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**UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS--- Mark Your Calendars!**

**Apr 16**
**Board Meeting**  6:30pm  Church Hall
**General Meeting**  7:30pm  Church Hall
Speaker: Paul de Groot, parapalegic
Nominations taken for board members for 2013-2014

**Apr 28**
**Wine Tasting**  11 am Mission Park & Ride
See Coming Events for details

**May 21**
**Board Meeting**  6:30pm
**General Meeting**  7:30pm
Speaker: Les and Madelyn Rudy: School for the Deaf
Voting for board members for 2013-2014

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**President’s Message**

Time FLIES by too quickly. My goodness it is April already and as of April 1st, there are only 267 days until Christmas!! LOL I hope you all had a beautiful Easter. If you have never been to the Eater Vigil, you really should experience it next year. It is a truly uplifting and beautiful experience.

This month, we will be taking all nominations for officers of the board. If you are interested in a position, come to the meeting this month or let me know.

Check our upcoming events for the next couple of months. We have some really fun and interesting speakers coming up. I hope you can find time for yourself to come to the meetings. I hope to see you soon.

Blessings and Hugs to you all,

Sherry Dunn
President

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**Membership Notes**

Those ladies that have not yet paid the June 2012 - June 2013, please send a check to Diana Skokan. The dues still remain at $20 for the entire year, which is from June 1 to May 31, according to the by-laws.

Financial contribution by joining the WOSJ is valued; to support the WOSJ’s various charities, events; even though the member may not be able to actively participate.

**Helping Hands**

If you know anyone that would like to attend our meetings and/or events but needs transportation, please contact Liz Hormel (656-8495). She will arrange for one of our members to assist in having the need met. Also, let Liz know of anyone needing help from WOSJ.

**Women of St. Joseph polo shirts**

Sherry has WOSJ polo shirts, if you would like to purchase one. The prices are according to size:


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**April Meeting**

Our speaker for this month is Paul de Groot, a paraplegic who uses a service dog. He will be talking about his journey as a paraplegic and will demonstrate how his dog helps him.

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**April: Wine Tasting Anyone?**

The Women of St. Joseph and their spouse or guest are invited to an afternoon of wine tasting in the Livermore Valley on **Sunday, April 28th**. We will start with a tasting at El Sol Winery, followed by a picnic lunch, and then a second tasting at Fenestra Winery. Carpools will depart from the Park and Ride at Mission Blvd and 680 (across from McDonald’s) at 11 a.m. Cost is **$20.00 per person**. To reserve a spot, send a check payable to “WOSJ” to Sherry Dunn, 2437 Maraschino Place, Union City, CA 94587 by April 20. If you have questions, contact Margherita McIntosh at Mvmcintsh@aol.com (657-3349) or Sherry Dunn at solodmom@aol.com (471-6224).

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**Abode Homeless Shelters**

Jean Morgan spoke about the Abode Homeless Shelters in Alameda County. She spoke about the processes that each homeless person goes through on their way to getting a job and a place to live. We were all quite impressed with the manner that Abode helps these people and the amount of people they are able to help.
We were able to fill 100 Easter bags of candy for the children. She said they currently have over 400 children in various locations in Alameda county. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!

WOSJ Lenten retreat
We had a really great time at this year’s retreat. Father Foley was very very interesting. His main topic was about giving for Easter. He said that at this time we should think about giving, instead of giving up.

Lenten Soup Night
The Women of St. Joseph provided soup, bread, and drinks for everyone attending the Stations of the Cross. We had some VERY tasty soups and lots of biscuits and rolls. Thanks to all who helped make this night such a success!!!
When Love is Shared

When love is shared, it multiplies
Like violets in the Spring
And suddenly the world becomes
A many splendored thing.
Love always makes us young at heart,
The best that we can be,
When we reach out to others
In love and charity.

Love comforts and consoles us
When sorrows come our way;
Renews our strength and fosters hope
When we take time to pray.
When love is shared, we too receive
The blessings it affords,
For it plays upon our heartstrings
The happiest of chords.

The greatest love the world has known
Was shown at Calvary
When God so loved lost sinners that
Christ died for you and me!
When love is shared, it changes things
And honors God above,
For the greatest gift He gave us
Was His redeeming love!

Clay Harrison
Salesian Inspirational Books
Nancy Newman
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