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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Here we are rolling into May of this year. I don't know about the rest of you, but I can't believe it is May already. We will be celebrating Mother's Day and Memorial Day this month. Happy Mother's Day to all our Mothers. Wishing all of you a safe and fun Memorial Day with family and friends.

Sadly, Shirley I. passed away in the early hours on Friday, May 3rd. She will be greatly missed! Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers. Here is the address for Shirley's two sons. She was staying with Bob for the last few months and George is her son who always comes to our Bunko Fundraisers.

Bob and Ellen Irwin
4 Sycamore Court
Bay Point, CA 94565

George and Lorie Irwin
2804 Willow Pass Road
Concord, CA 94519

The family will not be holding services for Shirley until after May 16th when family can be in town. We will update you as we get the information on her service.

Please keep Holley Y. and her family in your thoughts and prayers. While she and her husband were in New York on vacation the first week of May she received word that her brother had passed away. Our condolences go out to Holley and her family.

Thanks to Jann for a fun project last month. We inked designs on hand towels. It was fun to walk around and see what everyone had done on their hand towel. It certainly gave us more ideas on what we could do with hand towels. If you created more towels, please bring them in and share with the Chapter.

Our meeting in May will be Saturday, May 18th at the Church from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Bring your lunch and plan to have a fun time making the Patriotic wreath that Liz L. will be teaching. I'm sure the creations will be lovely and one you won't want to miss.

Our Bunko Fundraiser is only a little over three months away (how'd that happen already)! If you have donations for the baskets, please bring them to the May meeting or get them to Karen or me. We will be starting to assemble the baskets the first weekend in June. Thank you to all who have already painted and donated items. Without all of you donating our Fundraiser would not be the success it has been every year!

I received the following from SDP:

Chapter of Distinction 2019

Congratulations! on becoming a Chapter of Distinction for 2019.

We are so excited to see your chapter being represented at the 2019 Party in the Heartland Conference!

The qualifying chapters will receive the 2019 Chapter of Distinction patch and each chapter member will receive an e-packet that was designed by artist Peggy Harris!

The person that is representing your chapter at the conference will need to bring the following items below:

1. Please bring your chapter banner.
2. Your representative will need to bring your chapter roster of your active chapter members.
3. Peggy Harris has designed not one but two e-packets exclusively for our Chapter of Distinction, each member on the roster will receive both e-packets which will be mailed after conference.
4. Your chapter representative will be able to go to the registration table to pick up the Chapter of Distinction packet that contains your certificate and your patch.

CONGRATULATIONS!!



Jann O. will be attending the Convention and will represent Toll Bridge Tolars.

Connie



PROGRAMS

We had a great turnout at our April meeting where Jann O. taught us how to make simple designs on dish towels using an Identi.pen. For those of you who did not know, Identi.pens come in different colors and looked very nice on a towel Barb B. designed. It was apparent that everyone enjoyed themselves for this fun and relaxing class! Thank you, Jann, you always have clever and creative projects to share with us!



Liz L. will be teaching us how to make a 4th of July wreath at our May 18th meeting beginning at 10:00 am through 4:00 pm. To date, we have 14 members signed up and we have enough supplies to cover 5 more members at the cost of \$22.00. This includes the wire wreath, 3 rolls of mesh and ribbon. Since we have extra supplies, we are opening the project to anyone who may want to attend at the last minute. You will need to bring an Apron (to prevent the mesh from snagging your clothes) scissors, wire cutters and whatever embellishments you may want to add to your wreath. This is sure to be a fun day, hope to see everyone there!

Karen V. will be teaching a very special project at our June meeting. Look for more information to follow in the June newsletter.

Marianne



MEMBERSHIP

The 2019 Toll Bridge Tolers Chapter dues are \$15. The 2019 National annual dues are \$60. The Society of Decorative Painters (SDP) dues needs to be paid directly to the Society. You can pay the SDP dues on line through their website via credit card at www.decorativepainters.org/renew; or you can call (316) 269-9300 and speak with a SDP staff member to find how to pay by check or providing your credit card to the SDP staff member. The chapter membership application form is on our website at www.tollbridgetolers.org. The chapter application can be turned in at a chapter meeting or mailed to the chapter PO Box. 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

Liz L. won the April drawing. A casserole carrier was filled with a crocheted dish towel, pot scrubber, and apron, all handmade along with a bottle of hand soap and a jelly bean filled carrot bag were donated by Jann O. Holley Y. is donating the May drawing prize.

Jann





SEMINARS

Our biannual Ornament Frenzy is Saturday September 28th, 2019 at the VFW Hall 930 Ward Street, Martinez. The club voted to underwrite the registration cost for TBT members for the frenzy. Registration was open for two months (March and April) for members only. As of May 1st, registration is now open to non-members as well, at a fee of \$35. Members can still register for free. The event is limited to 40 attendees and currently there are 26 people registered.

The registration form and pictures of the four ornaments we will be painting are attached. You can contact me at (925) 286-9783 if you need my address to mail in your registration (and check if you are a non-member) Vivian R. has graciously volunteered to head the food committee for the frenzy and as of yet no one has volunteered help her. If you are interested, please let me know.

Cathy McC
Seminar Chair



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Hello fellow painters, Contra Costa County Regional Medical Center, has all of our painted memory boxes. If you feel like painting, we need to build up our supply. Thank you so much.

Roz



ANNUAL BUNKO FUNDRAISER

Alice in Wonderland – Down the Rabbit Hole Bunko Tickets

The 2019 Bunko tickets are on sale. They are the same great price of \$25 for a fun afternoon of a scrumptious lunch, bunko games, and yummy desserts. Not to mention the awesome raffle prizes you can win with the purchase of raffle tickets. Our theme is Alice in Wonderland – Down the Rabbit Hole. The venue is the multi-use room at the First Lutheran Church at 4000 Concord Blvd. in Concord. Please contact me for tickets. I will also have them at the meeting Saturday May 18th.

Raffle Donations

Calling all raffle prize donations. Turn in your raffle prize donations as soon as possible but no later than June 30th. We are collecting raffle prizes for the bunko event. This is our main fundraiser for our chosen charities and we have been very fortunate to be able to donate money to very worthy causes. Newly Painted items are coveted prizes as are gift cards (any type and amount) or other new items. Several people donate various themed raffle prizes such as Giants, A's, or picnics, etc. which are also wonderful. Even if it is just one item, we can combine with other items to make a wonderful raffle prize. We appreciate all the generous donations and support from our chapter members and hope all members can contribute to this project. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Karen
Raffle Prize Co-Coordinator

TOLL BRIDGE TOLERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA
April 16, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Connie O. at 7:14 pm with a quorum present. Karen V. corrected the March minutes to reflect the charity nominations were for 2019 not 2020. The minutes as published in the April newsletter were approved as corrected (Liz L./Holley Y.).

Connie O. advised Jeanie S. will be having two back surgeries next week with a six-month recovery time. Her husband is doing well and she asked that they be kept in our thoughts and prayers.

Seminars – Cathy McC. spoke with Tami Carmody regarding coming to do a seminar for us. She is available in June of 2020 and the weekend of June 13-14 was selected. She is willing to stay with a member and will send us sample projects to choose from. Cathy is taking reservations for the ornament frenzy (free to members). Connie made up flyers for the Bunco fundraiser in August for members to post or give to friends.

Community Projects – Roz B. brought memory boxes for members to paint. She just delivered 20 to the Contra Costa Regional Medical Center and will need more in about six months.

Vivian R. brought pre-addressed postcards for members to write notes to Merlene R. who has moved to Arizona. She will mail them periodically. Connie received a text from Merlene advising she misses us.

Programs – Marianne S. is taking sign-ups for Liz L.'s 4th of July wreath to be taught at the Saturday, May 18th meeting. Liz brought two samples to the meeting.

Jann O. attended a recent seminar taught by SDP President Linda Sharp in Carson City, Nevada and displayed several projects she painted. Linda would like to come and teach for us.

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

Connie advised Shirley I. is resting and has been spending time with her son. She visited Monterey and did well there. She has a shed for TBT items in her yard and it was determined it will need to be cleared out with the items dumped or shredded and the shed abandoned.

Special Drawing – Jann advised the prize consisted of a casserole carrier, apron, soap, wash cloth and a carrot. Suzanne O. drew the winning ticket belonging to Liz L.

Several members attended the Toling Belles Bunco fundraiser in San Mateo and commented on the event. Marianne S. won several prizes including the door prize.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm to Jann's towel project.



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

A very Happy Birthday to Connie who is celebrating this month.
Happy Birthday to Agnes, Torie, Merlene and Darlene who will be celebrating their special day in June.
Eat lots of cake!

Holley Y.



HOSPITALITY

Our May meeting is on Saturday May 18th from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Bring your own lunch and drinks. You could bring a goodie to share if you would like too! We never say no to those.

Barbara B.



TBT 2019 IMPORTANT DATES

- May 18th- Saturday Meeting
- June 18th- Regular Tuesday Meeting
- August 17th – Bunco- First Lutheran Church Gymnasium
- 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

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 ORNAMENT FRENZY REGISTRATION FORM

DATE: Saturday September 28, 2019

WHERE: VFW Hall, 930 Ward Street, Martinez CA

TIME: 8:30am-5:00pm

COST: TBT Members- No fee Non-Members- \$35.00

Class size is limited to 40 attendees. Registration will be accepted for current TBT members during the months of March and April. Then registration will be opened up to non-members if space is available. If there are less than 40 painters, there may be additional wood surfaces available to purchase at the Frenzy. There are no refunds and payment must accompany the registration form (for Non- members).

Registration Deadline- August 1, 2019- You will need to do some prep on the ornaments. My goal is to have the kits and initial prep instructions ready by our Bunko date (August 17th) for distribution. Prep must be completed prior to your arrival in class.

A light breakfast, lunch and water will be provided. Paint and complete instructions will be provided on the day of the Frenzy.

Checks should be made out to Toll Bridge Tolars. Mail registration form to Cathy McC. Her address is in the membership booklet.

Questions: Contact Cathy McC on her cell phone # (925) 286-9783 or her email.

NAME: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone: _____

***Photos of ornaments are on the next page.



Christmas girl taught by Loretta M.

Santa taught by Jeanie S.

Reindeer key taught by Shirley I.

Snowmen taught by Karen V.