

**SIERRA SACRAMENTO VALLEY MEDICAL SOCIETY ALLIANCE
(SSVMSA)
APRIL 2020 NEWSLETTER**

SSVMSA (THE ALLIANCE) CALENDAR

May 19th @ NOON: SSVMSA General Meeting on Zoom

Join us for The General Meeting on Zoom (Meeting ID: 868 3710 4317)

- From your computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86837104317>

- From your phone: (669) 900-6833, then dial 86837104317#)

We will be voting on the proposed slate of officers for 2020 –2021 and approval of our grant funding. Your participation is necessary and your vote counts!

June 3rd @ 1 pm: Book Club (see below)

SSVMSA NEWS

Proposed Slate for SSVMSA 2020-2021 Board of Officers

President: Alice Huang and Tricia Hunstock

President-Elect: Alice Huang and Susan Brownridge

VP Membership: Susan Brownridge and Raquel Duddarer

VP Community Health: Kim Majetich

VP Public Relations: Joseph Jabocbs

Recording Secretary: Tricia Hunstock and Jerilyn Marr

Treasurer: Liz Battaglia

Treasurer-Elect/CEF: -

Holiday Sharing Card: Paula Cameto and Debbie Wills

Bulletin Editor: Gabby Neubuerger

Long Range Planning: Linda Meyers

Parliamentarian: Linda Meyers

Scholarships: -

Programs/Reservations: Jerilyn Marr

Roster: Joseph Jacobs

Senior Services Directory: Wylyd Lian

Book Club Rep: Mariann Fisher

Art of Medicine: Linda Meyers and Mary Sterner-Sosa

ART OF MEDICINE UPDATE

Don't despair- AOM 2020 will happen

For more than a year, the Art of Medicine (AOM) committee members have worked toward and anticipated the event for next Saturday, April 18th. AOM 2020 promised to be an evening of fun, food, and fundraising. We were disappointed when it became apparent that our signature event to raise money for our grant and scholarship programs, must be postponed. After all, the entire Alliance supported the committee to collect donations of art, wine, vacation homes and other treasures not to mention many tens of thousands of dollars in sponsorships from health-related corporations and individuals. Disappointed, yes, but not discouraged. In fact, our committee, our donors, and our ticket holders have inspired us with pledges of continued support, encouragement and enthusiasm. Thank you!

The Art of Medicine will be held in the fall of 2020. We will publish the exact date once we can be assured of everyone's safe participation. All donations of wine, art, jewelry, etc. are securely stored, and we have time to add donations and sponsorships. We have suspended in person AOM committee meetings and plan a virtual meeting for May 19th, 2020. We continue to work on aspects of the event that can be done at home from our computers, such as the program.

While this April 18th will not be the evening we thought it would be, our hope is that our Alliance members and our donors and their families are at home, safe, healthy and looking forward to a bright future that continues the remarkable support of our community.

Sincerely,

Mary and Linda

SSVMSA COMMUNITY HEALTH GRANTS 2019-2020

2020 Community Grants Report - Kim Majetich, Community Health Grants Chair

Following are the recipients of this year's SSVMSA Community Grants approved at our April 7, 2020 Board meeting. There were 20 grant applications with a total amount asked of **\$176,299.20**. Eight organizations were awarded grants for a total of **\$50,500**. Thank you so much to everyone on the Grant Committee for their thoughtful and thorough analysis. Committee Members were: Liz Battaglia, Kathy Greenhalgh, Alice Huang, Joseph Jacobs, Jerilyn Marr, Debbie Wills.

ALBIE AWARE BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION

www.albieaware.com

\$3000

Breast health education brochures and laminated cards in both English and Spanish handed out at their Health & Education workshops.

A WARREN MCCLASKEY ADULT CENTER

www.scusd.edu/post/warren-mcclaskey-adult-center

\$7000

Update an aging teaching kitchen along with establishing an outdoor classroom used in their Project Green healthy eating classes serving disabled adults.

BOY & GIRLS CLUBS OF GREATER SACRAMENTO

www.bgcsac.org

\$6500

Help fund their Triple Play program demonstrating how eating smart, keeping fit and forming relationships adds to a healthy lifestyle (Mind-Body-Soul) for disadvantaged youth.

COMMUNITY SERVICE EDUCATION, AND RESEARCH FUND (CSERF)

www.ssvms.org/museum.aspx

\$3000

Allows 15 low-income schools the ability to bus area students to the Museum of Medical History for field trips.

MERCY HOUSING CALIFORNIA

www.mercyhousing.org

\$9500

Purchase 12 8-ft heavy duty metal picnic tables for the common areas of Quinn Cottages serving formerly homeless residents.

SACRAMENTO FOOD BANK & FAMILY SERVICES

www.sacramentofoodbank.org

\$9500

Purchase a double chamber commercial vacuum sealer to repack, seal and safely store bulk foods allowing for an increase in the amount of the goods that can be distributed to those in need.

SAINT JOHN'S PROGRAM FOR REAL CHANGE

www.saintjohnsprogram.org

\$4000

Provide First Aid supplies, TB Serum test and training for 30 employees in First Aid for infant and toddlers, CPR and blood-bourne pathogens.

SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND

www.societyfortheblind.org

\$8000

Update three Assistive Technology classrooms and provide Language Software and Braille instruction materials for ESL-Braille Courses used in job training for blind and low vision adults.

BOOK CLUB

- **June 3rd:** THE ISLAND OF SEA WOMEN by Lisa See (Host: Liz Battaglia)
- **July 1st:** A WOMAN OF NO IMPORTANCE by Sonia Purnell (Host: Shirley Griffin)
- **August 5th:** THE ONLY WOMAN IN THE ROOM by Marie Benedict (Host: Marilyn Skinner)

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- (2) Under **Your Account**, scroll down to **Change Your Charity** to designate **The Sierra Sacramento Valley Medical Society Alliance** as your recipient of choice,
- (3) Then complete your Amazon purchases via the link smile.amazon.com.
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For help designating the SSVMSA as your supporting organization, please email Alice at SSVMSAlliance@gmail.com. **Thank you for your support of The Alliance!**

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The SSVMS appreciates The Alliance for our support of the Operation Shields Up Project. They have raised over \$65,000 to provide personal protection equipment (PPEs) to protect our healthcare providers at medical centers throughout the Sacramento area at no cost to the recipients. To donate to this project, please go to www.ssvms.org (click on the Operation Shields Up banner.)

A special thank you to Alliance members who are helping with sewing facemasks! If you would like to help with sewing, please email **Sam Mello** at smello@ssvms.org.



Donate to Operation Shields Up to Help us Protect Our Physicians and Others on the Front Lines

Local hospitals are critically low on masks, but you can help!
Sacramento area companies Repkord, T.Check, and The Hacker Lab
are manufacturing Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) Face Shields
for SSVMS to distribute at no cost to clinics and hospitals, but donations
are needed to help pay for the supplies.

If you want to donate via check make payable to:
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