



## **General Membership Meeting November 8, 2018**

### **Minutes Collier's Reserve Country Club**

President Charlene Barnette welcomed everyone in the League Club back after the summer away. She thanked Sue Hester for her efforts to put on the marvelous Welcome Back Party, which was enjoyed by all. Charlene also commended Susan Harris, who has been writing the items featuring the agencies CIC has funded to help us all see how are grants have been used.

Done-in-a-Day Projects allow us to personally get involved – Melissa McClayton was invited up to speak.

Melissa McClayton gave thanked those who painted bowls for the Hungry Bowls fundraiser in January.

She said the next chance to volunteer will be for the Naples Senior Center, serving lunch 2 times in November. Melissa reminded us of last year's extra donations for 'period products' spearheaded by Dusti Beaubien; after researching new ideas to support, she found that these are a truly compelling issue facing young women and felt that we should continue to supply food pantries these vital products. Studies show that world-wide, girls miss school and suffer the consequences, while women also miss work both due to the shame and embarrassment of not having feminine products during their periods.

Next, Charlene pointed out that we are able to do the great work we do in the community due to our fundraising, and the bulk of it comes from

our annual fundraiser. She introduced Jane Stone to talk about Naples Tables, our new event.

Jane said that Invitations are at the Printer and will unfold to look like a placemat. She's happy to provide the list of businesses who have signed up and who have been contacted as well as the benefits they'd derive from participating with us, encouraging everyone to reach out to their contacts and try to get them involved in creating a table.

Circle of Friends is another opportunity to contribute. Donna Loomis described its growth both within the League Club and the community. Last year, they had 156 members and raised over \$274,000 for the Trust Fund and we able to give \$43,00 to Hurricane Irma relief. She listed the benefits of supporting the fundraiser and receiving a ticket to the luncheon, an invitation to the Patron Party, a thank-you luncheon March 20<sup>th</sup>, and a chance to attend the Briefcase Breakfast to see the grant checks awarded to this year's recipient agencies.

Rosie the Riveter (Mary Lou Swartz) made an appearance to discuss the Endowment Fund, saying, 'We can do it - you can do it.' She reminded the audience to remember The League Club in our Estate Planning, for Tribute gifts and Memorial gifts, and to use Amazon Smile which gives .05 back to the League Club for every purchase.

Sue Hester took the podium to discuss Events. It's one week until the bus trip to St. Petersburg and a tour of the Vinoy Renaissance Hotel and the Dali Museum. They still have a few spots available for this marvelous day out.

Maria Lane introduced the new members attending their first meeting with their sponsors. Thirty-nine new members have joined since May.

Maryanne Dignan next presented our speaker, Carrie Kerskie, who gave a compelling talk on identity theft and what we can do to protect ourselves.

Submitted by Julie Wade, Secretary