

Newcomers/Longtimers Luncheon Meeting Minutes May 21, 2026

WELCOME and CALL TO ORDER – Jackie Zimmerman, President, absent 1st Vice President Holley Smothers called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. The meeting was held at Mama Cita's. The April Charity is Lake Area Industries.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Nicole Frances

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Holley handed out small gift bags to all in attendance. The theme again will be the 60th anniversary. "Be the woman who straightens another woman's crown without anyone knowing."

In keeping with the 60th anniversary celebration of this group, the motto for this upcoming year is:

"Straightening each other's crowns, shining brightly, and leading with grace."

RECORDING SECRETARY – Tracy Siegel, present

Minutes from the April 16, 2026 luncheon were distributed on the tables for members to review. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Pat Thompson. It was seconded by Karen Leary. The minutes were approved and will be forwarded to the Webmaster to be posted.

TREASURER REPORT – Anita Kness, present

The Treasurer's report was given, the balance in the operating budget is \$9,480.09 (this excludes dues for the 26/27 year that have been collected today). The balance in the Scholarship fund is \$5,291.75. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Nancy Macy. It was seconded by Nicole France. It was approved.

BUSINESS – Holley Smothers, 1st Vice President, present

N/L Cookbook – A cookbook is being generated to commemorate the 60th anniversary. The first cookbook meeting will be held June 3rd, 10am – 12pm at the Osage beach Library meeting room, if you are interested in helping, contact Holley Smothers. The first deadline for recipe submission is July 1st, the final date is Aug. 1st. A pre-order form for cookbooks was available at the tables and will be distributed via Evite. 100 pre-orders are needed to cover the printing costs. The books should be available by the September kick-off.

Membership – Judy Cullen, Membership chairperson All dues for the upcoming year are due by June 1st. If dues are not paid in full by the time of the kick-off in September you will be removed from the active roster of members.

September Cruise – Dee Long, Special Activities chairperson The New England cruise is scheduled for the Fall of 2026. The deadline for reserving a spot with N/L is May 30th.

Website and other Social Media – Nancie Boland, Publicity Chairperson and Webmistress We have 1200 followers on FaceBook. Nancie will be creating the summer newsletter; all articles are to be sent to her.

Adjournment – A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by JoAnne Engel, seconded by Paula Petropoulos, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05pm.

Charity of the Month – Natalie and Lena, representatives from Lake Area Industries were present to speak to the group regarding this organization. LAI is a sheltered workshop that provides employment for individuals with varying abilities. They operate via State and Federal Grants, through donations, and by earning income doing a variety of services for the community including: product packaging, recycling, document destruction, collection and disposal of hazardous waste, their garden center and onsite services such as cleaning and laundry in the community. A check for \$324 was presented to LAI from N/L.

Installation of the 2026/2027 board – Mary Patrick Stewart, Corresponding Secretary Mary read a letter from Jackie Zimmerman thanking the group for the opportunity to serve as the president this last year. Mary recognized the 2025/2026 outgoing executive board and thanked them for their service. This includes:

- Jackie Zimmerman, President
- Holley Smothers, 1st Vice President
- Michelle Clauson, 2nd Vice-President
- Anita Kness, Treasurer
- Tracy Siegel, Recording Secretary
- Mary Patrick Stewart, Corresponding Secretary

She then introduced the incoming 2026/2027 executive board:

- Holley Smothers, President
- Gina Davis, 1st Vice President
- Michelle Clauson, 2nd Vice President
- Linda North, Treasurer
- Marti Gambill, Recording Secretary
- Nicole Francis, Corresponding Secretary

These ladies will begin their responsibilities June 1, 2026. Thank you for volunteering to serve.

Holley Smothers, announced raffle ticket and attendance prize winners, then thanked everyone for attending. Our next meeting will be September 17th, our annual Kick-off, at the Elk's Club in Osage Beach.