



Regency Woman's Club (RWC) Luncheon Meeting – March 6, 2008

The **Regency Woman's Club (RWC)** luncheon meeting was held in the Regency Clubhouse on Thursday, March 6, 2008. Eighty-three ladies attended the luncheon.

Gini Kelly, Webmaster, had the RWC website set up and available for viewing on the large screen in the ballroom. Before the luncheon got underway, Gini announced that she would be willing to go to any member's home, if requested, to demonstrate the use of the site. She also announced that a website "user guide" was available for pickup at the information table today.

In order to conserve time at the luncheon meetings, **President Dodi Myers**, announced that the "last call" to purchase raffle tickets would take place at the beginning of the luncheon rather than at the time of the raffle.

Dodi urged each member to fill out a luncheon critique form available on the tables. This is our means to assess the food and beverage service as well as offer suggestions regarding any needed improvements. **Kathy Elder, VP Programs**, evaluates the forms and passes the information on to Andrea Cabrera at the club and to the Regency Food and Beverage Committee.

Dodi welcomed special guest speaker, **Sherry Zachry, President of The League of Women Voters (LWV) of the Fairfax Area**.

Juanita Rorrer requested that first-time attendees please stand and then asked all members with March birthdays to stand and be recognized. Juanita advised that shortening the procedure to call on first-time attendees and birthday ladies is another attempt to conserve time at the luncheon meetings.

Joann Clemenz delivered two Irish Blessings as the inspirational "thoughts for the day."

Lunch was served.

Following dessert, **Shirley White, Co-President of the Prince William Area of The League of Women Voters** explained the three levels (national, state and local) of the LWV, gave a short bio of Sherry Zachry and then introduced Mrs. Zachry.

Mrs. Zachry advised that the League was formed to educate women about government and that the organization never endorses political parties or candidates. She mainly spoke in terms of (1) who they are, (2) what they do and (3) why everyone should be a member. An enthusiastic question and answer period followed her presentation.

Shirley informed the luncheon attendees that data regarding the Prince William Area League of Women Voters is usually available in the informational rack at the Club. She presented Mrs. Zachry with an honorarium from the RWC to conclude the luncheon program.

President Myers called the business meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Mary Postma announced that groundbreaking has occurred prior to the construction of the Prince William Performing Arts Center. Several RWC members met recently and formed a group to support interest in and awareness of the Center. Mary advised that anyone interested in joining the group and becoming involved in this endeavor should sign the sheet provided on the information table at today's meeting.

In response to several requests, **Dodi Myers** informed the membership that an effort will be made to keep the business meeting committee reports and any additional remarks as brief as possible. She encouraged everyone to refer to the RWC website for detailed information.

Lillian Coney, Treasurer, reported that the current balance in the RWC account is \$11,927. Of this amount, \$4,706 is in the Administrative Fund and \$7,221 is in the Charitable Fund (see detailed report attached). Lillian announced that she would begin to accept membership dues for the June 2008 through May 2009 fiscal year at the April Luncheon Meeting.

Kathy Haldeman reported for **Kathy Elder, VP for Programs**, and announced that the program for the April Luncheon Meeting would be a presentation by renowned quilt expert and appraiser, Hazel Carter. Members who would like to display their quilts at the luncheon are encouraged to do so.

Carol Fulton, VP for Community Service, thanked all members who generously bring items for SERVE each month. Community Service members are preparing for a "heroes party" where they will gather to pack food and personal hygiene items to send to servicemen and women overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan. This is called the *anysoldier.com* project – named after the website listing the soldiers and Units eager to receive the packages. Once the committee has developed procedures to smoothly implement this program, it will be expanded to include all RWC members and eventually all members of the community who wish to participate.

Under the supervision of **Marie Cardinal**, the committee is again preparing Easter Baskets for the SERVE shelter children. Marie would like members to help assemble the baskets on Monday, March 17 from 10 a.m. to noon. A sign-up sheet to volunteer is available on the information table at today's luncheon.

A Blood Drive will be held on Thursday, April 10. The INOVA bloodmobile will be in the clubhouse parking lot from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Carol advised that there is a serious need

for blood in our area and requested that anyone able to donate please sign up at the information table.

A basket to accept voluntary donations for Bobbie Jo Phillips is also located on the information table. These funds will help Bobbi Jo cover the necessary repairs to her home so that she is able to get her child care business underway.

The next meeting of the newly-formed Performing Arts Committee will be on March 14 at 11 a.m. and will feature guests Jean Kellogg, Executive Director of the Prince William Performing Arts Center, and Kristy Williams, Volunteer Coordinator of the Center. Anyone interested in attending the meeting may sign up today.

Fran Gallagher, VP for Fundraising, reported that the talent search for the April 26 Regency Revue has been completed and that the committees are working on the many preparations necessary to make a successful Revue. The advertising flyer will go out and ticket sales will begin on April 1. She urged everyone to sign up early as the Revue sold out last year.

Fran also advised the membership that several cookbooks are still available for sale and that the bulk of them need to be sold before we are eligible to enter our cookbook in the contest sponsored by the publisher. She urged everyone to stop by the sales table today and said that all books would be sold if each member purchased just one more book.

The **Elected Officers Nomination Form** (see copy attached) was distributed and **Marge Shane** introduced the slate of officers endorsed by the **Nominating Committee**. Nominees are:

President: Sherry Baer
Vice President: Kathy Elder
Treasurer: Pat Harron
Recording Secretary (2): Sandi McNickle, Dot Moser
Corresponding Secretary: Dodi Myers
VP Community Service: Rosemary Callahan
VP for Fund Raising: Donna Caudill
VP for Programs: Ruth Warren

Marge also advised members of their opportunity to submit additional nominations for elective office by completing the lower section of the Nomination Form. All forms should be completed and placed in the designated box located at the home of Sandi McNickle no later than March 20, 2008. The form is also available on the RWC website by clicking on the **RWC Nomination Form** located on the Home Page. All nominees will be presented at the April Luncheon Meeting, to include the slate recommended by the Board and any additional qualifying nominees from the membership at large. Voting for RWC officers will take place at the May Luncheon Meeting.

Ruth Warren, Membership Co-Chair, reported that the first meeting of the **Cancer Support Group** was well attended. A follow-up meeting will be held on March 24th at 1 p.m. and will address the organization and direction of the group. **Shirley Monaghan**, chairperson of the group, anticipates that they will soon be separate from the RWC and open to all members of the Regency Community.

Dodi Myers acknowledged the chairpersons of the three new endeavors that have developed within the RWC but which will expand into community-wide undertakings: (1) Carol Fulton and anysoldier.com; (2) Mary Postma and the group supporting the efforts of the Prince William Performing Arts Center; and (3) Shirley Monaghan and the Cancer Support Group. The three ladies were applauded for their talents, compassion and concern for others.

Mary Postma conducted the raffle drawings. **Margee Case** won the flower arrangement from the Flower Gallery, and **Roberta Pearl** won the gift basket prepared by **Donna Maynard**.

Lillian Coney made a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Sherry Baer** seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Shane
Recording Co-Secretary