

**MATLACHA HOOKERS
GENERAL MEETING AGENDA
DATE: July 8, 2024**

American Legion Post 136, 4106 Stringfellow Rd., St. James City

Please turn cell phones off or put on silence.

(These requests came from Members and they suggested a \$5 Penalty after one warning!)

Please be respectful of those who are speaking and refrain from sidebar conversations. We ask everyone to refrain from sidebar conversations during the presentation of the scholarships. Thank you.

Call to Order by Madam Linda .*Meeting called to order at 6:30pm.*

Pledge of Allegiance led by Madam Linda

Invocation by Anna Van Kirk

Presentation of “Hooked on Education” scholarship winners.

17 applications were received and 10 \$2,000 scholarships were awarded. Eight of the ten recipients were at our meeting tonight to receive their certificates.

Each recipient introduced themselves and told the members what area of study they will follow at college. Pictures were taken then recipients were allowed to leave the meeting.

BOARD REPORTS Madam Linda Bohacek

1. 50/50: School Supply Drive- decision made by membership during June membership meeting.

Christy Rau spoke briefly about the school supply drive. 23 collection bins were placed at businesses on the island last week. The school supply wish list is available at the bin locations and also in the Pine Island Eagle. DJ will be collecting the bins on July 27th starting at 10:00. First pick up location in St. James City then Bokeelia continuing to pick up through Matlacha ending at Burnt Store Tavern in Cape Coral. This will be in time to grab a bite and enjoy the meat raffle. More information to come.

2. Financial Requests

Anna Van Kirk did not receive any financial requests.

If you are need of medical attention and do not have insurance, contact the Beacon of Hope, Samaritan Health for the uninsured at 239-360-7520.

For help with reading and understanding insurance policies contact unitedpolicyholder.org julitza@uphelp.org or 787-454-3352 also annie@uphelp.org or

239-360-7520. The GPIA is still helping families with home repairs. They can be reached at gpialliance.org or by calling 239-558-4901.

For other legal help, call Florida World Legal Services.

3. Upcoming Events and Volunteers Needed: Fundraising:

P.I.E. Derby-

DJ announced the Derby will be on November 3rd at Capt'n Con's. Although still in the the planning stage, the adult fishing derby will also be planned more to come on. Capt'n Cons is in the process of renovating the beer garden and should be available at the time of the derby. Volunteers will be needed once the plans are finalized. Stay tuned. DJ encouraged members to participate in the planning or just come to the meetings and listen to the planning.

River District Alliance Art Walk - Lorie Tidwell Update.

The first Art walk was on June 5 and the Hookers sold beer and water. We made \$300 on the event despite the weather. This event was good fun with music, food and animals. We had plenty of volunteers thank you to Linda Bo, Jill Filgut, Tom and Joyce Boyer, Sherri Davis, Anna Van Kirk and Donna Trusik. Surplus water will be used for the August 2nd Art Walk. Cash and credit cards were accepted and went smoothly. You will have the opportunity to volunteer September 6th and October 4th. Proceeds from this event will go towards the scholarship program.

Get Flocked - Tracy:

Still in the planning stages but will be looking for volunteers soon. People will pay a fee to have friends/families yards or businesses flocked with flamingos. The money raised for the flocking will go towards the scholarship program.

Mango Mania- Volunteers needed; Date is July 13th from 9:00-4:00 at O.L.M.M Catholic Church in Bokeelia

Two areas needed volunteers for Mangomania: Merchandise and parking. Parking still needs volunteers but the Chamber will fill in any needed spots. Eric from Chamber of Commerce will be running the parking area and Donna Trusik will meet with Eric for details. Sandy Reynolds mentioned the entrance to the parking area should be on Alcorn Street to relieve congestion.

Meat Raffle- Elsie-On July 27th from 2:00-4:00 at Burnt Store Tavern, Cape Coral

Elsie Olander has enough volunteers for the event. Tammey Lynch mentioned people need to show up and be part of the event. People can clear out the deep freeze and donate extra meat that they may have. People purchase tickets and place on the items they want. Participants can purchase tickets for 50/50 as well... \$10 for an arms length or \$20 for a body length.

VFW- 100th Birthday for WWII veteran; July 20th; asking for birthday cards and possibly volunteers to meet & greet guests.

Anna Van Kirk passed out cards for the members to fill out for Bob Clextan's 100th

birthday. The VFW is planning on a big celebration with parade of motorcycles and cars to show Bob we care. Donations of fruit trays is needed but the VFW is also looking for volunteers to make this happen. Volunteers please show up at the VFW at 11am. Barbara Pelton shared the information for this birthday event. Watch the Hooker Herald for more information.

Peace Day Celebration- September 21st at the SJCCA; The Matlacha Hookers are the benefactors of this event and monies will go toward "Hooked on Education"

Jennifer Bennett gave us a bit more information on the Peace Day Celebration. She and Rhonda Cznareke has over 30 vendors signed up for this event. Over 500 have checked out her Facebook page on this event. Hookers will be running the 50/50. There will be music from local bands, as well as a kids area with crafts and face painting. Jennifer and Rhonda are looking for additional vendors so spread the word!

Pine Island United Methodist Church Block Party August 3rd. Requesting the Matlacha Hookers to sponsor a booth with a game.

We are looking for ideas for games. The Legion (Angie) has offered the use of their games and prizes. This will be the same day FISH is handing out back to school clothes. There are plans for a bounce house, hoop toss, egg toss, popcorn, cotton candy. Just a fun time for families. Carolyn Ryzanych has offered to chair this event, Joanne Correia and Donna Trusik to help Carolyn. The event time: 10 am - 1pm

Hooker Social- Tracy Chapple-Driftwood Art on July 16th at 6:00 p.m. @ Marker 3 Coastal Cantina, SJC cost is \$35.00.

Only three spots left! Happy hour begins at 5pm. The link to sign up is on the Matlacha Hooker website. If the last three spots are filled we will be able to do additional Driftwood Art social gatherings.

Hooker Business:

a. Secretary is vacant- If anyone is interested in the position please contact Linda. If you have any questions regarding the duties contact Carolyn.

b. Social media meeting will be held on July 17th at Salty Girls at 6:00 pm. *The subject of the July 17th meeting will be website design.*

c. July 4th Parade- Tracy. *The Hookers took third place in the parade and we had a blast.*

d. Hooker trailer for sale- Linda. *We will be selling the Hooker Trailer and renting a storage unit for the contents. Linda Bo and Donna Trusik researched the possible units and it was determined the 8x10 unit will be large enough to store the chairs, tents and tables. This will be a more central location and the liability of the trailer will no longer be a concern. The cost of insurance and the difficulty of moving and storing such a large trailer was a constant concern.*

We will be looking to sell for somewhere between \$3,800 and \$4,800. If the trailer does not sell right away a member suggested raffling it? Call Linda Bo with any questions.

e. Next month's membership meeting will be held at SJCCA. Dinner will be served by the SJCCA in appreciation of our support and fundraising efforts

Vice Madam, Carolyn Ryzanych. *Barbara Pelton, a member of the SJCCA, expressed the appreciation the members have for the Hookers for the generous donation from the Luau to help them get back on their feet and serve the community. They are also excited to show us their renovations which are extensive. Not sure what the menu will be, maybe a taco bar? Let's show and appreciate all their hard work.*

1. **Membership Report: 198 members; 52 new.**
2. **Meeting Attendance:**
3. **New member swear-in:** *Two new members were laid tonight. Welcome! Sherry Ifill and Beth LeCroy*
4. **Call Girls Thank You to Marian Horgan and Angie Ochs**
Next month's volunteers: Anna Van Kirk and Rachel Ranch
5. **Birthday celebration:** *No July birthdays but we have cake for being voted Best of Pine Island this is our fourth year!*

Secretary, Carolyn Ryzanych (interim)

1. Review and approval of the May general minutes listed on the website.... *No questions motion by Joanne Correia.. motion carried.*
2. Mail. *We received a thank you card for Nichol Hall. PTO from PIE sent a thank you for all the volunteers that have helped through the school year. Friends of the Library sent a thank you for the donation and were quite surprised.*

Treasurer, Deb Syring

1. Review and approval of financial reports May and June *Motion to approve by Jeannie Glen... motion carried*
3. Merchandise report: \$118 in June. *Slow months to be expected. Some new merchandise that will be offered are coasters made of resin with cork back, as well as napkins. We will be offering a waterproof bag for about \$20 or \$25 with our logo which should be here just in time for Mangomania*

Chaplain, Anna Van Kirk

1. Outreach Report *none*

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

1. Community Support
 - a. Pine Island Food Pantry needs – *Needs are posted in the Hooker Herald*
 - b. Blood Drive – *August TBA*
 - c. Adopt a Road - Lorie Tidwell -- *No date has been set due to construction maybe in Sept.*

d. FISH Back to School Clothes Program Aug 3... we are sponsoring 20 kids and the board has increased the amount to spend to \$2,200 from \$2,000. Lorie Tidwell will be shopping for the clothes and she has volunteers to help her. Please note: There has been confusion about FISH Basket Brigade and their Back Pack Program. FISH Basket Brigade is for Christmas gifts for children; whereas, the Back Pack Program is for the back to school clothing drive.

OTHER:

Madam Linda Bo explained how the 50/50 works for our new members.

50/50 collected \$125 Jeannie Glenn is tonight's winner.

Tonight's Attendance Winner: Volunteer of the month winner: DJ Ruscik

Tonight's donation to Food Pantry \$110 was collected for the food bank

Next Board Meeting: August 5, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. @ Salty Girl Island Cafe

Next General Meeting: Monday, August 12 , 2024 at 6:30 p.m. @ St. James City Civic Association, 3300 Fourth Avenue, Saint James City, FL 33956, Dinner will be served by the SJCCA in appreciation of our support and fundraising efforts.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:17 pm by Sandy Reynolds. Motion passed.