

2023 December Membership Meeting

The December Membership Meeting's agenda was long as over 100 people entered the R.H. Johnson Social Hall East. Following the treasurer's and secretary's reports, Bob Buerosse, who served as sole member of the Publicity Committee for several years, was recognized with words of great appreciation, along with a beautiful Swiss Cheese Plant (*Monstera adansonii*), for his tireless attention and dedication to his work.

Next, three new officers, President Julia Miller, Vice-President Mike Anderson, and Co-Secretary Judy Savage, were unanimously elected to their positions for the 2024 year. Joining them with 100 percent support of the members, Treasurer Karen Anderson and Co-Secretary Pat Thomas were re-elected to another term.

Feeling the holiday spirit, four donations of \$1000 each were approved to support St. Mary's Food Bank, Valley View Food Bank, the Sun City West Foundation, and the Community Fund Of Sun City West.

With across-the-board backing, the membership agreed to spend \$1075.50 to purchase 75 additional identification signs for the plants in the Botanical Garden.

Ben McGonigle, a tree care specialist, made an informative presentation on diseases and pests, prevention, eradication, and cure when growing trees in our yards. He closed his speech by answering numerous questions from the audience.

Finally, several attendees received door prizes provided by the Social Committee and the speaker's company, Design Tree Maintenance

