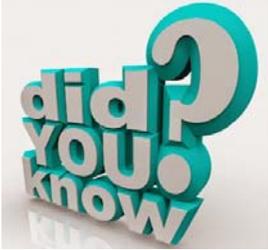




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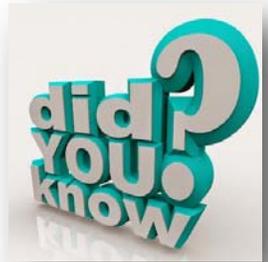


Oakley Y Reader Update



Meet Diane

Mark Your Calendars and Join the Fun



1. The deadline to become a member is slowly closing. Please get your membership donation in today (and encourage your friends!). You can access the membership page at www.wfnsbc.com.
2. Thank you for responding to survey monkey for this year's field of interest. We have selected "Health and Human Services". Now it's time to narrow down to some specifics. Please be sure to mail or email your ballot by March 19th to ehurvey@verizon.net.
3. We have some date set for more Meet & Greets! → **April 20th**—5pm-7pm at the Santa Maria Discovery Museum → **May 2nd**—5pm-7pm at Artiste → **June 1st** 5:30pm-7pm at the Santa Maria Valley YMCA

Bring Ladies Together



Our first Meet and Greet was a great success to kick off our 2016 season!!! Special thanks to Perla Ramirez and Alyson Chavez for organizing a fabulous event at Casa Dumetz in Los Alamos! We saw current and longtime members along with some fresh new faces that were anxious to hear about the Women's Fund and sign up to be part of our circle of giving! Diane Adam gave an overview of our presence in North County and included some highlights of how the research committee gets their job done. Alyson Chavez, one of our newer steering committee members shared why she wanted to get involved in leadership with the Women's Fund. In addition, Joe Dana, Director of Charter Programs for the Orcutt school district, met the group at Casa Dumetz and walked the group over to the Los Alamos Library where they were greeted by Vicky Gil (from Friends of the Los Alamos Library) to receive a tour of the library that recently received funds from the Women's Fund to make improvements. Casa Dumetz was a great host with yummy Syrah Rose and Rousanne and the server in the tasting room took a Women's Fund brochure too and is considering becoming a member. Stay tuned for events in Solvang, Los Olivos and Santa Maria over the next several months!

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Update from the YMCA Y-Readers At Oakley

Because of Y Readers' huge success and community recognition, we were able to open a version of our Y Readers Program at Oakley Elementary School to twenty 2nd grade Migrant education students; lead by a certified teacher who teaches at Oakley School. The program started August 2015 with 20 hopeful migrant education ELA (English Learning Art) participants. These participants meet twice a week to work on reading development. Thus far, these students have been tested twice on fluency and accuracy. August to December 100% of youth participants increased in both categories. 34% increased in fluency and 37% percent in growth accuracy. All students will be tested again in May 2016 demonstrating growth and success of program. We are so excited for final report in May; The SMV YMCA is honored to be able to offer support to Oakley Elementary School. Thank you Women's Fund for supporting literacy with Migrant Families in our community; YOU truly are making more possible! Program Teachers Feedback: "The program has been successful in helping students who are in need of extra reading support. These students are receiving additional reading practice after school to help them reach grade level reading expectations. The children enjoy our time spent together especially watching our phonics videos while we enjoy a healthy snack!"

"I am thrilled to be a part of the YMCA's Y readers program at Oakley. Since the start of our program, we have been labeled the "Cool Club" which speaks volumes to the work that we are doing. Students want to be a part of what we are doing. Learning has become fun, in student's words "cool." On Behalf of Oakley School Thank you YMCA for making a difference at a local school in our community!" -Lucia Cortez-Pope; 2nd grade teacher at Oakley Elementary School

Meet WF Member—Diane Adam



"I believe that philanthropy is a scary and foreign word to so many people. When we break it down and ask just a small contribution from a larger number of people and those folks realize a huge impact that transforms them into a new understanding of community and the role each individual has to play. I want people to get the great feeling that comes from being part of something transformative whether that is re-building a library in Los Alamos or multiplying the effects of our gift that came from the van to the Good Samaritan or even the new sensory bed at VTC. So many types of

people and communities have seen a huge change in their work due to the gifts from WFNSBC. Now, with regard to membership...I feel we have space for a lot more folks and whether they get in for a little (\$125) or a lot (more \$\$\$ or more involvement in a committee) the more we have in terms of members the more we have in terms of resources in all areas of governance of the group. It is so easy to be a member and so rewarding to be a contributor! "

Diane is new to the oversight committee and a welcomed leader to the membership committee.

Your 2016 Oversight Committee Members are:

Chair: Andrea Martinez

Communications: Amy Curti/Cindy Dauster

Beneficiary Liaison: Dee Ringstead/Nancy Johnson

Membership: Diane Adam/Judy Martin

Events: Perla Ramirez/Alyson Chavez

Research: Eileen Hervey/Maggi Daane

SBF Liaison: Lynette Muscio



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Children at Oakley Elementary School Learning Through the Y Reader Program



Meet & Greet on March 1st at Casa Dumetz Wines In Los Alamos with a Tour of the Los Alamos Library

