

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation read by Carol Sitroon.

President Jennifer Lopez welcomed our guest speaker, Elizabeth Statzer and also Chris Martini (who is on his third meeting).

Present: Nicola B, Becky S, Carol S, Jackie S, Christine W, Frank B, Dee K, Tammy W, Carolyn Z, Cathy J, Stephen H, Jennifer L and Carr H. We missed: Lenora M, Karen L and Jennifer W. Happy dollars.

Jennifer confirmed we made about \$1,500 on the Mother's Day Basket

We did a live video of selecting the winner, which turned out to be Frank B.

Next fundraiser: Celebrating 250 years of America , alcohol cooler, winner to be drawn July 3, more info to follow on how we will sell tickets (on ground versus online).

May 15 — Lorraine Lane is presenting her Vision Board workshop.

May 16 — RLI (Rotary Leadership Institute) — please let Jennifer Lopez know if you wish to attend. It costs \$100 and the club will refund half of the cost upon attendance.

Dues — invoices are out — please pay promptly.

Guest speaker Elizabeth Statzer, Program Director for Vincent House, gave an excellent presentation on the services provided. They serve individuals ages 18 or older who are mentally ill, their members are not patients. They follow an accredited Club House model serving 37 standards. They do not provide medical services, individuals go to an outside agency for that. The clubhouse is a community and members

can come and go as they please. Vincent House focuses on job preparedness training — they also have a commercial kitchen. Employment is a huge focus. Vincent House opened 23 years ago, Eli and Diane are the founders and bought the Club House model for Pinellas Park Houses in Hudson and Spring Hill (on Forest Oaks). With employment, individuals work 12–20 hours a week and are mentored by staff to help them understand the job role with the idea that they will become proficient and be able to secure employment. These assignments last 9 months per individual. Supporters are WREC, Housing Authority and Amerikey. This system builds confidence to ultimately make individuals self-sufficient. There is a need for transitional employer providers in Hernando County. In Pasco County there are 39 one-bedroom modular homes being built for Vincent House members. They are having a chili cook off fundraiser around Halloween, they would love to partner with other Rotary groups.

Announcements May 29 - GPS for Vets

Thanks everyone for a superb meeting!

Nicola

Secretary