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Happy New Year

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas season with your family and friends and you are all safe in the new year. It was great to see all of you at our Christmas Dinner. We had a great time and our ornament exchange was so much fun. It is nice to see how creative our group is with all the lovely ornaments.

In looking at the coming year and our events we have found out that we have lost the use of the Plumbers Hall. Darlene is working with the Church to get the Church's gymnasium for our Bunko event. She tells us that the kitchen is much larger and we should have plenty of room to hold Bunko. Our Bunko event will be August 24th this year. Cathy will be chairing the Decorations Committee and has picked Alice in Wonderland "Down the Rabbit Hole" as the theme.



We will be having an Ornament Frenzy this year and Vivian is looking to see what dates are available for us to hold it at the VFW in Martinez.

We will be having three Saturday meetings this year; March 16th, May 18th and September 21st. The Saturday meetings will be from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Looking forward to seeing everyone at our January meeting. Marianne will have a fun project for us to do. Come and have fun!
Connie



PROGRAMS



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

Palette 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.



I'll be teaching our February 19th program, a Snowman wine glass. The cost for this project will be \$2.00. I'll supply the wine glasses and paint.



Our March meeting is on Saturday, March 16th and is a Shirley Koenig pattern taught by DJ West. It will be on a sliding frame with a reversible masonite insert. I'll send out a sign-up sheet by email with more information. We will need to collect the money prior to the meeting, deadline for sign ups will be February 15th. Please watch for the email.

Hope to see everyone at these meetings!
Marianne



MEMBERSHIP

The 2019 Chapter dues of \$15 are past due. 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

No monthly drawing was held at our annual holiday dinner. Jann will be donating the January drawing prize. Looking forward to painting with everyone in 2019.

Jann



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

No awards were handed out at our Christmas dinner. If you would like to nominate someone in the chapter that has done an extra deed or done something that they should be recognized for, please contact me. Thank you.

Shirley



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Happy New Year everyone. It is exciting to start a new year of painting and friendship. I will bring some memory boxes for you if you would like to paint. No new community projects yet, will keep you posted.

Roz



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.
1 st VP-Programs:	Marianne S.
2 nd 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 BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA

No meetings were held due to our December Christmas Installation dinner.



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



Happy Birthday to our January special gals- Jo I. and Loretta M.

And wishing all of our February gals Happy Birthday- Roz B., Teri H., Shirley I. and Holley Y. Hope you all have a wonderful day celebrating YOU!

Holley Y.



HOSPITALITY

Snacks: Loretta M., Jann O. and Suzanne

Beverages: Barbara B.

Ice: Barbara B.

Thank you everyone for helping out!

Barbara B.



TBT 2019 IMPORTANT DATES

January 15th- Regular Tuesday meeting
February 19th- Regular Tuesday meeting
March 16th- Saturday Meeting
April 16th- Regular Tuesday Meeting
May 18th- Saturday Meeting
June 18th- Regular Tuesday Meeting
August – Bunco- Not finalized on date and location yet
September 21st- Saturday Meeting
September 28th- Ornament Frenzy at Veterans Hall in Martinez, CA.
October 15th- Regular Tuesday meeting
November 19th- Regular Tuesday meeting
December 17th- Christmas Installation Dinner



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.

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.