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CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY ALPINE LODGE

Sunday, December 7, 2014

All generations come join us for the Children's Holiday Party, December 7, 2014 from 2 to 5pm.

Tim Cain, a wonderful guitarist and the balloon lady will be there to entertain the children. The Club will provide beverages, ham and rolls. All participants should bring a favorite dish to share.

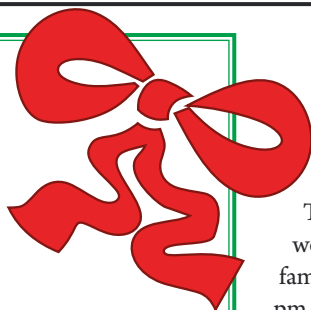
The cost is \$20 per family for two adults and their children. You are encouraged to invite friend's neighbors, and their children. It is a wonderful way to introduce new families to CAC.

Don't forget to bring a wrapped gift for your child with his or her name clearly written on top. Santa will make a special visit to give each child his or her gift.

Sign up with **Mary Frey** by sending her your check. Please state how many children will be attending with your family. Also let Mary know if you can help before or after the party.

Contact Mary by phone or email if you have questions. For reservations, mail your check to her address: Mary Frey, 100 Thorndale Drive, Apt #251, San Rafael, CA, 94903. Phone: 415-492-2510 Email: Marymaryhiker@aol.com

— Mary Frey, Event Coordinator



THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER OPTIONAL OVERNIGHT, FRIDAY HIKE Thursday, November 27

Come join us at the Alpine Lodge for a warm Thanksgiving gathering on November 27th. This is a wonderful Alpine tradition at which we all become extended family. Happy hour begins at 4 p.m. Dinner will be served at 5 pm. **Eva Libien, Social Activities Chair** will be your host. We will supply the turkey and gravy, you supply a complementing dish to share for 6, and a little help with set up and clean up. Suggestions: choose from a salad, stuffing, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, a vegetable such as brussel sprouts, perhaps string beans, or a pie. Pumpkin, apple, pecan are traditional. Hors d'oeuvres will also be needed.

Come alone, with friends or family. BYOB or donate to the Club bar. Cost of the feast is \$14. Please make your check out to Eva Libien and send it to her at 2 Eucalyptus Knolls Street, Mill Valley, 94941. If you need more information, call Eva at 415-383-5184 or email her at elibien@yahoo.com. Also, include a note with the check to let her know the dish you will bring. This is very important so that we don't have too much of one dish. Absolute last day for sign-ups is November 22nd. Maximum attendance is limited to 30 so it's best to sign-up early.

IMPORTANT: Tony Smith will be in charge of kitchen clean up. Please email or call him at tbs1932sf@gmail.com or 650-207-1619 if you can help.

Call Eva to volunteer for other tasks: carving, serving, decorating. We need volunteers to make the dinner a success, so please sign up to help.

There is an optional overnight with breakfast Friday morning and a hike beginning at 9:30 am.

— Eva Libien,
Social Activities Chairperson



California Alpine Club



WEBSITE IS AVAILABLE

<http://californiaalpineclub.org>

Please REGISTER for our new website, if you have not already done so!

— Website Implementation Team

Monthly TRAILS Editor ~Mae Harms

California Alpine Club

The purpose of the Club is: To explore, enjoy and protect the natural resources of our land, including wildlife, forests and plants, water and scenic values; to support and promote educational programs on these and related subjects; at all times, to protect and as far as we are able, to improve the environment in which we live; and to strengthen a sense of community among our members.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A few months ago, Alpine Lodge Trustee **Jay Gustafson**, Board Members **Bill Mayers**, **Margy Eller** and **Tori Beedle** with help from CAC Foundation Board Member **Mary Cosgrove**, joined together to design a questionnaire to ask you where our club is today and where it might be headed. To that end, a questionnaire was emailed to all members and noted



in Trails. A second was sent about a month later. The initial results are being compiled and will be announced in Trails.

A weekend Strategic Planning Retreat was held at Alpine to discuss the findings and to forge a vision for the club's future. Friday night we had a wonderful dinner perfect for omnivores and vegetarians. Following breakfast organized deliberations began which involved games, team building and frank discussion.

To assist with the discussion were two Facilitators, CAC Foundation Member **Rose Chen** and non-member Erin Osborne. About 30 of us **Margy Eller**, **Gene Kendrick**, **Lori Merritt**, **Hunter Merritt**, **Richard Thornton**, **Bill Mayers**, **Carl Duisberg**, **Bob Henry**, **Diane Ryan**, **Edie Nelson**, **Mary Cosgrove**, **Jay Gustafson**, **Patty Montmorency**, **Gerry Montmorency**, **Jim Nixon**, **Timothy Warden**, **Erin Osborne**, **Rose Chin**, **Tori Beedle**, **Forrest Stearns**, **Camille Smith-Ballon**, **Scott Miller**, **Jannet Schraer**, **Eva Libien**, **Adam Wisnewski**, **Russ Toran**, **Bev Leve**, **Ann Meneguzzi**, **Bill Meneguzzi**, **Donata Mikulik**, **Charlie Mikulik** and **Tony Smith**, met in Hertenstein Social Hall. We sat on chairs in a large circle, introduced ourselves and spoke about strengths and weaknesses of the club and our vision(s) for the future. It was a fun and friendly event with great food and good vibes. One member joined the club 70 years ago and the youngest attendee was one month old. Some members had recently joined while most had a lot of miles on their CAC hiking legs. A positive sign were the number of families with young children attending. Findings, recommendations and comments from the weekend are being compiled and will be discussed at the January Membership meeting and voted on at the Annual Meeting in April.

By the way have you checked out the website? If not, please do so, it is californiaalpineclub.org. You can also see photos and videos of this and other club events on the California Alpine Club Friends, Facebook page.

I thank everyone who participated.

— **Jim Nixon, President**

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— **Bev Leve, Membership Chair**

FALL FOUNDATION BENEFIT YIELDS FUN AND FUNDS

There were many familiar faces and quite a few new ones, at The CAC Foundation's annual fall benefit held on a beautiful first day of autumn, Sunday September 21, at the Alpine Club. With delicious and delectable appetizers and drinks, attendees had the pleasure of listening to, classical chamber music, contemporary and not-so-contemporary pops. A silent auction was also part of this year's event for the first time, with items including Marin Theater Company tickets, REI backpack, Tom Killion original woodcut print, skate board package and more. With total event proceeds totaling \$1400, the CAC Foundation is grateful to all who contributed and attended. For more information about the California Alpine Club Foundation visit www.californiaalpineclub.org/cac-foundation.



— **Mary Cosgrove, Photographer**

JOIN US AT ALPINE LODGE FOR CRAFTING AND OTHER ACTIVITIES November 7-9

Mary Jane McKown and I just finished a great get away crafting weekend at Alpine Lodge. We have scheduled our next one for November 7-9.

The focus is crafting of every type. The tables will be ready for setting up to spread out your supplies for projects you bring to work on or to join in with some of the supplies available at the lodge. The fun of it is making progress on our own projects, learning new ones and sharing with others.

Our getaway weekend isn't limited to crafts. Curl up for lots of time with a good book, sketching or painting off the back deck, napping, and conversations with a friend you came with or a new friend you make at the lodge. The hiking trails are as close as across the street to Muir Woods. The lodge can be the starting point to San Francisco and its many activities.

Because this is a hosted event there will be no spontaneous overnights, but if that is what you need just schedule it with Mary Jane or even as late as

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22 —Alpine Lodge
Board Meeting, 2pm

NO BOARD MEETING IN DECEMBER

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2015 —Alpine Lodge
Board Meeting, 2pm, Membership Meeting, 3pm
Happy Hour & Dinner, 5pm

If you have any questions or wish to have an item on the agenda, contact **Jim Nixon** at jimnixon2000@yahoo.com or call 650-756-7771. Members are welcome at Board meetings.

— **Jim Nixon, CAC President**

ALPINE HIKE LEADER SCHEDULE OPEN HOUSE EVERY SUNDAY AT ALPINE LODGE

Sunday November 2	9:30 AM	Eva Libien	415-383-5184
Sunday November 9	9:30 AM	Bill Mayers	415-785-3516
Sunday November 16	9:30 AM	Margy Eller	415-383-7307
Sunday November 23	9:30 AM	Jock MacDonald	415-381-2870
Sunday November 30	9:30 AM	Howard Ortman	415-456-5912
Sunday December 7	9:30 AM	Pauline MacDonald	415-381-2870
Sunday December 14	9:30 AM	Open	
Sunday December 21	9:30 AM	Ann Good	510-526-6792
Sunday December 28	9:30 AM	Open	
Thursday January 1	10:00 AM	New Year's Day hike to Top O' Tam	
Sunday January 4	9:30 AM	Open	
Sunday January 11	9:30 AM	Carol Bodtker	415-884-0850
Sunday January 18	9:30 AM	Bill Mayers	415-785-3516
Sunday January 25	9:30 AM	Howard Ortman	415-456-5912

Hike Coordinator: Pauline MacDonald, at 415-381-2870 or luddite48@comcast.net

IMPORTANT! RAIN CANCELS

ALL SUNDAY 2B HIKES DEPART FROM THE ALPINE CLUB AT 9:30 AM SHARP.

2B SUNDAY 2B HIKES ARE 7-10 MILES AND UP TO 2000 FT. ELEVATION GAIN.

2B ALTERNATE LEVELS OF SUNDAY HIKES ARE SOMETIMES OFFERED IN ADDITION TO THE 2B HIKE AND MAY HAVE A DIFFERENT START TIME. CHECK THE SCHEDULE.

2B IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEAD A HIKE CURRENTLY SHOWN AS OPEN, PLEASE CALL PAULINE MACDONALD (415-381-2870)

2B NOTES: All hikes initially convene at the Alpine Club; however hikes may then reconvene at a trailhead of hike leader's choice. All hikers should have prior hiking experience and be able to hike at a moderate pace (i.e., approx. 2 miles per hour). If you hike in front of the leader and are not at the stated destination when the leader arrives, the leader will consider you no longer on the hike.

LEADERS: YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING A REPLACEMENT IF YOU CANNOT LEAD THE DAY OF YOUR SCHEDULED HIKE.

ALPINE LODGE SUNDAY INNKEEPERS

2014	November 2	Jana & John Shober
	November 9	Charli Schmidt
	November 16	Ursula Pedersen
	November 23	OPEN
	November 30	OPEN

OPEN at this time also are all of the Sundays in December.

Dec 7	OPEN
Dec 14	OPEN
Dec 21	OPEN
Dec 28	OPEN

I am the Innkeeping Coordinator (scheduler) for the Alpine Lodge.

Please, would you consider signing up to be innkeeper during one of the OPEN dates? It is a great way to spend a day at our beautiful Alpine Lodge while fulfilling your volunteer duties. You need not be host trained to be Innkeeper. I have a short list of instructions which tell you what the Innkeeper's responsibilities are. If you don't wish to do it alone (if you are a new member for example) consider doing it with another member and co-innkeep!

Please let me know if you can cover one of the OPEN dates shown above (or any Sunday after that) - but for now those are priority.

If you can call me to reserve a date (916-690-1828) or better yet, e-mail me at shober@csus.edu.

— Jana Shober, Innkeeping Coordinator

ALPINE LODGE WORK PARTY SCHEDULE

Time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Lunch will be served.
Overnight is possible. Please contact the host to RSVP



SATURDAY November 8 Jay Gustafson
jaygustafson@yahoo.com

— Dan Larson, Alpine Trustee

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when our weekend is in progress by phoning us at the lodge (415-380-8250) and we will let you know if we have a room or a bed available. We don't supply meals. Please bring your own food. The stoves and refrigerators are available for your use.

Please reserve with Mary Jane McKown by phone (415-383-2774) or by emailing her (mjmckown@gmail.com) Last time we had nearly a full house. The day fee for members is \$3 Overnight is \$21. Associate member fees (nonmembers) are \$6 and \$31.

We look forward to getting together with you. You will hate to leave when that time arrives!

— Mae Harms, Monthly Trails Editor

ALPINE LODGE EVENTS

Event Reservations: Contact the host or leader listed. If you must cancel, please alert your host as food preparation is based on reservation count.

**ALPINE LODGE PHONE # 415-380-8250
OUTGOING LOCAL CALLS ONLY;
NO PAY PHONE
WIFI NOW AVAILABLE**

To Schedule an Event: For a private member event or a Club function, please leave a message with your request, name, email, and phone number at 415-381-4975. A volunteer will contact you and assist you in booking the event.

NOV 7-9 FRI-SUN HOLIDAY CRAFTING WEEKEND

See page 3 for details.

NOV 8 SAT 4th QUARTER WEEKEND WORK PARTY

Jay Gustafson 415-381-7261 jaygustafson@yahoo.com

NOV 14-16 FRI-SUN PRIVATE EVENT

NOV 22 SAT BOARD AT 2

NOV 27 THURS THANKSGIVING PARTY

Host, Eva Libien (415) 383-5184
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Nov. 27-28 THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER
OPTIONAL OVERNIGHT, FRIDAY HIKE
THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER OPTIONAL
OVERNIGHT, FRIDAY HIKE

DEC 4 THURS WORK PARTY WITH
EDIE NELSON

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DEC 7 SUN CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY

See page 8 for details

DEC 9 TUES TUESDAY HIKER'S LUNCHEON

Private event

DEC 13-14 SAT FRIENDS OF MT TAM

Private event

DEC 16-17 TUE-WED PRIVATE EVENT

DEC 20-21 SAT-SUN CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY
AND OVERNIGHT

See page 8 for details

JAN 1 THUR TOP OF MT TAM
HIKE & POTLUCK

JAN 25 SUN BOARD MEETING at 2
MEMBERSHIP MEETING at 3
HAPPY HOUR & DINNER at 5

FEB 5 THUR WORK PARTY

FEB 21 SAT BOARD MEETING at 2

—Tony Smith, Alpine Events Calendar

EVERY SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE

Alpine Lodge is open every Sunday from 9:30 am to 4 pm. A trained innkeeper greets members with coffee and snacks and is available to show the Lodge to prospective members. See Sunday innkeepers list and the Alpine Hike Leaders list in TRAILS.

PADDLE MONTANA

By popular demand, I am planning on running another canoe trip this coming May. The preferred destination is the Smith River. Since this float trip is one of the most popular ones anywhere in the country, forestry officials limit the number of paddlers on the river at any time.

Therefore, those of us planning on going will need to enter the yearly lottery which will be held in January. Assuming that one of us is selected, the trip will proceed. In the event that none of us scores a put-in, the trip will move to the Upper Missouri, a river that the club paddled many years ago. It also is a fine river running through the historic Lewis and Clark country.

If you are interested in participating in this paddle trip (some previous paddling experience desirable), please notify me by emailing doctoroutdoors@comcast.net, or call me at (925) 934-1071. The more members enter the lottery, the better chance that we can paddle the Smith.

Anyone who's name is pulled in the lottery is guaranteed a spot. Other than this person or persons, priority will be given to those notifying me first. The trip will be limited to 14 persons. Tentative dates: May 10-16. Approximate cost: \$200 plus getting there.

— Bob Hanson, Event Coordinator

A GRATEFUL THANK YOU FOR ALPINE LODGE'S QUIET WORKER BEES

So much is accomplished and also acknowledged about the members who volunteer at work parties at each of our lodges. Well deserved it is. There are, also, Quiet Worker Bees that many of us don't take note of the work they do. That we aren't grateful isn't the reason. We just don't think about how it happen to get done.

In an earlier issue of Trials I highlighted a member at Alpine Lodge that brought compost, trash and recycle tubs in from the street after they were emptied each Wednesday. To do that they had to be put out by the road each Tuesday. Four members on a rotating basis accomplish it. Thank you to **Melanie Facen, Hardy Dawainis, Eva Libien** and **Pauline MacDonald** for faithfully remembering it is their turn to put the tubs out beside the street.

So how does it happen that when we want to make a pot of coffee or use a Ziploc bag or need a Band-Aid to mention just a few things of the many that need restocking, that they are right there when we need them? **Ron Glantz, Melanie Facen, Sue Karp, Carol Bodker, Hardy Dawainis, Paul McKown** and **Ann Schubert** each have a list of items they are responsible for. When they are at the lodge they take a quick inventory, then shop for the items that are low and the next time they visit the lodge our consumables are restocked. Thank you each one you. Our visits to the lodge would not be as pleasant without your work.

— Mae Harms, Monthly Editor

2014 FALL WORK PARTY ECHO LODGE

This was going to be a challenging work party, perhaps the most challenging for many years. Not having enough volunteers wasn't going to be a problem; we had over 30 people scheduled to come work for all or part of the 5 day event. No, the issue this year was the terrible King fire, started by an arsonist near Pollock Pines.

The signs started on Highway 80 at Fairfield: Highway 50 was closed at Pollack Pines, and Highway 80/89 was suggested as an alternative. Going that route unfortunately, add 1 1/2 to 2 hours to our volunteers commute. I'm happy to say that only one person cancelled! We did have smoke over Lake Tahoe, but not too much right at Echo summit.

We began work Wednesday afternoon, and the work party ended at 4pm on Saturday afternoon. An incredible amount of work was accomplished by eager volunteers. You have clean carpets to walk on, clean bedding to sleep on, and a basement full of nice dry firewood and kindling to keep all of us toasty warm as it snows, and snows, and snows this winter! The roof was repaired by the intrepid **Bob Henry** in repelling gear, so we won't have leaks, and the roof won't peel away! Next work party, assuming there's not snow on the roof, we plan on painting the Lodge roof. It's the final part of a complete building repaint done over the last two work parties. The biggest project was the beginning of the installation of a new shed roof, which **Bob Burkle, Kurt** and **Bob Henry** worked so very hard to build. It will be finished at the 2015 Spring Work Party.

Participants in the 2014 Fall Work Party were: **Jon and Rebecca Siiteri, Kurt Eichstaedt, Bob Burkle, Tom Coleman, Kathleen Harriman, Bob Henry, Chris Krueger, Pat Lee, Susette Stickel-Rufer, Dave Chalk, Pat Mascarro, Bob Morse, Tom and Andrew Post, Jan McColloch, Stephanie Brown, Kate Twain, Betty Stanfield, Nuala Caulfield, Masami Takesue, Vicki Olds, Sandra Chappelle, Sarah Davis and Tom Bradner, Jay Gosuico and Josie Noah, Lorraine McKie, Jon Burau, Ryan and Aimee Reeves**, and their two kids. The kids did help during the work party, raking bark and sweeping sawdust, so thank you too.

The food was great, and **Tom Post** and his son **Andrew**, who are in the process of becoming members and hadn't been to Echo Lodge before, cooked breakfast for 27 on Sunday morning!! Courage, and perhaps a pinch of foolhardy! **Jan McColloch** cooked Friday evening and Saturday lunch and dinner. Thank you to our cooks!

It was a fantastic work party, highlighted by all the work accomplished, and by the great music to wash/dry dishes by after meals! Our great volunteers saved the CAC over \$8,000 for all the work that was done!

Please consider joining us at the 2015 Spring Work Party. We guarantee you'll have a great time, and glow in the feeling that contributing gives us all. The dates for the SWP will be announced in Trails soon, so keep an eye out!

— **Tom Coleman, Work Party Coordinator**



Caption

ALPINE LODGE WORK PARTY October 2, 2014

Another excellent group of 12 volunteers, 2 of who are potential new members donated their time to keep Alpine Lodge in good shape. **Paul Vermeff** rented a trailer and made 4 trips from San Rafael recycling delivering wood for our fireplace. It was a little more than a cord. We had a chain gang similar to what goes on up at Echo Summit Lodge to move the wood from the parking lot to a woodpile. Work continued in the Mt Tam building apartment conversion project. One of the two windows on the East side of Hertenstein Hall were scrapped, sanded, caulked and is now ready to be primed and painted. Cabinets in the kitchen were all washed down as well as the stove in the kitchen. The Mt Tam building was cleaned in preparation for the Friday and Saturday "Leadership and Planning Meeting". **Hal Schmidt** worked on the upgraded stereo system. An excellent lunch was enjoyed on the deck in the Indian Summer weather. **Jay Gustafson, Jill Mcintire, Elizabeth Terplan, Moira Salzberg, Dan Larsen, Dorsey McTaggart, Russ Toran, Keith Bergman, Marguerite Murphy**, and **Miranda Allen Brower**.

Thank you one and all.

— **Russ Toran, Alpine Trustee**



Photo by Jay Gosuico

ECHO SUMMIT LODGE HOST SCHEDULE

To make reservations for a session, contact the host listed as early as possible. A deposit (minimum \$15 per person/day) is required to hold a reservation. Private Events are not available to the general CAC membership. Other sessions below are either general hosted events or hosted events with a special theme as described. Contact the host for details.



Phone **Cindy Toran** at 707-321-3262 until 7:30pm or email to cktoran@gmail.com.
Echo Lodge Telephone
530-659-7274

Echo Summit Lodge has a fresh supply of firewood to keep our lodge

toasty warm; snow shovels are ready for action, and all was spiffed by our awesome group of CAC volunteers at the Fall Work Party! We have Hosts, trained and ready to take your reservations; contact them while they still have room available ... and, enjoy winter in the Sierra Nevada! Let there be snow!

Winter/Spring Hosts: There are still openings in the Schedule, including a few weekends, available for either hosted or private events. **We especially need hosts for the early Christmas holiday season, starting around December 19 through Dec 31.** Open dates: **Dec 19-31, Jan 4-11 (includes a weekend), Jan 25-30, Feb 16-18, Feb 22-27, Mar 8-13, Mar 15-20, Mar 22-27.** Nov-Apr is published below; contact Cindy Toran if you want to schedule any of these open days. Private Events are available mid-week Jan-Mar and any days Apr 1-Jun 15. Give me a call or send an e-mail to let me know your preferred times.

Sincerely, Cindy

For the date of the next **Echo Lodge Trustees' Meeting Wednesday, November 12th, 5 pm**, at Alpine Lodge.

Problems or Concerns about Echo Summit Lodge? Contact Cindy Toran at 707-321-3262 or cktoran@gmail.com. Discussions will, of course, be kept confidential.

ECHO SUMMIT LODGE FALL/WINTER SCHEDULE:

OCT 31-NOV 2 FRI-SUN	MID-AUTUMN SIERRA RETREAT	JAN 30-FEB 4 FRI-WED	HOSTED EVENT
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NOV 7-9 FRI-SUN	HOST APPRECIATION & TRAINING	FEB 4-8 WED-SUN	HOSTED EVENT
Contact: Cindy Toran cktoran@gmail.com	707-321-3262	Edie Nelson 140 Archer Dr, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 edieforsyth@hotmail.com	831-423-5576
NOV 14-16 FRI-SUN	PRIVATE EVENT	FEB 8-12 SUN-THURS	PRIVATE EVENT
Lynn Garric & Claudia Zbinden cransac@sonic.net	707-756-2639	Kate Twain & Dave Chalk ktwain@vom.com	707-996-2325
NOV 21-23 FRI-SUN	PRIVATE EVENT	FEB 12-16 THURS-MON	YOUNG FAMILIES SNOW WKND (COOP MEALS)
Janis Riccomini & Paul Crockett janisriccomini@comcast.net	408-981-9137	Joan Ryan & John O'Sullivan 2625 23rd Ave, San Francisco, CA 94116 joanryan@mac.com	415-564-8507
NOV 26-30 WED-SUN	THANKSGIVING WEEK (SUN night possible) POT LUCK FEAST	FEB 16-18 MON-WED	AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS
Sandra Chapelle & Hunter Merritt 380 Stoddard Way, Auburn, CA 95603 chappellesandra@yahoo.com	530-886-8738		
DEC 1-31	AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS	FEB 18-22 WED-SUN	COOP MEALS
		Nick Gregoratos & Anita Cabrera 430 Ellsworth St, San Francisco, CA 94110 nick.gregorator@gmail.com	415-206-9152
DEC 31-JAN 4, 2015 WED-SUN	HAPPY NEW YEAR!	FEB 22-27 SUN-FRI	AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS
Shelly Navine & Bob Henry 1286 Hurlbut Ave, Sebastopol, CA 95472 clyde33301@comcast.net	707-829-3728		
JAN 4-9 SUN-FRI	AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS	FEB 27-MAR 4 FRI-WED	HOSTED EVENT
		Mary Larkin-Berlinski P.O. Box 776, Moss Landing, CA 95039 mlarkin804@sbcglobal.net	831-325-6215
JAN 9-11 FRI-SUN	HOSTED EVENT	MAR 4-8 WED-SUN	HOSTED EVENT
Plus Co-Host Training (informal) Lindsay Rodgers & Vicki Olds 534 6th Ave, San Francisco, CA 94118	415-221-2830	Karen & Jerry Wagner 2622 Wawona Dr, Santa Rosa, CA 95405 oldmawagner@gmail.com	707-528-8197
JAN 11-16 SUN-FRI	PRIVATE EVENT	MAR 8-13 SUN-FRI	AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS
Dianna Klemmick dklemmick@gmail.com	650-520-6183		
JAN 16-19 FRI-MON	MLK WEEKEND/COOP MEALS	MAR 13-15 FRI-SUN	HOSTED EVENT
Nick Gregoratos & Anita Cabrera 430 Ellsworth St, San Francisco, CA 94110 aa_cabrera@msn.com	415-206-9152	Richard Thornton 913 Reddington Ct, Walnut Creek, CA 94596 RGThorn@pacbell.net	925-287-0764
JAN 19-23 MON-FRI	HOSTED EVENT	MAR 15-20 SUN-FRI	AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS
Diane & Bruce Friend 6124 Chabot Rd, Oakland, CA 94618 bifedf@comcast.net	510-654-4218		
JAN 23-25 FRI-SUN	HOSTED EVENT	MAR 20-22 FRI-SUN	HOSTED EVENT
Tom & Carol Coleman 32 Live Oak Dr, Petaluma, CA 94952 travmcgee@comcast.net	415-531-4650	Tom & Carol Coleman 32 Live Oak Dr, Petaluma, CA 94952 travmcgee@comcast.net	415-531-4650
JAN 25-30 SUN-FRI	AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS	MAR 22-27	AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS
		MAR 27-29 FRI-SUN	HOSTED EVENT
		Sylvie Langbehn 360 Grand Ave #321, Oakland, CA 94610 slangbehn@gmail.com	707-756-2638

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Please join us for a wonderful holiday dinner. We've gathered some terrific cooks whose creations will be sure to satisfy your culinary tastes. The menu includes prime rib, a vegetarian dish, scalloped potatoes, roasted veggies, salad and dessert. To round out the meal, we need hors d'oeuvres.

The cost is \$27 for members. BYOB or purchase drinks from our donation bar. Overnight, with continental breakfast is \$22. Non-members pay an additional \$10 Associate Member dues, which covers both events. Happy Hour will begin at 5pm and dinner will be served at 6:00 pm.

We'll have a dishwasher, but will need some helpers. For reservations, volunteer to help, and provide hors d'oeuvres, call **Eva Libien** at 415-383-5184 or email her at elibien@yahoo.com. Make checks payable to Eva Libien and mail to #2 Eucalyptus Knoll St., Mill Valley, CA 94941. Reservations must be in by December 16th. We can only accommodate a limited number and it's always a sellout, so book early.

— **Eva Libien, Social Activities Chairperson**

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