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General Meeting: November 16

7:00 PM, Clifford School

Theme: wear a crazy hat and bring a
food item for our food drive.

President's Message

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the month of November and to the annual 4-H food drive! Please bring a few cans, boxes, or plastic jars of non-perishable food to this month's general meeting so that people who are hungry can have as delicious a Thanksgiving as we all do. We will be donating this food to Second Harvest Food Bank in San Carlos. Of course, we will be giving prizes to kids who bring food, and even more to those who wear hats - wild, weird, and wacky hats. (No, the 4-H hat doesn't count.)

In addition to the food drive, November is also Crazy Hats months. Wear your witch hat, ski cap, or something completely crazy that you make up yourself. Santa hats work too, especially as we're going to be singing holiday carols after the meeting. We're practicing for our visit to the senior home in Belmont where we'll sing in early December. Mr. Stevens has kindly agreed to lead us in song with his guitar, and I'll provide handouts with the words. (We don't expect you to have all of "The 12 Days of Christmas" memorized.) If you have an easily learned favorite song from a winter holiday other than Christmas, please consider sharing it with us. See you at the meeting!

Anne Peale, President



Don't forget to bring canned food for
our food drive!!

Beginning Sewing & Sewing for fun

We had our first meeting Nov 7th. We made Christmas cards for Soldiers using the sewing machine.

Danielle Grimsby

Please Bring Card-Making Supplies To Our November Meeting

The holidays are coming and you know what that means - greeting cards. This year the 4-Hrs of San Carlos will be making holiday cards to distribute to seniors living in a convalescent home. We want the families to bring arts and crafts stuff like noodles, feathers, glitter, beads, and what ever else you can rustle up from home to the next general 4-H meeting to share. We encourage every body to bring as much arts and crafts as possible. Please bring all you can to make the cards.

Thank you, Tatiana P. Martino

Important Date Change December General Meeting Will Be On The 14th

Because of the busy holiday season and the proximity of our usual third Tuesday meeting day to Christmas this year, our regular general club meeting will be held at the same time and place on Tuesday, December 14th. Please mark your calendar now.

Junior/Teen Leaders Plan Special Holiday Service Projects

Second Harvest Food Bank - Food Drive – November 16th General Meeting

The most needed food items include canned tuna, powdered milk, peanut butter (no glass jars, please), pasta, low-sugar cereals, 100% fruit juices in single serving boxes, meals in a can (stews, chili, soups), and food with pop-top lids. Members contributing any of the “most needed food items” will receive a special treat!

Holiday Card-Making For Convalescent Home Residents – November 16th General Meeting

At the November General Meeting, we will be making holiday greeting cards to give to the elderly residents of the Carlmont Gardens Skilled Nursing Facility and Convalescent Home. Every Club member is encouraged to contribute to a collective burst of creative energy and make at least one card. We will deliver the cards during our caroling event on Thursday, December 9.

Holiday Caroling – Thursday, December 9th

Members and their families are invited to meet at the Carlmont Gardens Skilled Nursing Facility and Convalescent Hospital, 2140 Carlmont Drive, Belmont at 6:30 p.m. to entertain the residents with our enthusiastic renditions of popular holiday carols and songs. You are welcome to wear Santa hats, reindeer antlers and other festive holiday attire! Please be prompt because our audience goes to bed early! We should be finished at 7 p.m.

Christmas Toy Drive – December 14th General Meeting

Members are encouraged to bring an unwrapped, new toy to the Club's December 14th General Meeting. We will donate them to a local charity that distributes them to needy children.

Club Members Looking Forward To Holiday Gift Exchange

All Club members are invited to participate in our annual gift exchange. To participate, bring a wrapped gift to the December 14th General Meeting. The gift must be appropriate for a boy or girl from 5 to 19! Use your imagination and spend no more than \$10.00!

Attention Animal Project Members and Leaders! Save March 5th For A Unique Learning Opportunity

Poultry, rabbit, goat, pig, and lamb project members and leaders must plan to attend the San Mateo County "animal symposium" at Elkus Ranch on Saturday, March 5th 2005, from 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. In the past, animal project members in our county had to travel to CSU Fresno and other San Joaquin Valley locations to attend similar educational events. 4-H leaders throughout the County are working hard to bring animal experts - breeders, veterinarians, feed developers, ag school students and staff - to lead workshops for each animal breed on animal selection; fitting and conformation; nutrition; common diseases and health maintenance. Watch for more details in upcoming issues of the county 4-H newsletter, *Highlights*. Contact Janae Novotny for more information.

Small Animal Projects

Start Preparing For The Small Animal Challenge!

Cavy, rabbit, dog and goat project leaders and members should begin preparing for the San Mateo County 4-H Small Animal Challenge on Saturday, January 22, 2005 at Elkus Ranch. This event is really early this year, so begin now reviewing breed and body parts identification, information about nutrition, diseases, and general care information. The team of members who participated from our club last year had lots of fun. Project members, let your project leader know if you are interested in being on a San Carlos team. Project leaders should review information from the county level 1 and level 2 proficiency guidelines to teach and review information for your species. Please contact Janae Novotny for more information.

Shhh! Parents Of New Members, We Have A Surprise Planned!

Instructions for parents of new club members: (1) Hide this article from your child. (2) Hold this date and time open for your child(ren): Sunday, November 21st from 8 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. (3) While club members are making holiday cards at the November General Meeting, plan to meet in a corner of the room with junior/teen leaders to get the details of their secret surprise for new members! If you cannot attend the meeting, contact Sandra Bernhard or Janae Novotny for information.

New Family Coordinator

Danice Pons recently suggested and then graciously volunteered for a new adult leader position: □ New Family Coordinator. □ The Pons family--Caitlyn (10) , Gabriella (8), Cutler (6), Danice and Mike--have collected quite a bit of 4-H experience in a short time. □ Danice hasn't forgotten the confusion (and fun!) of that initial year and would like to help our new families with their questions and concerns. □ She will call new families periodically and will keep in contact with our other adult leaders for updates on policies and events. □ Please feel free to contact her at 508-9549 or <thepons@sbcglobal.net>.

By Sandra Bernhard

Record Book Update

- A. Attended Club Meeting Sept. and October
- B. Attended Project Meetings List on Project Report Forms
- H. Wrote News Article for Newsletter
- I. Other 4-H Representation
 - Sold Pen Pride Tickets
 - Worked in Cake Booth at Fair
 - Host in 4-H Building during Fair
- O. Medalist
 - County Record Book Medalist
- P. Project Exhibit
 - Exhibit at San Mateo County Fair - Counts one time only.
- U. Events Attended
 - Club Banquet - June
 - Attended Fair - August
 - Attended any other County Fair
- V. County Winner
 - County Record Book winner
- W. Other Individual Achievement
 - High Point Winner at Fair
 - Showmanship Winner (example: Novice Showmanship Winner, Junior, or Senior Winner)
- Z. Project Showing Contest
 - Showmanship at Fair - each different breed counts once

By Evelyn Klein



Rabbit Needs a Home

Need home for two-year-old female rabbit. White with dark brown or black ears & nose, but not sure of breed. Not spayed.

Please contact Julie Figliozzi Wong for details (650) 853-1305

Dates To Remember

November 2004

- 14 Cavy Project Mtg, 3 p.m., Sprock-Novotny home
- 15 4-H County Council Mtg, 7 p.m., Fox School, Belmont
- 16 San Carlos 4-H Club General Meeting, 7 p.m., Clifford School, Redwood City
- 21 Shhhh!

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- 6 Junior/Teen Leader Project Mtg, 7:15 p.m. (7:00 p.m. for officers)
- 9 San Carlos 4-H Club Caroling Event, 6:30 p.m., Carlmont Gardens Convalescent Hospital, 2140 Carlmont Drive, Belmont
- 13 4-H County Life Skills/Hobbies Committee Mtg, 7:15 p.m., Fox School, Belmont
- 14 San Carlos 4-H Club General Meeting, 7 p.m., Clifford School, Redwood City (Note date change!)**
- 16 4-H County Ag Steering Committee Mtg, 7:30 p.m., Laurelwood Round Table, San Mateo

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- 3 Junior/Teen Leader Project Mtg, 7:15 p.m. (7:00 p.m. for officers)
- 18 San Carlos 4-H Club General Meeting, 7 p.m., Clifford School, Redwood City
- 22 San Mateo County 4-H Small Animal Challenge, Elkus Ranch
- 24 4-H County Council Mtg, 7 p.m., Fox School, Belmont

Next Newsletter Deadline: December 7, 2004. Email articles to Cathy Somerton: csomerton@yahoo.com