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California Women for Agriculture



<<< DANIEL BARRETT, STAGG HIGH SCHOOL FFA ADVISOR SPOKE AT OUR JANUARY MEETING ABOUT HIS STUDENTS AND THE POTENTIAL HE SEES FOR HIS PROGRAM.

LAURA NEALY, LINDEN HIGH SCHOOL FCCLA, IS AGAIN WORKING WITH HER STUDENTS TO SET A TABLE AT OUR MAY LUNCHEON. LAURA AND LESLIE (R) AT LAST YEAR'S TABLE SETTING LUNCHEON.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Teenagers

Of all the childhood stages this one is the most challenging and rewarding. I am the proud mother of two young men, ages 17 and 18. Then I usually have the extras that end up at my house. I am Momma Les to most of them, a title I love. Some days you want to strangle them and are yelling at all of them like they are your own. Then there are days when you see that they are lost and just need unconditional love and hugs. Whatever their mood or your mood happens to be, they are watching.

They are watching for your reaction. They are seeing you handle a stressful or scary situation. They are learning how to be respectful and kind humans from your example. You know I preach Mentoring. These are the sponges. They are our next generation of leaders, parents and caregivers. We need to give them the tools to be competent and successful at these duties.

I was reminded of this by a post from a dear friend and CWA sister, Laura Nealy. Last year we invited her class of FCCLA students to host and design a table at our Annual Table Setting Luncheon. I get chills still. They did amazing and had such a good time. None of them had ever done or experienced anything like it. Well, they are attending again and are doing trial tablescapes in their classroom. Ms. Nealy posted some of the pictures on social media to rightfully brag about her students.

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SAVE THIS NEW DATE: MAY 6-7

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, CONT.

I met another educator last week at our meeting, Daniel Barrett from Stagg High School in Stockton. He spoke of the agricultural programs being designed and implemented at that school. This is an inner-city school with kids that do not have the support that mine and many of our families are fortunate to have. The way Daniel spoke about his students and their thirst for knowledge about life skills and agriculture was so refreshing and hopeful.

The challenges that today's teenagers have been facing are monumental. They have had the High School Experience that we all enjoyed taken from them. They have learned to adapt, adjust and fight for their education. Where they might not have wanted to go to school before, they beg to go now. They need real life examples of how to be good humans. We need to be role models of that behavior. I am so proud of these educators that are going into uncharted waters with their students every single day. We owe them a huge debt of gratitude. I am including some links to their instructors and their social sites. If you can in any way support their programs with connections, mentoring, job opportunities or financial support, they are deserving and appreciative. Teenagers will always be challenging but the biggest rewards come from the hardest work. Please stay healthy and hug your people. Especially the teenagers. They are still little inside.

Stay Healthy and Strong.

Leslie Avansino

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(see related photos on page 3)

FEBRUARY MEETING - FEBRUARY 16 ***RSVP***

Our next dinner meeting is February 16 at 6:00 at Edele Norman's house. We look forward to hearing from Deputy Lindsey Wildeman. See related article below.

Call Edele (209.986.7641) to RSVP today.

Thank you!



FEBRUARY MEETING'S GUEST SPEAKER

Deputy Lindsey Wildeman started her career with the San Joaquin County Sheriff's office in 2009. Since being with the office she has been assigned to Patrol, Boating Safety, Court Services and is currently assigned as a School Resource Deputy for Linden Unified School District. Special assignments in addition include Assistant Search and Rescue Coordinator for San Joaquin County, and a member of the recently established Mounted Patrol Unit. In her personal life, Lindsey enjoys the labor of love that is living in the ranching/farming community. With her horses, dogs and her many feathered friends she stays very busy building the family ranch of which she and her husband have always dreamed.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

The Membership team would like to **thank you**, both donor and regular membership, for your wonderful response to the SJ CWA Membership Drive! Thank you for supporting the largest CWA Chapter in the state.

******(Using Venmo to pay your dues? Please fill out the form and send in for membership committee's files and note if any address changes/corrections.)

AGVENTURE

We need your help at AgVenture!. The next AgVenture is on March 3, in Lodi. Please contact Krista McCoon at sjcagventure@yahoo.com or 209.402.5734. If you can help with the hosted breakfast for volunteers, please contact Karen Cultrera at cultrerar@aol.com or 209.982.4945. See related article on page 6.

CWA STATEWIDE MEETING (SWM) - MARCH 26-27

State CWA's next Statewide Meeting (SWM) is March 26-27, 2022, in the Imperial Valley. Sign up at www.cawomen4ag.com and enjoy a CWA visit to our southernmost district. If you are interested in going, contact Leslie for more information. Every member is welcome to attend any CWA SWM!

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A

Stagg HS FFA members (A and B) building their FFA portfolio through activities. Linden HS FCCLA members (C) enjoy the fruits of their labor after preparing and baking pizza. Working with teenagers can be both challenging and rewarding!



B



C

SENDING SUNSHINE

Sincerest condolences to Donor member, Patricia Townley and family on the passing of her brother.

Our deepest sympathy to Bev Maragliano and family on the passing of her husband, Tom.

Sending consolation to Janet Dyk and her family at the passing of her mother, Lillian Machado.

Welcome Sadie Sue! Carolyn and Jacob Burtis have a new baby girl. She arrived January 4, 2022. Sadie is the granddaughter of Kathie and Chuck Rivara and great-granddaughter of Velma Rivara.

Welcome Ford Lucas! Suzanne and Robb Longstreth have a grandson. He arrived on January 23, 2022 to parents Brandon and Shelbyanna Longstreth.

Send Sunshine to Suzanne Longstreth

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2022 CONVENTION TOUR IN LAKE COUNTY

BY SUSIE CALHOUN, 3 CALHOUN SISTERS' RANCH

The Second Act Farm Tour - January 7, 2022



CWA's 2022 Convention kicked off with the Second Act Farm Tour. Each of the agricultural businesses visited was the second venture for the owners.

First stop was the Peace and Plenty Farm, North America's largest saffron farm. This short blooming, labor intensive growing delicacy was the dream of a former wildlife biologist, Simon, and a community organizer, Melinda. The farm diversified into several other small crops, a farm stand, a studio cottage and Airstream for farm stays, along with Farm to Fork saffron dinners.



Box lunches were prepared by Chef Tammy Lipps who relocated to Lake County with her husband Mark, former CEO of the Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce, at their farm and event center, The Ripe Choice. They purchased a heritage farm, utilizing the wide variety of fruit orchards, organic field crops and vineyard to build their food delivery and catering program. The farm also is a Harvest Host, has a studio for farm stays and a cottage kitchen.



We traveled to the Red Hills of Lake County to enjoy the wine, views, ancient olive trees and collection of antique wooden boats of Boatique Winery. The winery, now a multi generational operation, was begun by Bob and Madi Mount. Bob had founded a clinical laboratory and Madi an educator, sold the laboratory and purchased the house, barn and vineyards. There is currently more than 100 acres of grapes, a boat museum and award winning wines.

The tour ended with a drive through downtown Kelseyville where we saw some of the Lake County Quilt Trail. The trail is an agricultural and tourism project that celebrates the community by painting quilt squares on the sides of old barns, and other historic buildings.

2022 CONVENTION ATTENDEES IN LAKE COUNTY

... AND QUOTES FROM CURRENT AND PAST ATTENDEES OF CWA CONVENTIONS



SAN JOAQUIN CHAPTER WAS REPRESENTED BY (L-R) MARILYN TOGNINALI, MERRY CARTER AND SUSIE CALHOUN AT THE 2022 CWA CONVENTION IN LAKE COUNTY. SEVERAL OTHER SJ CWA MEMBERS JOINED IN REMOTELY.

“My favorite part of going to a CWA Convention is...”

... going on the tours, learning about the many different aspects of agriculture and how agriculture impacts all areas of our lives.

- Susie

... the community and camaraderie, cognitive creativity and conversations on current Ag conditions.

- Roxann

... visiting, comparing notes, the tours and dancing the night away!

- Marilyn

... Being with old friends and meeting new ones from around the state.

- Marit

... F... fantastic tours and experiences

... U... unity of members

... N... new friends

- Jackie

... you get to sample yummy food and adult beverages... and you get to meet large and small agriculture entrepreneurs.

- Leslie

... that it gave me a chance to “see” our very knowledgeable CWA leaders in action. I attended virtually (Zoom) so I did miss out on the great tours.

- Lynn

... being surrounded by ag women from all across the state!! I always leave feeling inspired and ready to do more in my chapter.

-Carolyn

... hearing ideas from other chapters of their events including fund raising, ag education, community involvement, and social events.

- Karen

... visiting new areas of the state and what they have to offer by way of the tours.

- Suzanne

... the tours and learning about ag in different areas of California.

- Angie

... networking with like minded ladies energizes us to be better together.

- Edele

... reconnecting with members throughout the state as well as strengthening the bonds between our local members who attend together.

- Terry

CELEBRATIONS IN THE COUNTRY: DATE CHANGE BUT NOTHING ELSE!

While the date of our Annual Table Setting Luncheon has been changed to **May 6-7**, we are striving to have a most successful event. If you have a working relationship with a business that might consider offering their financial support, please contact Roxann Fugazi at 209.471.7699. She can provide you with a form letter with all the pertinent information. Roxann would appreciate if you let her know which business you are contacting, we would like to avoid duplications.

If you missed getting on the list earlier but are now interested in setting a table in May, contact Edele Norman at 209.986.7641. Also, if you would like to attend the luncheon, call Edele or Leslie to get on the waiting list. Busy on Saturday? Friday night viewing with appetizers is a fun option. You will get to see all the tables at their finest for only \$10.



AGVENTURE IN STOCKTON

BY KRISTA MCCOON

Manteca (Manteca, Ripon, Escalon, & Tracy Unified) • Thurs., November 4, 2021
Stockton (Stockton & Lincoln Unified) • Wed., January 19, 2022
Lodi (Linden, Lodi, New Hope, Oak View & Stockton Unified) • Thurs., March 3, 2022
Tracy (Lammersville, Jefferson, Banta & New Jerusalem Unified) • Thurs., April 14, 2022
Trips will run approx 9-1 p.m.

San Joaquin County third graders will virtually attend a **free**, educational field trip to learn about agriculture in San Joaquin County and the benefits of making healthy eating choices.

We are in need of

60+ plant, animal, machinery and other agricultural displays and 400 volunteers to accommodate 4,000 students

BONUS** Two LIVE, virtual farm trips will be offered to students. You are welcome to view these as well. Please let me know if you'd like to host a virtual farm trip. Examples can be found [here](#).

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Imagine being in third grade never having been on a field trip. But, your teacher tells your class you get to go on your first field trip to AgVenture! The morning of your trip comes, you load your bus and head out, beaming with excitement for the fun ahead.

This scenario is exactly what unfolded on January 19, for over 1,300 third graders from Lincoln and Stockton Unified. Despite challenges from the Covid-19 pandemic, the Stockton AgVenture event was able to occur in-person, at least in part.

Prior to arriving at AgVenture, students viewed presentations virtually at <https://www.sjcagventure.com>. Students viewed four presentations: health and nutrition, soil/water conservation and two various commodities. Additionally, students took a virtual tour of SJC agriculture and learned about the variety of commodities produced in the county.

The morning of Stockton AgVenture, I had the privilege of greeting the first few buses, something I rarely get to do. I could hear the squeals of delight through the bus doors as students saw animals, equipment and the mobile Sheriff's unit waiting for them.

Just shy of 200 volunteers generously gave their time and energy to educate participants about agriculture and nutrition. Each student had the chance to grab some apples, donated by Fresh Innovations as well another piece of produce donated by Save Mart.

The mobile dairy unit made a special appearance and students learned how to milk a cow and saw a live demonstration. Snowball, the cow, was a huge hit! Dozens of interactive displays hosted by 4-H, FFA, farmers, ranchers and industry members allowed students to taste, touch, see, smell and hear agriculture in a way they may otherwise not.

At the conclusion of their trip, students loaded the buses with take home bags of goodies and soil donated by Scott's Co to plant their cabbage plants donated by Bonnie plants. Volunteers began and ended their day with meals donated by SJ CWA and SJFB.

Despite lesser attendance from both schools and volunteers because of the pandemic, the feedback is clear, Stockton AgVenture was a hit!

A very special thank you to the volunteers, committee members, donors, SJC Ag Commissioner's Office, SJC Fairgrounds and Lincoln and Stockton Unified for making sure students had "An Adventure in Agriculture."



SOME SCENES FROM AGVENTURE ON JANUARY 19, 2022.

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