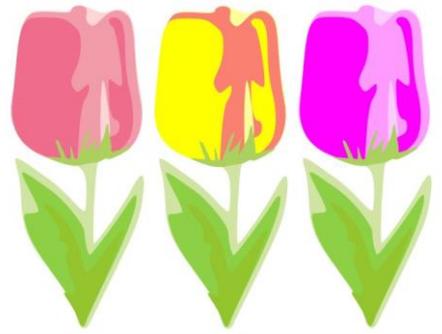


Club Update



Soroptimist International of Rio Vista

February 28, 2017



Next Meeting – Thursday, March 2nd

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Joy Augusto and Mary Heath



We remembered Joy Augusto, pictured, a long-time member of the club, who passed away February 14th. Many of us think of Joy as the “mother” of our group; she was always a warm and welcoming face at our meetings. A few days later we lost Mary Heath, one of our Life Members. Joy’s service February 22nd was a beautiful tribute to her life. We will let you know when we have information about Mary’s service. (Sorry, we don’t have a photo of Mary.)



Meeting Summary

In order to facilitate nominations for next year’s officers, it was necessary to vote on changes to our bylaws and procedures. One of the key bylaw changes redefines eligibility to hold office.

Our speaker was Constance, recognizing Black History Month. She came in African royal dress, and presented her family history. She first gave background on the slave trade, started by the Portuguese in the 1500s. Her own family documents date back to a bill of sale in 1835s showing an ancestor being sold to the Harrison family, from which comes her own family name. The Harrisons lived in South Carolina after Emancipation, and descendants meet there every four years to recall history and tend the family cemetery.

Student of the Month – Abel Zapien

Our guest Student of the Month was Abel Zapien, representing AP Government, and his teacher Marsha Montgomery (the other student for February was ill and could not attend). Abel gave a good description of his experiences at Boys’ State in Sacramento last summer.



Sponsored by the American Legion, Boys State brings high school boys together to participate in a simulated state government. Abel participates in Interact club, has done volunteer work with Rio Vision on the planters, and is a four-year letterman. He plans to attend San Francisco State or San Jose State. Look or an article this week in The Beacon.



Fabulous LUNAFEST

Words do not do justice to this amazing event! The Vet’s Hall has never looked so festive. The appetizers, desserts, candy and popcorn were marvelous. Our male servers rocked our Soroptimist aprons. The films were fun and thought provoking. Our award recipients were inspiring. Thank you so much Constance, Debra, Stacia, MaryEllen and Fundraising committee members, and everyone who donated their time and talent to this fabulous event. Check out Facebook for lots of great photos! Look for an article in next week’s Beacon where we’ll try to do a proper job of thanking everyone!

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The club manages (and receives a percentage of) the Sheepdog Trial ticket sales, “mans” the gate at the event and sells tees. Buy your tee now from MaryEllen for \$15.00.

