



July Bloomin' News

Happy Day to everyone...

Well we had another wonderful meeting this month - great turn-out of members and guest. The food was excellent thanks to the great culinary prowess of Allison Knight; Marleen was a wonderful hostess, greeting everyone as they arrived and giving us a tour of her beautiful home, providing interesting antidotes about many of her beautiful pieces of furniture and treasures. But the absolute high point of the day was the tour of her incredible gardens - she provided not only the names (and sub species) of what had to be well over 100 plants but tips on the care and feeding of many of her plants to get the best results as well as ways to guard against the deer and other intruders to the garden. All in all, it was a wonderful, relaxing, informative day.

For those that were not able to attend the meeting -I raised a question about this year's contributions. There are many charities, providing wonderful services to our community and I would like to see more participation on the part of the club members to provide their thoughts on which charities they would like to see us support. We can limit our contributions to 1 or 2 choices, enabling a contribution to have a much greater impact to an organization or continue providing small donations to multiple organizations. I requested the club members send their thoughts and ideas to me and I thank those that have done so already. I would like to encourage others to do so as well.

One of the changes we will make this year is better understanding of the needs of the organization and what they plan to do with the money they are requesting. I will be organizing a meeting targeting mid to late September for the membership to discuss the various request. Recognizing not all people will be able to attend the meeting the Board will create a simple way to gather votes from those members not attend the meeting.

To help facilitate the gathering and review of this information, Janel has agreed to create a brief document for the requestor's use to gather the desired information.

So, think about where you think our contributions would do the most good and stay tuned for more on this in the coming weeks.

We have an exciting program lined up for August. We will be going to the Tallac Historic Site to join in the Heritage Days celebration. The site is run by the non-profit Tahoe Heritage Foundation - it provides a view into what life was like for the very wealthy during the 1920's. The site is composed of the Baldwin, Pope and Valhalla Estates and what remains of the once grand Lucky's Casino Resort.

You can take a self-guided walking tours of the Resort and grounds of all three estates (be sure to download the free mobile app onto your smart phones to or other mobile devices to get all the details of what you are seeing)

The Foundation also provide Docent guided tours of the Pope House for \$10.

Given we will be there on a Wednesday, you could also join the Artist in Residence in some art projects - see websites listed below for more details.

Here are a couple of website links for the Tahoe Heritage Foundation:

<http://www.tahoheritage.org/events-and-programs-2/tallac-historic-site/> (scan down this web page to find the mobile app to load onto your phone.)

<https://tahoesouth.com/venue/tallac-historic-site/>

I have also attached a map of the entire site so you get a sense of the size and key points of interest.

We will be changing our normal schedule for this meeting - our actual monthly meeting will take place during lunch vs the typical prior to lunch. The meeting will be very brief so you will be able to relax and enjoy your lunch.

See the attached flyer from Norma for more details about the day but here are the key points:

DATE: August 7,2019

LOCATION: Tallac Heritage Site - 1 Heritage Way, South Lake Tahoe, CA

TIME: 9:45 - if you are planning to carpool the cars will be leaving the CVS Parking lot sharply at 9:45. If you are driving and have room for additional people please contact Norma as she is organizing the cars.

MEETING START TIME: 12:30 at the Burger Lounge picnic area

LUNCH: Burger Lounge, 717 Emerald Bay Road, South Lake Tahoe, CA

We want to make certain all the members that want to see the Tallac site but don't want to make the drive alone can attend so please, if you have any questions just give Norma a call or drop her an email and she will make certain that you are part of a car pool. Also, don't miss the note that spouses and friends, as always, are welcome.

September should prove to be another very interesting meeting with a presentation from the Wild Life Rescue - look for more details in the next couple of weeks.

Look forward to seeing everyone at the Tallac site - I am still relatively new to the area so I'm really looking forward to learning more about the area and what could be more fun then seeing from the lens of the Roaring '20's!!

As always, call if you have any questions or comments.

Barbara

