

Connections Membership Meeting

April 18, 2023

Attendance: 49

Zoom Attendance: 7

Recorder: Linda Bakian

Brenda Brunelle opened the meeting speaking about the successful Fellowship Brunch. There were ninety-two attendees and everyone had a great time. She hoped it would be the first of many.

Ping Pong, a new activity, is well on its way to starting in May. It will be held at the Barn in Midland Park on Thursdays, from 11-1.

Treasurers Report

Lee Atieh informed the group the bank account balance in March was \$15,700. After the budgeted expenses of \$9,906, the surplus balance is approximately \$6,000. The surplus is needed for trip and luncheon deposits. This year's budget covered the donation to FPC, the costs of the web site, Zoom, supplies, and speakers. The board is looking into purchasing a computer to be used at the general meeting. Lee asked anyone who has a question to contact her.

Constant Contact

Donna Singer stressed the importance of the careful use of Constant Contact. It is the means of communication within Connection. She warned if a member accidentally hits the unsubscribe button, she will not get emails and her name will be deleted from all groups. There is only one chance to resubscribe.

Activity Leaders

●○○○○○○ Cooking Club

Donna Singer announced the cooking club will be having a Greek lunch at members' homes on May 1, 4, 5. The host and attendees will decide the menu. She stressed the goal is to have a variety of dishes.

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The next session falls on the same day at the luncheon. Donna Singer will email members to find out who wants to play.

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Denise Santora reminded the group the next luncheon is on Thursday, April 27, at Limoncello, at 12 o'clock. Only 20 women signed up so there is room for more. If someone has a check, she's asked to give it to Brenda or can drop it off in Denise's mailbox.

Next month's luncheon will be at Justin's Ristorante in Hawthorne. The date has not been confirmed. There will be one in July.

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Membership

Sue Steele announced there are five new members to be introduced at today's meeting, five in May, and four in June. She asked members who don't have a badge to sign the tablet on the front table. New members are entered in Constant Content, and if anyone wants to join another group, she needs to contact the leader and Sue.

The five new members were introduced:

Nancy Blumenthal, Sponsor: Denise Santora
Eileen Cooney, Sponsor: Shelley Mackey
Mary Sullivan, Sponsor: Terry McKeon
Linda Greenberg, Sponsor: Claire Finlay
Carole Coleman, Sponsor: Donna Martino

Brenda ended the meeting by sharing a quote:

Every day is beautiful
Every day is special
Every day is a gift
That is why we call it the "present."

Speaker: Danuta Kuc