President’s Message

My last message. WOW!

I think every first time president wonders if they have done enough and I am no exception to that rule. However I know that I have to walk before I can run and learn before I can teach. I feel that in my year as president I have learned so much about the club and about myself. I feel that as President of this great club I have done some great things, including getting some much needed PR for our organization. That, I feel, is my greatest contribution to the club.

I am looking forward to my next year as Service Chair and continuing to promote our club. I have some great things to look forward to, including some great partnerships and wonderful hands on projects— as well as being a part of President-Elect Barbara’s vision for our club.

While I know next year is going to be full of fun and excitement I have to say this has been one of the best years of my life up to this point. While I am not ready to jump back in, I know if the opportunity comes again I will be first in line.

I have been proud to be your president. My heartfelt thanks to everyone.

Your President,
Maltia D. Anderson

May
PROGRAMS

May 1st Business Meeting
May 8th Circle of Sisters and Violet Richardson Ward winner.
May 15th “I’m Home Alone”—a concern for seniors; speaker Michele Osmon
May 22nd Konocti Girl Scouts; speaker Deborah Holden
May 29th Genevieve Mott and Vera Mc Culloch Award Luncheon

Inspirations

May 1st Lynn Riepenhoff
May 8th Marj Conley
May 15th Carolyn Small
May 22nd Gwen Hall
May 29th Ann Marie Carmody

June
PROGRAMS

June 5th Business meeting
June 12th Conference Reports
June 19th K9 Companion, with special guest
June 26th Women’s Shelter Experience—Brenda Condiotti

Inspirations

June 5th Lucy Barnett
June 12th June Hunter-Clarke
June 19th Kris Huot
June 26th Helen Sager
### May Birthdays

19th  Lorraine Komor  
20th  Erin Temple  
24th  Dora Finnemore  
30th  June Hunter-Clarke  

### June Birthdays

7th  Gwen Hall  
21st  Edith Zanelli  
22nd  Linda Burille  

### July Birthdays

22nd  Fran Miller  
31st  Ann Baumann  

### August Birthdays

1st  Sandy Frazer  
7th  Lynn Riepenhoff  
10th  Lily Greer—104 yrs young  
22nd  Kris Huot  
30th  Carolyn Aloia  
30th  Lucy Barnett  

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### Upcoming Events

#### May

1st—4th  If you have not yet registered for Founder Region Conference, e-mail Shannon Richards at richards@napafamilylaw.com  
5th  Cinco De Mayo

10th  Human Race: 3K & 10K race begins at 8am, Register 6:30—7:45am; starts and ends at Herbert Slater Middle School. Volunteers still needed. For more information see [www.humanracenow.org/race.html](http://www.humanracenow.org/race.html)  
11th  Mother's Day

15th  Violet Richardson Ward Award luncheon combined with Circle of Sisters program at Coco’s Restaurant. Meeting starts at 12:10pm

17th  Rose Parade: Need walkers for Parade and members to hand out coloring books and monitor Fire Safety Trailer “tour” lines.

26th  Memorial Day Holiday Observed

29th  Genevieve Mott and Vera McCulloch Award Luncheon at Coco’s Restaurant.

#### June

3rd  SISR June Board Meeting

28th  64th Installation of Officers of SI of Santa Rosa at the Wild Oak Saddle Club. Luncheon at 11:00 am.

#### July

1st  SISR July Board Meeting

#### August

5th  SISR August Board Meeting

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### Member News

Please send cards and letters to Patsy Daniels. She appreciates encouragement during her long recuperation from back surgery.

Keep President Malia’s mother and husband in your thoughts and prayers for their upcoming surgeries in May.

### Convention

Our best wishes for a safe trip and exciting adventure for members Helen Sager and Barbara Young who will be attending Federation Convention in Taiwan this July.

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**NOTE:** Our club now meets during July and August. We no longer go dark during the summer!
Roxanne Moon, Women’s Opportunity Award Winner, spoke at the March 20th luncheon. She received a $1500 award to continue her education. “Women on the Plains” author, Catherine Brankamp signs a book at the April 10th club meeting after speaking to club members about “How to Self Publish”

On April 17th, members of the 4th to 6th grade “Girls Rock!” team showed some of their projects made with a Lego Robotics kit donated by the club. The team will be entering three events at the Sonoma County Robotic Challenge.

L to R: Katie, Kylea, Maddie, Jinny, Makenzie, Natalie

Many members and guests attended the March 20th luncheon honoring our Making a Difference for Women and our Women’s Opportunity Award winners.

Guest speaker at the event was Founder Region Governor-Elect Amelia Benko

Club President Malia (far left) congratulates award winners (left to right) Inge Kessler and Laura Moss, Making a Difference for Women awardees, and Roxanne Moon, our club Women’s Opportunity Award honoree. Scholarship chair June Hunter-Clarke also gave our annual check to Karen Tappin, (far right) Coordinator of our District 4 Breast Cancer Survivor Assistance Program

Laura Moss, Director of the American Cancer Society, (ACS) Santa Rosa, was honored for her work raising breast cancer awareness in the community, providing education pamphlets for clinics and drivers for patients with cancer appointments, and for her tireless efforts directing many fundraising events.

The Girls Rock! team from Biella Elementary pose with their coach John. They won the team spirit award — can’t you see why?

The team made it all the way to the final “Drag Race” for 2nd place. That was further than they had ever been! Girls Rock!

Inga Kessler (left) spoke about why and how she started “Accent on Health” to provide wigs and prostheses to breast cancer survivors. Many clubs support the District 4 Breast Cancer Survivor Assistance program, which works with Inge and ACS to provide monetary aid.

The gymnasium floor at Creekside Elementary was divided into several “challenge” event areas, as participants in green T-shirts gathered waiting for the games to begin.

Only two members can participate at a time. In “Freeform” the robot must follow the line and stop before the finish line.

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Happy Mother’s Day

Upcoming special event? Committee Meeting?
Let us know!
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