

Third FAN Club Meeting of the 2023-2024 Season

The third meeting of the season was held on Wednesday November 1st, 2023, at 7pm. Margaret Rom opened the meeting with a salute to the flag and a moment of silence. Margaret welcomed all those in attendance and thanked them for coming. She had all the new attendees tonight stand and introduce themselves and thanked them for joining the club.

Margaret announced that our guest speaker tonight would be Scott M. Hanula, ESQ., a certified elder law attorney to speak about estate planning.

Since Betty Smolen was able to attend tonight's meeting, Margaret once again thanked Betty for her dedication as treasurer of the FAN Club. She presented Betty with a gift card in appreciation of a job well done.

Margaret reminded us that the Big Bucks drawing would take place tonight and there were still numbers available for purchase. She reminded us that when all 50 numbers are sold, the winner as well as the Pheasant Run Recreation Club gets \$250. Not bad for \$10. And as the saying goes you must be in it to win it. Carol Schultz was on board to collect monies and call this month's winning number.

Margaret had all the November birthdays stand, introduce themselves as we all wished them a Happy Birthday.

Margaret reminded people of the upcoming events at the clubhouse. If you missed the meeting, all this information is available in the monthly newsletter. She let us know because of the interest expressed there will be a Tricky Tray in 2024. Date to be determined. So, start saving your new or slightly used items to donate for this event. Remember if we don't start downsizing our many collections, someone else will have to do it one day. We will need volunteers to help create the baskets from all the items received.

Margaret asked if we were interested in having someone from the Antiques Roadshow come in to look at our treasures. They will let us know if they are worth anything. We may be just keeping things for sentimental reasons. And we don't

want to throw things out that are valuable. The response was positive. Margaret will investigate this.

Mr. Hanula arrived, was introduced to the audience, and took the floor where he expounded on what documents people should have prepared so that responsible parties can care for their loved ones when the time comes. Laws can be different in different states. So, make sure your current will have been prepared in the state you are living in. Also, if it has been a long time since you made your will, you may need to update it since what you wanted then is no longer true today. During Mr. Hanula's talk, he frequently said these documents should be made out to blood lines. You may be leaving things to a daughter or son but not their spouses. Next in line would be the children of your children.

HIPPA documents are the newest. These are the people who can ask and be told of your medical information. They are the only ones who can make the decisions about your medical care.

Mr. Hanula spoke about different trusts that can be set up. One needs to be schooled in the ins and outs of each type of trust. An individual can take their current legal documents to an elder lawyer for a consultation to see if their intentions have been recorded on paper accurately. Or what we have recorded is not really our intentions. There is a reason we have elder lawyers – they specialize on issues that affect the senior population.

We stopped for cake and coffee. Anyone interested in showing off your baking skills, Dolores Martinez has a signup sheet for future meetings that you can donate desserts to.

50/50's sold and 4 prizes of \$30 were given out. Also, Food Bank tickets were sold, and the winner of this ticket got \$31. Carol Schultz called the Big Bucks number. The take this month was \$235.

Monies were collected throughout the meeting for the December Holiday Party. The Party will not be on the 6th of December but would be on the 1st or 2nd of December as we will have entertainment that night. As soon as the entertainment is booked, everyone that bought a ticket will be notified of the exact date of the party.

Margaret Rom president
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