

William H. Jervey Library Community Room

Meeting called to order at 1:08PM

1. Call to Order and Welcome
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Reading of the Collect
4. After-meeting social hour at Cafe Venice. Bernie Novicki took a headcount. Approx. 12
5. Speaker: Heather Madsen from Rotary Futures, 501c3 located at Venice High School
 - a. Main goal to help kids create a plan for life after high school
 - b. Rotary Futures College Resource Center
 - c. 2001 Founding – help students apply for college
 - d. Work directly with the high school students
 - e. This is college application season: 300 to 400 of the 637 seniors apply to college
 - f. Scholarship season: essays and interview skills
 - g. Scholarships change the student – it is like you see the light turn on inside them: reassurance that can succeed
 - h. Public Florida Schools average \$25,000 per year
 - i. FAFSA = Pell Grant = only \$500 to \$7500
 - j. Also determines how much other scholarships will award them
 - k. Bright Futures (lottery funded) can pay for a year of school with good GPA, good test score and community service
 - l. Updates on past VNWC Scholarship winners: they are doing well
6. Old Business
 - a. Approval of September minutes
 - i. Tricia Cook
 - ii. Kathy Emann
 - iii. All approve
 - b. Treasurer reports
 - c. Membership Directory is available for viewing on the Member- only page
Password: 1886LAlbee!
7. New Business
 - a. Collection of Over the Counter (OTC) donation items for Good Samaritan Pharmacy
8. 1st Vice President - Sally Schmidt
 - a. October Birthdays
 - b. Guests 6 guests
 - i. Connie White
 - ii. Deb Umlor
 - iii. Elizabeth Woodburn
 - iv. Georgianne (Georgy) Renella
 - v. Janise Weis
 - vi. Kathie Bullano
 - vii. Linda Ranker
 - c. Induct New Members

- i. Clarissa Thomasson
 - ii. Jillian James
 - iii. Susan Bacanis
 - iv. Teri Ostroviack
9. 2nd Vice President - Bernie Novicki
- a. Holiday Luncheon details
 - i. December 11th
 - ii. Hotel Venezia
 - iii. 12 Noon
 - iv. Accepting cash or check of \$30 today
10. Director of Fundraising - Gail Mandel
- a. Updates on the Jubilee Celebration, Friday, March 20th 2026
 - i. Tickets go on sale starting January 2nd
 - ii. Come dressed in your favorite decade
 - iii. Fill out a recipe card for a Recipe Box as a raffle prize
 - iv. Buy a raffle ticket and bring to add to the Treasure Chest raffle prize
 - b. Updates on the Holiday Parade, Friday, Nov 28th, 2025
 - c. Sign-up sheets for
 - i. Discovery Day at Dogs, Inc., October 11
 - ii. Photo Op with members "prepping" Old Betsy for the Holiday Parade, October 18 1pm
 - iii. All Faiths food bank, preparing Backpacks of food for kids, November 3, 1pm – 3pm
 - iv. Holiday Parade, VNWC Grand Marshal and Tailgate Pizza Party prior to the parade @ the Old Betsy Museum. Friday, Nov 28; Please bring canned goods for the Boy Scouts Collection!
 - v. Venice Area Mobile Meals
 - 1. Bingo Bash – we are invited
11. Director at Large - Lorraine Finizio
- a. Blalock Tree Decorating Committee
 - i. Oct 15
 - ii. 11am
 - iii. Conference Room at Venice Library
 - iv. Decorating - November 26th
 - b. Venice Theater on October 16th at 9am
 - i. VNWC has been invited
 - ii. Top-It-Off event
 - iii. Includes a tour of theater

Adjournment @2:19

- a. Trisha Cook made a motion to adjourn
- c. Verna Silk made a second
- d. All approve

Next Meeting: November 13, 2025 @ 1pm; William H. Jervey Library, Community Room

Submitted by Vicki Hazle, Secretary

