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Spring Is Just Around the Corner!

This is our sixth newsletter of the year. We have completed seven 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.



**We had the pleasure of
indcuting four new members on
Thursday, March 2, 2017. We
welcome Patsy, Megan,
Stepahnie and Angela!!**

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

February 2017 News

February was a very busy month! We honored our 5 Dream It, Be It Scholarship winner on Thursday, February 9. Bijal Luhar received our \$500 scholarship and Candida Lopez, Husnar Tanver, Juliana Leon and Zainab Qaiser received \$300 scholarships. 2017 is the first year of Dream It, Be It Scholarships. We wish these young ladies well in their educational endeavors.



Thursday, February 16 was a very special day with the awarding of our 2017 Live Your Dream Awards. This year we were able to award two ladies. Marissa Salas and Roxana Montufar each received a \$1,000 award. We are honored to help them achieve their goal of improving their lives through education.



Left to right: Marissa Salas, Roxana Montufar, Club members Irene Adams and Angie Carranco.

Congratulations!



Our Crab Feed on Saturday, February 25th was a great success! Thank you to very one who worked so hard selling tickets, collecting raffle prizes and contributing to the silent auction and grand raffle prize. But, without everyone showing up on Saturday it would not have been possible! The hall looked great, the food was plentiful and great tasting and the raffle, silent auction and crab necklace game were great fun for our guests and wonderful money makers. We are fortunate to have such dedicated club members and their family members and friends who showed up to help. Special thanks go to the youth from Usnrise Rotary Interact who come and help with serving and clean up. They are amazing!



Dates to Remember

March

- 2 – Business Meeting
- 9 – Regular Meeting – Rae Gomes from the Madera Community Hospital Foundation
- 16 – Regular Meeting – Spring Girl of the Month Luncheon
- 23 – Regular Meeting – SOLT (Soroptimist Orientation and Leadership Training – Discussing club committees for 2017-2018
- 30 – Social

April

- 3 – Board meeting at Donna's house at 5:30.
- 6 – Business Meeting – we will be voting on our slate of officers for 2017-2018.
- 13 – Regular Meeting
- 20 – Regular Meeting
- 27 – Regular Meeting – 2017 Scholarship Luncheon

2017 Fall District III Meeting.

Our club will be hosting the Fall District III meeting on Saturday, September 30th at the Valley West Christian Center. The committee for this wonderful event is made up of club members: Jane Kautz and Paulina Micheli (co-chairs) Cheryl Blackstone, Geri St. Lucia, Stella Moosios, Wanda Mortimer, Joan Massetti and Karan Long. Thank you, ladies, for volunteering!

Proposed Slate of Officers for the 2017-2018 Club Year

- President – Sue Harris
- 1st Vice-President – Karan Long
- 2nd Vice President- Jane Gutknecht
- Secretary – Nancy Staggs
- Treasurer – Irene Adams
- Asst. Treasurer – Cheryl Blackstone
- 1 Year Delegate – Celeste Voyles
- 2 Year Delegate – Teresa Norton
- 1 Year Director – Janet Manos
- 2 Year Director – Donna Tooley



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.