

Oct 7, 2026 Membership Meeting

Present: Nicola B, Dee K, Tammy W, Jackie S, Carol S, Frank B, Carr H, Stephen H, Carolyn Z, Christine W

We Missed: Cathy J, Karen L, Lenora M, Becky S, Jennifer L, Jennifer W

We welcomed guest speaker: Mike Cislo from NAMI Hernando

Meeting was opened by Past President Jackie Skelton, the pledge was led by Carr Hussey and the Invocation was by Carol S.

Checking with Elks regarding a new Quarter Auction date — possibly Feb 21 — watch this space!

Membership — Frank B offered a suggestion to help increase membership collectively as a group — he offered to do a once a month feature in a newsletter of a business, circulate to businesses within a 7-mile radius and invite all of them to attend the club. He will work on a draft of this — great idea Frank!

Succession Plan — Dee and Tammy are swapping places — Dee K is now President-Elect and Tammy W will be President Nominee. We are looking for a President Nominee Designate — we will talk more about opportunities for all members to be involved in leadership positions and what that looks like at our next meeting.

Save the Date

Oct 24 - Clay Shoot for A New Generation

Nov 14: RLI New Port Richey \$100 club will refund 50% if you attend — register on the DACdb.

Jan 23: President PETS location TBD

April 24: Vibrant club Summit — location TBD

June 3-6: District Conference - Art Ovation, Sarasota

Tammy W introduced guest speaker Mike Cislo from NAMI Hernando.

Mike spoke of his journey from being an airline pilot to heroin addiction and prison.

Idea formulated: My mess is now my message — he became driven to help others with addictions.

He went back to school, got a BA in Psychology and is now working on his masters.

NAMI has served Hernando County for 40 years — its current executive director is Tina Kinney, who has been there for 10 years. In that time, the organization has grown from 1 to a staff of 20. A recovery center was opened last year.

The organization provides free education and support to help families with mental health and substance abuse issues. Also, offers support groups for grief etc. — they advocate at the local, state and national levels. Their outreach purpose is to connect with individuals.

Thank you, Mike, for a great presentation.

Meeting closed at 6:15pm

Nicola
Secretary