

WOMAN'S CLUB OF ARROYO GRANDE

FUN, FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Hello my friends,

I am so excited for the honor bestowed upon us by the Harvest Festival Board members, choosing the Woman's Club of Arroyo Grande as Grand Marshals for the event coming up on September 28th and 29th. Please make sure that each and every one of you who can be a part of this wonderful gala comes out to join the fun. Parade coordinator, Toni Loayza, is busy getting ready for the parade. On Friday evening, September 28th, we'll be at the Fish Fry where we will be introduced to the public as Grand Marshals. It would be great to be well represented, so come on out both days!

This year, we were the recipients of a bequest from a very generous gentleman, Clifford Johnson. We have already placed a great portion of the money into a CD account. We do have many ideas for the remaining money and we will make decisions in the forthcoming months. During the summer break, Gretchen Weckstein has been working very hard to get our books and accounts in order. I thank her for all of her efforts.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the September meeting and I am very eager for us all to have a successful and fun year.

Fondly, Mary

Luncheon—September 14th

The first meeting of the year will be held on Friday, September 14th at 1pm. The theme is our 75th Diamond Anniversary of the Woman's Club of Arroyo Grande. Dessert and coffee/tea will be provided by Board Members. This is a great chance to catch up with everyone after our summer break, enjoy the entertainment of the Central Coast Follies and hear about our plans for the year ahead. **Like last year, we will**

be collecting \$5 from each member at the door to help defray costs of kitchen supplies. Please RSVP to one of the following co-committee chairs:

Laura Vopatek (570-1807),

Cindy Moreno (441-5803)

Judi Boudreau (202-8759).



What are these Arroyo Grande Woman's Club ladies doing? Come to the luncheon on Friday, September 14th and find out!



Attention! Two of our aprons have gone missing. If you have one of these aprons or know where they are, please contact Loretta Newman or Jackie Thomas.



OUT AND ABOUT FOR JULY

Legally Blonde—Marian Theatre

A great time was had by 9 of our members and a possible new member on Sunday, July 22, at the showing of Legally Blonde. Suzy Anderson did a great job organizing the outing, in spite of recently recovering from surgery. The photo was taken by Dana's friend, Heidi.



Woman's Club Artists Win Awards at Mid-State Fair

Six of our members submitted artwork to the Mid-State Fair: Claire McLean, Carol Browne, Joan Goodall, Gloria Haas, Laura Vopatek, and Mary Carson. While all of them were "winners" in my book, 3 walked away with awards this year. Congratulations, ladies!



IN MEMORIUM

TILLI DE BRUYN

Long time member, Tilli De Bruyn, passed away on June 8th while visiting her son and family in Kansas. Tilli often modeled for the Woman's Club fashion show and was a vital part of the Monday art group. Tilli had recently hung several paintings in the club and son, Anthony, has graciously allowed us to keep them in remembrance of her talent and grace. We will be commemorating Tilli with small plaques below each of her paintings.

MARY PATTERSON

Former member of the Woman's Club, Mary Patterson of Arroyo Grande, passed away June 26, 2012 at age 94. Suzy Anderson remembers Mary as active in any group in which she held membership and as a tireless worker with the Five Cities Christian Food Bank.

SUE DIGGLES

Sue Diggles died on August 2, 2012 at the age of 93. Sue was full of fun and was fearless, doing a western dance at one of the monthly AGWC meetings and climbing to the top of the lighthouse during an Out and About event.



ARROYO GRANDE WOMAN'S CLUB WILL BE GRAND MARSHAL OF HARVEST FESTIVAL

“One hundred twenty women have been chosen to serve as the Grand Marshal of the 2012 Arroyo Grande Valley Harvest Festival Parade set for Saturday, Sept. 29.” This was the newspaper headline this summer announcing that the Woman’s Club of Arroyo Grande is the choice for this honor as they actually launched the celebration 75 years ago in 1937. President Mary Carson explained that those first members “were all wives of residents of this area, and a lot of them were the wives of farmers, so they felt the community should recognize the debt it owed to the farmers and ranchers who gave the city its start..” The Harvest Festival has grown from a small, 2-day event at the old Orchard Ave. Elementary School to a celebration that has become one of the biggest festivals on the Central Coast. We need to show our pride and support by having as many club members as possible participate in both the parade on Saturday, September 29th and the fish fry on Friday, September 28th.

Please set aside both Friday and Saturday for Harvest Festival events and be generous with your time when asked to help out!



ARROYO GRANDE WOMAN'S CLUB NAMED BENEFICIARY OF ESTATE

The Woman’s Club of Arroyo Grande has received a bequest from the estate of Clifford Johnson of \$34,187. The Board is discussing how these funds can be utilized for maximum impact and welcomes input from our members.

Scholarship Update



Each year, the Woman’s Club awards \$500 to a nursing re-entry student at Cuesta College. This year, Mary Carson, Cindy Moreno, and Judi Boudreau attended the Scholarship Recognition Event on August 9, 2012 where they met the recipient of the award, Erin Hadley, who was there with children, Sam and Zoe. Congratulations, Erin!

We also received a lovely note from one of this year’s scholarship recipients, Nicole Heredia, who has spent much of her summer at San Diego State University’s Summer Bridge Program, taking an Oral Communications (Speech) class. She writes, “I would like to start off expressing my gratitude once again for your scholarship. I can only hope that if I have another opportunity to speak in front of your members that I don’t allow my nerves to overwhelm me. If my voice doesn’t crack, then that means my oral class has helped. Thank you for believing in my future and helping my education become a reality, not simply a dream.”

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Help us recruit new members! Bring a friend to a monthly meeting, the Art Group, Hand & Foot Canasta, Crafts Group or Out and About. A larger membership means a stronger, more vibrant Woman’s Club!

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GROUP NEWS

ART: Mondays, 10 a.m. until mid-afternoon. Bring your art supplies & a sack lunch. All levels welcome. Contact: Carol Browne, 473-9499 .

HAND & FOOT CANASTA #1: 11 a.m. , third Wednesday of the month. Light refreshments are provided, bring own drink. Call Gretchen Weckstein: 473-1366 . We need new players & we will teach you how to play!

HAND & FOOT CANASTA #2: 11 a.m., fourth Wednesday of the month. Bring sack lunch and drink Contact: Sherry Headington: 489-0843

CRAFTS: 9:30 a.m. third & fourth Wednesdays. Contact: Snooks Powers, 356-4741

OUT & ABOUT: We are looking for ideas for future “Out and About” activities. Have an idea? Contact a Board Member!



SUNSHINE

Throughout the year, we often hear of members who need some cheering up due to illness or injury to themselves or a family member. If you have sunshine information, contact Freddie Newman, 489-6265 or at her cell: 748-2449

If you know that someone needs some sunshine, don't hesitate to contact Freddie !



DO YOU HAVE NEWS? Would you like to submit an article? Please call or email your news to put in the bulletin by the 15th of the month to Cindy Moreno, Editor 441-5803 or cmoreno595@hotmail.com

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