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**For Your Calendar**

- September 10, 2012 9:30 AM  
General Meeting  
The Inn-Garden Room
- November 5, 2012 6:00-8:00 PM  
Annual Membership Meeting  
The Inn-Garden Room
- February 4, 2013 9:30 AM  
General Meeting  
The Inn-Garden Room



**Summer is here!**

Our May Grant Presentation meeting held at Ann Feighner's home was the perfect introduction to summer with the beautiful setting and weather. The meeting time and format was modified slightly this year, moving it to late afternoon.

We all enjoyed the relaxed social hour, delicious appetizers and visiting with the grant recipients and members prior to the meeting and presentations. It was such a pleasure to hear from each of the recipients, to see them accept the grants, and to have the opportunity before and after the meeting to meet and talk with them, learning even more about the important work they are doing.

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With this past grant cycle we were able to award grants to 9 organizations with grants totaling over \$289,000. In addition, we were also able to make a donation of newborn layette gift baskets for the Military mothers at Camp Pendleton. Please see our grant distribution map (last page) for funded organization locations and service areas.

Thank you to all of the members of the grant committees and the site visit teams for all of their diligent efforts in the grant making process.

**Bi-annual Membership Survey**

This year, the survey period was moved up a couple of months so that we would have time to implement the membership preferences for grant focus areas, membership satisfaction, and programming communicated through through the survey. We were very pleased with all of the membership feedback, with 75 member responses. We have lots of valuable information to work with, thank you for taking the time to respond.

**Focus Areas**

As determined through the survey, the grant focus areas for 2012-2013 will be Social Services and Health and Research. The following year, for 2013-2014, our grant focus areas will be Education and Economic Development.



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## Programming Ideas

Thank you for your valuable feedback on areas of interest, including speakers and membership education. We will be working to include these preferences into our programming for the next two years with an emphasis on membership education on grant making and philanthropy practices.

## Thank you

Thank you for Donna Walker and Donna Vance for all of their years in leadership as Advisory Chair and Grants Chair, respectively. We wish them both a relaxing summer!

## Looking ahead

The advisory committee is currently working on individual committee plans, and putting together our 2012-2103 handbook and calendar. Kate Williams and Jinda Schatz are now assembling the grant committees, please contact them if you would like to participate on one of the committees or would like to learn more.

And finally, don't forget to put Monday, September 10, 2012, on your calendar for our first General Meeting!

Victoria Hanlon  
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