



President's Message:

A big thank you to everyone who came to our September meeting and signed up to help with Showtime Prep. As you all know, Showtime is not just the March performances. There is a lot to be done in the months before Showtime and we need a lot of help to get ready. If you did not attend the meeting and want to be part of the preparation, please read Sharon and Carolyn's column in this newsletter and then let them know how you will help.

Thank you to the Audit Committee, Sharon Andrzejewski, Marti Ragone and Carolyn Johnson who looked over last year's financial report and presented an excellent audit report, with commendations for our Treasurer, Bobbi Estrada! We appreciate your commitment to SCWL!

Anna Guibao passed out our 2025-26 Yearbooks and everyone who did not attend should have received theirs by now. If you did not get it, please let Anna know. The Yearbook contains your list of members and their information, our calendar, and a wealth of information about SCWL. Thanks, Anna, for all the hours you put into the Yearbook and thanks to Kathy Del Pino for mentoring Anna!

Please attend the Parade of Champions on October 4 at 10AM to either cheer on our participants or consider joining them. Call Wanda Buck or Rebecca Selden for more information. We are hoping for mild weather and good shoes for everyone!!!!

The members voted for a change to Showtime 2026 because we are now supported by the Samsung Heroes Program thanks to two Showtime melodrama cast members who work at Samsung. This will not only bring in more donations to SCWL but ALSO many Samsung employees will become Showtime volunteers to help at our event. The vote changed the event to THREE days instead of two. We always had three days until COVID when we cut back, but our Showtime cast members put in many, many hours to rehearse for the melodrama and they really wanted to perform more. This means the dates for Showtime 2026 are Friday, March 6 at 7 PM, Saturday, March 7 at 7 PM AND Sunday March 8 at 2PM. **Let us get ready to raise funds for the Santa Clara Senior Center programs by supporting our Showtime Chairs – Sharon and Carolyn – and make this our most successful Showtime EVER!!!**

A new addition to our monthly newsletter will be Getting to Know Our Members. One of our newest members, Lynn Murphy, suggested this idea and you can read her inspiring bio at the end of this newsletter. Lynn may be contacting you to see if you want

to be interviewed to let us learn more about you. Then Lynn will feature you with a short biography of you – what you like to do, why you joined SCWL, your career, family, etc. – whatever you want us to know about you. We look forward to learning more about each other through Lynn's contributions. Thanks, Lynn, for coming up with this idea!

See you at our General meeting on Tuesday, October 14 – 1PM in Room 231 and at our breakfast October 20 at 9AM – Denny's on El Camino Real.

Emily Adorable, SCWL President

Health & Wellness Program News

We are officially out of disposable pull-ups and wipes! We are amazed that last December's Clean and Dry Holiday drive contributions lasted this far into the year. We have been supporting about 25 families and individuals all year with these items from our Community Closet. Do the math: a package of Depends (qty 28) is now costing about \$25. One package could easily last someone just a week, depending on their needs, so imagine \$100 that can now go to pay for food, prescriptions, or utility bills. A person told me yesterday that their insurance had been helping them with about \$300 in monthly costs, but now that is no longer available to them. It is a constant challenge to make ends meet. In addition to the practical support, these donations help people feel like someone "out there" cares about their struggles. So thank you to the SCWL members for their contribution to this very impactful resource. We will be doing it again this year!

Our RN position has posted and is open for applications. If you know someone who would like a great part-time job, please pass on this link: [As-Needed Temporary Employee \(RN Care Manager\)](#)

Katy, our social worker, is leading a caregiver support group starting on October 8, 1-2pm, every other Wednesday. Please sign up online http://apm.activecommunities.com/santaclara/Activity_Search/28615 or call the Front Desk for help.

Lots of good classes and activities this month ~ please see the October Senior Center newsletter for the goings-on!

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Showtime Opportunity Baskets Needed!

If it doesn't contain food, it's not too early to get me your basket for Showtime! Seriously – I can take it now!

Baskets should contain a \$25 (or more) gift card to a local business to complement the theme of your selection.

Themes that have done well in the past:

Activity kits: Legos, science, crochet projects (easy level), art

Outings: movie passes, destinations, free tickets

Food-related: Treasured family recipe cards with a few key ingredients, kitchen or serving items needed to create desserts, charcuterie, soup, etc. Chocolate is always appreciated. How about a Mock-tail recipe with special glasses?

Party-related: things one might need for a birthday, anniversary, and holiday party

Keep in mind that, traditionally, the people winning our baskets have been older adults, perhaps with grandkids, so think along the lines of what YOU would like to see in the display. We want everyone's first reaction to be, "OOO I gotta buy 20 tickets for THAT!"

If an entire basket is beyond your ability or budget, please don't stress. These baskets should be simple, yet inspiring and eye-catching, and more is not always better. Some folks partner to create an entire basket. Some donate the just the items. Some donate a gift card or two. I can use large baskets and tissue paper – I am out. We can make it work.

I'll have a sign-up sheet at our October and November meetings so that we don't end up with 9 Italian or Chocolate Baskets this year. Don't hesitate to contact me if you're thinking of a theme, but aren't sure.

Thanks for your time and your passion!

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Do not do unto others as you would expect they should do unto you. Their tastes may not be the same.

—George Bernard Shaw

Next General Meeting: Tuesday October 14, 2025-1pm, Room 231 at the SC Senior Center
Breakfast Club: Monday October 20, 2025- 9am at Denny's in Santa Clara

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be asked to join even though I knew nothing about the league at all.

All I knew is that I was in a lonely place in my life and was struggling and being part of something with other ladies could bring me some new friendships and put some fun back into my life.

As many of you ladies know at our ages life is beginning to go faster and faster and things are starting to shift in our lives. Sometimes we don't even recognize who we are or even our purpose any more. Our kids are grown and most of them are living somewhere else, many of our spouses have passed away or we are now divorced and left with so many challenges we weren't prepared for, and of course many of our friends have packed up and left Silicon Valley for more of a slower and peaceful life somewhere else, including Heaven.

After retiring as a Medical Massage Therapist for 35 years, I was very worn out from taking care of so many patients, and not taking care of myself, I enjoyed the rest and recovery, but then I was called by the Lord into ministry and went back to school and got my BS to become an Ordained Chaplain.

Once I was Ordained I was blessed with a ministry and served for 12 years in the streets with the homeless. You can see my website @ PJ-Ministry.org . This ministry was very rewarding, fun, energizing, sad, and had many times of complete sorrow, but most of all it was a blessing to be able to serve so many people who had torn up lives. To see recovery, redemption, remorse, rewards and dedication in these people's lives was remarkable on one side of the coin, and then to see so many who died and never recovered was filled with much sorrow and pain.

At the same time as the ministry, which was all volunteer, for an income I started working for Rover taking care of small dogs which brought me so many, many years of fun, laughter, wet kisses and so many snuggles. After 12 years of having so many pups, paws and poops, a horrible neighbor reported me to the humane society and after never having one single complaint, and getting a lawyer I lost my dogs, my job, my income and most of my Joy....

Now I am in recovery for the losses, and pain with the new friends from the Santa Clara Senior Center and the Santa Clara Women's League. I have made new friends, I have a place that I belong now, and I have so much enjoyed serving our people with our BBQ's and our ice cream social. I am so happy when I am in service and around so many wonderful, beautiful and happy people. Thank you and God bless all of you.

Sincerely,
Lynn Murphy

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When people see the cat's litter box, they always say, "Oh, you have a cat?"
Just once I'd like to say, "No, it's for company. Hop right in!"