



**SANTA CLARA WOMEN'S LEAGUE**  
P.O. Box 3033 - Santa Clara, CA 95055-

**Hello  
December**



### ***President's Message:***

At our November meeting we announced that our own Wanda Buck is the honoree who will light the Santa Clara Christmas Tree on Friday, December 5 at 6:00PM. If you can come and cheer her on that would be great! It takes place at Central Park on the basketball courts behind the CRC. The honor is given to an outstanding citizen of Santa Clara who has been involved in numerous Santa Clara organizations and activities and we are so proud of Wanda!!! Well deserved, Wanda!!!

Looking forward to seeing all of you at our Holiday luncheon on Tuesday, December 9 at 1:00PM at Marie Callender's in Sunnyvale! Thank you to Sharon Andrzejewski for organizing this and Marti Ragone for collecting the unwrapped toys you bring and delivering them to Toys for Tots at Santa Clara Fire Station #1. Just like our monthly breakfasts, this is a time to relax, meet new members who are sitting next to you and enjoy some delicious food and great conversation. There is no general meeting in December since we have our luncheon but do join us for breakfast at 9:00 AM on Monday, December 15 at Denny's.

Thank you to Georgia Sutter for organizing the Senior Center Holiday Lunch we cater for the Nutrition program. We provide a delicious catered holiday meal for 100 seniors along with music and for this year – door prizes. The date is Wednesday, December 10 at 11AM. If you would like to help, please contact Georgia. Georgia also sent a detailed email to all of you about the event.

When we return in January, there are only two more months until Showtime 2026!!! Sharon and Carolyn are doing a terrific job again as Showtime co-chairs. All the committee chairs are busy organizing and completing tasks to get ready. At our October meeting we discussed Opportunity Baskets. Every member is asked to participate in some way on a basket and if you have questions contact Mallory von Kugelgen.. After Christmas sales are a great way to find bargains for your basket or perhaps you want to re-gift that one thing you received but didn't really need!

Come to our January 13 General Meeting at SC Senior Center Room 231 to hear more news about Showtime and your responsibilities. There will be a Showtime Work Schedule sign-up sheet at the meeting for you to choose the shifts you want to work.

Most importantly, as your president, I want to take this opportunity to thank ALL of you for your dedication and support of SCWL – be proud of what you do for the Older Adults in our community. I am so happy to work with such a devoted group of volunteers!



“I’m giving up eating chocolate for a month.”

Sorry, bad punctuation.

“I’m giving up. Eating chocolate for a month.”

### ***Health & Wellness Program News***

Katy and I are busy, but not tooooooo busy. I am still interviewing new RN candidates, looking for that “good fit.” Larisa is still out on leave, and I am hopeful every month that she’ll be back at her desk soon. We are looking forward to the holiday break in December. We feel like we will be seeing many more clients as the healthcare and insurance systems adjust to the lack of the subsidies that were not renewed by Congress. We anticipate a lot more people who cannot afford insurance and will be looking for resources to help offset the costs of paying out pocket for medical care. We shall see.

Our annual Giving Tree is up, again focusing this year on “A Clean and Dry Holiday,” which supplied our Community Closet with free pull-ups, wipes, and pads for most of the year. This benefitted about 50 households, off and on, and has been greatly appreciated. Last summer, someone really chewed me out over that theme because it wasn't a lovely way to focus on the holidays, unlike gift cards or treats. While it's true that incontinence supplies are not sexy, helping people feel confident about leaving the house is incredibly liberating and empowering. That's what we're here for. I hope you are able to select an ornament and help us out.

Take care, Larisa, Katy, and Mallory



Nature does not hurry, yet everything is accomplished.

—Lao Tzu

Happy Holidays to you and your families!

## *Showtime Opportunity Baskets*

As we head into the land of holidays sales, please keep your Showtime Opportunity baskets in mind! Themes can be meals, ingredients for a recipe, activities, cash, games, outings – the sky's the limit (as long as you keep the retail value from being too high). In January, I will begin accepting your completed baskets. Items need to be new and thoughtfully selected. Please check with me first on your ideas, so we don't have a lot of repetition.

I'm looking for a partner to help with collecting, organizing, and decorating the baskets (we need 45, minimum). I will be passing the torch in 2027, so this would be a great way to see how things are done. It's not hard and we can eat snacks. Please let me know if this sounds like something you could do – the bulk of the work takes place in the last two weeks of February.

THANK YOU! Mallory

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## *Welcome new members*

Cindy Casamina

Anna Nguyen



**Next General Meeting:** Tuesday January 13, 2026-1pm, Room 231 at the SC Senior Center

**Breakfast Club:** Monday December 17, 2025- 9am at Denny's in Santa Clara

**Holiday Luncheon:** Tuesday December 9, 2025- 1pm at Marie Callender's

**Holiday Meals:** Wednesday December 10, 2025-10am at the SC Senior Center