

Connections
Membership Meeting
January 17, 2023
Attendance: 44
Zoom Attendance: 5
Recorder: Linda Bakian

Brenda Brunelle welcomed the members to her first meeting as Connections President and announced the entertainment would be the first part of the meeting followed by the business section.

Jamboree

Dana Feeney, this year's director, spoke about Jamboree. The production is titled JamboTales. Jamboree, a volunteer organization that raises scholarship money for need based Ridgewood High School seniors, has been in existence since 1947. Dana introduced three of the producers, Lorraine Haskins, Rahul Bhatia, and Kelly Buchsbaum who described the process of developing the show.

Connections members who participated previously in Jamboree were asked to stand and take a picture with the producers and director. It will be posted on their website, RHSJamboree.org.

Activity Leaders

Denise Santora announced the next luncheon will be on Tuesday, February 28, at Andrea's in Waldwick. The restaurant has a private room that can accommodate 50 people. The management is flexible and will only charge for attendees. There is a cash bar.

Carolyn Seibel said forty-two members have signed up the Gal-antine Tea, at the Harmony Tearoom, in Waldwick, and there's space for forty-four people. The cutoff date for receiving a check is January 18. A Chocolate Tour of Brooklyn is scheduled for May 18 (The date has been changed since the meeting to May 11.) The group will visit four chocolatiers, and Marc will, again, be the guide. The committee is planning "something" for December and the spring 2024.

Donna Singer informed the group a Cooking Club virtual meeting will be held on Thursday, January 19, at 11am to discuss spring activities. Suggestions are another virtual session with the Italian chef, a cook at home, and a brunch.

Debbie Dziubinsky welcomed anyone who would like to join Pickleball. It's held on Thursdays, at 10am, at "The Barn", in Midland Park. The facility is heated and airconditioned. Everyone gets to play.

Janet Daly invited members to join the walking club. The group meets at the Duck Pond, at 10am, and participants park at the lot after the pavilion.

Changes to Policies and Procedures

Brenda Brunelle reviewed the changes to the Policy and Procedures and the Constitution and reviewed the role of the sponsor. The information will be posted on the website on February 1.