

Womans Club of Lacey October meeting followup

Again, I am thrilled to see so many of you attending our meeting out at the Captains Inn! Debbie provided us with a spectacular lunch buffet of penne pasta, Lemon chicken, beef tips and rice and salmon with a side of green beans and julienne carrots followed by a delicious Irish Cream cheesecake for our mere \$20 served by the Captain Inn's staff. Those in attendance have agreed that the November meeting will again be at Captains Inn either inside or out depending of the weather. More info will be forthcoming as plans are made. Be sure to check the Facebook page to see your friends that attended and the delicious food we had!

We certainly did accomplish a lot of things at the meeting. First, we passed the modifications to the Bylaws and Standing Rules. I will be retyping them, emailing them to you and then posting them on the website for the membership. Huge thanks to Elaina DiCicco our parliamentarian for hosting meetings and leading the meeting along with the committee – Lori Vircillo and Barbara Bowen, Beverly Keubler and myself.

Carol Setzer has agreed to be the chairperson for Lacey Woman's Club Operation Chillout! Speaking of Operation Chillout... We are thrilled so many of you who attending the meeting remembered to bring a new zippered hoodie for our homeless Veterans. There is still time to drop a sweatshirt off to either Barbara Bowen or Beverly Keubler as Barbara and I will be heading to headquarters on the 28th of October.

Thank you to those who stuffed stockings at the meeting. Again, if you'd like to stuff a stocking, we still have some to stuff. I have the stockings, let me know if you want to pick one up for filling. After they are stuffed please drop off to either Barbara Bowen or Beverly Keubler by October 25 as we are taking them up to Federation office on October 28.

Club books are available from Lillis Campbell, a \$5 donation gets your smiley face on the book and supports the state project. If you did not get your book, feel free to contact Lillis.

The financial books were successfully audited. A big thank you to Diane Ash for hosting and Linda Hintz Beverly Keubler and myself for the review. Joan Schuler, our treasurer is diligent with the books and is to be commended for her professionalism keeping them in order.

We discussed some ideas for fundraising and a small committee has been formed to visit Laurita Winery to see if we can partnership with them to artistically label a couple of bottles. A winery up north does this with a Womans Club and the club makes a nice profit for the label when the wine is sold by the winery. We tabled a sneaker collection fundraiser as an idea for a spring fundraiser. The membership has agreed to host a Pampered Chef party. The website,

<https://www.pamperedchef.com/party/womenscluboflacey?fbclid=IwAR2icZ0vL0bLO2S9xgw7tc6c4yX6fslOb3GUlyZ6MTnDEG2LrDaStrahIA8>

can be used for ordering product and we will get a percentage of profit. The items will be directly mailed to anyone choosing to purchase items. Remember they make wonderful Christmas presents. Again, Calendar Club tickets are still being sold, our first drawing will be December 9th at our December meeting. The December meeting will be held on December 9th at Captains Inn **all tickets should be in by then**, the date is different than what is in the book please make the correction in your book. Calendar

Club is our MAJOR fundraiser, we are still below making the payout so PLEASE if you have not picked up at least 4 tickets to sell, reach out to us to get them. You do not have to buy them yourself, when you go to the hairdresser, a restaurant, the doctors office, ask people... you will be surprised, many are willing to take a chance after all look at the money the lottery makes as people like to take a chance. At our doctor's office we sold a couple to the office staff!

Speaking of money, our charitable account has money that MUST be spent! The membership did some brainstorming as to things/organizations we would like to support. In addition to the foodbank, fire department and local TV network the membership spoke about supporting our local PD with body cams. We did a first reading of the budget (found in your booklet) it will be voted on at the next meeting.

The membership approved purchasing a virtual meeting platform so those members who are unable to attend meetings for personal reasons will be able to either log in through a computer or dial in on a phone to attend the meeting. If you have done Facetime, Zoom, skype, Facebook messenger video you have been on a virtual platform. Similar to Zoom, the virtual platform we will be using is gotomeeting.com. The virtual meeting platform will also allow some of our committees to safely meet with one another. I have offered to help Nancy Conway with information the library is requiring in order to fill a book order for book discussions. Those who are involved in literature, please be on the lookout in the next couple of months for the information the library needs in order for us to request the books used for discussion.

The membership approved making Jackie Ott an honorary member. Jackie is a long-standing member as she began her membership at a Woman's Club in Vero Beach, Fl in 1968. She joined Lacey Woman's Club in 1985! Throughout over 50 years of service Jackie has been very involved in a number of activities including presiding as President of LBI Woman's Club.

We are still welcoming new members and as a result of the pandemic the membership has approved the waiver of the committee meeting requirement in order to join as many of our committees are not currently in full swing or meeting.

Patti O'Donnell arranged for Rite Aid to come for flu shots, Carol Setzer put a wonderful basket together which was won by Linda Hintz. We collected 66 cans of Tuna for the foodbank, and the 50/50 prize was \$85. Many thanks to Eleanor Delvecchio for taking pictures which will be put up on our Facebook page.

Please keep Lori Vircillo in your thoughts and prayers along with Nancy Fortin as both go for surgery before the end of this month. Reach out and call a friend in the club that you haven't seen in awhile as the pandemic has many missing contacts with other people.

Shirley Houlihan