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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well it is hard to believe that December is here, and we have blown through 2018 already. In a few weeks we will have our Annual Christmas Dinner with our Ornament Exchange. If you wish to participate in the exchange, please bring a newly painted ornament in a brown paper bag. At the end of our exchange we will be sending the ornaments around to each of the tables so that everyone can see the wonderful work each of you have done.

I mailed the Christmas Dinner information out to each of you. I have heard from one person who did not receive the letter. I am attaching the Christmas Dinner information to the newsletter in case anyone else did not receive it.

On a sad note, we were notified that Genie Miller passed away on December 4th. She was a former President and in the Chapter for many years. If you would like to send her family a card, the address is below:

Terrie Marks
P.O. Box 188
Herald, CA 95638

Looking forward to seeing all of you at our Annual Christmas Dinner. Wishing you and your family a safe and Merry Christmas!

Connie

Merry Christmas




PROGRAMS

I wanted to Thank Jann O. and Trish B. for stepping in and running the November meeting project for me in my absence. Although it was a small turnout 13 canvas bags were completed for the Veterans. I saw the bags and they are beautiful! Many members have donated various items to fill the bags which we will be doing soon. If you have items you would like to donate, please let me know so I can get them from you. Thank you to everyone who participated!

Our December Holiday Dinner is scheduled for December 18th at Mangia Bene Restaurant. We will be having our ornament exchange at the dinner so please bring a hand painted ornament in a plain brown paper bag to the dinner and you'll receive one in return. As always, the exchange is voluntary!

I also want to thank Shirley I., Carrie G., Merlene R., Trish B., Liz L., Cathy Mc and Luci F. for teaching at our 2018 meetings!

We have an exciting year planned for 2019 so please try to attend as many meetings as possible.



To start the year off, our January program will be taught by Kathy Gunther. Kathy will be teaching a dotted coffee mug! The cost will be \$2.50.

Kathy will supply the mugs, rubbing alcohol and cotton (to clean the mugs), various size dowels, Q-tips and her collection of paints.

You will need to bring the following:

Stylus' (as many different sizes as you have)

Other dotting items you may have around the house – i.e. toothpicks, pencil erasers, dowels...anything that will make nice round dots.

Paper towels

Pallet Paper

Q-tips to clean up mistakes

Your own paints if you want a particular color combination - either DecoArt or Folk Art multi surface paint, or enamels. These can then be oven-cured.

Hope everyone has a Safe and Happy Holiday season!

Marianne



MEMBERSHIP

The 2019 Chapter dues of \$15 are due by the end of this month. Please pay them as soon as possible if you have not already renewed your dues. The 2019 National annual dues are \$60. The SDP application came with your magazine that you just received. The Society of Decorative Painters dues needs to be paid directly to the Society. You mail in the application or you can renew your SDP dues on line through their website. There are 3 options to pay the National dues - submit an on-line payment at www.decorativepainters.org/renew; or mail it in with the application form; or can call (316) 269-9300 and speak with a staff member to pay with your credit card. The chapter Membership Application form is attached to the newsletter and on our website at www.tollbridgetolers.org. You can turn it in at the meeting or mail the chapter form and check. Mail should be sent to Toll Bridge Tolers, P.O. Box 2671, Martinez, CA 94553. Thank you to the members that have already paid. Please let me know if you have any questions or need assistance.

Karen



WAYS AND MEANS

Holley was the lucky winner of the November drawing basket which I donated. It was a painter's basket with a painted clip board to hold project pictures and directions, pallet paper, water cups, portable water basket, blue towels, wipes, paint bottle labels and a project. There will not be a drawing at our Holiday Party in December, but I am working on a fun filled winter basket for the January meeting.

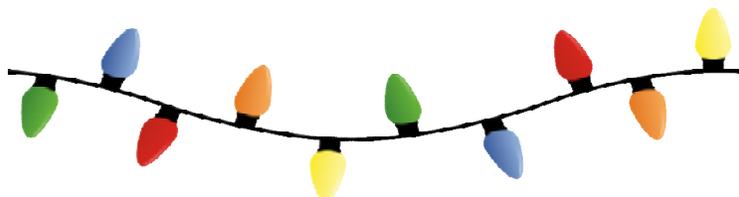
Jann



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

No awards were handed out at the November meeting. Thank you to all the members who have donated their time, food items, raffle prizes, filled a board or committee position, special drawing monthly prizes, taught at one of our meetings and all the other wonderful things to keep our chapter going. Please let me know if you would like to recognize a member who has done something to help our chapter! Have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Shirley





FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL CRAB FEED

The First Lutheran Church and Preschool Annual Crab Feed is in January. As usual, any donated raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated. They are always well received and contribute greatly to this annual fundraiser. Please get any donations to Darlene no later than our January 15th, 2019 meeting. If you have any questions, please call or email Darlene S.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS FOR 2019

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

President: Connie O.
1st VP-Programs: Marianne S.
2nd 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
Dec. Painting Month: Cathy McC. and Suzanne O.
Handbook: Karen V.
Historian: **VACANT**
Hospitality: Barbara B.
Librarian: Jann O.

Seminars/Paint-ins: Cathy McC.
Nominating Committee: Luci F.
Parliamentarian: Cathy McC.
Rewards/Recognition: Shirley I.
Sunshine: Holley Y.
Website: **VACANT**
Publicity: **VACANT**

TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS 2019 PLANNING MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA
November 4, 2018

Present: Connie O., Darlene S., Luci F., Jann O., Cathy McC., Trish B., Roz B., Karen V., Holley Y., Marianne S.

The meeting was called to order by President Connie O. at 1:45 pm.

Meeting Times: Board meetings will start at 7:00 pm and the General meeting will start at 7:15 pm on the third Tuesday. Saturday meetings will be held on the third Saturday of March, May and September. The ornament frenzy will be held at the regular September meeting. The Plumbers' Hall is no longer available to us, so Vivian R. will be asked to check into renting the VFW Hall in Martinez. The cost for the ornament frenzy was discussed and will be determined.

Teaching Fees: It was suggested the fees be increased to \$35 for a regular Tuesday meeting and \$100 for a regular Saturday meeting. Each teacher fee for the ornament frenzy would also be \$35. This will be brought to the membership for approval.

2019 Officers: Luci F. is working on the slate of officers. Trish B. will send out an email asking if the current officers wish to continue for another year or if there are volunteers for any position. The slate of officers will be published in the November newsletter. Our webmaster is not renewing her membership, so a new one is needed. Our current website is old and the newer ones are easier to use. Trish will look into this with her daughter.

2019 Meeting Dates: Tuesday meetings will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 pm on **January 15, February 19, April 16, June 18, October 15 and November 19**. Saturday meetings will be held from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on **March 16, May 18 and September 21** (ornament frenzy). July will be the usual BBQ at Loretta's home, if she agrees, and the Bunco fundraiser will be held on August 24 (first choice) or August 17 (second choice), location to be determined. **December 17** will be the annual Christmas dinner. The September ornament frenzy will be from 8:30 am to 6:30 pm with four teachers. Ornament suggestions will be requested.

2019 Budget: Jann O. distributed the proposed 2019 budget and will make changes regarding teacher fees as discussed previously. She asked that the Treasurer position be approved separately from the other officers.

Ornament Exchanges: Exchanges were suggested for Easter, Halloween and Christmas and this will be brought up to the membership for a vote.

Community Project: Trish is looking into a painting project to benefit foster children.

TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA
November 10, 2018

(No Board Meeting was held.)

Present: Trish B., Luci F., Jann O., Barbara B., Darlene S., Connie O., Holley Y., Vivian R.

The meeting was called to order by President Connie O. at 10:18 am. As there wasn't a quorum present, no official business requiring a quorum was conducted.

Charity Presentation: Billie Cummings and Jenny Richards, representing Community Concern for Cats, were presented with a check for \$725 from the Bunco fundraiser. They gave a comprehensive explanation of the work of the organization which has been in existence for 34 years and is staffed by all volunteers. They operate a cat hospital in Clayton open 4 days a week and about 30 feral cats are spayed or neutered each day. They also operate a thrift shop in Walnut Creek and are looking for volunteers to help out at the hospital and thrift shop. Printed information about the organization was provided. The check for Kaleidoscope will be mailed to Lisa S.

Newsletter: Trish B. placed a note in the last newsletter offering a prize for the first person to tell her of the note and Darlene S. was the recipient. Trish tried a different format for the newsletter and it was okayed by those present as it is easier for her.

Christmas Dinner: Connie will get information about the dinner to members shortly.

Special Drawing: Jann O. donated a basket of miscellaneous painting supplies and a handmade clipboard made by her husband. Holley Y. drew her own ticket.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am to a program of painting tote bags for the Veterans' Hospital in Martinez.



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.

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

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 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



Please wish a very Happy Birthday to our December members who are celebrating- Marianne S., Valerie P., and Pam V. And Happy Birthday to our January gals- Jo I., and Loretta M.

Hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Holley Y.

HOSPITALITY

Hope to see everyone at our Annual Installation Christmas dinner at Mangia Bene on Tuesday December 18th. Thank you to all the members who have signed up for snacks and drinks this year. You make my job easy! Merry Christmas to everyone.

Barbara B.



TBT 2018 IMPORTANT DATES

December 18th – Installation dinner Mangia Bene



TIPS, HINTS AND HELPS

This portion of the newsletter is to help 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 and she will make sure it goes into the newsletter the following month! We can always use a little help.

FOR GIVE AWAY!!!~~~ Baby food jars. A whole box of them. Late '70's era, with screw on lids. Top layer at least is the large 4 oz. size. Please contact Merlene if you are interested in them.

FOR SALE~~~ Shirley I. has about 50 patterns by Nancy Linski for sale. All brand new. Selling for \$5.00 each. She also has some of the wood angels for sale to go with the patterns and is selling those for \$20.00. Contact Shirley if you are interested.

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.



TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2019

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

SDP# _____ Birth Month and Day _____

Name: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phones: Home (____) _____ Cell (____) _____

Work (____) _____ Email _____

Fax (____) _____

For Emergencies only Health Issues _____

Medication pertinent to health issues _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ relationship _____

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

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

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

Date received _____

Check # _____

Cash _____

OK to publish: Yes or NO



Toll Bridge Tolars Christmas Dinner & Ornament Exchange

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

Cost: \$30.00

Mangia Bene Restaurant

1170 Arnold Drive, Martinez, CA

Drinks at 6:30 p.m. and Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Dinner Selections

Salad Choices:

Insalata di Caesar or Insalata Mista

Entrée Choices:

Capellini al Pomodoro – Angel hair pasta w/ marinara sauce

Lasagne – Bolognese sauce, ground beef, mushrooms

Fettuccine Alfredo – Plain, Chicken or Shrimp

Conchiglie al Polo – Pasta shells with chicken & broccoli

Spaghetti con Polpette di Carne – Spaghetti & Meatballs

Turtei di Zucca – Butternut squash ravioli

Desserts Choices:

Tiramisu Originale – Ladyfingers, mascarpone, kahlua, expresso, topped with zabaglione cream sauce

Valentino di Cioccolato – Three layered mousse, swiss milk chocolate, white chocolate & Belgian dark chocolate topped with zabaglione cream and raspberry sauce

Drink Choices: *Soda, iced tea or coffee*

RSVP by: December 13th.

Mail checks made out to Toll Bridge Tolars to:

Connie Oakley

1103 Crest Ridge Lane

Concord, CA 94521-4539

