

# 2023 September Membership Meeting

Parking issues arose for the September Meeting. First, it was announced that the parking lot at R.H. Johnson would be unusable the day of the meeting as it was being refurbished. The meeting was moved to the Agave Room in Beardsley with the thought that it may be a smaller group as most snowbirds had not returned to Arizona. Aha, the best laid plans were then thwarted when they decided to do the Beardsley parking lot the same week! Thankfully, the Beardsley Pool parking lot was available so the members had to walk a bit farther than normal to get to the gathering.

The room was set up arena style with 40 chairs and tables facing the pull-down screen. The moving of the location and the parking issues turned out to be a non-issue as chairs had to be added when 55 people attended. Under the leadership of Vice-President Jan Cartozian, the first item on the agenda had Charitable Gifts Chair Carol Berka present a symbolic check for \$3000 to the SCW Posse represented by Commander Ed Stern. The actual club check had been delivered right after the donation was approved by the membership at the May meeting so the organization could put the money to work over the summer.

The speaker was Ben McGonigle, Certified Arborist from Design Tree Maintenance, experts in complete tree care. The content of his presentation was broad and was warmly received by the audience. This included the correct method of tree planting and care. He provided examples of how trees respond when planted improperly and what remedies there are to fix those problems. He also gave suggestions about the types of trees to plant that are native to our area. Ben gave many examples of how to restore tree damage from the intense summer heat we have experienced this year. He also responded to many questions at the end of his speech. The company provided several gifts for the club members. Pat Telford won the main door prize, a Pistache tree.

