**CROATAN WOMEN’S CLUB DECEMBER 2019 MINUTES**

President Martha Davenport conducted the meeting. She began by thanking Margaret Roomsburg for hosting the December and opening her home with its beautiful Christmas decorations for the club to enjoy. Members brought wine, food, an unwrapped toy for the Noblemen toy drive and an ornament to exchange (if they wanted to participate).

Martha introduced 6 new members (Lynette Reuss, Cathleen Edge, Bonnie Doman, Chrystal Dupelka, Tracy Dannell and Denise Costigan) and encouraged all members to bring a neighbor to enjoy the wonderful company. Several of these new members mentioned that they felt invited by the flyers about the meeting they found in their mailboxes.

* 38 Members attended this meeting.
* Margaret Roomsburg reported that the club had $2,324.37 in its bank account, and 57 paid members.
* Kathy Donahoe & Cheryl Garvey discussed the neighborhood “Mermaid Mafia” and its purpose (to assist any neighbor in need). They asked members to keep them updated on any neighbor who is having difficulties and needs assistance (meals, yardwork, transportation to medical appointments, etc.) Please contact Cheryl if you’d like to contribute.
* Cheryl Garvey made the group aware of some upcoming CCL events.
  + Annual Meeting at New Realm Brewery was well received. New officers were elected and sworn in.
  + November 1st Fall Ball at Hunt Club Farm was cancelled due to lack of interest
  + November 24th Santa pictures on the beach went well
  + There will be a membership drive to help bring new members into the civic league and explain the value it delivers to the neighborhood. A raffle of 2 tickets to the Spring Fling will be held to recognize paying members.
  + There is a Civic League Facebook Page members can join to keep current with planned events, and neighborhood news.
  + The Welcome Wagon is managed by Cheryl Garvey. Please contact her if you know of a new neighbor.

Martha mentioned that there is also a CWC Instagram Page that members can join if interested.

* Linda Ritchie-Royal introduced the upcoming CWC programs currently planned.
  + January – Soup & Stew party – hosted by Priscilla Ayers. Members were encouraged to team up to create soups/stews & accompaniments – please contact Martha Davenport and let her know what type of soup/stew you’re interested in bringing for the group to share
  + February – Wine Tasting – Angie Schwartz hosting
  + March – Craft Activity – Amy Arnessen hosting
  + April – No firm activity yet – in planning stage – Kate Rippenberger hosting

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* + May – Met Gala event (members are encouraged to team for this event) – Kay Troutman hosting
  + June – End of Year Event

Lynnette Reuss (a returning member) – thanked the group for the significant donations to the Noblemen toy drive.

Martha ended the meeting by thanking all attendees, encouraged them to spread the news about the club and kicked off the ornament exchange which was enjoyed by all who participated.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Callahan

Secretary