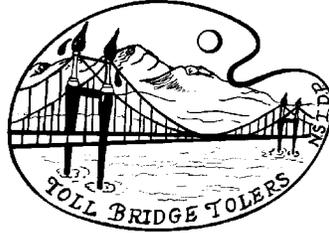


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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup> is our Planning Meeting for 2018 from 1-4pm at our usual meeting place at First Lutheran Church. Everyone is welcome to attend, particularly the incoming Board Officers and Chairpersons. We will be planning meeting dates and Chapter activities and goals for the upcoming year.

At the start of this month's regular meeting on November 21<sup>st</sup>, we will be distributing our donation checks to our 2017 charities: First Lutheran Church, the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano Counties, and Newberry's Block. In addition, most of you have already heard that two of our chapter members ( Jan Voester and Jann Otvos) have children and grandchildren who lost their homes in the Santa Rosa fire. At our October meeting, members who were present decided to help support these families by having an anonymous cash (personal check) or gift card donation to their families. If you would like to make a donation I will have cards to sign and boxes in which to place your donation, at our November meeting and our December dinner.

In December there isn't a chapter meeting but we will have our annual Holiday dinner on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at

the Mangia Bene restaurant in Martinez. See the attached page at the end of the newsletter. The cost is \$31.00 which includes soup or salad, your entrée, and dessert. Make checks out to TBT and submit by December 8th. You will choose your menu selection that evening at the restaurant. You can give me your check either at the November meeting, mail it to my home address or to TBT P.O. Box 2671 Martinez, CA 94553. Besides our recognition of outgoing officers and installation of new officers we have several voluntary activities that members can choose to participate in at the Holiday dinner. We will be having our much anticipated painted ornament exchange and our unwrapped toy drive for Heart of a Hero. Wishing everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with good food and family and friends.

*Cathy McC*



## PROGRAMS

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

THANK YOU Liz Little for teaching our October program a "Wicked Cute" Witch Clip design by Sandy LeFlore. There were so many wonderful "Wicked Cute" clips

Painted at the meeting and everyone had a great time! We also had our annual Fall Ornament Exchange which was fun for everyone. Please look at our TBT website for pictures of our meeting program and some of the ornaments from the exchange.



Our November program will be taught by D.J. West-Davis. It will be a darling Penguin Ornament. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Please bring your regular painting supplies and D.J. will supply the surface, instructions, and paint. The cost of the project will be \$2.50.

Hope to see everyone there!

We will be having our Christmas ornament exchange at our Holiday Dinner on December 19<sup>th</sup> at Mangia Bene. It is VOLUNTARY. If you wish to participate, please bring your painted ornament in a brown paper bag. There will be a box to put them in.

Marianne S.



## MEMBERSHIP

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

You still have time to submit your 2018 chapter dues this month. The chapter and society dues need to be paid by no later than December 1, 2017.

Chapter dues are \$15 for 2018 and the National renewal are \$60 for the calendar year. Please submit a completed application with your chapter dues payment. You can access the Membership Application form on our website at [www.tollbridgetolers.org](http://www.tollbridgetolers.org). Mail a check and the form to Toll Bridge Tolers, P.O. Box 2671, Martinez, CA 94553 or bring it to a meeting. The Society of Decorative Painters dues needs to be paid directly to the Society. You submit payment on their website at [www.decorativepainters.org](http://www.decorativepainters.org). The National dues are managed by the Craft and Hobby Association. Please let me know if you have any questions or need assistance.

Karen V.



## WAYS AND MEANS

The special drawing prize at our October meeting was donated by Loretta Mateik. It was a wonderful assortment that contained a pillow, hand towel, vase, lights and candy. It was won by Barbara B. Thank you Loretta for donating the prize.

Trish B.



## SEMINARS

\*\*\*Feb. 10, 2018 Karen Brouwer Seminar\*\*\*  
 Sept. 15 & 16, 2018 Sandi Strecker Seminar

We will be choosing a project for the Karen B seminar at the planning meeting on Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup> at our regular meeting place.

Merlene, Carrie and Cathy



## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Thank you Liz Little and committee for touching up the mural at Contra Costa Regional Medical Center. They are so happy. You are a gift to the community. Rhonda Smith from CCRMC, told me they had a lunch for Mothers who have received our memory boxes. The memory boxes were part of the program. I have received many beautiful boxes. Thank you so much Have a wonderful November.

Roz B





## AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

No awards were handed out at our October meeting.

*Shirley I.*



## OCTOBER WAS DECORATIVE PAINTING MONTH

The Toll Bridge Tolers display at the Concord library celebrating October as Decorative Painting Month received many positive comments. Thanks to the following members who loaned painted items to the display: Darlene S, Karen V, Barb B, Jann O, Jo I and Cathy M.

*Suzanne O. and Cathy McC.  
Decorative Painting Month Committee*

## TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS BOARD MEETING

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA  
October 17, 2017

Present: Cathy McC, Darlene S, Marianne S, Jann O, Shirley I, Barbara B, Trish B, Carrie G, Judy H, Kathy G, Liz L.

The meeting was called to order by President Cathy McC. at 6:45 pm. She reported the Christmas dinner will be held at Mangia Bene on December 19<sup>th</sup> and will cost \$31.00 per person. Menu selection will be done at the restaurant. She suggested that donations this year go to the families of two of our members, (Jan V. and Jann O.) who lost homes in the North Bay fires. Cash or gift cards would be appreciated.

The 2018 Planning meeting is Sunday, November 12, 2017 at First Lutheran Church from 1 to 4 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Trish B. advised a hospital in Sacramento may be interested in our lily pad project.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

## TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS GENERAL MEETING

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA  
October 17, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Cathy McC. at 7:00 pm with a quorum present. The minutes of the September meeting were approved as published in the October newsletter (Barbara B./Shirley I.)

Visitor - Dottie, was welcomed.

The 2018 Planning meeting is Sunday, November 12, 2017 at First Lutheran Church from 1 to 4 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Election of 2018 Officers: The slate of officers was published in the October newsletter. There being no nominations from the floor, it was moved that the slate of Executive Board Members and Committee Chairpersons for 2018 as listed below be approved as presented (Loretta M./Trish B.) The motion carried.

### Executive Board

President - Connie O.  
1<sup>st</sup> VP-Programs – Marianne S.  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP-Membership - Karen V.  
Secretary – Darlene S.  
Treasurer – Jann O.  
Newsletter – Trish B.  
Ways and Means – Jann O.

### Committee Chairpersons

County Fair – Karen V. and Luci F.  
Community Projects – Roz B.  
Decorative Painting Month – Cathy McC. and Suzanne O.  
Handbook – Karen V.  
Historian – Loretta M.  
Seminars/Paint-ins – Cathy McC.  
Nominating Committee – Luci F.  
Parliamentarian – Cathy McC.  
Rewards/Recognition – Shirley I.  
Sunshine – Holley Y.  
Website – Loretta M.  
Publicity – Lisa S.

The N.C.C.C. Representative positions are vacant.

Holiday Dinner – Cathy McC. announced the dinner will be held on December 19, 2017 at Mangia Bene in Martinez. The cost is \$31 per person payable to Toll Bridge Tolers and given to Jann O. or mailed to Cathy McC. at our P. O. Box by December 8.

Charities: Cathy announced that the proceeds from the Bunco raffle was \$1,493 of which \$300 goes to First Lutheran Church for use of our meeting room. The

balance of \$1,193 will be divided between the two selected charities – Food Bank of Contra Costa/Solano and Newberry’s B.L.O.C.K. It was moved seconded and approved to round that amount (\$596.50 each) up to \$600 per charity (Carrie G./Loretta M.). A representative of each charity will be invited to the November meeting to receive the checks.

Cathy McC. advised the Board proposed that at our holiday dinner this year we donate cash or gift cards to the families of two of our members (Jan V. and Jann O.) who lost their homes in the North Bay fires. She will have cards available to sign. This was agreed unanimously. Those who wish may also bring toys for the “Heart of a Hero” charity.

1<sup>st</sup> V.P.-Programs – Marianne S. needs volunteers for programs in 2018.

2<sup>nd</sup> V.P.-Membership – 2018 dues of \$15 are due. SDP dues are now \$60 and are payable. If feasible, the Chapter may supplement the \$10 increase which will be determined later.

Treasurer – Jann O. advised the Treasurer’s report is available for review.

Community Service Projects – Jann O. brought five painted memory boxes and Roz B. has more to paint if anyone needs them. Liz L. checked out the mural TBT painted at the Contra Costa Regional Medical Center a few years ago that needs to be touched up after some construction work was done. She estimated it will take about two hours to fix it and she, Merlene R. and Vivian R. will look at it Wednesday and the work dates will be in the newsletter.

Seminars – The Karen Brouwer seminar is February 10, 2018 and the Sandi Strecker seminar is September 15-16, 2018. Another ornament frenzy will be held in two years.

Hospitality – Barbara B. circulated the book for sign-ups for November.

October Painting Month – Cathy McC. and Suzanne O. put up the display in the Concord Library which has received positive comments.

Awards and Recognition – Shirley I. indicated no one receiving an award was in attendance.

Ways and Means – Trish advised the Special Drawing prize tonight is from Loretta M. and consists of a pillow, hand towel, vase, lights and candy. It was won by Barbara B.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm to the ornament exchange and the program taught by Liz L.

## BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2018

### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

|                                      |                    |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>President:</b>                    | <b>Connie O.</b>   |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> VP-Programs:</b>   | <b>Marianne S.</b> |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> VP-Membership:</b> | <b>Karen V.</b>    |
| <b>Secretary:</b>                    | <b>Darlene S.</b>  |
| <b>Treasurer:</b>                    | <b>Jann O.</b>     |
| <b>Newsletter:</b>                   | <b>Trish B.</b>    |
| <b>Ways and Means:</b>               | <b>Jann O.</b>     |

### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

|                              |                                  |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>County Fair:</b>          | <b>Karen V. and Luci F.</b>      |
| <b>Community Projects:</b>   | <b>Roz B</b>                     |
| <b>Dec. Painting Month:</b>  | <b>Cathy McC. and Suzanne O.</b> |
| <b>Handbook:</b>             | <b>Karen V.</b>                  |
| <b>Historian:</b>            | <b>Loretta M.</b>                |
| <b>Hospitality:</b>          | <b>Barbara B.</b>                |
| <b>Librarian:</b>            | <b>Jann O.</b>                   |
| <b>N.C.C.C. Reps:</b>        | <b>VACANT</b>                    |
| <b>Seminars/Paint-ins:</b>   | <b>Cathy McC.</b>                |
| <b>Nominating Committee:</b> | <b>Luci F.</b>                   |
| <b>Parliamentarian:</b>      | <b>Cathy McC.</b>                |
| <b>Rewards/Recognition:</b>  | <b>Shirley I.</b>                |
| <b>Sunshine:</b>             | <b>Holley Y.</b>                 |
| <b>Website:</b>              | <b>Loretta M.</b>                |
| <b>Publicity:</b>            | <b>Lisa S.</b>                   |



## NEWSLETTER

All Chapter members are welcome to submit painting or craft related articles for the newsletter. Send the articles to me via e-mail. **The deadline for newsletter articles is the last day of each month.**

I try my best to keep up to date on member’s email addresses. However, if you are not receiving your newsletter notification, please contact me as I may have old or incorrect information. Please send any e-mail or address changes to me at [TBTNewsletter@comcast.net](mailto:TBTNewsletter@comcast.net).

**Note: The following is our policy regarding the method by which you will receive your newsletter:**

**If you have Internet access**, you will be receiving an email to let you know that the current month’s newsletter is available online at our website - [www.tollbridgetolers.org](http://www.tollbridgetolers.org)

You will need to log onto the website and read or print the newsletter from there. If you need assistance, please

contact Trish at [TBTNewsletter@comcast.net](mailto:TBTNewsletter@comcast.net) or Loretta. You must have Adobe Acrobat Reader to access and print your newsletter. There are instructions on our website which will allow you to receive your FREE copy of Acrobat Reader.

If you do not have Internet access, you have the option of receiving your newsletter via the mail or as an email attachment. You need to let me know if you choose either of these options.



## SUNSHINE

A Great Happy Birthday to all of our November and December ladies Genie, Liz, Lisa, Luci, Trish and Sue, Marianne and Pam. Eat all the cake & ice cream that you want!!

The best way to contact me is either on my cell and leave a message or to send me an email, as I may be traveling.

Holley Y.



## HOSPITALITY

Thank you to the following members who signed up to bring goodies for our November meeting.

Snacks: Marianne, Shirley, Jan O. and Carrie

Beverages: Trish and Cathy

Ice: Darlene

Barbara B.



## TBT 2017 IMPORTANT DATES

November 19- TBT Planning meeting for 2018

November 21- TBT Meeting DJ West

December 19- Installation Dinner

## 2018

Karen Brouwer Seminar- February 10, 2018

Sandi Strecker Seminar- September 15-16, 2018

\*\*Please check websites for confirmation of dates and locations, as one of the conferences changed dates from what they originally published. We are just collating data from websites of possible events chapter members may be interested in attending



## TIPS, HINTS AND HELPS TRADING POST

This portion of the newsletter is to help out our fellow painters with hints, tips, shortcuts or whatever we can share to help each other become better painters! If you find something that helped you, send it to Trish Bertolucci at [berts4@comcast.net](mailto:berts4@comcast.net) and she will make sure it goes into the newsletter the following month! We can always use a little help.

The purpose of the society is a central dissemination point for information about activities related to decorating painting; raise and maintain a high standard for the art of decorative painting; and stimulate interest in and appreciation for the art form.

**NOTICE:** First Lutheran Church is collecting foodstuffs year round for Project Share. Any donations would be welcome. Contact Darlene for details.

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**TOLL BRIDGE  
TOLERS  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2018**

*Dues are \$15 per Year, payable October 1, and delinquent November 1*

SDP# \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Month and Day \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a new Member Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of another chapter Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_

Your cancelled check is your receipt of dues payment.

**You must be a member of the Society of Decorative Artist**, info on [www.decorativepainters.org](http://www.decorativepainters.org)

**Current SDP** membership card or **SDP** E-mail must accompany this application form and return to:

**Toll Bridge Tolars  
P. O. Box 2671  
Martinez, Ca. 94553**

Date received \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Cash \_\_\_\_\_

**OK to publish: Yes or NO**



Join Toll Bridge Tolars for our Annual  
2017 Holiday Celebration at December 19, 2017 6:30 pm  
Mangia Bene Restaurant 1170 Arnold Dr., Martinez  
(In the I-Hop shopping complex)

**\$31 – Make checks payable to Toll Bridge Tolars**

Meal includes Soup or Salad; Entrée, & Dessert (tax & tip). Water (plain or sparkling)

Your selection will be from the menu provided by the restaurant that evening (they are undergoing a menu update). The selection will be similar to the entrees listed below

**Capellini al Pomodoro**- Angel hair pasta, marinara sauce, chopped tomatoes, fresh basil, garlic, EVOO (choice of plain, with chicken or shrimp)

**Spaghetti alla Bolognese**- with ground beef, sliced mushrooms & fresh tomato sauce

**Spaghetti con Polpette di Carne**- with meatballs and chopped onions in a creamy marinara sauce

**Pennette alla Vodka**- Pasta tubes, pancetta, caramelized onions, a shot of vodka, lite cream & tomato sauce

**Cannelloni di Pollo**- home-made cannelloni stuffed with ground roasted chicken & vegetables, topped with a marinara and béchamel cream sauce

**Lasagna**- homemade pasta layered with Bolognese sauce, parmesan cheese, marinara & a touch of Bechamel sauce, topped with a slice of Mozzarella cheese

**Fettucine Alfredo**- Home-made fettuccine in a creamy Alfredo sauce. Choice of plain or chicken

**Ravioli com Pomodoro Basilico**- Home-made ravioli filled with spinach, swiss chard, pine nuts & riccoto cheese in a garlic, fresh basil & tomato sauce

**Turtei di Zucca**- Home-made ravioli filled with roasted butternut squash & ricotta cheese, topped with your choice of sauce: Cream & Sage or Browned butter & Sage

**Send Checks by Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> to: TBT ,P.O. Box 2671 , Martinez, CA 94553**

