

South Sound Sea Hawkers

January 21, 2025

Meeting called to order by President Colin Mitchell at 7:05 pm at the Lakewood Ram.

Officers Present: Colin Mitchell, Deanna Roe, Sue Farley, Cindi Lang

Speakers: We had four guests from Paws for Purple Hearts. The most popular guest was Valor, the puppy guest. Sonja explained they trained dogs for veterans. It takes 2.5 - 3 years to train each dog and it costs \$35,000 to train each one. By the end of training, the dog will know 120 commands including light switches, taking off socks, open and closing doors and interrupt behavior. They use golden retrievers, labs or a mix. When they have been trained, they match each service dog with a veteran and everything is free for the veteran. If anyone is interested in volunteering or needing more information, you can contact Sonja at Sonja@pawsforpurplehearts.org.

Bunco: Our January bunco had 26 members present and the charity was the Soup Ladies. Made \$775.00. The February bunco is February 16. The theme is Valentine's with sloppy joes being served by a member. Tree House is the charity.

Central

Council: Our chapter received their yearly report for 2024 from Central Council. We had 4,220 volunteer hours and raised \$24,371 in donations. We will be entering our chapter for Chapter of the Year.

Wreath Across

America Saturday, January 25, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Washington Soldiers Cemetery in Orting volunteers will be picking up the Wreaths and disposing of them. Hot chocolate, coffee and donuts will be served if anyone would like to volunteer.

Football Watch

Party: There will be a watch party at Scoreboard Sports Bar in Federal Way on February 9th. Doors open at 1:00 pm and the game starts at 3:00 pm. Money raised from drawings will go to support our charities.

Mother 2 Many: Mother 2 Many is collecting donations at Fred Meyer on February 1,

Ron Logan: Ron introduced the idea of getting together with other teams' football fans and do charity work. Elite Super Fans was an idea, however, our Central Council president, Elise said the Council was not allowed to work with them because of issues they had in the past. However, South Sound could work with other fans on fundraisers. Elise suggested we could sign up with HopeKids.org to work with other fan bases. She said she could help with that.

International

Liaison: Elise also announced the Central Council now has an International Liaison, Cian Crowdy, from the Emerald Isle Sea Hawkers.

Jason: Jason announced that his charity, Lawn Boys, donated toys to Santa's Castle. Altogether, \$790,000 worth of items were given away by Santa's Castle.

Drawings: Had a the regular drawing and a poker chip drawing.

Upcoming

Events: **February 16, 2025** - February Bunco at Canyon Terrace Clubhouse
February 18, 2025 - February Meeting

Meeting was adjourned.

Cindi Lang, Secretary