

## Solon Civic Club – September General Meeting Minutes

**Date:** September 12, 2023

**Location:** RollHouse Solon

WELCOME AND CLUB OVERVIEW – Michelle welcomed everyone and expressed appreciation to last year's SCC board for their help with the board transition. Thanks to them for helping get the year off to a great start. Michelle explained that all members who pay their membership fee tonight will be entered in a raffle – renewing members will have a chance to win a basket and new members will have one of two items, either a basket or a Mary Kay product gift bag, generously donated by Anita Rhea. Nicole read SCC's 'Object and Purpose' to introduce the mission of the club to everyone. Michelle, Nicole, Jackie, Denise, and Robin gave personal introductions of themselves.

### INTRODUCTIONS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRPEOPLE

- FUNDRAISER – Jennifer Kavanagh and Andrea Fishman – Fundraisers for the year will include November's Wine Raffle, Dine to Donate events, a purse raffle, and a bar cart raffle.
- COMMUNITY SERVICE – Kathie Stull – There will be collections for local families in need for Thanksgiving and the holidays.
- SOCIAL – Tera Gross and Sheryl Cohen – Coffee Meet-ups will be the first Friday of each month, highlighting local coffee shops. October 4 there will be an event at Master Crafter DIY in Twinsburg. In November there will be a cooking class on preparing edible gifts in jars. December will have a holiday themed event with SCA and held at their new Bull House Gallery. These events usually require out-of-pocket payment. They try to focus on local, small businesses to support.
- LUNCH WITH SANTA – Donna Stefano – This event has been going on for 46 years. This year LWS will be on Saturday, December 9, with set up on Friday, December 8, held at SMS/Parkside. For those who have never participated, it is a holiday party for children, and includes games, crafts, visit with Santa, pizza lunch, magic show, and last year a Dreidel Den was added. 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. There will be a SignUpGenius for volunteers, and additional help needed with publicity (taking flyers to preschools, hanging posters, contacting newspapers.) Other specific help that is needed are someone to dress as Mrs. Claus, a Pocket Lady, a coordinator for student helpers, a coordinator for food, and Santa line helpers. Members are encouraged to purchase their tickets early as last year's event sold out and no tickets were available at the door.

SECRETARY – Denise Maiorana – Denise thanked past SCC secretary Melissa Fitzgerald for her assistance with MailChimp. Newsletters will come out via email and cross posted to the SCC Facebook page about one week before each monthly meeting.

TREASURER – Robin Siff – Robin reviewed the proposed budget, which is very similar to last year's. The budget will be presented at the October meeting. She also outlined the payment and reimbursement procedures for SCC. Cash or check are preferred for payments because other services charge a fee. Charitable disbursements for local organizations will be decided on at the end of the year.

VICE PRESIDENT – Jackie Chapnick – Jackie outlined the topics for upcoming meetings, as follows: October – Hyatt Bolden/Professional Organizer, November – Wine Raffle/held at North Coast Wine Club, December – Holiday dinner, January- Leigh Goldie of Empowering Epilepsy/held at their office. There will be a monthly sign up for refreshments. Jackie wished a very happy birthday to Michelle Williams and invited everyone to celebrate with a piece of cake.

QUESTIONS – Interest was expressed in creating a Sunshine Committee – Cathy Berman and Katie Watkins offered to be the chairs. The following ideas were noted and will be discussed by the board: creating a membership roster/directory to share with the members, and sharing the contact information of the board members in the newsletter.

Everyone was encouraged to mingle, eat, sign up for events as noted earlier, and pay dues/join as a new member. Raffle winners were announced – congratulations to Charmaine Jones (renewing) and Naomi Kall and Kristin Kvaka (new members.)