

CWA Chat



President's Message:

'Tis the season to celebrate, the weather cooperated for a fruitful harvest, and all our fall activities are complete. We had a very successful Farm City Celebration this year. Farm City Celebration events are fun agricultural and educational events that promote our local agriculture. Many of our chapter members are heavily involved and did an amazing job this year.

Rose Tryon represented us at the American Agri-Women (AAW) Convention in Colorado. Rose is an outstanding asset to our chapter and it is so wonderful that she got to attend. While at AAW Rose said there were many valuable guest speakers and workshops and always great to interact with women from other areas of agriculture.

We had a fabulous turnout for our chapter Christmas Party this year. Members and guests had an enjoyable evening out with a fabulous dinner and always exciting ornament exchange.

Also coming up is our Livestock Loan Program. Each year our Chapter supports local 4-H and FFA members by awarding no-interest livestock loans. Applicants must complete an application, budget, and interview -- a great learning experience.

Mark your calendars for the Steak & Prawn Dinner, March 2, 2013.

Hope everyone has a very Happy New Year!

Theresa Schneider
NV CWA President



A few pictures from the Christmas Party at Panagheti's!

Left to Right:

Nicole & Buzz Landon

President Theresa Schneider presenting gifts to

Nicole Landon, Angie Carpenter, & Sarah

Schager.

Carrie Vanilla & Colleen Cecil

Junior Livestock Loans



*"Let's welcome this New Year with
smiles on our faces and hopes in your
heart for the best.*

Wish you a very

Happy New Year !"

2013

The purpose of the Junior Livestock Loan Program is to enable students to purchase an animal that they might not otherwise be able to. The responsibility and business knowledge that students learn through the process of raising and selling an animal is invaluable. CWA has loaned over \$86,000 to over 297 students throughout Butte County and is gearing up for another year in 2013.

Local 4-H and FFA clubs and chapters have been notified that the application is available on-line and that applications for loans are due by January 10th and interviews will quickly follow on January 16th and 17th. Jeanette Vanella is in charge of this Junior Livestock Loan Program for us. If you are interested in helping her with the program or you can volunteer some time during interviews please contact her at jvanella@matson-isom.com

Upcoming Chapter Meetings

Chapter Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month. January and February meetings will be held at Panigheti's Eatery at 2760 Esplanade #100. To receive meeting notices or get a membership application, please contact Theresa Schneider at 530-518-9914 or tmschneider@msn.com

If you have letters, articles, comments, or suggestions for this newsletter, please feel free to send them on to Chapter Newsletter Editor: Lindsay Reimers, 680-3334 or lindsayreimers@gmail.com



And check us out at northvalleycwa.org

Chapter Tidbits

The Butte County Farm Bureau earned the Innovator Award for a membership outreach luncheon that drew community member attendance of more than 100 individuals. CFBF President Paul Wenger spoke at the event and greeted new agricultural members. The event also helped raise more than \$4,500 for the California Farm Bureau Fund to Protect the Family Farm (FARM PAC®).

North Valley CWA members will represent California in a national recognition program for young farmers and ranchers, after earning statewide awards at the 94th California Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting in Pasadena.

Lisa and Daniel "Rocky" Donati of Gridley earned the California Young Farmers & Ranchers Achievement Award for their diversified rice and cattle operation. The Donatis manage 600 acres of rice and also run commercial cow-calf and registered Angus cattle herds. Rocky Donati is a past president of the Butte County Farm Bureau and, in his award application, wrote that that allowed him to see firsthand "the importance of county Farm Bureaus being actively engaged with local supervisors and city council members." He said he believes it is important to communicate with elected officials to share the stories and needs of family farms and ranches.

The couple met while attending Cal

Poly, San Luis Obispo, and were married two months after graduating, Rocky with a degree in Agribusiness and Lisa with a degree in Nutritional Science. The Donatis have three children.

Betsy Karle, recipient of the California Young Farmers & Ranchers Excellence in Agriculture award, is a dairy program representative with UC Cooperative Extension in Glenn County and also serves as a junior specialist within the UC Davis Plant & Environmental Sciences department. Karle is an active volunteer in the Glenn County 4-H program and other local agricultural organizations. "When our agricultural community joins forces, we have been and will continue to be an exceptional resource for agriculture education in our community," Karle wrote. Karle has a Master's degree in agroecology and lives in Orland with her husband, veterinarian Michael Karle, and their two children. The Donatis and Karle will represent California in national competitions this month at the American Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting in Nashville.

The California Farm Bureau Federation works to protect family farms and ranches on behalf of more than 74,000 members statewide and as part of a nationwide network of more than 6.2 million Farm Bureau members.



The Donatis accept their award at the California Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting in Pasadena.

Betsy Karle and her family receiving her award at the annual meeting.



Contact Angie at:

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or 530-513-8440.



Annual Dinner: Aprons & Boots

Mark your calendars -- The annual Steak & Prawn Dinner is coming up on **Saturday, March 2, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. at Durham Memorial Hall located at 9319 Midway.**

Tickets are \$25 (\$30 at the door) and available at Farm Credit Chico, Durham Auto Parts, or call Angie at the listed number.

Planning is already underway for this fun and successful event. The theme is "Aprons and Boots" with a vintage feel that we want to incorporate into the décor and desserts.

Want to get involved? Here are some areas we could use your help:

- Ag pictures of women -- Do you have pictures of your mom, grandma, or great-grandma working in some sort of ag-related field? We would love pictures to use on the tables. Black and white or color is fine.
- We are looking into having a boot giveaway that night. If you have a connection with a local store that would be willing to donate a pair of cowboy boots, let Angie know!
- Volunteers are needed for all areas of the event. Please get involved!
- Volunteers are also needed to make the beautiful and delicious desserts that will be auctioned off.
- Tickets and posters will be available at the January meeting for distribution and selling.
- Also at the January meeting will be an example of a custom CWA apron that can be pre-ordered and then worn at the dinner. Very cute!
- Angie is always open to new ideas, suggestions, and those of you who want to help. Please get in touch with her if you can donate some time to this great event.

California Women for Agriculture
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2013

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ CA Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Involvement Level

_____ Student Member \$30 per year

_____ Donor Member \$100 per year

_____ Active Member \$35 per year

_____ Silver Donor Member \$250 per year

_____ Gold Donor Member \$500 per year

CWA Annual Activities (Check any events you would like to help with or that you're interested in)

_____ Farm City Celebration

_____ National Ag Day

_____ Scholarships

_____ Annual Dinner

_____ Ag in the Classroom

_____ Fair Animal Loans

_____ Summer Social

_____ Budget & Finance Committee

_____ Chapter Officers

Agricultural Involvement

Production Agriculture (Specify) _____

Agribusiness (Specify) _____

Consumer _____

Your Status: _____ Renewal _____ Rejoin _____ New Member

Meeting Notice Preference: _____ E-mail _____ Postcard _____ None

Dues Enclosed: \$ _____ California Women for Agriculture

\$ _____ American Agri-Women (\$30 - optional)

\$ _____ Total (Please make checks payable to: NV CWA)

If you have any questions please call or email Cassi Langerwerf 530.680.5179 / clangerwerf@gmail.com

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2013 California Women for Agriculture Dues

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