



General Membership Meeting

November 9, 2017

Naples Botanical Garden

Attendance: 114

President Elizabeth Winebrenner called the business meeting to order at 9:40 A.M. and welcomed everyone to the Naples Botanical Garden.

- Liz acknowledged the trials of the summer with the arrival of Hurricane Irma and praised our club members for everything that has been accomplished despite the difficulties.
- The Girls' Night Out at Royal Poinciana was a great success. Done in a Day has volunteered for three events. The Welcome Back Party is set for November 16th at Hole in the Wall. And, the December general membership meeting is set for Kensington Country Club with the Barron Collier High School singers providing the entertainment.

VP Community Melissa McClayton described the personal effects of Irma on our community – lost homes, lost belongings, lost work and a sense of lost connection with the community. Everyone has been touched in some way. CIC voted unanimously to donate 10% of The Community Trust Funds - \$33,000 – to the Collier Comes Together Relief Fund. This vote was taken to the board which unanimously voted to approve this donation. The next step was to have approval from the general membership.

Melissa McClayton moved that \$33,000 be donated to the Collier Comes Together Relief Fund. Motion passed.

Previously, The League Club had donated \$10,000 from its Emergency Fund to this relief fund. This brings our total contribution to \$43,000.

Donna Loomis noted that invitations for this year's fundraiser have been sent. In this invitation members are invited to join Circle of Friends. Last year 132 members joined and contributed \$224,510 to our Community Trust Fund. These funds support our community nonprofit organizations. Kristine Feeney has volunteered to organize the Circle of Friends this year.

Community Liaison Dusti Beaubien discussed the issues facing women in need in our community – one of which is obtaining feminine hygiene products. Hygiene products can be difficult to obtain when money is scarce; they are not covered by food stamps. Katie Schweikhardt of Meals of Hope found this to be a troubling issue. Dusti asked for the support of our group. Any money donated would be given to Meals of Hope, as Katie is able to purchase the products in bulk. (*Dusti received \$664; this donation will purchase 166 boxes of 20 count pads – 3320 pads.) Meals of Hope will handle the distribution.

Thus far, our Done in a Day projects have included eighteen women who volunteered at Meals of Hope organizing the Warehouse and packaging food, twenty-one women who volunteered at the Naples Therapeutic Riding Center working on preparations for their fundraiser, and ten women who served as greeters and worked on the silent auction for Charity for Change. In November/December volunteers will be needed for the Salvation Army, and in December/January volunteers will be needed for Meals of Hope. Information will be sent in future Eblasts.

Dusti thanked everyone for volunteering. Thus far, 127 hours have been given. She reminded us that as volunteers we can give our skills, experience, advice, and friendship, but the most valuable gift we can give is our time.

Liz Winebrenner introduced four new members:

Paula Whitelaw (Park Shore) JLAffiliation Pelham, NY; Mentor, Jeanne McCarthy

Allison Pezzuti (Autumn Woods) JLAffiliation Birmingham, AL and Rumson, NJ;

Mentors, Jett Thompson and Sallie Miller

Bonnie Carlson (Wilderness) JLAffiliation Cleveland, Ohio; Mentor Anita Smith

Vada Love (Hammock Bay) JLAffiliation Cincinnati OH, Charleston SC,

Sarasota FL; Mentor, Sandy Dubberly

VP Education Mary Beth Jones reminded everyone that December's General Membership Meeting will be held at the Kensington Country Club. Barron Collier High School singers will provide the program. Only 125 reservations will be accepted for this event.

Mary Beth Jones then introduced Naples Botanical Garden CEO and League Club member Donna McGinnis who provided the program Replant and Regrow after the devastation of Hurricane Irma.

Meeting adjourned: 10:40 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Lane, recording secretary