

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY NEIGHBORS AND NEWCOMERS MEETING**  
**February 27, 2020**

President Brenda LaVigne welcomed all members and guests to the February 27, 2020 meeting of Cumberland County Neighbors and Newcomers meeting. It was held at the Christ Lutheran Church in Fairfield Glade, TN. Mayor James Mayberry and our Speaker Sheila Ray were special guests. Today we are celebrating 35 years as Cumberland County Neighbors and Newcomers Club.

Jan Elwood moved and Mary Ann Webb seconded the motion to approve the January minutes. Motion carried. Brenda said we are permanently suspending having 50/50 due to the state law which says 50/50, bingo, cake walks, reverse raffles, and any game of chance are illegal. A few N & N tee shirts are still available for \$5.00; see Shirley Butka at her craft table. Today some members picked up two cinnamon rolls for \$5.00 provided by DinkyDoos. Changes to the Bylaws is still continuing by the Review Committee. The changes will be presented to the Board in March. They will then be voted upon by the membership. Carolyn Boyle has been working on our website and found a new, free website. There were too many problems with the google site. Brenda reminded us to keep bringing in new or slightly used items for the Auction in May, along with items to fill gift baskets. She told us we gave last month a generous cash donation of \$380.00 for Plateau Pregnancy, with in kind donations approximately of \$384.00. Today donations were accepted for Phoenix School, plus money for gift cards.

Brenda told us elections of officers will take place in April. Please see Lucille Kelly if you wish to volunteer to serve in an elected position or on a committee. The Installation will be at the May meeting. She announced that Mary Ceurvorst has had to resign as Co President for personal reasons. Shirley Butka compiled information about our club entitled Cumberland County Neighbors and Newcomers Club Thirty Five Years and Counting. A copy of this was placed on our tables. It first began in 1983 as Welcome Wagon. Shirley was the first President of our club. She introduced all past Presidents who were here today, giving the years they served. Shirley shared excerpts from her printed information with us and showed us some pictures on a display board.

Jan Elwood gave the Invocation Prayer prior to our luncheon. Kelly Shepherd of Flying Pig catered the meal of sliced ham, baked macaroni and cheese, potato salad, steamed vegetables, tossed salad, and rolls. He provided two beautifully decorated cakes to commemorate our 35 years celebration today! Cheryl Adams welcomed seven guests attending today: Diane Coleman, Lori Napear, Fay Strelesky, Electra Streck and Diane Mason. Diane Mason received the guest gift. Seven new members joined last month. City Mayor James Mayberry spoke to us concerning the background of his family's business, Mayberry's Furniture, in Crossville. They began as a variety dollar store downtown.

Terri Curran, Programs, introduced Sheila Ray who is a beekeeper. She spoke to us of the importance of bees to our environment. She also brought some honey to sell. Linda Andrews,

Caring Committee, asked about Pat Olin who had a bad fall before Christmas and found that she is progressing in rehab. On Thursday, March 12 Shirley Butka has a trip planned called On the Way to Nashville. Shirley gave us an interesting fact, saying she estimated over \$100,000 had been donated over the years by our club to various organizations. Marita Rumph of the Books Committee thanked those who brought books to be sold here today.

Shirley Butka collects many items and gift certificates each month for Door Prizes. This month winners were given the following: Two tickets to see "Clue" at the Cumberland County Playhouse, a free haircut by Angela at Hair Connection, \$10 certificate for 5th St. Marketplace Cafe, a \$25 certificate to Mayberrys, two \$25 certificates to Kirk Automotive, four certificates to Captain D's for free fish and fries, \$10 from Poppies Florists, \$10 certificate to the Flying Pig, \$20 to Raine at Village Mall Beauty Shop, and some Rosemary infused honey.

The next meeting will be on March 26 at the Thunderbird Recreation Center, 106 Deer Run Circle in Crossville, TN. A BBQ luncheon will be provided by Lefty's. The program will be a presentation on Oak Ridge, the Secret City, by Richard Cook. We will be collecting cash donations for the Christian Counseling Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Spencer  
Co Secretary