

## Minutes of General Meeting February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024

- The meeting was called to order by Barbara Leurig, President. There were 25 members, 7 guests, and 2 guest speakers present.
- > Barbara Leurig led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- Roy Meyer led the members in prayer.
- Barbara Leurig led the group in singing "You are my Sunshine"
- Roy Meyer introduced the guests at the meeting. Bill Wilson introduced the Honorable Gerard Hudspeth, Mayor of Denton and a member of the Denton Breakfast Kiwanis Club.
- Program Barbara introduced Lonnie Gisi and Kathy Bailey as the speakers about their 500 mile Camino de Santiago trip in Spain. Erminja Maganja, a visitor and friend of Lonnie, also completed the Camino.
  - Lonnie gave a recap of her experiences when doing the 500 mile walk (600 considering side trips to stores etc.). She revealed very moving feelings and emotions during this historic, Christian pilgrimage.
  - Kathy gave a detailed review of her experience, including her husband, when they
    completed the pilgrimage. The Camino is one of the top three Christian Pilgrimages.
    Camino do Santiago is the translation of "The Way of Saint James". Over 500,000 people
    have made the pilgrimage. Kathy explained the historic trail that covers all types of terrain
    with varying levels of difficulty. She shared very heartfelt emotions that she experienced
    from times of total solitude to then meeting a whole community of people on the trail to
    share their experience and reasons for doing the pilgrimage.

## Club Business Items

- Barbara reviewed the Trivia Night event from Thursday night. The event went well with 300 people playing Trivia. Barbara thanked all the members who worked during the ticket sales and the Trivia Night event. The next Trivia Night will be May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Susan Galbraith and Ed Ahrens visited Our Daily Bread on Wednesday to set up the volunteering days. Our Daily Bread is very organized and provides very caring and resourceful services to the residents and those who come in for food or help. To coordinate the schedules, the second Tuesday and Wednesday of each month have been set up for those members who signed up for those respective days. The first volunteer dates will be March 12<sup>th</sup> and March 13<sup>th</sup>. Ed will provide more email details as the time to start volunteering gets closer. We have 18 members signed up so far.
- The Craft Show scheduled for April was covered by Roy Meyer. Roy is working with Shelbi on a date of April 27<sup>th</sup> for the show.



• Greg Laffey updated the members on the Freedom House Gala on March 1<sup>st</sup> and invited members to join in attending the dinner and fundraiser for Freedom House.

## Announcements/Reminders

- Bill Wilson reported that the next meeting, March 1<sup>st</sup> will be a club business meeting without a speaker. The March 15<sup>th</sup> speaker will be Northlake Town Mayor David Rettig. Bill continues to ask for members to recommend speakers for our meetings.
- Members were reminded to bring hygiene items for the Interfaith Ministries program.
- The next meeting will be March 1<sup>st</sup> in the Lounge at the Grill.

## Club Member Updates

- Birthdays Happy Birthday was sung for Ed Ahrens. Other February birthday was Bruce Walker on February 17<sup>th</sup>
- Linda Munz is recovering well after surgery.
- Happy Dollars followed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 AM.





