

GRAPEVINE

Membership Events | Health Careers Scholarship | Give a Gift

Coffee at Margaret's



Please join us at the home of Margaret Peterson

Coffee and Conversation

Will be held in early February

Watch your email for the date and time! The Alliance Albums from 1951 - 1980's are coming out of storage for you to enjoy and remember the " good old days!"

Nominating Committee

Would you like to serve on the Alliance board?

We have positions to fill for next year. Our nominating committee will begin meeting in January. Let us know if you are interested by contacting John Gnam, Sori Devore, or Joni Schmidt

Health Careers Scholarship Annual Luncheon



The **Health Careers Scholarship** recipients were celebrated at a July 16th gathering at Ralph and Karen Hanhan's home. Committee chair, **Gina Merwin** organized the event that was attended by several scholarship recipients, and their families. Also in attendance were HCS committee members, and several Alliance Board members. **Dr. Patricia Hiserote**, the current SCMA President attended the luncheon as well. The Health Career Scholarships program awarded \$42,500 in scholarships to 14 stellar young people pursuing careers in the medical field. Eight graduate students and six undergrads received scholarship awards ranging from \$2000 to \$4500 each. We are delighted to announce that two recent scholarship recipients, **Dr. Kimberly Hower** and **Dr. Briga Mullins** now serve on the Health Careers Scholarship committee. What a great



SCMA Alliance Board

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Lisa Sugarman, *Chair Health*

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Membership

Many thanks to everyone who renewed their membership for 2022-23 Alliance year. This year’s membership drive continues until October 31. Our website allows you to quickly renew online. You may also print a membership renewal form and send via snail mail. Please visit scmaa.org

example of full circle giving! Our warmest appreciation to all the donors to this very important program.

Virginia Merwin, our incredible HCS chairperson, has stepped down from her role as program chair. Gina continuously chaired scholarship programs for the past 25 years. Gina’s work has touched hundreds of lives. The Alliance and medical community is deeply indebted to her. Thank you, thank you, Gina! Long time HCS committee member, **Lisa Sugarman**, will serve as the new chair of the program. If you have questions about the program, please contact Lisa at lcsugarman@gmail.com



Lisa Sugarman, Karen Hanahan, Janet Polson



Left: Dr. Loie Sauer and Recipient Nathalie Nava



Former Recipient Anna Brunn

Photos by Kathryn Koh



Left: Dr. Patricia Hiserote, Virginia Merwin



Bottom: Dr. Jackie Senter, Sori DeVore, John Gnam

69th Annual Give - A - Gift Program

The SCMA Alliance's long running and beloved gift program is turning 69 years old this December. The Alliance provides gifts to Sonoma County youth in the foster care system. The Give - A - Gift committee works with Sonoma County Department of Health Services Family, Youth and Children Division. Last year, 500 gifts (including 35 bicycles and helmets) were distributed. Gifts are tailored to the children and teens based on wish lists provided to the Alliance by a team of social workers. Many of our members have donated, chaired, and served on the committee for decades!

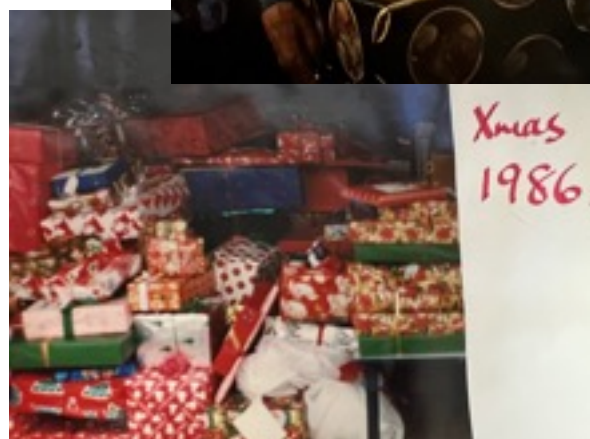
In 2007, the Give - A - Gift Program was expanded to address the needs of young adults recently emancipated from the foster system who want to attend college. These young people often lack resources and face many barriers when it comes to pursuing a degree. The Give-A-Gift committee decided to remove one educational barrier, the lack of a personal laptop computer. The Alliance is committed to improving retention and success rates for foster youth attending college. Community partners that help the Alliance in these efforts include Best Buy, Microsoft, and Mike's Bikes.

Thank you to long-time Give - A - Gift co-Chairs **Liz Bauer and Liz Restel**, and their committee, **Laura Robertson, Carol Lynn Wood, Sally Ebrahim, Kathryn Koh, and Emily Pope**.

To donate to Give - A - Gift, log on to www.scmama.org or mail a check to SCMAA Foundation, P.O. Box 1388, Santa Rosa, Ca 95402

A look back, just some of the Committee Chairs since the 1970's :

Maureen Sharrocks, Anne Fishbein, Janet Shane, Jacki Powers, Sherry Doran, Annette Hutchinson, Peggy Barron, Susan David, Cheri Degenhardt, Trish Shapiro, Kevin White Barth, Jody Delwhiche, Sharon Klay, Karen Erickson, Jackie Holmes, Kathryn Koh, Susie Reed, Lynn Neel, Karen Hanahan, Shawn Devlin, Lindsay Mazur, Ann Hurd, Carol Lynn Wood, Laura Robertson, and so many committee members!



Top: Virginia Norman, about 1999. Virginia always had the most popular "drop-off" house.
Bottom: a picture of the gifts in 1986.

Your support is appreciated!