Neighbors and Newcomers of Cumberland County Meeting Minutes October 26, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Robbie Corbin at 11:02 a.m. at the Cumberland Medical Center Conference room. There were 75 members and 6 guests present at the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited prior to eating.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A motion was made by Cindy Leckvarcik, seconded by Val Capper, to accept the September on-line treasurer's and secretary's reports.
- Name badges are still available for purchase.
- Please visit the crafters displays in the back room. A portion of crafts sold is given to the club.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A collection was taken for the purchase of turkeys for less fortunate in our area. \$600 was collected for the turkeys.
- Many thanks to Julie Quinn for offering to take the role of assistant treasurer.
- Nan Wallace needs help with check in when members and guests are arriving at the meeting. See Nan to volunteer.
- We will be selling Board baked cookies at the December meeting. This includes the volunteer committees. Bring cookies to the December meeting. They will sold for \$3.00 /dozen.

The Caring report was given by Judy Christman. There were 3 cards sent for surgeries in September. They request that they be advised of any known need for cards to be sent.

The Guest report was given by Carolyn O'Neil. There were 6 guests present, with one of them having also joined today. Karine Andrews won the guest prize.

Shirley Butka will be leading a trip to Chattanooga for a river cruise. Price is \$81 inclusive of bus, cruise ticket, and lunch. Trip will leave at 8am.

The invocation was given by Billie Mitchell prior to a delicious lunch of chicken and rice pilaf provided by Cumberland Medical Center.

Muriel Smith introduced the speaker today, John Conrad from Conrad Facility Tours. John entertained us with his humor and enlightened us with an explanation of the type of tours he and his helpers organize within 20 miles of Crossville. The group organizes tours to local industrial facilities, restaurants, breweries and wine makers, first responders, restaurants, ranches and farms, and most any place of interest to members. Membership is required to take part in the tours. Enrollment can be done on line at <u>www.conradtours.com</u>.

The monthly birthday prize for October was won by Jan Elwood, and the November prize by Barbara Patterson.

Many thanks to the providers of the Door Prizes this month : Cumberland County Playhouse, Hair Connection, Mayberry's, Captain D's Fish & Chips (4), Poppie's Florist, Dave Kirk Automotive (2), Regions Bank (2), Long Road Café' (2), Fortes, and Arlene Albert & Mark Richie for ½ off Playhouse tickets (3). Please thank these businesses if you are there for their generous donations to Neighbors and Newcomers!

The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 pm by Robbie Corbin. Next meeting will be on December 7 at the Clyde M York 4H Center, 62 4-H Center Drive, Crossville

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Leckvarcik, Secretary