



Women's Fund of Northern Santa Barbara County

"The Power of the Purse"

February 2017

Amy's Announcements



Wow, Ladies! What a great start to the year! I am so thrilled to be a part of all the amazing things happening so far for the Women's Fund 2017! Check out the highlights below of our successful giving challenge, our recent Meet and Greet hosted by North County Rape Crisis Center, and meet one of our new additions to our steering committee: Carolyn Aquistapace! We are always looking for a few good women to add to our leadership team...so please reach out if you have an interest in digging a little deeper with the Women's Fund! Most specifically, we are looking for some assistance with grant writing to under-write some of our office expenses. Please let us know if you or someone you know has some expertise in this area! Lastly, for the first time ever, we are holding an Annual Review at the SB Foundation office in Santa Maria to get your feedback on what we're doing right...and what we could be doing better. Please calendar March 16th into your schedule at 5:30 and come with your comments and questions! It is a pleasure to serve you all as your Chair and I hope to have one of our best years ever in giving!

Cheers, Amy

So How About That Giving Challenge?

Our giving challenge kicked off a great start for our

membership and gave us a successful boost in our funds! In case you need catching up, we had an anonymous donor offer an incentive at the end of last year for 2017 memberships. For every \$125 membership, an extra \$10 was given, and for every \$250 or more membership, an extra \$20 was given. We ended up with 42 renewals, 13 new members, and an additional "gift" of \$600! Wow! To our new members and renewals, thank you and we very are excited to have you as part of our giving circle!



NCRCC Meet & Greet!

One of our 2016 grant recipients, The North County Rape Crisis Center, hosted our first meet and greet of 2017 on January 24th at their Lompoc

Location. Those in attendance were able to take a tour of the center and met their dedicated staff and board members. The director, Ann McCarty, spoke about how our grant focused on bringing the ChildSAFE program to all of the local schools in the Lompoc, Santa Ynez, and Santa Maria Valleys. Check out the link below to see the article in the Santa Maria Times featuring this event!

[Click here for the SM Times Article!](#)

Steering Committee Spotlight on: *Carolyn Aquistapace*

Q: Carolyn, Can you tell us about your experience as a long time member of the Women't Fund?

After several years of being a passive member of the Women's Fund, I decided last year that I should become more involved by donating my time and effort in helping this wonderful group continue to grow and prosper. The Steering Committee as well as the Research Committee welcomed me aboard and I'm excited to work with both groups. The idea behind the Women's Fund



is so beautiful and simple: individuals contribute to the fund through membership and 100% of the monies are awarded to local nonprofits selected by the members. The equation is simple: the more members we have, the more money we're able to give back to the community and thus make Northern Santa Barbara County an even better place to live! The "meet and greet" gatherings are a great venue for meeting other enthusiastic women who share the same compassion for helping others. Of course, the annual awards ceremony is "the icing on the cake" affair where members interact with the awarded recipients as well as other members--few things could be easier or more rewarding!

Upcoming Meet and Greet!

Mark your calendars...

CASA

Feb 22nd, 5:30-7pm
2601 Skyway Drive Ste A-3
Santa Maria, Ca 93455

LUCAS & LLEWELLYN

TASTING ROOM

March 30th, 6-7pm
1645 Copenhagen Drive
Solvang, CA 93463



Bring a guest that you think would like to be a part of our giving circle!
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