

Woman's Club of Arroyo Grande Bulletin

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Message from our President 2020



Hello Ladies,

Here come the holidays! It doesn't seem possible even though this has been the longest year of my life. As we go to press Thanksgiving is coming and plans are yet to be firmed up. I hope you will manage to celebrate.

Your club has been busy this month. Thanks to Elisabeth and her wonderful group of volunteers, the poll in Arroyo Grande was open and safe for voters to cast their ballots. My thanks to all of you. Read Elisabeth's article for details.

The Silly Tax was mailed out and the returns are coming in. We look to have some funds to cover our donations even if not everything we hoped for. My thanks to those of you who have returned your tax forms with donations. Santa Cop has asked for our help. If you are interested there is an article about that down the page.

It isn't looking good for the reopening of the clubhouse any time soon. Just when we thought we would move to the next level of opening the county numbers of Covid-19 went up and we are stuck with small group meetings only.

But look to the bright side. My mother always told me, "This too shall pass." Just wait until we are all together again. What a party we will have!

Stay safe and enjoy your holidays as best you can.

Smiles, Toni

Silly Tax Update

Thank you to the members who have paid their Silly Tax. Unlike the IRS we will not charge you interest on any returns filed after our November 10th deadline. So please keep those taxes coming.

We want to thank the following early birds for their donations: Mary Sorensen, Carlene Legault, Charley Ault, Jeanette Conde, Kathy Goering, Karen Lujan, Pat Schiller, Rose Scalzo, Ginnie Howells, Gloria Haas, Majorie Ott, Maria Hickey, Toni Kelly, Karen Dixon, Tracy Lang Wood, Patti Roberts, Barbara Vasquez, and Annette Smith.



Hot topic from the board meeting: I didn't realize how many wine glasses I owned! I didn't even count the ones packed away in the garage!

Wonderful team who helped with the voting. Many thanks to their hard work and dedication to the woman's club.



Myra Brady



Valerie Kates



Sofia McHugh



Moe Boyd



Mark McHugh , Mary Carson, Loretta Newman



Charlie Ault, Sara Needham



It took 40 adults and 10 students to manage the South County Regional Center for the four days of in-person voting. The Woman's Club of Arroyo Grande, the Lions' Clubs of Pismo and Arroyo Grande worked together to earn the \$6,000 that the elections department will pay for the largest voting center in south county.

The members of the Woman's Club out did themselves. Moe Boyd was on ballot box all day, every day and then she brought enough of her fabulous chicken salad for sandwiches and lasted all four days. Moe also made coffee and managed the kitchen, Valerie Kates monitored the ICX machines for the disabled all day, every day and then she and her husband, Larry, brought two trays of tacos (chicken and beef) on Monday, all gone by the end of that day. The Lions can be counted on to bring doughnuts, all kinds.

Mary Carson, Loretta Newman, Sofia McHugh's husband, Mark, Liz Doehring, and myself along with four Lions volunteered to work on the laptops and printers, which meant we were volunteering to be live scanned and to work all day, every day. Mary made wonderful pumpkin bread and Mark McHugh made deviled eggs which did not last the morning. Sofia McHugh and Marlene Starr also volunteered to be live scanned and trained on the tables so that they could be greeters. Sofia worked every day as a greeter and Marlene brought a wonderful vegetable tray to share.

Charlie Hanna and Patti Roberts worked every day in the provisional position. Charlie Ault and Sara Needham worked most days in that position and Myrna Brady gave much needed assistance, too. Claudette Bryant Garcia came every day to help keep voting booths and tables sanitized.

Barbara Schieffer came every day to work curbside voting. She was outside accepting the mail-in ballots that people brought to drop off and helped anyone who chose to vote in their car. Karen Dixon and her husband, David, also helped with curbside voting along with Donna Carlson. Diane O'Lear, whose knee is still healing, volunteered the time that she could to help with the ICX machines. Marylou Ross also volunteered to help out.

The four days of in-person voting went well; no printer jams, no problems with the laptops, no unpleasant voters, no lines out the door and down the block to the Walmart parking lot! On the last day, I ordered pizza from Fatties for the last shift on Tuesday. I was clear that I was ordering five different types of pizza, two each of the SMALL size. Apparently the man I ordered from did not put down the size; the default size at Fatties is LARGE. Yes, ten large pizzas showed up needless to say, lots of people took pizza home!

Voting helpers continued



Diane O'Lear



Patti Roberts,
Charlie Hanna



David & Karen Dixon,
Claudette Bryant Garcia



Liz Doehring

Santa Cop Program



We have received a letter from the Arroyo Grande Police Department requesting assistance with the Santa Cop Program. This year the police are partnering with Walmart to host children from selected families in our community to shop with police officers. This will allow children to shop for items they want and desire. These changes have been made to comply with Covid-19 regulations. Chief Michael T. Martinez is asking us to make monetary contributions to the program.

If you wish to contribute please send your donation to our treasurer, Pat Schiller, who will send a check made out to the program from the Woman's Club of Arroyo Grande with your donation included. November 30th is our deadline for this contribution.

We thank you in advance for supporting our local children.

Sunshine Update

Chester (Chet) Thomas - 1931-2020

It is with great sadness to inform you that Chet Thomas, Jackie Thomas's husband, passed away suddenly of a heart attack on September 5, 2020. Chet was active in the community for many years and helped Jackie with club activities.

We express our deepest condolences to Jackie, she would appreciate cards and well wished (no phone calls please).

Laura Hansen, (Deanna Millis daughter) is undergoing a bone biopsy and another round of chemo at Stanford. Deanna is taking care of Laura's 3 sons. Get well card are welcomed at; Laura Hansen, Dinah's Garden Hotel 4261 El Camino Real #871, Palo Alto, CA 94306



Fundraiser for SLO Food Bank

It's time to Wobble BEFORE you Gobble at our Thanksgiving Fundraiser Dance Party! Join Zumba with Heidy Saturday, November 21st at 10am for a one-hour dance fitness class filled with fun, food/family centered theme songs. We will have five instructors teaching 15 tracks followed by a prize raffle drawing (tickets just \$1). The City of Arroyo Grande kindly donates the space and the instructors generously donate their time, so 100% of the money raised will be donated to the SLO Food Bank. We will be helping provide local families in need with healthy holiday meals.

This is a family-friendly event, so gather up your kids and grandkids for this Covid-safe Thanksgiving celebration. Wear your favorite fall colors or Thanksgiving costumes for even more fun. Together we can make this holiday season a little brighter for local families in financial need. It feels good to do good--we hope you can join us!

Masks are not required while exercising outdoors, but please wear a mask before and after class.

Register at: www.arroyogrande.org/catalog or Donate at www.donate/SLOfoodbank.org



GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS

Each month we will feature 2 club members in an effort to get to know each other better.

Ellen Bavaro

Ellen was born in Fresno, CA and lived there until she was five. Then her family moved to the Central Coast.

Ellen went to school for nursing at Santa Barbara and trained at Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital. Her first job was in Santa Maria at Sister Hospital now called Marion Hospital.

Her husband worked for the Department of Defense, so they lived and worked in several places — New York, Maryland, Massachusetts, and Arizona. Ellen continued working and giving her service as a nurse. She ended her career as the Director of Nursing. She and her husband retired after 40 years and returned to Arroyo Grande, CA.

Ellen has three wonderful children of whom she is very proud. Two sons who became engineers —one lives in Temecula, CA and the other son lives in Houston, TX. Her daughter got her PhD in Pediatric Occupational Therapy and she now lives in Santa Maria. Each of her children have three children of their own which gives Ellen nine beautiful grandchildren.

Ellen joined the WCAG to get acquainted in the area and for something to do. She has been involved and had several positions on the board and Ellen says enjoyed all of it especially all the friends she has made.

Her least favorite thing to occupy her time is jigsaw puzzles! Her hobbies are knitting (she makes caps for infants), reading (especially during this Covid 19 period), and keeping in touch with her church group, other friends and, of course, Arroyo Grande Woman's Club friends.



Jeanette Conde, Corresponding Secretary



Jeanette grew up on a working farm in Iowa, the second of 7 children. It was her responsibility to help with the cattle, pigs, chickens and the dairy. She milked the cows and every day after school made the mile long trip to bring the cows in from the pasture. With her mom she learned to cook, can, and tend the garden.

She attended the same elementary school her father had attended until at age 10 she was diagnosed with rheumatic fever. For a year she was limited in her activities and spent her time reading everything she could find in the library.

Jeanette's college years were spent at the College of St. Theresa in Winona, Minnesota.

After which she planned to become a secondary school History teacher.

In 1971, when moving to Omaha, Nebraska, she attended a party that would change her life. Arriving home early the next morning, she told her sister, "I've been talking all night to the man I am going to marry." They dated for 6 months when he returned to California. Over the next six years, he kept track of her, once the guy contacted Jeanette's mother looking for Jeanette who was traveling at the time. They saw each other only twice before a visit that turned into a telephone proposal. She did marry the guy from the party!

Moving to California after the wedding, Jeanette's main focus was her children, her step daughter, Lesley and her son Vincent. In 1980 Jeanette went to work for the WCS Corp. Royal Chemical Company as a purchasing agent. Little did she know that through her hard work she would advance to Executive Vice President of the Western Division of the company before retiring and moving to Arroyo Grande.

Vince and Jeanette will be celebrating their 43rd wedding anniversary in December and are the proud grandparents to their son's daughter, Taylor Marie. Jeanette credits her year with rheumatic fever with instilling in her a lifelong love of reading. She also writes stories and has a passion for art: she paints in both oils and watercolors.

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Return Service Requested



Offering Assistance

Tracy Lang Wood, one of our members, and her husband are offering their services to help anyone who needs groceries or other things delivered to them. They both work full time so deliveries would be at night or on the weekend, but they are willing and anxious to help out.

Give Tracy a call - she is listed in the club directory.

SUNSHINE SENT THIS WAY

Thinking of you card to:

Ginnie Howell
Jackie Thomas
Laura Hansen

Sympathy card to:

Jackie Thomas
Ginnie Howell

If you know anyone who needs a cheery note or simply recognition call or email Freddie Newman at 805-489-6265



Bobbie Clerkin 7
Barbara Ormsby 12

If you have an article or idea for the newsletter please let me know. Call or email Sandy Ferris at 805-773-0356 or sferris40@yahoo.com

I'd love to hear from you!