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Mark Your Calendar

April

Thurs., Apr. 15th - Garden Tour Kick-Off Coffee at Sandy Chute's home. For information, please contact Sandy at skchute@cds1.net

Tues., Apr. 27th—CMA Legislation Day, Sheraton Grande Hotel, Sacramento, CA. For information, go to cmaalliance.com

Wed., Apr. 28th - Book Club, hosted by Elizabeth Krainer-Huang. For information, contact, Elizabeth at eakrainer@yahoo.com

Fri. & Sat., Apr. 30th & May 1st - CMAA Annual Session, Embassy Suites Hotel, Sacramento, CA. For information, go to cmaalliance.com

May

Sun., May 2nd - AAUW Historic Homes Tour, Healdsburg. For information, go to www.healdsburgaauw.com

Sat., May 8th - The Human Race 2010. For information, go to www.humanracenow.org

Fri. & Sat., May 14 & 15 SCMAAF Annual Garden Tour, Windsor. For information, go to www.scmaa.org



Allie Award Nominations Due June 1st



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19th Annual GARDEN TOUR

Friday, May 14th
 &
 Saturday, May 15th



Photograph by Kim Cooper, Garden Tour 2008

Once again the Garden Tour Committee has put together a fabulous garden tour for 2010. We have six unique gardens all within the Windsor area. Invitations have been mailed and we hope that you will join us for this delightful weekend touring homes and gardens. Please save the date and bring your friends.

This year we have over 25 restaurants in our Wine and Dine raffle plus two exclusive restaurants for a special raffle. Our guest artist this year will be Michelle Weitzenberg. Lunch will be offered from Charlie's at Windsor Golf Club (pre-purchased only) and a door prize from Absolute Statuary and Fountains.

For more information, please visit our website at www.scmaa.org

—Sori DeVore, Garden Tour Co-Chair

If you would like to help with this event please notify Nancy Sumida at nsumida7@gmail.com

SCMAA Foundation Takes New Direction



It was ten years ago that the Grant Review Committee was established for the sole purpose of deciding where funds raised from Foundation events and activities would best be placed. The charitable and/or educational purposes for which this Foundation is organized are to advance health education, to improve health and quality of life for all people living in Sonoma County and to further other charitable and/or educational purposes. Only non-profit organizations would be eligible for funding.



Victoria Soto

The signs of spring are coming to life everywhere. The beautiful blooming daffodils, tulips peeking through the ground, buds flowering to life and longer, sunnier days are warming our hearts and energizing us. The SCMAAF is ready to spring into action with our Garden Tour quickly approaching on May 15th and 16th. Six gardens and two homes have been generously offered for our 2010 tour in Windsor. Join us and

enjoy this diverse and imaginative collection. Look for your invitations to arrive in your mailbox.

Reflecting on heartwarming, the Sharing our Hearts luncheon was delightful and fun. The guests celebrated "a step back in time" and dressed the theme with hats and gloves. Thanks to our captivating speaker, Karen Johnson, and our guest speaker Dr. Walt Mills. Thanks to our Alliance friend Elly Werner for standing up and donating \$5,000 to our Safe Schools Program, it was a truly inspiring meeting her. A special thank you to Debbi Ricks, California Medical Association Alliance President for attending our event, it was a pleasure having you. Thanks to our sponsors for your generous support and for sharing their hearts. I want to thank our members who attended this event, as well. I am grateful for the support our members give to our Alliance. I extend my sincere gratitude and value each and every one of you.

Mark your calendar for CMA Legislative Leadership Day on Tuesday, April 27 in Sacramento. The conference will be held at the Sheraton Grand Hotel, just three blocks from the State Capitol and across the street from CMA headquarters.

This is a unique event for California physicians and is free of charge to all CMAA members. Don't miss the

"The real winners in life look at every situation with an expectation that they can make it work or make it better." - Barbara Pletcher

opportunity to meet one-on-one with your elected officials in the State Assembly and Senate to discuss important health policy issues that affect the practice of medicine in California. The CMAA Annual Session will be on April 30 and May 1st.

Congratulations to Gina Merwin our "Dedicated County Alliance Member for 2010." Gina will be awarded a plaque at the CMAA Annual Session Recognition luncheon in Sacramento.

Springing forward, the grant review has voted on the funding directives. A Sonoma County needs assessment has revealed that the number of uninsured and underinsured has reached a critical mass of nearly 65,000. In response to this staggering increase, the SCMAA Foundation has identified that the first responders to the need for increased health access are our local community medical clinics. Our fundraising for this year's Garden Tour is focused on the following organizations: Santa Rosa Community Health Center and Alliance Medical Center, Windsor. The fundraising efforts will support an effort to highlight the need to cover the uninsured. These clinics serve many working families and include our friends, neighbors and colleagues.

We all have something special to contribute to making our community stronger.

Warmly,

Victoria

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Snapshots from January Coffee at Sue Bisbee's home. Thank you to our gracious hosts Sue Bisbee and Charlene Staples.



Carol Stone, Lisa Sugarman & Sudha Schlesinger



Mary Lou Sullivan

What's Happening...



Garden Tour Kick-Off Coffee Thursday, April 15th 10 a.m. to noon



At the home of Sandy Chute 5401 Hall Road, Santa Rosa

Mark your calendar for this lovely annual event. It will be great time to reconnect with Alliance members as well as hear from representatives of Santa Rosa Community Health Centers and Alliance Medical Center, Windsor. For more information, please contact Sandy Chute at

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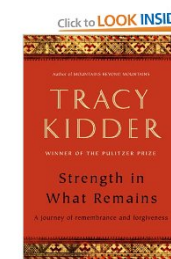


AAUW Historic Home Tour Join the Healdsburg Historic Home Tour & Help Support a Good Cause



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Love to Read?



Our next book is "Strength in What Remains" by Pulitzer Prize winning author, Tracy Kidder. Join us to discuss this compelling story.

The Alliance Book Group meets monthly and welcomes new members. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 28th at Elizabeth Krainer-Huang's house. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Krainer at eakrainer@yahoo.com