



General Meeting October 9, 2014

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 1:08 by Susan Parks.

Program: Susan introduced our guest speakers. Dianna Maria de Borges' husband gave the background on how they started doing their presentations. He introduced "Sarah Winnemucca ". She was a member of the Piute tribe and her Indian name meant "Lovely As a Flower in Bloom". In 1844 they encountered General Fremont and his scouting party camped on the Humbolt River. Her grandfather (who was the chief) approached them in peace. The soldiers thought the chief was saying his name - actually saying "peace"- and called him their interpretation of the word. This eventually became "Truckee". The chief led the Fremont party through the Sierras.

Sarah went to school in San Jose and lived with a Mexican family, thus becoming trilingual! She worked as an interpreter and helped open schools. While addressing the conditions on reservations, she met Pres. Hayes and addressed Congress. She was the first Indian to write a book. This book changed many peoples' opinions about Indians.

She shared that she was married 3 times, but didn't have any children. However, she was a "Little Mother" to many children. Her friendly relationship with White people caused many Indians to consider her a traitor. She ended her years living in an isolated cabin with her sister. Sarah ended her presentation with a beautiful rendition of her favorite song--"The Star Spangled Banner".

Dianna made an informative and enjoyable presentation!

Meeting Notes: The minutes of the last meeting September 11 were approved as presented.

Financial Officer's Report: The current bank balance is: \$8764.00

Membership: President Susan announced that Anne Greenwood has joined our club. She is the Kings Beach librarian and her daughter was a Tech Trekker. We now have 62 members.

Tech Trek Report: The girls will present their experiences at the next general meeting.

Fundraisers: There are still 2 openings for the wine blending event on November 14th.

Interest Groups:

Great decisions will meet on the 21st

Play reading will meet Nov.6th (1st Thursday of the month) at Helen Foster's. They need more members for this group.

Bridge group met on Thursday.

In Stitches meets on the 15th at 10AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Shirley Hale, Acting Recording Secretary

Approved: January 8, 2015

