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For Your Calendar

March 7 – 23

Site Visits Conducted

April 25 9:00 AM

Grant Proposal Presentations

Nancy Jo Cappetta's home

May 12

Final Ballots due in RSFWF's

Office

May 23 11:30 AM

Grant Presentation Luncheon

The Inn—Garden Room

May 26 10-11:30 AM

All Grant Committee

Evaluation Meeting

Location To Be Determined

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The Power of Collaboration



Over the last few months, we have hosted several

events to expose potential new members to the Rancho Santa Fe Women's Fund. During the conversation, current members have shared why they joined the group. There has been a great consistency in the conversation about the valued attributes. They have been:

- An incredible, diverse group of women of all ages with a passion and commitment to share a common goal;
- The "do a little or do a lot" philosophy—and really mean it! Guilt-free, and it is always amazing that someone steps up to do a lot just when we need it;
- The professional and thorough grants process. Members feel confident

that their resources are being used wisely;

• The power of collaboration. By pooling resources, an individual member has a much larger impact on the organizations we fund and our community.

The mission and values that our founders established just six and a half years ago have become even more entrenched in our organization today. Thanks to Connie Pittard and Victoria Hanlon for their tireless energy in sharing the RSFWF story this year with prospective members. To date, we have had over 20 new members join in the power of collaboration.

In February we, introduced TOM'S Shoes to the Women's Fund. It was a highly engaging and educational forum.

Once again, our members showed their generous spirit through the BOGO (Buy One, Give One) sales. In addition, MOM benefited

when members bought shoes for MOM and the second pair supported the designated TOM's organizations. The Women's Fund has contributed approximately 120 pairs of shoes to MOM and the same number to TOM's organizations. Thank you to Nancy Hashim for recommending and organizing the event.

The Grants Committee has been hard at work and diligent in their vetting of candidates for grant awards. Thank you Donna Vance, Susan Sharpe and Susie Hayes for your leadership in the process. Thanks to all members of the Grants Committee for your dedication. And true to our mission, this group of talented and resourceful women do make the nearly impossible seem quite effortless.

Donna Walker,
Advisory Committee Chair

Phase Three of the Grant Process

The Work Groups for Economic Development and Health & Social Services spent 5 weeks (Jan. into Feb.) reviewing 18 proposals, 9 each. Some hard voting decisions were made and 14 proposals, 7 in each work group, will now receive site visits.

All RSF Women's Fund members are encouraged and welcomed to go on a site visit and see a potential grantee organization up close and personal. Anyone interested should call Anne D'Errico, our Site Visit Coordinator at 858-759-7728. The site visits will be conducted from March 7 to March 23.

Also, I would like to thank Sue Sanderson and Candise Holmlund, our "financial advisors". They reviewed all the financial information and gave us their conclusions and recommendations. Every work group member felt more prepared because of this work.

I encourage everyone to add the General Membership meeting on April 25th to your calendar. This is the meeting where the members will get to hear the presentations from the final 10 organizations, which we all will be voting on soon. I look forward to seeing many of you on site visits and all of you on April 25th!

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Women's Fund volunteers had a great time on Feb. 25th at ARTS (A Reason To Survive) packaging craft packages to be used in their "Heal, Inspire, Empower" program. They cut out masks and bundled supplies to create three types of activities, which will serve 260 children.



Kudos & Congrats

Membership Chairs, Connie Pittard and Victoria Hanlon have done a superb job enhancing the membership of the Women's Fund. So far this calendar year we have welcomed:

Joan Flowers, Elizabeth Seibold, Allison Williams, Star Lerach, Jori Potiker Brown, Diana Macek, Elizabeth MacLeod, Marian Benassi, Minerva Walz and Alyson Goudy

Also, we'd like to welcome back—Jessica McNellis, Mary Miller and Lorraine Suranamer.

Hooray for Connie & Victoria!!!!



Site Visit Schedule:

Economic Development

- ACCION 3/18 @ 10:00
- CSUSM Ace Scholars 3/8 @ 2:00
- Dress for Success 3/22 @ 10:00
- Foundation for Women 3/23 @ 1:15
- Mind Treasurers 3/21 @ 11:00
- Reality Changers 3/15 @ 10:00
- Urban Corps 3/17 @ 11:00

Health & Social Services

- Angels Foster Family Network 3/8 @ 10:00
- Burn Inst. 3/14 @ 10:00
- Friends of Scott 3/10 @ 11:00
- San Diego Blood Bank 3/9 @ 10:00
- Senior Comm. Center 3/10 @ 10:00
- UCSD Eyemobile 3/16 @ 10:00
- Vista Comm. Clinic 3/17 @ 1:30

Watch for details of the next volunteer event on May 5th. Help package supplies for several NC charities that serve the newly homeless!



TOM'S Spring Styles Are Here!
 The RSFWF's \$5.00 discount will remain valid throughout March.

Visit www.tomsshoes.com to order!



NOVEMBER TOM'S SHOE EVENT

L. to R.—Stacey Snyder, Gayle Gillies, Cathy Hopf, Jinda Schatz

Photos courtesy of Jon Clark/RSF Review



Gigi Fenley, Linda Dealy, Kate Williams



Donna Walker, Julie Klaus, Maureen Gibbons