



## General Membership Meeting

December 7, 2017

Kensington Country Club

Attendance: 110

President Elizabeth Winebrenner called the business meeting to order at 9:34 A.M. and welcomed everyone to our festive holiday meeting at Kensington Country Club.

- Liz announced that at the Power of the Purse luncheon this week, our nominee Bunny Brooks was introduced as a Woman of Initiative.
- November was a busy month with our wonderful Welcome Back Party and several Done in a Day projects.
- Our next general membership meeting will be held on January 12, 2018 at 4 P.M. at Grey Oaks. Mark Strain, Collier County Planning Commission Chairman, will speak to us about the impact of Irma and its effect on our future county development.
- A night with dinner and dancing is planned for Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at the Naples Beach Hotel.

Fundraising Chairman Gigi Stewart reminded us that we have only 78 days until our fundraiser on February 23, 2018 with Lesley Stahl: Her Stories Today. Invitations have been mailed and response has been good. Kristen Coury, Founder and Artistic Director of Gulfshore Playhouse, has been chosen as moderator for the event. Our Patron Party will be held on February 22, 2018 at the home of League member Jenny Sutton. Details will be announced later. Final arrangements for our event at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort are in progress.

Kristine Feeney thanked everyone for their financial support of Circle of Friends. Thus far, 102 people have contributed \$185,000. This represents 17% of our membership.

Chairman Mary Lou Swartz appeared as “Rosie” and announced that We Can Do It: Raise funds for the Endowment Fund, which is as easy as shopping online. The League Club Endowment Fund will receive .5% for sales on smile.amazon.com. Simply register at smile.amazon.com and enter The League Club as your receiving organization. “Shop til you drop” and support TLC Endowment Fund.

Denise Hadley introduced four new members: Tess Scalise (The Vineyards), JL Denver, Co; Susan Lamberson (Marco Island) JL Chicago; Elizabeth “Lizzie” Truter (Vineyards) JL Charleston, WV and Pittsburgh, PA; Jill Pearis (Pelican Bay) JL NYC and Binghamton, NY.

Dusti Beaubien thanked everyone for their financial support of TLC and then asked everyone to consider donating a few hours of their time to volunteer and help our community. This month on December 16<sup>th</sup> Meals of Hope will need volunteers to pack meals for its Holiday without Hunger program. It will be held at the Ritz Carlton on Vanderbilt Beach Rd. To register, visit their website. On Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, The Salvation Army will hold their toy/food distribution day. You may sign up with Dusti for either 9-12 or 1-4. Men are also needed to help. At the January 12<sup>th</sup> general membership meeting, we will be collecting food for St. Matthews House; a list of food types needed will be in a future EBlast. On January 19<sup>th</sup> we will be packing meals for Meals of Hope at their Warehouse. Our goal is to pack 17,500 meal packages. We would like 50 women to sign up for this event! We can do this in two hours! Bring a baseball cap! Thus far, we have donated 187 volunteer hours. Our MaxiPad donations continue - \$1,419 to date. If you wish to contribute, please give cash or a check made out to Meals of Hope to Dusti. Details for all volunteer opportunities will be in our weekly EBlasts.

Business Meeting Adjourned: 11:53 A.M.

A Holiday Program was provided by Baron Collier High School Vocal Ensemble, under the direction of Todd Peterson.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Lane, Recording Secretary