

Women Helping Others  
General Meeting  
November 13, 2023

President Terry Fierle opened the WHO General Meeting at 1:30 by reminding everyone of the Gals About Town gathering at the Monument Café on November 16 at 11:30. Those interested should contact Judy Blakely. Also, on November 28, from 2-4 p.m., ROCK will be providing a wine tasting for the ladies who put together the baskets for their fundraiser. There will space for 40 guests. Those interested should contact Terry.

Terry introduced today's program, a background of the Holidays Meals Delivered.

There are volunteer opportunities that you can investigate at the Outreach table. The Salvation Army needs bell ringers and Key2Free needs side dishes for Thanksgiving.

**Secretary's Report**

Secretary Marilyn Rawnsley moved that the minutes of the October 23 General Meeting be approved as written. Pam Gardner seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Ramona Thomas presented the club's financial statement. She also reported that WHO had 4 new members join in the last month bring our total membership to 360.

Balance October 9, 2023		<u>\$2,907.57</u>
Contributions from Members:		
Meetings and Mail-In	\$415.00	
On-line dues	\$130.00	
Subtotal of Contributions		\$ 545.00
Expenses:		
Donations to non-profits:		
Balance November 13, 2023		<u>\$3,452.57</u>
Petty Cash Balance	\$231.68	

Ramona moved that the report be approved as presented. Deborah Gates seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the motion passed.

### **Vice President's Report**

Vice President Maria Tolleson thanked all of the ladies who donated gift baskets to ROCK's fundraiser. The effort was extremely successful.

Maria explained to the membership that WHO is a charter club that collaborates with the community and others to assist in supporting non-profits. One of these efforts is the Holiday Meal Delivered Program which is a community effort. Different aspect of WHO's involvement will be explained by WHO members who have a history with the event:

- Pam Gardner talked about the development of this event. From a one-person service, it became a city-wide effort in 2008. Five hundred families will be served. They are screened after filling out an application which is obtained at The Caring Place. Seniors from Meals On Wheels are included. WHO has members who are drivers for the MOW program. Also, WHO members are asked to serve as drivers/meal deliverers on Christmas morning.
- Judy Aishman invited the membership to assist with the cookie packing session on December 23, 9:30 a.m., at the Atrium. Fifty dozen will be provided by The Monument and Luby's. Hundreds more will be donated by the community. Judy encouraged wearing Christmas attire for the event and to come ready for a fun morning. Packers were asked to bring their own gloves and were informed that they needed to be 8 yrs or older to participate.
- Terry talked about the toiletry drive. WHO members have generously donated to this effort and the toiletries will be packaged following the meeting today.
- Nina Stancil explained that gift cards were requested for the seniors. Two hundred will receive two gift cards each in the amount of \$25. These should be from either Walmart or HEB. This request will be in the NRO bulletin and, so, will be Sun City-wide. WHO sponsors this.

Kathy Davis explained her involvement with Helping Hands. Donations are gladly accepted for this at each meeting.

Joan Douglas described the different greens that she had picked and brought for anyone interested in using them for fragrance or cooking. How thoughtful and interesting!

Maria informed members that the meeting in January will be a celebration meeting. We'll review those non-profits that WHO learned about and supported in 2023 and the monies raised during the various fundraisers. The speakers, representing their non-profits for 2024, will be present which will give us an opportunity to meet them prior to their formal presentations.

### **Adjournment**

Terry adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilynn Rawnsley, Secretary