

The Grapevine



From Resolutions to Rainfall - so glad it's a New Year!

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Calendar of Events

February 17, 2016

JourneySafe at Sonoma Academy

May 5, 2016

Hidden Talents at Paradise Ridge Winery in Santa Rosa

May 21, 2016

Crawfish Boil at the home of Linda Casey and Jesse Rael



Get Comfy - It's time for another Grapevine!



Welcome New members of 2015!

by Sheela Hodes, VP Membership

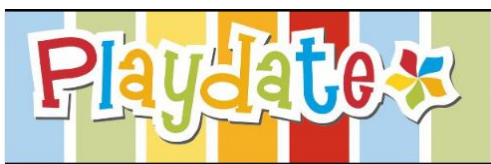
This last year we welcomed 10 new members. Several of our new members have been able to make our events and several have rolled up their sleeves and gotten

involved volunteering in various ways. Please join me in welcoming them to our Alliance community.

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| • Kristina Ahmad | Spouse- Mueed Ahmad (ENT) |
| • Liza Balestrieri | Spouse- Larry Lindenbaum (Anesthesia) |
| • Linda Casey, MD | Spouse- Jesse Rael (Radiology) |
| • David Fowler | Spouse- Hana Clark (Family Practice) |
| • Henry Huang | Spouse- Stephanie Huang (ENT) |
| • Cecile Keefe | Spouse- James Kahn (Dermatology) |
| • Lindsay Kinane | Spouse- Pat Kinane (Anesthesia) |
| • Marshall Kubota MD | |
| • Melissa Kushnaryov | Spouse- Anton Kushnaryov (ENT) |
| • Carrie Mesches | Spouse - Jeremy Mesches (Family Practice) |



Be on the lookout for the new 2016 Directory coming your way soon by email in a convenient pdf format.



We have a newly established playgroup that is going strong with several families meeting once a month. To join in all the fun and be invited to the private Facebook page, please contact [Melissa Kushnaryov](#) or [Elizabeth Bauer](#) for more information.

Our Families Keep Growing

Congratulations to the Mintalucci and Bauer families!





"Alliance After 5" a Big Success

by Sally Ebrahim, VP Events

Our newest event, Alliance After Five, has been very popular and great fun for our members, new and old. Many thanks to our Fall hosts, **Alan and Tricia Hunstock** and **Bill and Barbara Ramsey**, for hosting two very nice parties at their lovely homes.

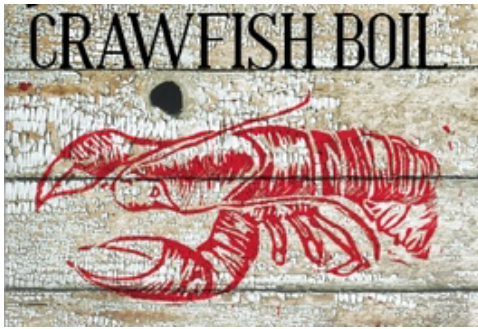
And our sincere thanks to **Kathryn Koh and Peter Chang-Sing** for hosting our annual Cocktail party in December. Their home was the perfect place to get us in the holiday mood with their lovely decorations. And a bonus was watching the Stanford game as we noshed and caught up with each other. We had music by member, Linda Casey's husband, **Jesse Rael** and the Healdsburg High School culinary students prepared delicious appetizers for us to enjoy. Bartender Bob made some spectacular drinks for us, too.

Planning for Spring

If you would like to host an event at your home this spring, please let me know! I can give you more details. Our events are much more intimate when we have them at member homes. And what a great way to get to know fellow members more intimately. The Alliance provides the food, beverages and promotes the event through invitations and phone calls. We take care of finding a chef and, in some cases, a bartender, plates, glasses and any other items we need for the event. Of course, that does not diminish the effort of the host to ready their home for guests. We greatly appreciate it.



Thursday, May 5th has been reserved at Paradise Ridge Winery for a **Hidden Talents Art Show**. New member **Cecile Keefe** will be the chair. Mark your calendars for the evening event. Cecile will be sending out details soon!



"Laissez les bons temps"

Saturday, May 21st is the date we have set for a Crawfish Boil at the home of new member **Linda Casey and her husband Jesse Rael**. Of course, we'll have some other entrees for those that are too squeamish to try these delicious crustaceans! Look for details in April!



Give-a-Gift Holiday Season

----- Mission Accomplished!

by Laura Robertson and Carol Lynn Wood

WE DID IT ONCE AGAIN! This year 242 gifts were beautifully prepared foster youth in our community. Although shopping is our committee's talent; we couldn't do it alone. Now we wish to thank each of you!

Our Core Team

We pick up gift grids in October and it's off to the races. Our committee loves to connect in this special way of crazy shopping for the latest and greatest while stretching those donor dollars for these deserving kids. Special requests were crossed off the list including cowboy boots for a 4 year old, a Frozen gown that lit up, and Barcelona soccer jerseys and balls.

Our Indispensable Shoppers

Thank you **Liz Restel, Samantha Doemeny and Liz Bauer**; some of our newer members who jumped in to help and stretched those dollars as much as possible. Together with **Janna Stein**, you ladies truly "got it" when it comes to gift grids and special requests. We are grateful for such a wonderful addition!

Our Gift Wrappers Extraordinaire

Santa's workshop was in full swing and we have never seen the presents look so darling and bright! We were touched by the spirit in the room as many "first time wrappers" came together to help brighten the holidays for these deserving young people. There was a lot of wrapping to be done. All efforts were SO appreciated!! Curly ribbon and especially pretty wrapping kudos goes to: **Jean Martin, Cecile Keefe and Liza Balestrieri**! You ladies have talent!

Our warmest thanks for the team effort to accomplish this herculean feat!



Many Thanks
to All who
Helped us
Brighten the
Holidays for
Foster
Children



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