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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hard to believe that 2019 is coming to an end shortly. This year has gone by in sonic speed. We have had fun projects taught by Kathy G., Marianne S., DJ W., Jann O., Liz L., Karen V. and Trish B. We had a great Ornament Frenzy with Loretta M., Jeanie S. and Karen V. teaching us some very cute ornaments to add to our stash. Thanks to all of you ladies who take the time to select projects for us to do and for getting the materials together for the members to enjoy your projects. We appreciate you!

Jann O. taught us a fun card with a Chickadee done in colored pencils at our November meeting. We always enjoy learning new techniques.

Elaine from Mobility Matters accepted our donation and gave us some background on the organization and how they provide free transportation to seniors and veterans. They plan to use our donation to purchase 40 Emergency Radios for their clients.

Darlene has confirmed the dates of our meetings next year. The meeting dates will be:

2020

January 21	July?? – BBQ
February 11	August 29 – Bunco Fundraiser
March 14	September 12
April 21	October 20
May 16	November 17
June 16	December 15

Our Bunco Fundraiser will be on Saturday, August 29, 2020 and will be held in the gymnasium at the Church.

Along with the good times we have had this year we had a sad time with the loss of our dear Chapter member Shirley Irwin. I would like to thank Carrie for taking over Rewards and Recognitions for her and continuing her Angel theme. Shirley is our Tole Angel now and will be forever in our hearts and memories.

Unfortunately, we had more sad news this year. Lisa S.'s mother has lung cancer and isn't doing well. If you would like to send Sue a card, please send it to:

Sue Coats
1727 Dolphin Place
Discovery Bay, CA 94505

We just received word that Barb Flavin's husband Jimmy passed away November 16th. Barb has been a very active Chapter member in the past until she and Jimmy moved to Washington. Send cards to:

Barb Flavin
160 San Juan Drive
Sequim, WA 98382-9393

Please keep Sue, Lisa, Barb and their families in your thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time. I know our hearts go out to all of them!

The Church will be having their Crab Feed on Saturday, January 25, 2020 and is need of raffle prize donations. Donations can be painted items or any type of basket you would like to put together. Please bring your donations to Darlene no later than our January 21st meeting.

We will be having our Christmas Dinner at Mangia Bene Restaurant in Martinez on Tuesday, December 17th. The cost for dinner will \$30. If you wish to do the ornament exchange, please bring a newly painted ornament in a plain brown bag for the exchange.

It has been a fun year and I have enjoyed being your President. Trish will be taking the reins in January and I wish her all the best in guiding our Chapter into 2020 for more fun times.

Wishing you and your family all of the blessings of the Season and a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Connie



PROGRAMS

Hard to believe but there's only 25 days until Christmas and 32 days until we welcome in 2020! Where has the time gone?

December 17th is our Annual Christmas dinner and Ornament Exchange at Mangia Bene Restaurant in Martinez. If you wish to participate in the exchange, please bring a hand painted ornament in a plain brown paper bag to the dinner. After dinner we'll pass the basket with the ornaments for all to pick one and then pass them around for everyone to see what you received. I, for one, always look forward to receiving a new ornament to add to my collection.

I want to thank Jann O. for teaching us a darling pen and ink "Christmas Chickadee" on card stock at our November meeting. It was a fun project, and everyone received a second card to complete on their own. Jann also introduced us to using pen and ink on dishtowels at our April meeting. Jann, you never disappoint with your creative projects.

Additionally, I would like to Thank Kathy G for teaching us dotted mugs at our January meeting, DJ for teaching a beautiful "Giant Swallowtail" project at our March meeting, Liz L. for her wonderful 4th of July wreath at our May meeting, Karen V. for demonstrating shading on watercolor paper using colored pencils, an Erika Joanne Starfish Wishes project and Trish B. for teaching us a darling Frankenstein pin on a domino at our October meeting. Without our volunteers, we would not be learning these new and exciting projects. Please let me know if you have any projects you'd like to introduce to the chapter at future meetings.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Dinner. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

Marianne



MEMBERSHIP

It is time again to renew our annual national and chapter membership dues. If you have not done so yet, please renew your chapter and national dues. You should have received emails from SDP with the membership renewal information and an application was also included in the Fall 2019 magazine mailing.

The 2020 National membership dues continue to be \$60. They can be submitted by one of the options below:

- Online – www.decorativepainters.org/renew.
- Phone – call (316) 269-9300 and speak with a staff member and pay by credit card.
- Mail – Use the application form included with your recent magazine and pay by credit card or check made to SDP.
- Fax – (316) 269-9191 the application form and pay by credit card.

The chapter dues are the same low price of \$15 for 2020. You can access the chapter Membership Application form on our website at www.tollbridgetolers.org Turn in the form at our next meeting or mail the form and check. Mail should be sent to Toll Bridge Tolers, P.O. Box 2671, Martinez, CA 94553.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need assistance.

Karen



WAYS AND MEANS

Connie was the generous donor of a huge basket full of fall goodies, including an artificial pumpkin, placemats, a towel, fall leaves and a host of other surprises. Suzanne was the lucky winner. There will not be a December drawing. Our annual ornament exchange will be a special treat for us all!

Jann



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Happy holidays to everyone. Thank you for all the beautiful memory boxes. The New Year may bring some community projects for us to do. Have a wonderful Christmas season

Roz



SDP SPRING RETREAT

Join us for the first SDP Retreat in beautiful Fredericksburg, TX. There will be 3 fun filled days of painting with 3 of the best teachers. Mark your calendars and start making arrangements. If three days of painting is not enough. Fredericksburg is located in the heart of wine country and has 150 shops with a wealth of antiques, art and home decor waiting for you

Retreat Information

Be sure to reserve your hotel space by going to www.fredericksburg-inn.com click "Book Now" select the dates then be sure to enter in the code "PAINTERS" SDP Room Rate is \$99 which includes breakfast!

Class Information

This Retreat will have 3 teachers featuring a different project each day. Take classes from one teacher only or switch it up and select a new teacher each day. Teachers that will be teaching are Shara Reiner CDA, Linda Sharp CDA and Marian Jackson, MDA

Hotel is located within walking distance of down town historic Fredericksburg in the heart of Texas Hill Country, Fredericksburg Inn & Suites offers a guest experience and ambience second to none. Nestled on 5 beautiful acres along Barons Creek, the hotel provides a relaxing scenic environment for all of their guests.

Registration Opens

Friday, November 1, at 9am Central.

3 Days of Painting ...

3 Amazing Teachers...

9 Incredible Projects to choose from...

1 Banquet featuring IMSDP Collection...

1 City in Wine Country with over 150 Boutiques....

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Fredericksburg, Texas

You can go to www.decorativepainters.org and Click on the Events tab and the 2020 Spring Retreat will come up.



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL CRAB FEED

The annual First Lutheran Church and Preschool Crab Feed is scheduled for Saturday January 25, 2020. 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 21, 2020 meeting. If you have any questions, please call or email Darlene.

2020 TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA

Sunday, November 17, 2019

Present: Holley Y., Darlene S., Trish B., Connie O., Cathy McC., Jann O., Marianne S.

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm by President Connie O.

Meetings: The meetings will continue to be held at First Lutheran Church, Concord, on the third Tuesday of the designated months with the Board meetings starting at 7:00 pm and the General meetings starting at 7:15 pm. Saturday meetings will be held in March, May and September from 10 am to 4 pm. The dates will be confirmed once the Church calendar is available. Vivian R. had suggested that an ornament frenzy be held each year alternating between Halloween and Christmas. The Board decided that doing Halloween ornaments at the September meeting for the Program would be a good alternative and would be cheaper for the Chapter to do. (No vote required since it will be a monthly program.) The Bunco fundraiser will be held in August on either the 15th or the 29th (TBD) at First Lutheran Church.

Connie O. will ask for charity nominations for next year earlier than usual. Cathy McC. advised a representative from Mobility Matters will attend the November 2019 meeting to receive our donation.

Seminars: Cathy McC. advised Tami Carmody will teach on June 13-14, 2020. Jann O. stated the Northern California Chapter is also doing a seminar with Linda Sharp in 2020.

Ways and Means: Marianne S. discussed the suggested ornament frenzy next September and it was determined to hold it as a regular September meeting and do three ornaments from 9 am to 4 pm. Everyone is to bring their own lunch. The theme will be Halloween and it will be held on the second Saturday (September 12th) at First Lutheran Church.

2020 Budget: Jann O. passed out the 2019 actual and 2020 proposed budget and reviewed it. She asked to be advised of any needed changes. She noted there is no budget figure for the Webmaster and advised the hosting fee people have indicated they can take care of renewing the domain name fee for us which expires in May, 2020. A placeholder of \$100 was added in while we look at changing to new people.

Monthly Programs: Marianne S. advised she has several openings for 2020 and will call certain individuals regarding teaching.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.

TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA
November 19, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by President Connie O. at 7:10 pm with a quorum present.

Cathy McC. introduced Elaine W. of Mobility Matters, the recipient of our annual charity donation. Elaine passed out brochures describing the program. She advised they provide free transportation for seniors and veterans to medical and dental appointments and grocery shopping. They have 210 volunteer drivers. Our donation will be used to purchase 40 emergency radios for their clients.

Nominations – Luci F. read the slate of officers for 2020 as published in the newsletter. There were no nominations from the floor. Karen V. moved the slate of officers as presented be approved. Holley Y. seconded the motion. The motion carried. The officers are listed on the attachment.

Memorial Donation – Karen V. advised in the past we have contributed \$50 for a commemorative brick in memory of a member who has passed. As SDP no longer has this program, she moved that we make a \$50 donation to the Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF) in Shirley I.'s memory. Loretta M. seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Library Display – Barbara B. read a note she received from an Asian gentleman who saw the Concord Library display and indicated he would be interested in visiting our chapter next spring. She will follow up with him.

Minutes – The minutes of the October meeting were approved as published in the November newsletter.

2020 Planning Meeting – Connie advised the Board meeting will continue to begin at 7:00 pm and the General meeting at 7:15 pm. She reviewed the meeting dates listed on the attachment.

Ornament Exchanges – Connie asked if the members wanted an Easter Exchange in addition to Halloween and Christmas. The majority of those present chose not to do an Easter Exchange. Three Halloween ornaments will be taught at the regular meeting next September.

Christmas Dinner – Connie advised the dinner will be held on December 15 at Mangia Bene in Martinez. Her contact there is on vacation and she will get the menu information out as soon as possible. She proposed the cost will be \$30 per person and if the cost is higher, the Chapter will pay the difference. Several members suggested we consider going to the Buttercup Grill in Concord for 2020.

Bunco – The dates available for the Church are August 15 or 29, 2020. It was unanimously agreed to do the Bunco fundraiser on Saturday, August 29, 2020.

2020 Charity Nominations – Connie asked that members bring any charity nominations as soon as possible.

Seminars – Cathy McC. reported the Tami Carmody seminar is June 13-14, 2020. Linda Sharp is doing a seminar for the Northern California Chapter and Cathy will look into getting her here also. She was given a suggestion for another teacher to consider.

2020 Budget – Jann O. distributed the proposed budget, noting it is basically the same as this year's. It was reviewed at the Planning Meeting and it was proposed to add \$100 for the web domain renewal. She noted the web hosting fee is also \$100.

Monthly Special Drawing – The signup sheet for these donations was passed around.

Awards and Recognition – Carrie G. presented an award to Jann O.

Programs – Marianne S. advised the March 14 program will be painting backpacks for foster children. She is seeking teachers for a few months yet for next year, especially January. She is also looking for another teacher for the regular September 12th meeting to teach a Halloween ornament. Carrie G. and Karen V. have already volunteered. Cathy McC. showed a Dollar Store pumpkin project we could do next year. Marianne asked for pictures of projects to put on the website.

Paints – Karen V. brought free paints, etc. obtained from Shirley I. for members to take and asked to be advised of where any leftovers could be donated.

Special Drawing – A large basket containing a pumpkin plaque, table runner, etc. was donated by Connie O. and Suzanne O. was the winner. Tickets were also drawn for large and small palette paper pads from Shirley I.'s stash.

FLC Crab feed – The annual crab feed at First Lutheran Church will be held Saturday, January 25, 2020 and raffle prize donations are again requested and very much appreciated. Please bring any donations no later than the January 21 meeting. Any questions, contact Darlene S.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm to a chickadee project taught by Jann O.

2020 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

President: Trish B.
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.
Community Projects: Roz B
Dec. Painting Month: Cathy McC. and Suzanne O.
Handbook: Karen V.
Historian: Loretta M.
Hospitality: Barbara B.
Librarian: Jann O.

Seminars/Paint-ins: Karen V. and Connie O.
Nominating Committee: Luci F.
Parliamentarian: Connie O.
Rewards/Recognition: Carrie G.
Sunshine: Holley Y.
Website: Loretta M.
Publicity: Vivian R.

Luci



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.

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SUNSHINE

Happy Birthday to all the December members Marianne S., Valerie P., Marie V. and Pam V. And Happy Birthday to Loretta who celebrates in January.

Larry & I want to Thank all of our wonderful friends for all of your love and support during these challenging times that we've been going through. Thank you again

Holley Y.



HOSPITALITY

We have our Christmas dinner instead of a meeting this month. See you there. Cheers!
Barbara B.



TBT 2019 IMPORTANT DATES

December 17th - Christmas Installation Dinner Mangia Bene, Martinez CA

TBT 2020 IMPORTANT DATES

January 21 st	Tuesday Regular meeting
February 11 th	Tuesday Regular meeting
March 14 th	Saturday Meeting-
April 21 st	Tuesday Regular meeting
May 16 th	Saturday Meeting
June 13-14	Tami Carmody Seminar
June 16 th	Tuesday Regular Meeting
July ??	BBQ at Loretas
August 29 th	Annual Bunko Fundraiser at First Lutheran Gym
Sept 12 th	Saturday meeting Halloween Ornaments (3 of them, in place of Frenzy)
September 20 th	Tuesday Regular meeting
November 17 th	Tuesday Regular meeting
December 15 th	Installation Christmas Dinner

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