

Connections Membership Meeting

November 21, 2023

Attendance: 42

Zoom Attendance: 4

Recorder: Linda Bakian

President's Welcome

Brenda Brunelle welcomed the attendees and recited this verse:

May you have only pleasant hours
To melt your cares away,
And the warmth of laughter
To bring gladness to each day

Treasurer's Report

Lee Atieh presented the treasurer's report. The balance at the end of October was \$22,609

December Meeting

Brenda Brunelle announced the December general meeting would be a holiday party. She presented the slate of officers for a vote. The yeas vote was unanimous. The officers are::

- President: Jacquie Hinrichs
- First Vice President: Marianne Siccardi
- Second Vice President: Joan Cooke
- Treasurer: Lee Atieh
- Membership: Susan Steele
- Recording Secretary: Linda Bakian

Membership Report

There is a need for sponsors.

The new members were introduced:

- Marian Manners sponsored by Patricia Crito
- Barbara Krauser sponsored by Kiane Haderthauer
- Joanne Stolfo sponsored by Patricia McDonagh
- Jeannie Safina sponsored by Lois Stalp
- Elaine Heimberger sponsored by Nancy Weiss

Activity Leaders

- Opera Group: Brenda Brunelle invited everyone to join her on December 9, at 12:55, at the AMC Riverside theater, to see *Florenca En El Amazonas*. Tickets can be purchased online or at the theater.
- Trips: Diane Paoli announced the trip to see *Some Like it Hot* was a great success. The trip to Caramoor, on December 14, is sold out and there are thirteen women on the waiting list. The committee is hoping to get five additional

tickets. A trip to the Tropicana Hotel in Atlantic City is planned for June. Diane advised if anyone interested in a trip to sign up immediately.

- Canasta: Donna Singer reminded everyone the canasta group meets on Thursdays, from one to three, in the senior lounge, in the Ridgewood City Hall.
- Cooking Group: Donna Singer announced there will be a virtual cooking class with the chef from Puglia. A cookie exchange will take place on December 13 at Carole Maloney's home, December 14 at Mary Saladino's home, and December 15 at Donna Singer's home. In addition, a Chinese New Year meal and another brunch are planned. Members were asked to contact Donna if they are interested in joining.
- Walking Group: Danielle Manis reminded the women the walking group meets Mondays, at nine-fifteen, at the Ridgewood Duck Pond.
- PBS Group: Carol Maloney announced the group would meet the following Wednesday and take a break in February and March.
- Luncheon: Denise Santoro Mosher reminded the women the next luncheon is on November 30, at Mado, for a cost of \$40. So far 46 women have signed up. The deadline to do so is tomorrow. A luncheon will not be held in December.

Closing of business meeting

Brenda Brunelle ended the meeting with a Thanksgiving poem:

May your stuffing be tasty,
May your turkey be plump,
May your potatoes 'n gravy
Have nary a lump,
May your yams be delicious,
May your pies take the prize,
May your Thanksgiving dinner
Stay off of your thighs!

Performance: Hocus Pocus, the magician, performed and the First Presbyterian nursery school children joined the members.