

Minutes for the March 8, 2014 Program/General Meeting

In attendance: Danville, Alamo Walnut Creek Branch Members

Attached: Program/Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 12:45 p.m. by Co-President Loretta Altshuler at Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville, California.

Loretta thanked speaker Fran Moore and International Relations Chair, Marian Bliss and her committee: Asha Bajaj, Liz Williams, Teresa Cheung, Alicia Jones and Tena Gallagher for their support in hosting such a great program.

Loretta welcomed new members and guests. Kate Reed introduced herself.

All members were reminded about the April 1st deadline for local scholarships. These \$1,000 or more merit based local scholarships are for undergraduate applicants entering their junior year or higher at an accredited four year college/university or graduate/professional program. Desirable applicants must have an above average academic record, be actively involved in school and/or community activities and possess desire to pursue educational and career goals. We encourage all of you if you know a potential applicant to direct them to the website for further details about the application and residency requirements or contact Lynn Goodwin Brown who is the Local Scholarship Chair.

Members were encouraged to volunteer for the Garden Tour to be held on Friday, May 9th and Saturday, May 10th. We still need head docents, refreshments and docents for the gardens. Please plan to bring your friends to this event. You can purchase tickets on line or at East Bay Flowers in Danville very soon. Sign-up sheets were circulated.

Loretta then introduced Co-President Karen Large who continued on with the meeting. Karen reviewed upcoming programs which can also be found on the website and in the Advocate and they are as follows:

Saturday, April 5th at 9:30 a.m. at Round Hill Country Club we will have Speaker Danielle Feinberg, Director of Photography of Lighting with Pixar and she will speak on *The Magic of Pixar*. The cost is \$20 and deadline for signing up is March 31st. It will be a buffet style deluxe continental breakfast. This is an important general meeting because we introduce and vote on the new Executive Board. We really need for you to attend so you can vote and support our branch.

Tuesday, April 29th is Creativity Night at Diablo West 750 Ynez Circle in Danville. It is open to any member who wants to share your creative side by displaying a painting, sculpture, quilt, beaded work, ceramics, fabric art, poem, story or more. Singers, musicians, story tellers and creative cooks are welcome. Contact Jan Hersh or Sharon Cohune or sign up on our website.

Thursday, May 29th from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm we hold our Installation of new Executive Board Members and Awards Ceremony of Local Scholarship recipients at Round Hill County Club. Members and scholarship recipients will enjoy appetizers and a program. There is no cost for this event but those attending will be required to RSVP. There will be more information about this soon.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m. by Co-President Karen Large.

Marian Bliss introduced our speaker, Fran Moore a fourth year PhD graduate student at Stanford University to present *Is Climate Change Gobbling Up Our Food Supply?*

Respectively submitted by

Loretta Altshuler Co-President for Olga Erbe Secretary
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