

## **General Membership Meeting**

**December 6, 2018**

**The Club at Pelican Bay**

**Attendance: 130**

President Charlene Barnette called the meeting to order at 11:44 A.M. She welcomed everyone to the holiday luncheon at The Club at Pelican Bay. It's been a busy month for The League Club. Plans are coming together for our fundraiser Naples Tables to be held on March 11<sup>th</sup> at the Ritz Carlton at Tiburon.

Jane Stone, VP Fundraising, asked if everyone had received their Naples Tables invitation, in the style of a placemat. This event will be a wonderful "Celebration of Style, Food and Fun" with James Farmer as our speaker. Jane asked Denise Hadley to review the types of tables to be represented – interior designers, florists, jewelers, and others. Although almost all sixty tables have been contracted, a few more applications will be accepted. The closing date for applying is December 15<sup>th</sup>. Jane then reviewed the schedule of the day – reminding everyone that doors open at 10:30 A.M., but attendees may arrive at a time that best suits them. The luncheon will start at noon followed by a delightful presentation by James Farmer - professional gardener, designer, author, and lifestyle expert. She then further explained that ads for the Resource/Program Booklet will be sold. Joan Lewis, VP Elect Fundraising, will be in charge of accepting the ads. At the end of today's general membership meeting, members will receive an envelope with information on how to place an ad in the booklet; members are encouraged to give the envelope to someone who would possibly buy an ad.

Dusti Beuabien updated membership on upcoming Done in a Day volunteer opportunities at the Salvation Army and St. Matthews House. Dusti encouraged everyone to get involved; the donation of one's time is so very helpful to these organizations. She then discussed the Maxi Pad Project. Our financial support last year for this project was over \$4000 and last month, The League Club presented Meals of Hope with \$1000 to be used for purchase of Maxi Pads. One out of four women can't afford period supplies. This results in the loss of time at school or at a job, and these are the women who most need to be at school or at work. She then passed around a bag for donations to this project.

Next, Sue Hester, Events, invited everyone to join us at the “January du Jour” with guests, dinner, and dancing at Naples Sailing and Yacht Club. The date is January 22 at 6 P.M. The group Latitude will perform. It will be a night of fun!

Every year the Community Foundation of Collier County has asked for nominations for their Women of Initiative program, honoring those who have been outstanding in their philanthropic efforts for the betterment of our community. Nominating Chairman Elizabeth Winebrenner announced that our nominee Susy Warren was selected to represent The League Club at the annual luncheon in April. Susy has been an active member since 2003 and has served as Treasurer-Elect and Treasurer. She has also served for four years as a member of CIC. Susy is best known in our area as the co-founder of Laces of Love. She is currently a member of the board for Greater Naples Leadership and the Women of Trinity. Susy certainly exemplifies our principle of women strengthening communities through fellowship, education, volunteerism and philanthropy.

Maria Lane, VP Membership, introduced two new members: Paula Zipfel (Windstar) JL of Cincinnati; Cynthia “Cinny” Murray (Bay Colony Estates) JL of Houston, JL of Boston, and JL of Fort Lauderdale.

Business meeting ended at 12:15 P.M.

Maryanne Dignan, VP Education, introduced the Gulf Coast High School Chorus and their director. An a cappella holiday program was presented.

Maria Lane

Acting Recording Secretary