

Newcomers/Longtimers Luncheon Meeting Minutes January 15, 2026

WELCOME and CALL TO ORDER – President Jackie Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday January 15, 2026. The meeting was held at Vista Grande Restaurant , January Charity was Medical Missions for Christ.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Joanne Engel

PRESIDENT’S REMARKS – Jackie Zimmerman

Ruth Dotzenrod, an active member of Newcomers/Longtimers passed away recently. Ruth was always a fixture at our luncheons assisting with the sale of raffle tickets as well as being active in other events and activities. Jackie asked for a moment of silence in honor of and in memory of Ruth.

The process for Scholarship applications is underway. Applications will be going out January 16th, the scholarships will be awarded at the April luncheon.

Judy Cullen will be leading the nominating committee for the upcoming year. The treasurer and corresponding secretary positions will be open on the executive board as well as several Activity chair and special chair positions. If you are interested in taking a more active role in N/L, please let Judy or Jackie know.

RECORDING SECRETARY – Tracy Siegel

Minutes from the December 18, 2025 luncheon were distributed on the tables for members to review. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Joanne Engel. It was seconded by Ellen Taylor. The minutes were approved and will be forwarded to the Webmaster to be posted.

TREASURER REPORT – Anita Kness

The balance in the operating budget is \$7,598.70. The balance in the Scholarship fund is \$2,753.15 after a donation of \$160.00 from the Single Ladies. The total amount of the Scholarship fund with the CD included is \$9,253.15, just shy of our \$10,000 goal with 3.5 months to go until presentation. A motion to approve the Treasurer’s report was made by Mary Sue Bennett. It was seconded by Dee Long. It was approved.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE BUSINESS MEETING

A motion to adjourn the business meeting was made by Pat Thompson and seconded by Joanne Engel. The meeting was adjourned.

Krista Carter, a representative from Medical Missions for Christ, our January charity, gave a presentation on the services provided by the group as well as listing ways in which they receive funding and some of their current and ongoing needs. Some keys points include that they assist individuals/families that are 200% below the poverty level. They do not receive any government funding; they rely on grants, gifts, and other fundraising. Their current fundraising program is a gently used shoe collection. If you would like to help, donations can be dropped off at their clinic located in the Camden County Health Dept. They are also looking for a dentist and hygienist and will always accept used durable medical equipment, prescription medicines, and any other medical equipment. N/L presented Krista with a check for \$260.

Following lunch Gail Severance, a MO state fair blue ribbon for honey winner, gave a presentation on bees and beekeeping.

Holley Smothers, 1st Vice President, announced raffle ticket and attendance prize winners.

Holley thanked everyone for attending. Our next meeting is February 19th at The Encore Lakeside Grill and Sky Bar. The program will be about Lake History Trivia/Camden County Museum by Daphanie Jefferies. Our Charity will be the Lake Ozark Stop Human Trafficking Coalition.