Camellia Star Chapter No. 63 – April 2024

Hello, Everyone!

Our Deputy's Official Visit in March went well, with help from several visiting Sisters and Brothers! Many thanks to those who filled in and assisted our Chapter!

At our March meeting, Brother Lee challenged all members to pay into the Coin March for three meetings (March, April, and May) on behalf of Star Care, and he will match whatever is donated into those three Coin Marches! So let's take him up on that very generous offer and donate as much as we can for him to match!

Brother Lee has been making some treats for us each of the last two meetings, trying out new recipes in anticipation of having a District-wide tea fundraiser for Paws for Purple Hearts. The Worthy Matrons and Lee will be making plans for this event soon, and I will let you know when we have more information.

At each of our meetings, Lee and I have "We are So Glad You Came" gifts to give away to two attendees. These gifts are because we truly are so glad you come to the meetings (those of you who can). Whether a member of Camellia Star or a visitor from another Chapter, we are very glad to see you at our meetings, and we want you to know that! Those who received our "We are So Glad You Came" gifts in March were Sister Jean Thomson and Sister Laird Crandall!

Our next meeting is April 3, and will be a "Titanic Remembrance" night. No special ceremonies or exemplifications are planned, but we will do long form. Please come in semi-formal dress. Pretend you are going to board the Titanic and set sail on a wonderful adventure! (We won't emphasize how

that voyage ended; we'll just enjoy the initial part of the journey.) Refreshments will be at 7:00, and the meeting at 7:30.

Looking ahead, in May, both our Worthy Matron and our Worthy Patron will be MIA (enjoying Scotland and Prague/Provance respectively), so planning the May 1 meeting will be in Sister Peggy's hands. She can do what she likes, from long-form formal to casual ante room meeting/game night or anything in between! I'm sure she will come up with something fun and interesting!

Either right before we leave or as soon as we get back from our respective adventures, we will contact the Humboldt County Library to see how our Chapter can participate in the Summer Reading Program again. We have had a fun time in years past creating prizes buckets for the children who participate, and we look forward to doing it again!

The June 5 meeting will be a tribute to Star Points, and the theme will be "Shining Bright as a Star!" It will also be Memorial, so ladies please to dress in white for the evening, and men in black suits.

The Worthy Matrons and Patrons of District 1 are planning a tea fundraiser which will include a silent auction. (We already have a donation for that silent auction, thanks to Barbara Kennedy of Ferndale Chapter – thank you, Barbara!) The date is not yet set because we are hoping to have Terri Ewing of General Grand come speak on Paws for Purple Hearts! We need to get her availability before we nail down a date. More to come!

Then July 3 will be "Hats Off to American Heroes!" and Friendship Night. Those who wish to say who they see as an American Hero may share. The heroes may be alive or dead, contemporary or historical. It would be a great night for wearing red, white, and blue!

Our August 7 meeting will be an ante room meeting and board game night. Bring a board game you enjoy (that doesn’t take too long to play and would be easy to learn). Dress casual, and be ready to have a great time socializing with your Sisters and Brothers.

September 4 we will pay tribute to teachers and gather school supplies to donate to local schools.

An event we definitely need to plan soon is presenting a 50-year certificate to our newest 50-year member. More information to come about that too!

Best Spring Wishes to one and all!

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