



**MATLACHA HOOKERS**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE: January 9, 2023**

**House of Omelets, 900 SW Pine Island Rd., Cape Coral, FL @ 6:30 p.m.**

Call to Order by Madam DJ at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Madam DJ

Invocation by Tania Watkins

Guest: Terri Hood- SW Parrot Head Club- presented a check for \$1,500.

**Madam DJ Ruscik**

- 1) 50/50: Sam's Fans; VFW North Ft. Myers January 14th event- membership to vote; Lorie Tidwell made motion to the VFW event; motion carried.
- 2) Upcoming Events and Volunteers needed
  - a) Dianne Wickes – DJ - Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> (tentative) – Packing up her home, SJC
  - b) NFM VFW Car and Bike Show – DJ - Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> – Hurricane Grill and Wings, Pine Island Road, CC 11:00-3:00– Need ONE volunteer. We are a sponsor and will have some merchandise. Deb Syring volunteered.
  - c) Art Festival Cape Coral – Linda Bohacek & Joanne Correia - Saturday, January 14th and Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:00-5:00 - Merchandise Booth. The Rotary will be presenting us with a \$10,000 check; need volunteers to work the merchandise booth need a couple of volunteers on each day.
  - d) ArtFest Fort Myers Beverage Team – Lorie Tidwell and Theresa Kramer– Friday February 3rd, Saturday the 4th and Sunday the 5th – River District, FM. Need volunteers. Have five shifts and five stations. Tips will go to Scholarships. How to volunteer is in the Hooker Herald.
  - e) Luau – Joanne Correia and Sandy Kerr – Planning meeting Monday, January 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at Firehouse #4. Event Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> and the SJC Civic Association. Sign up sheets have been passed around. Need volunteers for decorations and making the cork leis, center pieces and painting bamboo. Need food servers, set up and clean up. Wine and beer tasting servers needed. We will have 2 stations. Need volunteers to solicit donations. There are 8 areas to solicit. Meeting for soliciting donations is on January 12<sup>th</sup> @ House of Omelets at 10:00 a.m. We have received \$2,000 in sponsorship to date. If you would like to make a basket as an individual member there is a sign-up sheet. Need

donations for Chic Boutique; will do a cleaning session at Chris Buntin's home. Need volunteers at the Luau in the Chic Boutique.

Need wine donations. Value must be \$10. Or more. Bring to the next general meeting.

Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at St. James Civic Center is the event

- f) Storage Unit, Trailer and Maxwell House cleanouts/organization.
  - i) Joanne: asking for volunteers for trailer project. Trailer will be moved on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 to St. James City Civic Center. We will count the tents, clean them. Clean the trailer. Lisa Perry will help move the trailer with her truck.
  - ii) Linda asking for volunteers for storage unit project- Need volunteers on Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00. The storage is on Doug Taylor Circle, St. James City.
  - iii) DJ asking for volunteers for Maxwell House project – Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> 9:00am until completed with a break for lunch. There are items for Luau, Bag N Tag and Derby events. Address will be in the next Herald.
- g) Bag 'n Tag and Pancake Breakfast – DJ – Date is Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at the Moose Lodge on Stringfellow Road, SJC. Pay \$5. For a grocery bag and fill with clothes. There are other items, large items and jewelry. This event raises money for scholarship. Take donations from the members and not the general public. Need items of clothing that are “gently worn”. Items will need to be taken to the Maxwell House. Gwen Galpin volunteered to co-chair.

#### Fundraising:

- 1) Travel Raffle – Darcy - Drawing February 13<sup>th</sup> or when tickets are sold-out. \$25.00 a ticket. You win \$2,000. Travel voucher (can not be used for air fare).
- 2) Community Bag Program at Winn-Dixie – We've been selected for the month of February.

#### Hooker Business:

- 1) Pine Island Cares (Hurricane Recovery) - Julia
  - i. Building Supplies-opportunity to purchase supplies through GEM at a discounted rate. We need to find a location to store the building supplies. We don't have a date for the next supply give away. Today helped 66 individuals and 12 deliveries.
  - ii. Transportation- We will reinstate the Hook a Ride program. It will be a taxi service. Need to call the day before to book a ride and it will take them within the island including Matlacha.
  - iii. Raised \$250,000 for Hurricane Relief from Go Fund Me and private donations; Burnt Store Marina Platinum donated \$4,575.

- iv. Need help in SJC, Fox News will be doing 3 segments tomorrow, January 10th. Need to be on York Road at 8:00 a.m. Going to roll the streets with a magnetic roller. We received iPad's from the State of Florida to report debris that needs to be picked up.
- v. Honey Wagon- Trailer on property can get one free pump out.
- vi. Yucatan to Publix had 50 volunteers cleaning the street. Not our event but about 50 individuals volunteered. Next clean up on January 28<sup>th</sup> in Bokeelia from 8:00 – 10:00.
- vii. Project Hope- Have 2 workshops Resilience Training Workshop. Offered to those who are offering hurricane relief. Julia will provide more details.

Financial Requests: None

#### Vice Madam Julia Gaylor, Membership

- a) Membership Report: 157 for 2023; 56 new members.
- b) Meeting Attendance: 75
- c) New member swear-in: Ann Blatchley, Michelle Henderson, Terri Hood, Tracy Chapple, Tonya Aurand, Tiffany Noel, Kelly LaMagna, Barbara Pelton, Tammy Nodruff, Tracy Cress, Barbara Blitz, Lisa Davey
- d) Call Girls Thank You and next month's volunteers: Cindy Walton and Heidi Lutz; next month call girls are Kim Graves and Genie Andrews
- e) Birthday celebrations!
- f) February 1<sup>st</sup> the website password will change and will be in the Herald and announced at the next meeting
- g) Member mixer: February 10<sup>th</sup> location TBD. Will be posted in the Herald.

#### Secretary, Carolyn Ryzanych

- a) Review and approval of December general minutes Sandy Kerr made motion to approve; motion carried
- c) Mail – one letter read, thank you from F.I.S.H.

#### Treasurer, Deb Syring

- a) Review and approval of financial reports – Julia Gaylor made motion to approve November financials, motion carried; Darcy Conner made motion to approve December financials, motion carried.

#### Chaplain, Tania Watkins

- a. Chaplin Report – Card Shower for Holly Haynes who lost her husband; address will be in the Herald- January 29<sup>th</sup> celebration of Life at N Ft. Myers VFW @ 2:00 p.m. Card Shower for Thelma Hotzfield who is ill.
- b. Outreach Report
- c. Read a joke

## EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

### 1. Fundraisers

- a) Merchandise Report: Linda Bohacek- End of the year \$7,000. Presented new items
- b) PIE Derby: Julia, Deb and Monica- a meeting will be planned soon. Possibly the kid's derby will be at the Tarpon Lodge.

### 2. Community Support

- a) Blood Drive: February 18, 2023 @ Winn-Dixie 10:00-3:00; selling merchandise
- b) Pine Island Food Pantry needs – Check updates in Hooker Herald, currently in need of canned diced tomatoes

### OTHER:

50/50 collected \$395.00 Tonight's winners: 50/50 winner Julia Gaylor \$198.00; volunteer DJ Ruscik \$198.00

Tonight's donation to Food Pantry \$ 232.00

Next Board Meeting: February 6, 2023 6:00 p.m. @ MPIFD #4

Next General Meeting: Monday, February 13, 2023 6:30 p.m. @ American Legion Post 136, 4106 Stringfellow Rd. St. James City, FL- this will be a Pot Luck meeting. Sign-ups in the Herald.

Deb Syring made motion to adjourn at 8:11 p.m.