



**MATLACHA HOOKERS**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 8, 2020**

**SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES WERE PRESENT TO RECEIVE 2020 SCHOLARSHIP CERTIFICATES, CHEQUES AND A PACK OF MATLACHA HOOKERS NOTE CARDS.**

**Chair Chris Buntin thanked her committee members Ruth Sofranko, Natalie Gazda, Laura Suria, Vicki Scray, and Julie Nygren for their hard work during this difficult time.**

**She also thanked previous member Peg Cruckshank for her guidance.**

**Eleven \$2,000. scholarships were awarded this year to bring the total awards since 2003 to \$191,000.00 !**

Matlacha Mariners Scholarship: Zachary Potter-Zimmerman, University of Florida, History

\*Hooked On Education Scholarship: Kelby Bower, Florida Gulf Coast University, Medical/Health Sciences/Biology/Nursing

Hooker on Education Scholarship: Hannah Ailshire, Pennsylvania State University, Psychology

Women of Trade Scholarship (Kathy Foley): Isabella [Izzy] Sansone, Cape Coral Technical College, Culinary Arts & Hospitality

\*Hooked on Education Scholarship: Armando Perez, Florida Southwestern State College, Business

Men of Trade Scholarship (Kathy Foley): Tate Davis, Ft. Myers Technical College, Welding Technologies

Hooker on Education Scholarship: Cassidee Rentsch, University of Central Florida, Psychology

Island Crab Corporation Scholarship: Michelle Hardy, Florida Gulf Coast University  
Elementary Education

P.I.E. Derby Scholarship presented by Principal Steven Hook: Kaylin Hill, University of Central Florida  
Biomedical Sciences

Island Crab Corporation Scholarship: Ruddy Ditch, University of Florida, Environmental Management

\*Rodney and Holly Aldrich Scholarship: Maggie Stein, University of Toronto, Master of Social Work

\*These recipients were unable to attend, Cindy Walton accepted on behalf of Maggie Stein and read her written thank you letter.

Retiring Principal Steven Hook was present and spoke of his favourite book "The Rainbow Fish" and how it's message of giving reminds him of the Matlacha Hookers. He thanked the Hookers for their support over the years and promised to "stick around" and support our future endeavours. Madam DJ presented him with a retirement gift on behalf of the Hookers, a clock purchased by Chris Buntin. Scholarship recipients and their guests were excused and the business meeting commenced.

Call to Order by Madam Deja Vu Deux at House of Omelets at 6:40 p.m

Pledge of Allegiance led by Madam Deja Vu Deux

DUE TO THE LACK OF A QUORUM THIS MEETING WAS INFORMATIONAL ONLY.

## **BOARD REPORTS**

**Madam Deja Vu Deux, DJ Ruscik**

a) 50/50: PICC Homeless fund

b) Hooker Business: reminder to support our local businesses.

c) Financial Requests: donation to Helping Paws, a local cat shelter run by volunteers at a cost of approx. \$200/week suggested by the board (no financial request was received) will be revisited in July.

Nancy Harwood, a Matlacha resident a long time Hooker passed away recently. A card shower was requested. Her sons decided to donate the contents of her home, 20+ bags of clothing and household goods to the Matlacha Hookers. Items will be sorted sometime this summer and will be sold at Bag'n Tag and may also be used for Derby baskets.

**Vice Madam Billie Young, Membership**

a) Membership Report: 175 paid membership

b) Meeting Attendance: 30

d) Call Girl volunteer for July is Chris Buntin.

e) April, May, and June Birthday celebration ! A BIG THANK YOU TO HOUSE OF OMELETS STAFF !!

**Secretary, Cindy Walton**

a) Review and approval of March general minutes will be voted on in July.

b) No Online Votes

c) Mail: Thank you from Beacon of Hope for donation of \$5,000.00, thank you from PI Food Pantry for March donation of \$57.00, Florida trailer registration renewal

**Treasurer, Theresa Kramer**

a) Review and approval of February and March financial reports will be voted on in July.

## Chaplain, Grateful Genie Andrews

- a. Chaplin Report: 1 prayer request, 2 card showers in May
- b. Outreach Report: 4 rent payments approved; \$250, \$290, \$200, \$200 plus donations of 3-\$50 Winn Dixie gift cards, 1 dental bill payment for \$180.  
"A cup of coffee for grandma" joke !!

## EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

### 1. Fundraisers

- a) Scholarships: Thank you to Chris Buntin and her committee who did a great job in this challenging year !
- b) Merchandise Report by Linda Bohacek:  
New and different merchandise is to come but all ordering is on hold pending the opening of events for selling. Madam DJ confirmed that purchase orders that fall within the budgeted amount for merchandise require no further approvals. Hopes are when schedules normalize to bring up to \$5,000/year in merchandise sales. Online sales with shipping is also being considered.
- c) Wine Event: \$5,000. Presented to Beacon of Hope in May representing the proceeds of Country In Paradise. Next year's event has been scheduled for Sunday, February 28th 1-4p.m at St. James City Civic Centre, Thanks again to Joanne Correia and her committee members and volunteers who helped make this happen !
- d) PIE Derby will be held, if possible, a scaled down version, with little/no soliciting from the community.

### 2. Community Support

- a) Adopt-A-Road: Saturday, June 13th 8am behind Olde Fish House, sign up tonight.
- b) Blood Drive will be in August details TBA
- c) MangoMania has been cancelled. The Chamber of Commerce office is closed at present.
- d) 4th of July parade is awaiting permit. Potential theme: "Thank you to essential workers"
- e) School supply drive chair Karen Durand reported the drive is in full swing with donation bins located throughout the island, cash donations accepted on our website and tonight's collection. Collections will also be accepted at July's meeting. Karen is arranging a photo op with the new Principal of P.I.E during the week of July 27 for presentation of the donation. Details on our website.
- f) F.I.S.H Clothes for Kids will be held Hookers sponsor 20 children @ \$50. Ginny Neff has volunteered to do this year's shopping.
- g) Pine Island Food Pantry needs:
  - Boxed Cereal
  - Canned Tuna
  - Cans of Fruit – all types
  - Jelly – strawberry and grape
  - Rice – small/singles, ex. Rice a Roni type packets
  - Pork and Beans

**OTHER:**

50/50 collected \$ 155.00 Tonight's winner of \$78.00 was Theresa Kramer.

Tonight's donation to Food Pantry \$ 55.00

Tonight's donation to School Supply drive \$55.00

Next Board Meeting: Monday, July 6 @ Little Lilly's Deli 6 p.m

Next General Meeting: Wednesday, July 15th @ Moose Club on Pine Island Road

Doors open at 5, meeting at 6:30 p.m

Meeting adjourned @ 7:30 p.m on a motion by Natalie Gazda.