

# Camellia Star Chapter No. 63

## – February 2025

Greetings, Sisters, Brothers, and Friends –

I am sorry for not getting information in to the Trestleboard sooner. I was sick for most of a good deal of November and December, missing our stated meeting on December 5, which had a “Holidays Around the World” theme. Thank you to Sister Laird for moving to the East to preside. Thank you to Sister Peggy for helping with the meeting and for sharing some holiday traditions from around the globe. I am so glad we had a quorum. Thank you, everyone!

January 1, of course, we did not have a stated meeting since our by-laws specify we do not meet on New Year’s Day. I hope everyone had a lovely day with their family and friends. Happy New Year to one and all!

To back up just a bit, we had a very nice installation on November 17, with a theme of “Kindness costs nothing, yet it is a most precious gift” (Katrina Mayer). Thank you to everyone who helped with this installation from those who agreed to be installing officers to the Chapter officers who agreed to take stations this year to the guests who came and supported us from the sidelines. You are all so wonderful and helpful!

We also had a food drive, and I took quite a carload of food donations to Food for People shortly after. Thank you to everyone who donated. Most of the donations were not brought upstairs but rather left in the cars so the boxes and bags would not have to be lugged up and back down again!

Some fun District-wide events either have happened or are being contemplated for this year. One that has already happened, rather spontaneously, was attending the play

"Cinderella" in Ferndale in December.

In other news, our Chapter had been having a hard time connecting with Sister Susan Bonnett to deliver to her a 25-year pin and certificate. It turns out she is in the Santa Rosa area for medical treatment. Sister Helene was able to visit with her and pass along the pin and certificate for us. Helene let us know that Susan is doing well despite her illness, and she sends her love and wishes everyone a happy new year. If you would like to send a card to Susan, please send it in care of her sister: Kristin Bonnett, 2653 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95407.

Our February 5 stated meeting went well. THANK YOU to everyone who came and helped with the meeting! Our theme of the night was "For the Birds" in honor of Feed the Birds Day. A theme-appropriate We're So Glad You Came gift was won by Sister Salena, just back from a Conductress Weekend where she got to learn quite a bit!

Next meeting (March 5) will be "Napping Under the Apple Tree with Johnny Appleseed" in honor of Johnny Appleseed Day on March 11. Attire will be business casual. We will do long-form opening.

For your information, "Business Casual" means ladies wear dress, skirt/slacks outfit, jacket optional, and gentlemen wear slacks and nice shirt or polo shirt (no t-shirts).

Also for your information, our Worthy Grand Matron's visit will be at our June 4 stated meeting, and we will do long form opening at each meeting before then to keep in practice with our Ritual work.

Just a reminder, in case you have not paid yet, dues are \$85.21 general, or \$75.21 for life sponsors. Dues should be sent to Secretary Peggy Mecham-Carlotti at P.O. Box 117, Bayside, CA 95524. Thank you.

Looking ahead, our April 2 meeting theme will be "It's Peanut Butter Jelly Time!" because April 2 is Peanut Butter and Jelly Day.

**May 7** will be our **Deputy's official visit**, so we will need to have brushed up on proving the Chapter, the Associate Conductress' initiation work, balloting, etc., by then. We will discuss this more as May approaches.

**June 4 is our Worthy Grand Matron's Official Visit.** She wants to visit a regular stated meeting with our Chapter – not one of the all-District meetings, this one is just us and our usual visitors/helpers. It is also Memorial, so we will be doing the Memorial Ceremony. The Chaplain and Conductresses need to wear white for the occasion. Also it just happens that World Bicycle Day is June 2, so we will use that as the theme for the evening, since the Worthy Grand Matron is into bicycles with baskets filled with flowers.

Again, thank you to everyone who comes to our meetings. We have a great group in this Chapter and in this District, and I appreciate you all very much. For example, Sister Alice (Martha) has volunteered to do both Martha and Electa at our meetings, since she knows both parts. Thank you for that, Sister Alice! You are a gem!

Best wishes to everyone, and until we meet again,

Star love,

Joni Hewston  
Worthy Matron

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# Photos

First, Installation of the 2025 officers

Second, 2024 Food Drive

Third, most of the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of 2025

Fourth, some Brothers having a good time







