

Women of the Pines
General Membership Meeting
November 15, 2023
Forest Creek Golf Club

WELCOME: 12 NOON

Barbara Summers, President, thanked our hostesses Mary Hilgenberg and Marion Grote
Guest – Rebecca Listrom from Meals on Wheels, our speaker for today
Barbara shared some Thanksgiving Fun Facts with the membership.

PRAYER:

Barbara Summers led us in Prayer.

LUNCH:

Barbara thanked the staff at Forest Creek...Mary Dutton, Club House Manager, Sammie Toomer and Chef Edward Neiman

PROGRAM:

Tina Arno, Program Committee Co-Chair, introduced Rebecca Listrom, Director of Meals on Wheels. The organization has been operating for 50 years and it's important to note it is not a part of the national Meals on Wheels program. They do not pay an annual fee and are not responsible for the bulk of paperwork required for annual membership. There are 150 volunteers who not just deliver meals but interact with people on their delivery runs. They work with a \$129,000 budget and 17% of that is overhead.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Barbara Summers, President, called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM. Valerie Mountcastle moved to accept the October 18, 2023, general meeting minutes sent by email and Nancy Mack seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Treasurer's report for October was sent via email for the member's review. Note: included was a recap of the Bake, Bling and Raffle fundraiser. Treasurer, Brenda Sorrese is in Colorado until further notice to help with a family member's health issues.

Committees:

- **Membership:** Barb Summers and Cathy Bullock
- **1st Visit**
Pam Adamson guest of Barb Summers
Amy Cooper guest of Sara Prestipino. Carol Mulcahy guest of Maryfaith Cartwright
- **2nd Visit**
Ellen Brown and Lisa Heredia guests of Stefanie Bogetto
Kathy Maresca guest of Tina Arno
Pat Gleisner guest of Tina Arno for Jennifer Nguyen
Elizabeth Armstrong guest of Barbara Summers (reached out through our website)
- **3rd Visit and joing today** – Cathy Bullock
Susan Underwood sponsored by Glenda Kirby,

Membership is now 69. Orientation will be held after the meeting.

FUNDRISER:

- **Toys for Tots update** – Cathy Bullock
- **Bake Sale and Raffle** – Co-Chair Beth Van Vooren
Thank you everyone for your support.
- **Bling Fundraiser** – Co-Chair Kate Len
Thank you to Helen Kirk, Co-Chair and husbands. A special thanks to Music Man Sam Thomas for providing music in the parking lot, helped generate foot traffic.
- **J McLaughlin Sip and Shop**- Barb Summers
We are waiting for the final number towards our Charity Back Pack Pals.
- **Tour of the Red Brick Cottage on December 6th, 6:30 to 8.00 PM sponsored by Monkee's**
There are 100 tickets available, and 40 tickets will be allotted for WOTP at \$40 a ticket. November 20th information will be available by email blast. Press "reply only" for tickets. There will be Silent Auctions, Matt Holyfield will be decoration each room, a walking fashion show, catered bites and desserts all will be donated. All funds will go to a WOTP charity.

CHARITY SELECTION COMMITTEE – Lesa Measells

Please give ideas for names of Non-Profits to present for grants. They must fit our Mission Statement. The committee will send letters at the beginning of the year explaining the process for choosing. Contact Lesa at lesameasells@gmail.com if you have any new ideas.

WOTP 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Tina Arno Chair, Marty Gibbons

Past Presidents invited. Anyone wishing to sponsor a president, please contact Tina Arno. Susan Taylor-Schran will develop a PowerPoint highlighting the history of WOTP. Helen Kirk will write a history of the organization.

APRON CHAIR – Our current chair, Patti Talton, has taken a position with her church. We are looking for a new Chair...help anyone?

ADJOURNMENT:

Tina Arno moved the meeting be adjourned and Janis Carey seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Festival of Trees, Carolina Hotel, November 15 – November 18

December 5th, **TUESDAY**, Board Meeting at Community Presbyterian Church, 3 PM

December 12th, **TUESDAY**, General Membership Meeting, Forest Creek Golf Club, 11:30

Note: Both Board and General meeting will be on a **Tuesday** this month

Submitted by,

Ruthi Walker, Recording Secretary