



SANTA CLARA WOMEN'S LEAGUE
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President's Message: Marti Ragone

Hi Ladies, as you know Fall is officially upon us, and soon we will be enjoying the cooler weather and the leaves changing color. It's such a beautiful time of the year! Fall also means that we are quickly heading toward the holidays and it will be a busy time for our Women's League. Here what's coming up for the holidays, so save the dates!

December 5th at 11 AM: Our Women's League Holiday Party at Maria Callender's Restaurant in Sunnyvale.

December 10th: Home Holiday Meals delivered to 20 Seniors.

December 19th: League members help serve the holiday meal to the Senior Nutrition Program participants in the auditorium at the Senior Center. More details will be provided at the next two meetings.

I want to thank Maria Lopes for arranging for Grant McCauley from the Senior Advisory Commission to speak at our September meeting. I don't think any of us realized just how much these wonderful volunteers do to help make the City of Santa Clara a safer and Senior friendly city!

Upcoming Events

General Meeting, October 8th 1:00 pm at SCSC 232

Showtime Meeting, October 15th 6:00pm at SCSC

Breakfast Club, October 21th 9:00 am at Mission Grill

Notes from the Nurses

Many, many thanks to the SCWL members who worked so hard in Wine Token Booth #3 at Art & Wine!!! Saturday was a scorcher, Sunday was better, both days were crazy busy – THANKS for helping!!

Changes are coming in our staffing at the H&W Program. Wendy Talbert, RN, will be moving on to a full-time position at the Institute on Aging where she has been working this past year. I knew they'd snatch her up; they'd be crazy not to. She's sorry to leave, but a full-time job with benefits is hard to turn down. Her last day is October 11th.

However! We have a wonderful new RN Care Manager, Roberta Marshall, starting on 10/3. She is wrapping up a long career as an RN Care Manager at Good Samaritan Hospital, having worked in just about every department, but mostly the ICU. While her clinical skills are desirable, what we're excited about is her fresh perspective and her care management chops. She will be a great addition to the team.

Stay tuned for more – we'll be adding another new person to replace Wendy. We have made a recommendation; now we do the paperwork, before announcing who it is. But I can say – she's fantastic.

GET YOUR FLU SHOT! Flu has already arrived, and it is hitting people hard.

– Mallory, Larisa, Wendy, and Roberta

Member Spotlight

Kathy Allen

Kathy was born in Miles City, Montana. She moved to Santa Clara in 1956.

Kathy has been widowed twice but was blessed with two amazing sons; John and Michael. Sadly, she lost her son, John to melanoma cancer this past March.

Kathy also has two wonderful grandchildren; Andrew and Alyssa.

Kathy worked for 20 years in the office of the Los Altos School District. She did purchasing and accounts payable. Being the bold adventure seeker that she is, Kathy took an early retirement in 1989 to join her late husband, Jim in windsurfing adventures both locally and in Hawaii!

In her spare time, Kathy likes to garden, play cribbage and card games with her many friends.

In the past she used to do quilting a lot, but not as much anymore.



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Showtime Update

The sign-up sheet for Chair Persons that was passed around in our Sept. General Meeting was quite successful. We only have three open slots. Thank you to the ladies who have already generously volunteered their time to head up committees. The three slots that remain open are: Admissions, Beer and Wine, and Opportunity Baskets. Each of these openings has a past chair person who is willing to mentor/train someone who is new to the position. If you would like to fill one of these openings (or perhaps co-chair with another lady), please call Georgia at 408/243-2168. Hopefully, by our Oct. General Meeting, we will have all slots filled.

Minutes of the Santa Clara Women's League General Meeting
Santa Clara Senior Center, Room 232, Santa Clara, CA
Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 1 p.m., 29 Members and 1 Guest Present

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by President Marti Ragone at 1:05 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKER: Grant McCauley, Vice Chair of Santa Clara's Senior Advisory Commission discussed the duties of the Commission, how its members are appointed, when and where it meets, and the areas in which it gives its input to the City. These include: ensuring that the City's outdoor spaces and buildings are clean, safe and accessible to Seniors; being involved in affordable Senior housing issues and promoting home modification programs that enable Seniors to stay in their homes; advising on public transportation needs for Seniors; promoting and sponsoring intergenerational activities; and promoting volunteer opportunities for Seniors. The Commission was instrumental in getting Santa Clara designated an 'Age-Friendly City' and one of their activities in support of this is helping the Senior Center put on the annual Health and Wellness Fair. Among Grant's colleagues on the Senior Advisory Commission are SCWL members -- Wanda Buck, Nancy Toledo and Judy Hubbard.

AGENDA: Dorothy Carlson made a motion to accept the Agenda and Emily Adorable seconded. Motion passed.

MINUTES: Emily Adorable made a motion and Wanda Buck seconded that the Minutes of the August 13, 2019 General Meeting be accepted. Motion passed.

PRESIDENT: Marti reiterated her goals that new members feel welcome and that we work together as a team on our projects and goals. Two new members were introduced. Kristine Beebe, affiliated with Mission College, learned about the League from Emmy Moore Minister. Mission College supports the goals of SCWL. Angie Christiansen was recruited by Esther Flexen. She is a longtime resident of Santa Clara, is retired from Owens-Corning, and has served on the Board of the Chamber of Commerce.

CORRESPONDENCE: Linda Zazzara reported in place of Carol Phillips who was not present. Carol had sent a letter to the nurses in the Health and Wellness Program thanking them for preparing the delicious lunch for us in August.

TREASURER: New Treasurer Nancy Velasco is grateful for assistance she is getting from former Treasurer Dorothy Carlson. Our taxes have been prepared. A refundable deposit was paid to the City for use of meeting rooms at the Senior Center. The August Treasurer's report was reviewed. We have total Bank Account Balances of \$72,879.31. Alma Guillot made a motion seconded by Esther Flexen that the August Treasurer's report be accepted. Motion passed.

1st VICE PRESIDENT: Georgia Sutter noted that the first planning meeting for SHOWTIME 2020 will be next week. She passed around a sign-up sheet for those that can commit to helping as Committee Chairs. Georgia also talked about the Ice Cream Social at the Senior Center on August 28th. SCWL served the ice cream and toppings. The Mayor, a City Council member, and about 80 seniors dropped into the Ice Cream Social. Georgia thinks we should participate again next year.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT: Diane Jones laid out the 2019-2020 SCWL Yearbook and Roster for everyone to pick up -- also the badges for new members. Marti said to please treat member addresses and contact information as confidential and for club use only. Shred previous issues.

NEWSLETTER/ E-MAIL NOTIFICATIONS: Maria sent out the September newsletter and an e-mail notification from Emily Adorable with a weblink to view our brand new website. Those that do not have email are mailed the newsletter and the Telephone Committee will phone people who can't be sent e-mail notifications. Only Mary Hanel reported not getting an emailed copy of the newsletter.

HOLIDAY MEALS: Home delivery of Holiday Meals will be made to about 20 homes this year on December 10th. Dorothy Carlson and Judy Hubbard are coordinating the effort with Mallory and will determine the number of volunteers and drivers needed for the deliveries.

SHOWTIME: Covered when Georgia gave the 1st Vice President report.

SUNSHINE: Cora sent out two cards last month -- to Virginia Larsen and Marlene Serrano. A request was made to send a card to Judy Hubbard.

TELEPHONE: Marti got feedback that most people had received their meeting reminder call.

WEBSITE: Emily Adorable reiterated that the website is up and looks awesome. As budgeted, web-master Katrina has been sent a check for \$300 to cover her expenses. Katrina has also started a news blog on the website. Please funnel through Emily Adorable any news items or photos you would like Katrina to post to website.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Parade of Champion on September 28th: Although Marti Ragone applied for SCWL to be in the Parade, she had not heard if our application had been accepted until this past Friday. With such short time to prepare, she decided we should wait until next year to participate. She will attend the parade and visit the community booths to have a better idea of what to do next year.
- 2) Community Grant Application for 2020 that will cover our expenses for meeting in the Senior Center and staging SHOWTIME at the Community Recreation Center was turned into City Manager's Office and will appear as a consent calendar item at the City Council meeting of October 29th.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Next Breakfast Club meeting at Mission City Grill will be 9 a.m. on Monday September 16th.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned by President Marti Ragone at 2:25 p.m.

Prepared and Respectfully Submitted by Recording Secretary, Mary Hanel