



MATLACHA HOOKERS  
2025 December General Meeting Minutes  
DATE: December 8, 2025  
6:30pm @ St James City Civic Center

Please turn cell phones off or put on silence. Please be respectful of those who are speaking and refrain from sidebar conversations. (These requests came from Members and they suggested a \$5 Penalty after one warning!)

Call to Order by Madam Linda Bohacek 6:30pm  
Pledge of Allegiance led by Madam Linda Bohacek  
Invocation by Anna Van Kirk

## BOARD REPORTS

1) 50/50- Wreaths for Warriors/ Friends of Pine Island Library; Lorie Tidwell made a motion to approve Wreaths for Warriors as the recipient for tonight's meeting 50/50. Motion approved.

2) Fundraising & Event Brainstorming/ Social Media Meeting & Updates; Next meeting December 18th @ Salty Girls 6p-7pm; new ideas, feedback, social media and open to new ideas; members were encouraged to come to these meetings

3) Hooker Mixer - Bioidentical Hormone Replacement therapy - January 14th 6:30 pm Beacon of Hope Center for Excellence; speaker on this topic.

4) Lucky Hook Up update and deadlines- Kimmy Rasmussen; tickets have started to be turned into Kimmy, the deadline is December 15th, \$6200.00 raised thus far and a potential of \$13000.00 could be raised if all tickets are sold.

## Upcoming Events and Volunteers needed

1) Barhopping Christmas Caroling- December 5,6,7 & 12,13,14- Joanne Corriea; 6 spots in St James City and \$663.00 raised last Friday the 5th; sign up sheets are available for caroling times during the meeting. Sunday the 14th Bokeelia caroling will be taking place, car pooling is recommended contact DJ Ruscik,

- Friday the 19th 4 stops for Bokeelia, volunteers needed contact DJ. Tammy Lynch will be leading Matlacha and Cape Coral also on Friday the 19th, volunteers needed. All money raised is going to FISH for the basket brigade.
- 2) Matlacha Art Walk December 12th; Caroling tent and raising money for FISH Christmas Brigade; volunteers needed.
  - 3) Meat Raffles: all proceeds go to Hooked on Education; Burnt Store Tavern Meat Raffle- Saturday December 13th 2-4pm -Elsie Olander; no more volunteers needed; members encouraged to attend
  - 4) Island Luau Meeting December 15th 6-7p Salty Girls; new this year: catering will be done by Ginger Bistro and Salty Girls will be catering the Crew Meal, coconuts will not be center pieces, no mystery wine. Tickets are now for sale and soliciting has started. December 17th at 10am will be door to door soliciting starting at House of Omelettes, sign up sheet available for that soliciting day. Silent auction and hook a basket will be available. - Linda
  - 5) Island Market @ Fishers of Men December 27th 9-2pm; Volunteers needed; last merchandise event of the year.
  - 6) Cape Coral Art Fest Saturday & Sunday January 10th 10-5 & 11th 10-4pm; Volunteers needed

### Past Events and Fundraisers

Quarter Queen Auction; \$1600.00 raised; looking into having this as an island event with island vendors.

Cape Coral Farmers Market Nov. 22nd- Linda; \$901.00

Matlacha Art Walk Fri. Nov. 14th

Pine Island Santa Con & Rudolf Run Nov. 29th- Tracy Chapple; over 100 people attended; \$1800.00 was raised for Hooked on Education scholarships

Island Market Fisher of Men Nov. 29th -Linda Bohacek; \$991.00

Ft Myers River District Alliance Holiday Artisans Market December 5th- Lorie Tidwell; last of the 5 river district of the year; \$1500.00 was raised; 2025 we raised \$5360.00 for all 5 events

Tarpon Lodge Holiday House of Hope Sunday December 5,6 & 7; Hookers helped with kids crafts on 12/7 - Anna Van Kirk; great event, Anna will be looking for someone to take on this event for next year

Cape Coral Farmers Market December 6th; \$432.00

### Vice Madam Carolyn Ryzanych, Membership

- 1) Membership Report: members 187; new 51
- 2) Meeting Attendance 50
- 3) Call Girls; Scottie Tomas & Paula Cooper
- 4) Birthday Celebration

**Secretary, Rachel Branch**

- 1) Review and approval of November general meeting minutes; Sandy Reynolds moved to approve the November general meeting minutes; motion carried.
- 2) mail: Thank you notes

**Treasurer, Deb Syring**

- 1) Review and approval of November financial reports will be available for review in January's General Meeting; no financial reports, November financials will be reviewed next month.
- 2) Merchandise report - November- Linda Bohacek \$5338.00

**Chaplain, Anna Van Kirk**

- a) Outreach requests; none
- b) Pine Island Cares; meetings take place at the Beacon of Hope, meeting takes place on the first Wednesday of the month @ 10am and members are encouraged to attend. The minutes from these meetings are posted on the Beacon of Hope's website.
- c) Joke

**EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:**

**1. Community Support**

- a) Pine Island Food Pantry needs to continue to be posted in the Hooker Herald
- b) Food Pantry Volunteers needed; see application info in Herald
- c) Greater Pine Island Chamber of Commerce Volunteer Appreciation Party December 10th @ Cositas Gourmet 10731 Stringfellow Rd, Bokeela, 5:30- 7pm
- d) December Market & Melodies December 13th 10-4p @ SJCCA put on by the SJCCA
- e) Food Pantry Woodstock 2 @ SJCCA January 11th 1-4pm; conflict with Cape Coral Art Fest -Hopeful to have a membership drive tent and possibly some merchandise depending on volunteers.

**2. Raffle Results**

- a) Tonight's donation to Food Pantry: \$96.00
  - b) 50/50 results collected: \$234.00
- Tonight's 50/50 Winner: Alice Vitez- Sisler \$117  
Volunteer of the month winner: Lorie Tidwell \$117

**3. Membership approval of appointed 2026 Board members post election;** Hiedi Lutz moved to approve Tammey Lynch as new 2026 madam; Motion approved. DJ Ruscik moved to approve Donna Trusik as Hooker Herald Editor; motion approved

**4. Installation of 2026 Board of Directors:**

Tammey Lynch, Madam, DJ Ruscik, Vice Madam, Rachel Branch, Secretary, Deb Syring, Treasurer, Chaplain, Shirley Noble, Hooker Herald Editor, Donna Trusik, Lorie Tidwell, Director, Cheryl Neary, Director, Tracy Chapple, Director, Julie Robbers, Director, Sandy Reynolds, Director, Elsie Olander, Director

2025 outgoing Board were asked to stand and be recognized and congratulated for a successful year. Madam Linda Bohacek was presented with a past president's name badge and gift.

Other: Next Board Meeting: Monday January 5, 2026, 6:00 p.m. Location: Salty Girl Island Cafe

Next General Meeting: Monday January 12, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., American Legion Post 136 St James City FL 33956

Adjournment: Tammey Lynch moved to adjourn @ 7:50pm; motion carried.