**Rarity Bay Women’s Club Monthly Meeting Minutes**
**Location:** Rarity Bay Country Club
**Date:** June 3, 2025
**Time:** 9:30 am Sign-in and sign-up for activities Call to Order 10 am

**Opening by Shelley Bundy King**

**Primary Topics:**

* Shelley King, Vice President, opened the meeting in the absence of President Amy Steward.
* Acknowledged and thanked the staff of the club who set up the dining room.
* Expressed appreciation for being back at the club venue.

**Presentation on Girls State**

**Primary Topics:**

* Kim Wood introduced Makella Graves, the Girls State delegate from Greenback High School.
* Background on Girls State:
	+ Sponsored by the Rarity Bay Women’s Club for over 15 years.
	+ 2024 donations funded Makella’s 2025 attendance.
	+ 2026 sponsorship is already planned.
* Acknowledgments:
	+ Amanda Looney for coordinating Makella’s visit.
	+ Deb Wheeler and Andrea Williams for conducting interviews.
* Makella Graves shared her experience at Girls State:
	+ Participated in city council and governor elections.
	+ Wrote and presented a bill on environmental justice.
	+ Gained public speaking and leadership skills.
	+ Inspired by other young women and guest speakers including Chief Justice Holly Kirby and Senator Raumesh Akbari.

**Business and Government Career Highlights**

**Primary Topics:**

* Presentations by members with careers in business and government:
	+ **Etta Clark**: Former VP of Global Public Affairs at Eastman; shared experiences in environmental law and international policy.
	+ **Amy Munier**: HR professional specializing in employee benefits; shared humorous and insightful stories from her career.
	+ **Joy Tierney**: Former mayor of Plymouth, MN; discussed her journey through local government and civic engagement.
	+ **Sue Kelly**: Retired federal employee; worked in security clearance investigations and with the EEOC.
	+ **Chris Purcell**: Former Cadillac PR and marketing professional; shared memorabilia and stories from her automotive career.

**Treasurer’s Report by Trish Dianetti**

**Primary Topics:**

* Membership: 349 members.
* Financials:
	+ Checking account: Over $19,000.
	+ CDs: Approximately $9,400.
* Full report available on the website under 2025 communications.

**Social Report by Jan Muir**

**Primary Topics:**

* June 19: Play “Funny Money” at Tellico Playhouse. The last day to sign up is June 12.
* August: Pottery decorating event at CAC.
* September 5: Planned trip to Harrah’s Casino in North Carolina. Two buses reserved pending sign-ups.

**Learning Labs Report by Shelley King**

**Primary Topics:**

* Buff City Soap event: Needs more sign-ups.
* July: Jewelry workshop with Sirrabelle.
* August: Pottery event.

**Charity Report by Amanda Looney**

**Primary Topics:**

* May: Two Second Harvest events with 13 volunteers each.
* June 8–14: Newborns in Need baby shower. Drop-off at Connie Williams’ house.
* June 11: Baby Shower Cupcake event from 4:00–6:00 PM at Connie Williams’ house.
* July 13–19: Adopt-a-Class for Vonore Elementary. School supplies are needed.

**Birthday Bash by Deb Wheeler**

**Primary Topics:**

* Birthday Bash for May and June birthdays is scheduled for tomorrow at 11:30 AM.
* Next Birthday Bash: Early August for July and August birthdays.

**Lunch Bunch by Shelley King**

**Primary Topics:**

* The next Lunch Bunch will be on July 9th at Lacy’s Cakes in Vonore.

**Vice President Report by Shelley King**

**Primary Topics:**

* Reminder of upcoming board openings:
	+ Vice President
	+ Treasurer
	+ Social
	+ Greeter Director
* Encouraged members to consider volunteering.

**Grandkids Camp Update**

**Primary Topics:**

* Organizers: Judy Gibson, Kathy Bianchi, Jamie Ehmig.
* Event Date: Thursday, July 3 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.
* Activities:
	+ Group and station-based activities for ages 4–12.
	+ Lunch provided by the Country Club.
	+ No cost to participants.

**Closing by Shelley King**

**Primary Topics:**

* Reminder to vote at the Rarity Bay annual meeting and election Saturday July 26th at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church.
* Centerpieces (cat grass) can be taken home by attendees with cats.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 11:27 AM
**Date and Time of Next Meeting:** Wednesday August 6th at 5 PM
**Location of Next Meeting:** Rarity Bay Country Club
**Minutes submitted by Heather Risany, Secretary**
Date: June 4, 2025