



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you are all enjoying our fall weather and getting ready for the holiday season. Our October meeting was so wonderful – a great presentation from Annette Crump on the work of the Susan G. Koman Foundation and some excellent information for us on taking care of ourselves and our health!

Oakmont League holiday events are being planned as we speak, with our November Night meeting and Mannequins coming up. The November night meeting will kick off our Holiday Season and Mannequins will be a beautiful holiday celebration for us all! I hope you are all planning on attending the upcoming November Night meeting on the 29th. We will have a delicious meal, time to socialize beforehand and be informed too! We hope that you will come, bring a guest, bring your appetite and we will look forward to welcoming you all!

Ellen Farewell and Pam Riley have been working hard with the YWCA to help organize donations of gift cards to gas stations, grocery stores and other stores like Target or Walmart to help for the holidays. If you would like to donate, please bring the gas and grocery store gift cards to the November meeting or send directly to Ellen.

At our Mannequins lunch on December 7th plan on bringing an unwrapped toy that we will donate to the Glendale Fire Department "Sparks of Love" campaign. We will be taking them directly to the Fire Station after the lunch if anyone would like to help deliver them. Last year our group gave them the largest donation they'd received that year! I know that the luncheon will be a special time and we look forward to all of you attending.

Thanks for all your support – I wish you and yours a wonderful Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving and look forward to the upcoming good times ahead!

With Gratitude-
Pam Sorem, President

SOCIAL

The annual Mannequins Holiday Lunch and Gift Exchange will be held on December 8, 2023

starting at 11:30am at the Home of Lydia Trout. Invitations have been sent via Punch Bowl. Please bring a wrapped gift for the gift exchange, not exceed \$30. (This is NOT a white elephant). In addition we will also be collecting for the Sparks of Love campaign, so please bring an unwrapped toy for the toy drive. We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating the holiday season!

Jackie Kubel, Amanda Duffy and Nancy Spencer,
Social Co-Chairs





PROGRAM

The November General meeting presentation will be by Bill Berle who has found a way to keep teenagers off their phones for a day.

Bill will introduce us to his non-profit, EAA Chapter 40, San Fernando Valley, at Whitman Airport, Pacoima. A few years ago, he came up with this idea and found other pilots and aviation enthusiasts who agreed and joined him. He has put together an all-volunteer organization to work with teenagers and teach them to be problem solvers. There is no charge to the youths. "The kids that get interested in aviation are the kids who stay in school and out of jail... the kids who say no to drugs and yes to a career. Building and flying an airplane is one of the few things that are cool enough to get a young person interested in learning." Bill Berle.

Please join us at 5:30 pm on November 29th at the Oakmont Country Club.

Mary Broerman & Mary Kay Prather, Co Chairs

HOSPITALITY

Please join us on Wednesday evening, November 29, 2023 at the Oakmont Country Club. We are currently scheduled to be in the West Ballroom.

Since this is our evening meeting, arrival and cocktails at begin at 5:30 pm. A brief meeting begins at 6:15, and dinner will be served at 6:30. with our speaker at 7:15.

Following is the dinner menu:

- Roasted Tomato Soup with Fresh Basil & Garlic Croutons.
- Grilled Filet Mignon w/ Port Wine and Thyme Reduction, Roasted Red Potatoes, Asparagus and Baby Carrots

- Rolls and butter.
- Desert: Homemade Bread Pudding with Vanilla Whiskey Sauce.
- Vegetarian option:
- Vegetarian Napoleon

Price of dinner is \$95.00. Reminder: The Oakmont Country Club only accepts cash for the purchase of beverages other than coffee and tea. (No Credit Cards) Please RSVP to our new PUNCHBOWL invitation before noon, Wednesday, November 22, 2023.

We will always assume that you are requesting the regular dinner option unless you specify vegetarian in your RSVP using "comments" for yourself and/or any guest you are bringing or by calling Lydia Trout's cell: 818-913-4262

Lydia Brown Trout, Hospitality

PHILANTHROPY

As we head into the holiday season, the Oakmont League will have several ways to provide assistance to our local community.



YWCA We are supporting the YWCA again for their women, children and families, with gift cards of your choice! Gift cards for Vons, Ralphs, Jon's, Trader Joe's, Target, Walmart are suggested, also gas cards appreciated. They were so thrilled last year, we donated over \$900.00! Please help us surpass that amount this year!

TOYS FOR TOTS At the Mannequin's Holiday Lunch, please bring an unwrapped toy for donation to the Toys for Tot's campaign. We will deliver them to the Fire Station on Brand Blvd after the Mannequins luncheon. Last year the firefighters told me we were their largest donation! Shoutout to you all!



YWCA Girls Empowerment Volunteer Opportunity

Many members have been asking for a hands-on service opportunity. This year we have a wonderful opportunity with the YWCA on December 9th! Please join us from 9-1 , (or even if you can come for an hour or two). We will be sorting and organizing the Hope closet. Our job will be to sort and organize usable clothing and other donations.

Ellen Farewell & Pam Riley, Philanthropy

Our October food pantry donations were gratefully accepted at the YWCA



PRESS

The Oakmont League was recently featured in the Saturday, Nov. 4th edition of the Glendale News Press and the October 30th edition of Crescenta Valley Weekly. The articles described our September speaker, Bruce Merritt, and his program on the history of Damon's. It also gave a preview of our upcoming evening program by

Lily

Bill Berle of Experimental Aircraft Association. To view the full News Press article click this link:

<https://glendalenewspress.outlooknewspapers.com/2023/11/08/oakmont-league-discovers-damons-storied-past/>

To view the Crescenta Valley Weekly article, click this link: <https://www.crescentavalleweekly.com/between-friends/10/30/2023/bruce-merritt-shares-history-of-damons-at-oakmont-league-meeting>

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Arlene Meadows 11/13

