

Redding Newcomers and Friends

General Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2026

President, Andi Winters, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM, She welcomed all members present and requested that everyone silence their cell phones. Andi then led members in the flag salute.

2nd VP Freddie Martin introduced the guest speaker, Karlene Stoker, who spoke regarding Shasta Wildlife Rescue. The organization is located in Anderson River Park, California. They rely on membership dues and donations to keep the various animals fed and housed. The rescue is open 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. On April 4, 2026, an open house “baby shower” will be open to the public from 10:00 am until either 1 or 2 pm. She stated that volunteers are always needed, and applications can be found on their website at ShastaWildlife.org. Karlene then answered questions from the members.

Andi thanked the ladies from Lucky Ladies Pinochle for being the greeters for today’s meeting. She then welcomed prospective/new members and asked them to stand and introduce themselves. They were informed of a short informational meeting to be held immediately following the general meeting and asked to stay if possible. Andi reminded members present of the Red Apple and cookies for sale to benefit the scholarship fund.

Reports:

President – Andi Winters reminded the group that a nominations committee will be needed to fill any upcoming empty spots on the board and asked anyone interested to let her know if they would like to be on the committee.

Secretary – Trish Sakata, in leu of Judy Keniston, informed the members that the Board Meeting Minutes from January have been posted to the website.

1st VP – no report as seat is empty

Treasurer – Tammy Douse gave her financial report. She stated that the scholarship fund balance is \$2259.00, expenses for January were \$195.26 and deposits were \$754.00.

Membership – Patty Susini stated that there are currently 259 members and reminded any new members to pick up their name badge from her.

Parliamentarian – Mickey Martin shared that the Executive Board Job Descriptions have been updated.

Activities – Vicki Burrows gave the following update: Why Cook Tonight? will now be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month starting in March, a new hiking group is planned to start soon. There will be an activity “Spotlight” at each general meeting starting in March. Chairpersons from the following group gave a short update regarding their activities: Val – Delish Nutrish; Amy – Movie; Sandy – Ladies Only Dine Out; Peggy – Why Cook Tonight?; Ren – Mexican Train; Patti and Sandy – Red Thumb & Creative You; Sherri – Needle Nuts; Lynette – Pick of the Vine; Joanne – We Can Make a Difference.

Community Table – Louise Wilson shared information regarding activities/events happening now or coming soon in the Redding Area.

Scholarships – Sharon Salpas informed the group that the monies collected from today raised \$541 for the scholarship fund! There are currently no applications, reminded members that family members/friends are eligible and to fill out applications.

Welcome Mat – Romona Bowling reminded members that the deadlines for March & April are a week earlier than usual.

Website – Carol Skill asked members to contact her or Sharon Roberts if you are having issues with your password and to NOT unsubscribe from Mail Chimp or you will not get information that is shared regarding organization.

Fashion Show – Sue Agnew reminded everyone that the fashion show will be held at the Gia Hotl/Spa. Doors will open at 10:30 am and lunch will be served at 11:30 am. Clothing will be provided by Dandelion and The Grange.

Miscellaneous - Members who celebrate a birthday in February were acknowledged. Sharon Sparks held the drawings for the Mystery Prize.

Andi announced that the next Board Meeting will be held on March 17, 2026, at the home of Kathy Jensen and the next General Meeting will be held on March 26, 2026, at the Elks. The speaker will be someone from RABA.

Louise read a short story, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 pm.