

## **Solon Civic Club – October General Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** October 10, 2023

**Location:** Solon Senior Center

**WELCOME** – Nicole welcomed everyone and thanked those who also invited their friends and family members to attend and join the club. Next month's meeting will be at the North Coast Wine Club for the Wine Raffle. November's meeting will also include a collection for the Solon Food Pantry and a list will be provided in the newsletter of the most-requested items to donate. A suggestion was made from a member to perhaps collect diapers for Womankind. Please remember to send an email to the president email address if you would like to opt out of sharing your contact information with our members.

**FUNDRAISER** – Jennifer Kavanagh and Andrea Fishman – The upcoming wine raffle was explained. Donations of wine and wine bags are being collected until November 12. Donations from businesses are also being solicited. Members who brought donations of wine for the raffle tonight were thanked and asked to please let the chairs know if you donated so you can be recognized in the insert that will be in each bag. The raffle will be held at the meeting on November 14 at the North Coast Wine Club on Bainbridge Road. You can purchase a ticket through Robin Siff tonight, send a check to her home, or pay via Venmo. You can buy multiple tickets if you wish and sell tickets to family and friends and the chairs will deliver the wine.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE** – There will be collections for local families in need for Thanksgiving and the holidays. Please see the newsletter for details.

**SOCIAL** – Tera Gross and Sheryl Cohen – Thank you to those who attended the first few events. Upcoming Coffee Meet Ups are November 3 at Tame Rabbit in Chagrin and December 1 at Heartwood in Pinecrest. Save the date Nov 16 for an evening cooking class and Dec 6 for an evening craft class. Sign up to receive reminder emails for social events and follow the Facebook page.

**SUNSHINE** – Katie Watkins and Cathy Berman – Please let the chairs know of any needs among our members, such as surgeries, deaths, or meal needs.

**LUNCH WITH SANTA** – Donna Stefano – Donna gave a summary of the event. Lots of help is needed and sign ups will be via SignUpGenius. This year an extra sensory hour will be provided from 10 – 11 am. 475 tickets total will be sold. LWS will be on Saturday, December 9, with set up on Friday, December 8, held at SMS/Parkside. Donna thanked Teresa Whitham for providing the printing of the flyers. Help is also needed with distributing and hanging flyers. Donna is interested in finding shadows for herself as the event chair and Kathie Stull as the craft chair for this year, to mentor and take over in the future.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE** – Michelle Williams – We are looking for more hands-on opportunities to volunteer in the community. There will be two sign ups available at the end of the meeting, for a community baby shower hosted by Mom Effect on November 3-4, and a Solon Blue Ribbon Program (for individuals with disabilities) Fun Fest on October 21.

**SECRETARY** – Denise Maiorana – Thank you to everyone for participating in our Favorite Candy Icebreaker tonight – we are looking for new ways to gently encourage members to get to know one another. Please review the minutes from last month's meeting because we will vote to approve them at the end of the meeting.

**TREASURER** – Robin Siff – Robin presented the proposed budget, which is very similar to last year's. The budget will be voted on at the November meeting. Everyone was reminded to please join and pay their membership

dues – by check, cash, or Venmo. Robin also noted that she will be planning the holiday dinner and asked for assistance planning the game/gift exchange portion of that. Joetta volunteered.

VICE PRESIDENT – Jackie Chapnick – Jackie outlined the topics for upcoming meetings, as follows: November – Wine Raffle/held at North Coast Wine Club, December – Holiday dinner, January- Leigh Goldie of Empowering Epilepsy/held at their office, February – Solon Mayor Ed Kraus. Please note that the meetings in January and February will be on the third Tuesdays. Thank you to those who provided refreshments. There will be a monthly sign up for refreshments. Jackie is looking for suggestions for meeting topics and speakers. Jackie introduced tonight's speaker, Hyatt Bolden of Neat Quarters. Hyatt presented information on how to organize your home, including how to approach the task and break it down into chunks that are manageable.

NEW BUSINESS – Amy Rothenfeld made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12 meeting. Bobby Carlton seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.