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Welcome to our 2016-2017 year!

2016 Installation

This is our first newsletter of the new club year. Welcome back! My plan is that each month you will receive a newsletter that will highlight the news of the club. Past, present and future items of interest will be included. It is of course up to you to read the "news" so that you can remain informed of the activities of the club.

Any and all articles or photos are encouraged and welcome. You can email me and I will do my very best to include your information here. This will be of special interest to committee chairwomen who want to pass information on to the club.

Our 2016-2017 Installation was held at the home of Janet and Mike Manos on Thursday, June 16, 2016. Nancy Prospero acted as our installing officer and managed, somehow, to tie each officer position to a dance related position! Great job Nancy!



Our 2016-2017

Officers and Board of Directors

Donna Tooley – President
Sue Harris – President Elect
Angie Carranco – Vice President
Nancy Staggs – Secretary
Cheryl Blackstone – Treasurer
Jane Gutknecht – Asst.
Treasurer
Jane Kautz – One-year Director
Janet Manos – Two-year
Director
Paulina Micheli – One-year
Delegate
Celeste Voyles – Two-year
Delegate
Kathy Lopes – Parliamentarian

Dream It, Be It Career Support for Girls Conference

Our committee began meeting in July to start the planning process for our Fall 2016 Dream It, Be It Conference.

This conference is aimed at young women age 14 – 18. There are no limits on where the young ladies go to school or live. Please invite any young woman you know to attend.

Our conference will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2016 at the Department of Social Services building on Yosemite Ave. We will begin our day at 8:30 am and complete the conference at 2:30 pm.

Along with curriculum provided by Soroptimist International, we will once again include yoga and Zumba for some active FUN!

For more information, please contact Sue Harris at saharris54@att.net

We are very pleased to announce that we have once again secured a \$1,000 grant from the Central California Women's Conference and are also partnering with the Community Action Partnership of Madera County to provide this conference at no cost to the participants.



**Saturday,
November 5, 2016
8:30 am - 2:30 pm**

What's been happening?

We have had two Board of Director meetings and two Business meetings in addition to one Program meeting.

Gabby Salazar and Ariana Gomez from Shunammite Place came and gave us an update on the happenings at the shelter as well as a bit of background on how ladies are accepted into Shunammite Place at our meeting on August 25.

At our two Business meetings we have discussed the following

- Committee Sign-ups
- Updating Contact Information
- Our participation in the 2017 Relay for Life – we will be sponsoring the event with our \$500 donation, but will not be participating as a team in the event and will not be working at the event.
- Plans for the Dream It, Be It Conference.
- Live your Dream Award
- Audit Committee
- Major Project Ideas & Arts Council Project
- Soroptimist Leadership Training and Orientation and Membership Committee
- Girl of the Month program
- Lunch Committee
- Central California Women's Conference ticket drawing
- Call to the District Meeting – September 24 in Tulare
- Hosting of the Fall 2017 District Meeting in Madera
- Got an update regarding our participation in the Valley Community Foundation

Minutes from the August and September Business meetings have been emailed to you by Secretary Nancy Staggs.

Dates to Remember

September

24 – District III Meeting in Tulare

29 – 5th Tuesday Social at Gabriella's 5:30 pm

October

3- Board Meeting 5:30 at Donna's

4 – Dream It, Be It committee meeting at
6 pm at CAPMC

6 – Business Meeting

13 – Program Meeting – Working with Children
training – Kathy Lopes

20 – Program meeting

27 – Program Meeting – Finalize Dream it, Be
It conference plans