

March 2021

President's Letter

Santa Clara Chapter #99

Our February 24th meeting on Imposter Syndrome was presented by Erin Brown and Meg McKeen. Imposter Syndrome in simple terms is the feeling of being a fraud. You feel like you don't belong, or you are only here because you got lucky. Seventy percent of people will experience this at some time in their life. It prevents people from potentially sharing themselves with others both professionally and socially. Once you are aware you can learn to manage it by acknowledging the feeling, using physical activity, breathing exercises, creating a mantra like "I got this". It is especially helpful to have someone to talk to who will push you in a supportive manner.

Our annual fundraiser in February at the Cycle Bar was a huge success. There were 17 attendees and as of March 3rd the total raised was $3564.00 for Second Harvest Food Bank.

WIC Week is in full swing. I hope you get a chance to participate in one of the many events. National has also created a promotional membership for new members this year. It will begin on March 1, 2021 and run for 6 months through September 30, 2021. See the flyer in the newsletter.

Our March 24th meeting will be a trade night with 3-5 women from the field sharing their experiences. We are working on having an electrician, plumber, safety coordinator and 2 carpenters. This will start at 5:30pm for socializing and the meeting will begin at 6:00pm.

2021 PNW Forum will be on April 9, 2021. There will be a registration fee of $50 for members and $75 for non-members. This event will be virtual so it is a perfect time to attend without having to go there. You can see what happens on the regional level. Registration forms should be sent out March 12, 2021.

I am happy to say our April 28th Charter Dinner will be a hybrid of in-person and Zoom. Come and celebrate our 56th birthday. We have had 5 new members this year and we will install at our April meeting. There were also two new members last year that were not installed due to the COVID shutdown. I hope that all 7 members will attend our April meeting so they can be installed and we can meet them in person.

It is time to select the nominating committee for the 2021-2022 NAWIC year. Please consider joining the board of directors/officers for the upcoming year. The responsibilities of the positions are in our chapter guidelines which have been included in the month's newsletter. If you have any questions about being on the board talk to any of the current or past directors or officers.

I look forward to seeing everyone on March 24th at 5:30 for our trade night meeting.

Sincerely,

Laura Grabar
President 2020-2021