



General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

Bay Colony Golf Club

Pelican Marsh

Attendance: 166

Margaret welcomed everyone to Bay Colony Golf Club and called the business meeting to order at 11:30.

- Margaret thanked Judy Ringler for serving as hostess for today's meeting and Sallie Miller for today's arrangements.
- She welcomed Paul Huber and minor League members.
- The Winter Newsletter has been sent.
- The Circle of Friends deadline for the program is January 27; donations will be accepted through April 30 for this year.

Charlene Barnette updated everyone on the Lauren Bush Lauren: Charity by Design event presented by Northern Trust on February 24 at the Ritz Carlton Golf Resort. The Patron Party, sponsored by FineMark, will be held February 23.

Denise Hadley announced the deadline for the 30th Anniversary Gala: Girls in Pearls & Guys in Ties has been extended to Monday, January 16. Tables of 8 are available. Online registration is available. Checks may be mailed to the PO Box, not the office. On February 17, the Baker Museum Tour and Lunch will be held. The art tour will be of the American Impressionism exhibit. Our End of Season Party will be held at the Naples Beach Hotel on Friday, March 24. This will be a casual event. A bus trip to Little Havana in Miami is being planned for Thursday, March 30th. Lunch will be at the famous Versailles restaurant.

Membership Chairman Carol Fullerton introduced four new members: JoAnn Henneman, AJL - Champaign/Urbana IL, mentor – Maria Lane; Linda Markarian, AJL - Greater Springfield, MA, mentor – Deidre Benson; Sandi May, AJL – Chicago, IL/Bristol, TN/Ft Wayne, IN, mentor – Deborah Brittain; Susan Wolven, AJL – Baltimore, MD/ North Shore, IL, Rochester, NY, mentor Rita Doub. Eight new members were approved at last month’s board meeting.

Deirdre Benson encouraged everyone to become involved in our interest groups. A list of the groups was placed on each table.

Annalinda Ragazzo thanked the 30th Anniversary Grant Committee for their diligent work with the grant process. She reviewed the process of selecting a grant recipient and explained the way the money will be used by Meals of Hope. Katie Schweikhart accepted the \$30,000 check and thanked The League Club for their generous support.

Sallie Miller then introduced Deborah Johnson, VP of The Everglades Foundation, who presented a program detailing the importance of the Everglades. Ms. Johnson encouraged each of us to become involved in supporting the fight to preserve and protect this UNESCO endangered site.

Meeting adjourned at 12:24.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Lane, Recording Secretary