ada Gripp informed the group that the secret pal group for this year will be meeting on Dec. 1st at Trudy Robeiro's home to revel secret pals. She encouraged members to sign up for next year.

Members who celebrated a birthday in October were asked to stand and enjoyed a "Happy Birthday" song by other members.

Sharon Sparks had tickets drawn for the Mystery Prize. Winners were Susie, Annie, Barbara, and Karen.

Andi Winters informed members that the next Board Meeting will be held on November 11th at the home of Freddie Martin and to please RSVP if you will be attending. The next General Meeting will be held on November 13th at the Elks Club.

Story was read by Sue Vanderwerf.

Meeting was adjourned by Andi Winters at 11:38 am.