

SONOMA VALLEY



NEWCOMERS

Welcoming Women New to Sonoma Valley

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A stranger is a friend you have never met

Dear Friends,

How can we improve our club? For sometime the board has had a suggestion box at our luncheons and has asked for your suggestions. There is one suggestion or complaint that we hear more than any other. Yes, it is the dreaded "clique" word.

But, is it such a bad thing? Webster's Dictionary defines clique as: "a narrow exclusive circle or group of persons; *especially* : one held together by common interests, views, or purposes. Notice the *especially* definition.

Virtually all of our activities and all of our Board positions are dedicated to bringing women with the similar interests together. I suggest to you that Newcomers is highly successful according to this definition.

To a person attending their first Newcomer function, I am sure it does seem like "cliques" are a problem and, indeed, they do exist. They are women who came to Sonoma wanting to meet other women who participated in the same activities they were interested in. And they found them and became friends. Therefore, cliques are just a group friends.

So the next time you see someone looking a bit lost and alone at one of our luncheons, remember how it felt to be a stranger. Go introduce yourself and make a new friend.

Get out there and find your "clique".

Sandy Hicks
President

SAVE THE DATE

Relay for Life

August 1st and 2nd, 2009

There are lots of ways to get involved - more information in the next couple of months.

New Members

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Welcome! We look forward to meeting you and getting to know you.

Please let our Membership Chairperson, Rita Smith (938-8520 or ritadsmith@comcast.net) know if you have a change of address, email or phone number.

ANNUAL PHILANTHROPIC TEA
THURSDAY MAY 21, 2009, 2 - 4 pm
Mark your calendar, save the date, invite your friends!
Volunteer to help!



This year we are so excited to be having the tea at the wonderful Maysonnave House! It has a beautiful garden and plenty of parking nearby.

We will be having a silent auction this year as well as a few terrific baskets. If you would like to join friends and create a theme basket, please let me know (Patsy Wynne 933-0833). For the silent auction, we are looking for "Experiences" - for example teaching knitting, taking a group on a hike, a computer lesson, experience the vineyard - picking grapes, etc. We are a talented group of women and so please consider your many talents and offer an experience for our auction.

The recipient for the tea this year will be Operation Youth. Operation Youth (OY) has been working with teens in the valley for 15 years.

OY seeks Sonoma's at-risk teens or those lost between the cracks of traditional sports teams and school-sponsored activities. There is often a disconnect between these youth and the general community. Without help to be in a safe place, teens can spiral into further alienation, intolerance and unhealthy behaviors.

OY aims to fill the gap with safe places working with adults and offering essential life and career skills and a sense of community involvement. You will learn more about OY in subsequent newsletter and at the April luncheon when the speaker will be executive director Cristin Lawrence.

Nametags for Luncheons

In order to keep our environment green, Newcomers will be recycling nametags at each luncheon. Therefore please return the nametags to the basket tied with colorful ribbons at the end of each luncheon. Also, please leave the color dots on the nametags. We will re-use the dots accordingly.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Activities

If any Newcomer is interested in being a Coordinator in any of the Dining Groups, except the Dining Out Group, please contact Annie Baccala at anniebaccala@aol.com or phone me at 996-6614.

Newsletter

If you don't already do so, please consider receiving your monthly newsletter via email instead of snail mail. We email the newsletter in an easy to open/read format and it not only saves considerable printing and email costs, but also our time. In addition, you receive the email version sooner than the printed version so have more time to sign up for activities. Please consider going green and giving the email version a try. If you don't like it - you can always swap back!

Newsletter Administration

For submissions to the newsletter, please contact the Newsletter Editor - Ruth Baillie at ruthebaillie@mac.com Tel. 833-2041. For all aspects regarding your delivery (email or posted) of your newsletter, for example if you have not received your copy, please contact the Newsletter Assistant Editor - Lois Lourie at lourieomatic@gmail.com Tel. 933-9948.

March 19, 2009
DEUCE RESTAURANT
691 Broadway

Social 11:30 Lunch 12 noon



Turning hurt into hope for at-risk boys since 1949, the Hanna Boys Center is one of Northern California's most successful residential treatment centers. It has helped change the lives of thousands of boys from diverse ethnic and economic backgrounds. Please welcome The Rev. John S. Crews and two of the boys as our guest speakers at this month's luncheon at Deuce.

Reservations due March 12th

\$22 per person

Please make a selection from the following:

Grilled Breast Chicken Salad: _____

Polenta Cakes/Truffled Vegetables/Melted Jack Cheese: _____

Prime Rib French Dip/ au jus/ French Fries : _____

Gelato of the day/coffee/tea

Name: _____ (please print full name) Phone : _____

Guest(s) : _____ Menu choice: (1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____

I would like a "big sister" for my first luncheon _____ (check here)

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 2009

Board Meeting	March 5	9:30 AM	Vintage House (264 1 st St East)
New Member Coffee	March 12	9:30 AM	call Mary Ciocca (938-1499) or Suzanne Young (939-8173)
March Luncheon	March 19	11:30 AM	Deuce Restaurant, Sonoma

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Board Meeting	April 2	9:30 AM	Vintage House (264 1 st . St. East)
New Member Coffee	April 9	9:30 AM	call Mary Ciocca (938-1499) or Suzanne Young (938-8173)
April Luncheon	April 16	11:30 AM	TBD
Philanthropic Tea	May 21	2:00 PM	Maysonnave House

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