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Season's Greetings from SI Madera!

This is our fourth newsletter of the year. We have completed almost Five of the ten months of the club year! 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 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}

More Dream It, Be It FUN!



SI Madera Shunammite Christmas

On December 4th a group of club members went shopping at Walmart for the Shunammite Christmas project. The Shunammite ladies each gave us a "Dear Santa" wish list to assist us in purchasing items they need or want in the size and color they would like.



Checking the list!



This is what a successful shopping trip looks like!

Shunammite Christmas continued

On Thursday, December 8 we gathered at Geri St. Lucia's home for dinner and Christmas present wrapping. Thank you to everyone who came to lend a hand and special thanks to Geri for opening her home.



What's Been Happening?

At our December 1 Business Meeting, we had updates on the following.

Live Your Dream Award – we have two applicants.

Scholarship Committee – working on dates.

Crab Feed – tickets are being printed.

SOLT & Membership

See's Candy – candy is available at Sharon's Great Attractions, POSH Salon and Massetti

Appliance.

Laws & Resolution Committee – we voted on a Board Member position on the SIA Board of Directors.

We voted to fund the furniture and related items for an apartment for women transitioning out of the Martha Diaz Domestic Violence Shelter. This is in partnership with Community Action Partnership of Madera County. We will also fund the furniture and related items for up to four additional apartments as they become available. Our total investment will be \$5,100 per apartment.

Dates to Remember

January

- 02 – Board Meeting
- 05 – Business Meeting
- 12- Regular Meeting
- 19 – Regular Meeting – SOLT
- 25 – Regular Meeting
- 30 – Board Meeting

February

- 02 – Business Meeting
- 09 – Regular Meeting
- 16 – Regular Meeting
- 23 – Regular Meeting – Crab Feed Prep
- 25 – CRAB FEED
- 27 – Board Meeting

Shunammite Christmas, Part 3

On December 15th we had our Shunammite Birthday/Christmas Celebration. Santa (Gary Long) came and added even more excitement to the evening! Thank you to everyone, for your time, your support and your desire to improve the lives of women and girls.



Zucchini Squares (Paulina's Recipe)

- 3 c thinly sliced zucchini (about 4 sm)
- 1 c Bisquick
- ½ c grated Parmesan cheese
- ½ c grated Teleme
- ½ c finely chopped onion
- 2 tbsp chopped parsley
- ½ t season salt
- ½ t dill weed
- 1/2 t oregano
- Dash pepper
- ¼ t garlic powder
- ½ c vegetable oil
- 4 eggs, slightly beaten

Mix all ingredients. Grease 13x 9-inch pan, spread mixture in pan. Bake in preheated 350 degree oven for about 25 minutes. Cut in squares or rectangles. May be eaten cold.



Kathy Lopes is currently taking orders for your favorite See's candy. This is a great fundraiser for the club. Please consider supporting our See's Candy Sale.