

Solon Civic Club – October General Meeting Minutes

Date: October 8, 2024 – 7:00 pm

Location: Solon Senior Center

WELCOME – Nicole welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

LUNCH WITH SANTA – Nicole shared the LWS date, December 7 and shared that this is our main Solon Civic Club event and we need all the manpower we can get. Michelle circulated a sign up sheet. Last year we added a sensory hour from 10-11 am which was well received, so we will offer that again this year. The families who opt for the sensory hour are welcome to stay for the entire event, but the early hour is quieter and calmer for those who need that type of environment. The event includes a visit with Santa, lunch, face painting, a visit with the Pocket Lady, crafts, a magic show, games and a Dreidel Den. We need help from set up on Friday to clean up on Saturday, running all the areas and please feel free to invite your spouse, friends, and family members to come and help. This will be our 49th annual (excluding a break for COVID) event.

COMMUNITY SERVICE – Nicole shared a report from Kathie Stull regarding a request for donations for Adopt-A-Family. Details were in the newsletter. Our goal is to help 10 families. Donations can be made via Venmo, by check, or by dropping donations of gift cards off at Kathie's house.

FUNDRAISING – Michelle Williams – The members of the committee are Michelle, Robin Siff, Amy Rothenfeld, and Jennifer Drasner. Some members are wearing samples of the SCC items for sale. There are t-shirts (\$20), magnets (\$5) and tote bags (\$15). The order form will be available soon on the website or you can email Michelle for the form. The Wine Raffle will be in February (donations of wine and wine bags is ongoing) and the Purse Raffle will be in April. See Michelle for any questions.

SOCIAL – Sheryl Cohen stated that the goal of the Social Committee is to build common community and friendships within the group. Coffee Meet-Ups are the first Friday of each month at 9 am at smaller businesses in our area. November – Heritage Coffee in Solon, December – Buckeye Chocolate Café in Bainbridge. The monthly social events have out of pocket costs (minimal when possible), and focus on small and women owned businesses whenever possible. October – Glass Pumpkins at Glass Asylum, November – Jar Gifts run by Tera and Sheryl.

SUNSHINE – Jody Halley will be the chairperson this year. Contact her if you have any information to share about a member that could use some celebrations, well wishes, or sympathies.

TREASURER – Kim Cullers – The budget for this year was presented and will be voted on at the following meeting. Please remember to join – membership dues can be paid via cash, check, Venmo or Paypal. Please submit any receipts you have for reimbursement.

SECRETARY – Denise Maiorana – Please contact Denise if you want to change your email address for the newsletter. Please review minutes before the meeting each month because we will vote to approve them at the end of each meeting.

NEW BUSINESS - Vote to approve minutes from the September meeting. Amy Rothenfeld motioned to approve the minutes as posted online. Donna Stefano seconded the motion A vote was taken, and the minutes were approved.

VICE PRESIDENT – Jackie Chapnick - Our meetings are the second Tuesday of each month, held regularly at the Solon Senior Center. Next month our featured topic will be Walls of Love whose mission is to spread love to those in need. Thank you to those who brought refreshments tonight. There is a sign-up sheet coming around for refreshments for future meetings. There will be an in-person volunteer opportunity with Fostering Hope on October 21 at 6:30 pm – an email will be sent with the sign-up for that event. We will be putting distribution items together for Fostering Hope.

Jackie introduced tonight's speaker, Shannon Scott Miller from Fostering Hope. The organization's mission is to enrich the lives of children in foster care and residential treatment across Northeast Ohio. They prepare and distribute 900 'journey bags' each year to children who are entering foster care. They provide typical childhood experiences such as the zoo, museums, birthday boxes and gifts, and experiences in art, gardening, and yoga. Fostering Hope is looking forward to our volunteer event, where we will be able to make an immediate impact on children.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm after a group photo.