

Newcomers/Longtimers Luncheon Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2026

WELCOME and CALL TO ORDER – President Jackie Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. The meeting was held at Lake Valley Golf Club , March Charity is Aging Best.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Jackie Zimmerman

RECORDING SECRETARY – Tracy Siegel

Minutes from the February 19, 2026 luncheon recorded by Mary Patrick Stewart, were distributed on the tables for members to review. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Pat Kreger. It was seconded by Marti Gambill. 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 \$7,935.34. An additional \$92 was contributed today by Happy Hour. The balance in the Scholarship fund is \$3,712.34. A donation of \$125 was made by Ladies Bunco to the scholarship in memory of Ruth Dotzenrod. The total amount of the Scholarship fund with the CD included is \$10,292.34. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Claudia Thomas. It was seconded by Judy Cullen. It was approved.

BUSINESS – Jackie Zimmerman

Scholarship - The process for Scholarship awards is complete and there will be 3 scholarships awarded in the amount of \$2,500 each to students from Columbia College. The scholarships will be awarded at the April luncheon.

Nominating Committee - Judy Cullen, special chairperson for the nominating committee announced that the committee is reviewing candidates for the NL board for next year and asked for any additional names to be considered. She announced that an additional board position, Recording Secretary, will be open for the upcoming year along with President, Treasurer, and Corresponding Secretary positions. Several Activity chair and special chair positions will also be open for next year. If you are interested in taking a more active role in N/L, please let Judy know. The recommended slate for next year's executive board will be announced at the April luncheon. Additional members of the nominating committee include Carole Olivarri, Susan Letterman, Susan Akscin, and Judi Campau.

September Canadian Cruise – Donna Steele spoke to the group and provided written information regarding the upcoming cruise scheduled for the Fall of 2026.

N/L Cookbook – A cookbook is being generated to commemorate the 60th anniversary. Anyone interested in participating in the committee should let Holley Smothers know. A pre-order form for cookbooks will be distributed via Evite. 100 pre-orders will cover the printing costs. The books should be available by the September kick-off.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE BUSINESS MEETING

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

Candi Bockenstedt, a representative from Aging Best, the March charity of the month, gave a presentation on the history of the organization along with information about what they do including nutrition counseling, providing supportive services and classes, offering information and referrals and caregiving support. N/L presented Candi with a check for \$392.

Following lunch Danielle Moore, owner of Roaming Gypsy spoke to the group and emceed a fashion show featuring items from the Roaming Gypsy worn by N/L members.

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

Holley thanked everyone for attending. Our next meeting is April 16th at Tavern at Trails End. Responses to the Evite will be confirmed individually by Holley due to the limited capacity at the venue.