



GOLDEN WEST COLLEGE PATRONS



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May 2017



Dear Patrons,

It's hard to believe another year of our meetings have come and gone. We had some incredible programs this year, and were able to learn much more about the college and community. Feedback on 3 of the months was "best program ever"! If you missed them, the 3 mentioned were the visit to the Lifeguard Station, Native Garden and our last meeting with Kelly Miller from Visit HB. Kelly shared with us about the tourism in our city and how it impacts the economy. A few of the numbers are - visitors spend \$519,500,000 a year in HB, which narrows down to \$1,400,000 a day or \$59,303 an hour. The tax revenue generated has a burden relief of \$497 annually in taxes per household. In the middle of summer when I am stuck in traffic and need to be somewhere, I will keep these numbers in mind and just smile.

It has been a great year for us welcoming new members. We are so happy that so many have joined our great group and hope everyone will continue to support Patrons and have more join us for meetings. We look forward to welcoming new members in the coming year.

During the year, as a result of last year's Chef's, Patrons distributed 28 scholarships to students and incoming freshmen, also supported 5 programs on campus. In addition, the Patrons volunteered approximately 120 hours to the Art Gallery, and many more hours assisting with the Scholarship and Awards Ceremony and graduation. These numbers show the value of what Patrons contributes to the college and with your help we can continue to grow build these amounts.

As we move forward into the coming year, Jo Andrews has put together a wonderful board for the 2017-18 year. Our May 19 meeting will be the installation of officers. We hope as many of you as possible will attend, to support the board for the coming year. Our new board is as follows: President Jacki Wirta. 1st VP Programs June Dugmore, 2nd VP Membership Val Wannall, 3rd VP Ways and Means Patrick Brenden, Secretary Anto Brenden, Treasurer Julie Grant, Parliamentarian Jo Andrews, GWC Representative Valerie Venegas.



Our Chefs meetings are well underway, Anto is doing a great job with leading us and contributing great suggestions to help our fundraiser grow and hopefully make more money to support the students. We as always would love to have more people join our group. The next meeting is Monday May 8, 10 am in the Learning Resource Center 250. We will be reaching out as has been in the past for the Patrons in general to help with securing auction items and helping with our grand prize.

If I don't see you during the month of May, have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you in the Fall.

Sincerely,

Jacki Wirta, President Golden West College Patrons

Events and People



Coming Up

[Art Gallery](#) - **2017 Juried Student Art Show** - Thru May 19

(Upcoming): **Light and Heavy** - June 1 to July 30 - The exhibition examines the relationship between the concept and the form, and the complements and contradictions between the two
We need volunteers, please call June Dugmore at: (714) 536-2064

[Scholarship & Awards Night](#) - Tuesday, May 9th 6:30p.m.

[Graduation](#) - Thursday, May 25th

[Chef's for Scholarships](#) - Sunday, September 24th 4 to 7p.m.

Volunteers and Donations needed

May 19th Luncheon

11am Board Meeting - 11:30 Meeting Luncheon
Location - Humanities Bldg. - Room #107

The Future is Ours

Installation of Officers for 2017 - 2018

Please RSVP by May 12th (sorry but no shows will be charged)

Cost \$15.00 - Email Jacki Wirta at: onlongpond@aol.com or call or text at: (860) 912-2067

Let us know if you need a ride from the parking lot to the luncheon

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