

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

**Date:** November 15, 2023

**Location:** North Coast Wine Club

**WELCOME** – Michelle welcomed everyone, including new members and guests, and thanked those who brought donations for the food pantry. She thanked Jennifer and Andrea for organizing this fundraising event, which set a record with 82 tickets sold. She also thanked Tom from the winery for hosting us. We will look forward to hearing from him later.

**TREASURER** – Robin Siff – The proposed budget is on the tables. We will vote on it at the end of the meeting. Everyone was reminded to please join and pay their membership dues – by check, cash, or Venmo. Please remember when sending in any payment, to note what the payment is for.

**HOLIDAY DINNER** – Robin Siff – The dinner will be on Tuesday, December 12 at D’Angelo’s in Twinsburg, beginning with cocktails at 6. Dinner will be served at 6:45. Payment is due by 12/4. Cost: \$40. There will be a cash bar. Bring a \$15 wrapped gift for the exchange game.

**SOCIAL** – Tera Gross and Sheryl Cohen – The chocolate class was fun and there are samples for everyone to enjoy. The coffee meet-up will be 12/1 at Heartwood at Pinecrest. The December craft event is being postponed because it is such a busy month. Future events planned include craft/jewelry in January, a ‘Galentine’ movie night in February, a candle pouring night in March, and a floral activity in April.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE** – Gift cards for Thanksgiving were delivered to the schools. Two \$50 gift cards were delivered to each of the Solon schools. The funds came from dues. There is a greater need this year for Adopt a Family, with 9 families identified through the school counselors. \$400 will come from dues, and we are looking for donations of gift cards for the rest. If we cannot meet the need, Kathie can reach out to SBF for additional funds, or the amount per family will need to be decreased. These are families who are not receiving help from other sources and will use the money wisely. If you didn’t bring a donation tonight but plan to, please sign up on Kathie’s list, so she knows what to expect. The deadline is December 7. Gift cards allow families to shop for their own children. We are looking for cards from Walmart, Target, or the multiuse gift cards from Giant Eagle. With the size of our membership, if everyone donates one gift card, we will meet the goal. There is a lot of need in Solon.

**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 – Plans for LWS are progressing. The tickets are at the printer. We are looking to borrow a large coffee pot and an easel. Please publicize the event to your family and friends. We need lots of help, including husbands, kids, etc. for set up and on the day of the event. Use the SignUpGenius to sign up for volunteer shifts. This will be the last year with Kathie Stull as the craft chair – she is looking for someone to mentor her and take over in the future.

**SECRETARY** – Denise Maiorana – Please review the minutes from last month’s meeting because we will vote to approve them at the end of the meeting.

**VICE PRESIDENT** – Jackie Chapnick – Jackie thanked those who brought refreshments for tonight’s meeting. Upcoming meetings: January – held at Empowering Epilepsy headquarters. February – at Solon Senior Center, with a presentation by Solon Mayor Ed Kraus.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Nicole Lieber - Melissa Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the budget as presented by Treasurer Robin Siff. Bobby Carlton seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed. Tera Gross made a motion to approve the minutes of the October meeting. Amy Rothenfeld seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

**FUNDRAISER** – Jennifer Kavanagh and Andrea Fishman – Tonight’s fundraiser raised at least \$1,500. Over 80 tickets were sold. Raffle prizes were distributed. Some bottles included gift cards.

**NORTH COAST WINE CLUB** – Tom told us that his facility makes world class wines right here in Solon. They have won many prestigious awards. He said this is the best kept secret in Cleveland!