

WOMAN'S CLUB OF ARROYO GRANDE BULLETIN



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Hello Everyone!

By the time this newsletter goes to press we will have held our first Bingo Fundraiser of the year. I hope we are all cheering our success and planning how to make the next one even better. I know we had fun on January 25th and the winners enjoyed it tremendously. Thank you to the ladies who helped in the kitchen and on the floor serving, setting up, selling tickets, working in the jewelry store and spending money with us. A special big thank you to my Jim who called the numbers ...we may need to make him an honorary member!



It is coming up on election time and Elisabeth has plans for us to support our country by serving at our own precinct. If the job appeals to you, please contact Elisabeth. We will have the whole day to fill with workers.



Good news on the Animals in Arms project. We have successfully finished sewing ribbons on animals. This last month we provided 70 animals for the Oceano Senior Center and the Central Coast Autism Spectrum Center took 300 animals for their fundraiser. I can see the carpet in my spare room for the first time in a year and a half. Thank you to all of our members for supporting this community project. All told we distributed about 1500 animals. I know we touched many lives in a positive way.

I am looking forward to our February meeting honoring our past presidents and being entertained by the Bald Spots. Wear your dancing shoes!



Smiles and Hugs,

Toni



Club Meeting

Our next meeting is on Friday, February 14th, at noon. Jeanette Conde and Linda Woodworth, along with their February committee, are planning something a bit different. The theme for the luncheon is to honor First Ladies of the U.S. / a Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the passing of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote. Colors of the sashes of the women who wore the badge for passage of the 19th amendment were: purple (for loyalty); white (for purity); and green (for hope). We added pink for our WCAG club. We encourage anyone who wishes to wear these colors for the luncheon. Special guests will be our club's past presidents. Linda Woodworth has a special surprise for all who attend. And, from Sofia McHugh, "The Bald Spots"! How fun for our Valentine's Day February luncheon Meeting. We look forward to a lovely program of familiar music performed in the way we remember it. Our caterers, Carleen and Dagmar are planning to serve lasagna, salad, bread, fruit, and a tart with whipped cream...sounds delicious (as usual).

If you are planning to attend, you must make a reservation with Gretchen, by Monday, February 10th. If you'd like to have lunch, make sure you send a check for \$14, (made out to Woman's Club of Arroyo Grande), and send it to Gretchen Weckstein, 523 Starlight Ln. Arroyo Grande, 93420. Her phone is (805) 473-1366.

Ways & Means BINGO!



Our January Bingo was a sell out! We had 15 tables filled with happy people playing eight games and anticipating winning the three to four raffle prizes called between each game. Bingo took place with the work and help of many members.

Toni Kelly made many good changes in how we organize the event. She put a lot of thought into making Bingo so successful. She has been the one who has created the posters this year. Toni spent a lot of time gathering game prizes, raffle prizes, and silent auction items.

Moe Boyd created a delicious box lunch with a lot of help from Barbara Schieffer, Barbara Wright, Gaye Peltzman, Karen Thomas, Marlene Starr, Sally Payne, Paula Waugaman, and Liz Doehring. The ladies had the box lunches ready to serve at noon.

Rose Scalzo worked to collect and organize the Jewelry With A Past. Ellen Bavaro, Barbara Vasquez, Mary Guernsey, and May English helped to display and sell the jewelry with her.

Snooks Powers created a gorgeous money hat which was modeled by Marjorie Ott. She also sold tickets along with Joe Knudsen who came to play Bingo and ended up helping in every way he could. Geri Rose, guest of Liz Doehring, won the money hat!

Diane O'Lear sold raffle tickets and took pictures, and Joyce Cook mingled with the game players to sell more tickets. Vallerie Kates offered extra bingo card packs for sale. Pat Schiller actually sold a ticket for our upcoming March Bingo, besides keeping all of the income separated in categories. Mary Carson greeted game goers with pre-purchased tickets while Toni Kelly sold tickets and extra bingo card packs at the door.

All of this could not have happened without the hard work of the people who came at 9 a.m. Patti Roberts opened the doors and Karen Dixon, Charlie Hanna, Sofia McHugh, and her husband Mark, Liz Doehring, Deanna Millis' grandson, Luke and his friend, all came to move tables and chairs, place table cloths and markers, and attach wastepaper bags to every table. We were pretty well set up in one hour and clean up went even faster.

Some members kept the event moving along while the room, filled with people, played Bingo. Jim Kelly did a great job of calling the numbers very clearly. Sara Needham kept the Bingo basket spinning. Jacklynn Andress and Sara Needham carried the prizes to the winners. Jeanette Conde wrote the numbers on the white board so players could check their cards. Anita McCort supervised the silent auction area.

Thank you to everyone who donated prizes, jewelry, and silent auction items; bought tickets; placed posters and spread the word about our event; or volunteered to work to put on this major fundraiser.





February Birthdays

Karen Thomas	6
Liz Doehring	6
Jenny Durling	15
Helen Biery	24
Moe Boyd	26
Mary Ann Shoebridge	26



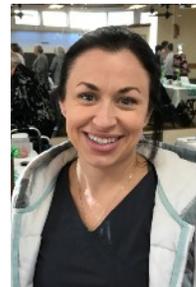
Committee co-chairs: Diane O’Lear, Gaye Peltzman, and their committee: Mary Guernsey, Barbara Vasquez, Helen Biery, and Marlene Starr



Jenny Durling



Mary Guernsey, Karen Thomas and Gaye Peltzman made sure we each had enough of the delicious soup & sandwiches



Left, Melinda Gibb, our Cuesta Nursing scholar, and right, Luis Jazo, visiting from UC Berkeley



Winners of the Opportunity Drawing: Mary Carson & Elisabeth Koch-Murray
The club received \$67!



Our January birthday girls were Elisabeth Koch-Murray, Deanna Millis, Freddie Newman, and Vivien McClintock.



A rare visit from Snooks Powers, who delivered her wonderful \$100 hat creation!

At our January meeting, Valerie Kates started us off with this inspiration: “There is no elevator to success. You have to take the stairs.” Short, but sweet, and a great way to start us off with “Scholarships Revisited”. Two former recipients, Luis Jazo, (UC Berkeley) and Melinda Gibb, (Cuesta Nursing) gave us a bit of insight into their journeys in higher education. Then, Jeanette Conde read letters & notes from seven more recipients of our scholarships. The 4 page letter from Dustin Adkins was so impressive. Where did he find the time to write down all of his activities and expressions of gratitude to the Woman’s Club of Arroyo Grande? It was wonderful to hear from each of these scholars, some ready to graduate this year! All of them doing well on that stairway to success. A big thank you to Jenny Durling for making and keeping contact with each of these students.

There were 44 members in attendance, and 2 guests (in addition to our recipients). Great job of decorating by the January committee with their California Winter.

The Woman’s Club of Arroyo Grande will be working the two precincts that are going to be placed at the Club House on election day early in March. Some members have already indicated that they were interested in participating when the survey was passed out in September. If you are interested in taking part, and did not fill out the survey, please call Elisabeth Koch-Murray at (831) 595-6507. These are sit down jobs. Our club will earn \$1000 for one day’s work at the polls.

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CLUB GROUPS



Art **Laura Vopatek** **570-1807**
Mondays at 10:00 a.m. - 2 p.m. Brown bag lunch

Canasta..... **Jean Schultz** **760-703-2508**
Third Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.

Canasta..... **Gretchen Weckstein** **473-1366**
Fourth Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.

Canasta..... **Sherry Headington** **489-0843**
Fourth Monday at 10:30 a.m.

Crafts **Karen Lujan** **489-2895**
3rd and 4th Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

Mexican Train **Karen Thomas** **473-0303**
3rd Friday, call for details

Some of our members need a little
Sunshine

Thinking of you cards went out to:

Michele Walker, Moe Boyd,

Gretchen Weckstein,

Jean Schultz, and Laura Vopatek

If you know any member who needs
sunshine, please contact Freddie Newman,
(805) 489-6265

From the City of Arroyo Grande:

Fall Prevention

Falls are the leading cause of death from injury among people 65 and older, and the risk of falls increases proportionately with age. This 6-week Fall Prevention program is ideal for anyone who is concerned about falls or has fallen before. Register at www.arroyogrande.org/catalog

Paint & Pinot

Come paint, drink, and socialize as you paint your own customized masterpiece while you enjoy a glass of award winning wine. Paint a customized piece showing the best of Arroyo Grande on Feb 21 or paint a Customizable Wooden Sign on March 27th. You will have a great time while you relax and be creative. Register at www.arroyogrande.org/catalog.