



NEWSLETTER

The first message from our new President, Lianne!

As I started writing my first President's Message to you, the membership, several words came to mind about being a new beginning...: excitement, energy, inspiration, pride, gratitude and hope. The CWA Convention held on the first weekend of January was full of excitement and energy as members were able to gather in person to hear and talk about the important issues facing agriculture in California today. I was inspired by the excellence in leadership shown by the CWA board of directors. I was filled with pride as our lovely Lake County was given a chance to shine during the tours on Friday and Saturday. And I'm deeply grateful to our very own Lake County Convention team of Terry Dereniuk, Annette Hopkins and Toni Scully who spent months planning the tours, the banquet, lunches, and excellent speakers. And a big thank you to Blair Smith who was part of a team that kept the live and Zoom audiences knit together so well.

And last, but not least, there's a sense of hope that this year we may very well bring back our Ag Venture program. Happily, we've received word that our Pear Festival fundraiser will be back in September. These two events support our most important chapter goals: educating non-farming people who are policy makers and influencers in our community about the agriculture story in Lake County and in California; and supporting the next generation of farmers and people working in farm related businesses by giving college and vocational school-bound students interested in agriculture scholarships to support their studies.

At this time last year our planning centered around Zoom events. We are now moving toward more in-person events as we judge it is safe to do so. Our board meets in a hybrid format – some board members attending on location and others dialing in via Zoom. We've found a certain advantage to that format in that we often have bigger attendance. We were able to hold our Holiday Installation party on site in the lovely renovated barn at the Ripe Choice Farm and we are already planning an in-person social in the spring. More details appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

We will continue to make our presence known with local and state decision makers in policy areas such as land use (cannabis ordinance), water issues (Big Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan) and labor policy (SB685 – employment of minors in agricultural packing plants).

As your new chapter president, I look forward to meeting more of you in person in the coming months. I'm excited, energized, and hopeful that this year will see great accomplishment for our Lake County CWA.



Lianne her husband, Richard, spend their time living between Kelseyville and Piedmont, and have 4 children. They were inspired to grow olives after vacationing in Tuscany in 2008 and made that dream a reality by purchasing property in Lake County's Big Valley a year later! Campodonico Farms now has over 1,000 trees on 9 acres of land.

We are so grateful to have Lianne at the helm of our chapter!



~Lianne

SHOUT OUT!

We would like to applaud the following people for their recent outstanding efforts for our club and community!

- ❖ ANNETTE HOPKINS, TONI SCULLY, SHARRON ZOLLER, AND TERRY DERENIUK, for their fantastic statewide meeting. You all made the Lake County Chapter proud!
- ❖ ERICA BOOMER our long-time member who founded the ag program in Upper Lake in 2005, just received the Carlson Family Foundation Outstanding Teacher of America Award. The nomination process is rigorous and involves many former students. Only five are awarded each year.
- ❖ We congratulate our fellow member and new Ag Commissioner, KATHERINE VANDERWALL, as the first female Ag Commissioner in Lake County. We are thrilled because she knows our industry well and will represent us admirably.
- ❖ Thank you to STEVE HAJIK, who has served us selflessly as Ag Commissioner for many years. We wish him a happy, well-deserved retirement.

Celebrating Together at Last at the 2021 Winter Social

Pictured above, Sausha Racine addresses the LCCWA chapter in-person after many months apart. We thank Sausha for her strong leadership through two very challenging years!

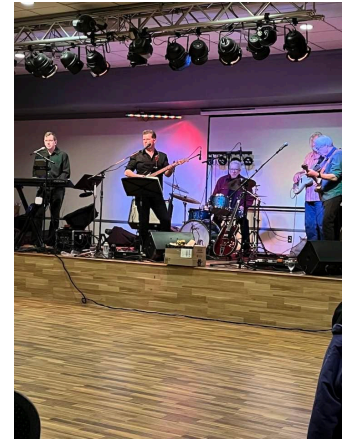
LCCWA Members and their spouses enjoyed a festive, lively gathering at the Ripe Choice Barn. What a lovely social!



New officers are installed with the magic wave of Marilyn's spoon!



Early 2022 Happenings- LCCWA Hosts the Statewide Meeting!



Top left: Hannah Scully, a CWA Scholarship Recipient, is the youngest CWA member in attendance- our future is bright! *Top center:* The new state executive team is sworn into office. *Top right:* The Lake County Diamonds perform at the Saturday evening banquet. *Middle left:* Lobbyist George Soares emphasizes the importance of advocating for agriculture. *Middle center:* Guests enjoy a tour to Chacewater. *Left center:* Toni, Annette, & Terry are recognized for their efforts. *Bottom:* LCCWA members in attendance

Keeping up with State President Sharron Zoller!

Sharron's Presidency is off to a strong start! She can be seen across the state, both at the World Ag Expo in Tulare (left) and visiting the Stanislaus chapter's Table Setting fundraiser (right).

Be sure to visit cawomen4ag.com to see one of Sharron's many projects, the new and improved CWA Website, in action!



Mark your calendars for a busy year ahead!

The LCCWA Chapter Presents...

SPRING SOCIAL AT THE GREENHOUSE

April 13th, 2022 * 5:30 PM * Kelseyville High School Farm

CWA member Nanette Simonian of EarthSol will speak about the benefits of seaweed in the garden.



There will also be a plant sale at the FFA Greenhouse so you can kickstart your spring garden!

\$20 Admission to support CWA Student Scholarships!

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"United in Imperial Valley"



Save the Date!

For more information visit:
imperialvalleycwa.com

Please send inquiries to:
imperialvalleycwa@gmail.com

Important Dates!

- ❖ March 16, 2022 LC CWA Board Meeting
- For information:
liannecampodonico@gmail.com
- ❖ March 22, 2022: A Proclamation announced Board of Supervisors meeting: attend and support Lake Co Ag! For information:
terry.lcwa@gmail.com
- ❖ March 23, 2022: Capitol Ag Day in Sacramento - For information:
szoller@hotmail.com
- ❖ March 26-27, 2022: Statewide Meeting in Imperial Valley (note: there is a virtual option) - For information and registration see <https://cawomen4ag.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Fillable-March-SWM-2022-save-the-date-and-registration-.pdf>
- ❖ April 13, 2022: LC CWA Social featuring CWA member Nanette Simonian who will talk about the benefits of seaweed in the garden. Product samples will be given to the first 40 to RSVP. There will also be a plant sale at the FFA Greenhouse. Details will be mailed to members soon.
- ❖ April 20, 2022: LC CWA Board Meeting
- ❖ May 25, 2022: LC CWA Board Meeting (note: this is a new date)
- ❖ September 24, 2022: The Pear Festival is back!! And CWA will be baking pies again on the day before, September 23rd. We will need an army of volunteers. For information:
andreanhs@hotmail.com

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATES*Submitted by Sausha Racine*

We are pleased to begin accepting scholarship applications from graduating high school seniors and college or vocational students now through April 15, 2022 for the 2022/2023 academic year. Scholarships may range between \$500 and \$2500 per award. Applicants must be pursuing a degree that is related to agriculture and planning to attend a two- or four-year program as a full-time student.

Since 2013 our chapter has awarded over \$41,500 in scholarships to local students including \$4,500 awarded in 2021. Lake County graduating high school seniors and college or vocational students who have a grade point average of 3.0 or above are eligible to apply. Application materials must be received by CWA on or before April 15, 2022. The application and criteria can be found in this newsletter! For questions concerning the scholarship program, please contact Sausha Racine at 707.245.4787.

FARM BUREAU HAPPENINGS*Submitted by Executive Director, Brenna Sullivan*

The Lake County Farm Bureau is planning an Annual Meeting at the end of June! Stay tuned for a save-the-date reminder and invitation! We thank everybody who has donated to our scholarship program over the past two years of the pandemic! We are very much looking forward to seeing everybody for an in-person Annual Meeting this summer.

Lake County Farm Bureau scholarship applications are now available at the Farm Bureau website! Visit www.lakecofb.com to download the application. The Farm Bureau scholarships are available to Lake County students who are attending or plan to attend college, university or a trade school in pursuit of an agricultural degree. Deadline for submittal is April 8.

The Big Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) was submitted to California Department of Water Resources on January 31, 2022. The GSP will now enter a 75 day comment period after which California DWR will either accept the Plan or require modifications. The Advisory Committee will continue meeting to advise on fee structures and plan implementation. The GSP will be available for viewing on the Lake County Water Resources website following official submittal.

If you are a member of the Irrigated Lands Program, make sure to update your information into www.subwatershed.com by the end of February! This will ensure compliance with the program. If you have any questions about your invoice, contact Brenna at lcfarmbureau@sbcglobal.net.



California Women for Agriculture

LAKE COUNTY CHAPTER

PO Box 279

Finley, CA 95435

January 31, 2022

To: Financial Aid/Scholarship Advisors and Interested Students

Re: CWA Annual Scholarships

The Lake County Chapter of California Women for Agriculture is offering scholarships from \$500 to \$2500 to graduating high school seniors and college or vocational students (regardless of gender) whose **educational emphasis is related to agriculture** and who will be attending a two- or four-year program as a full-time student. Scholarship recipients will receive their scholarship at the beginning of the first semester conditioned on proof of full-time enrollment. Selected students will be encouraged to attend a CWA Chapter meeting during the coming year to describe course of study and how the scholarship has assisted in the pursuit of educational and career goals.

Students must:

- Be a resident of Lake County
- Have a grade point average of 3.0 or greater
- Fill out the requisite scholarship application packet, which acknowledges a pursuit of a career related to agriculture. Applications which do not clearly convey the applicant's pursuit of a career as it relates to agriculture will not be considered.
- Be willing to participate in an interview with the CWA Scholarship Committee if requested.

The application packet must include:

- The CWA signed application form
- A letter of recommendation
- A current or most recent transcript

The application form is enclosed and must be **received** by CWA with all other required application material on or before **April 15, 2022**. Applications without all required material will not be considered.

Please send completed application material to:

California Women for Agriculture

Lake County Chapter

PO Box 279

Finley, CA 95435

Please indicate "Scholarship Application" on the envelope. For more information, contact Sausha Racine at (707) 245-4787 or sausha@scullypacking.com.

CWA is an all-volunteer grassroots agricultural support organization, committed to maintaining a healthy and vibrant agricultural industry through education of members and the public, agriculture promotion and legislative action.

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LAKE COUNTY CHAPTER
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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____ NUMBER OF YEARS IN LAKE COUNTY _____

CURRENT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION _____ G.P.A. _____

This space may be used for a statement of educational and career goals and how they relate to agriculture (or may be attached separately). Please include an additional paragraph telling us a little more about yourself. You may wish to address topics such as financial need, extracurricular activities, if you are the first generation in your immediate family to attend college, and any challenges you have had to overcome.

I certify that all the information I have provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. Furthermore, I authorize California Women for Agriculture to use my name, information and likeness in connection with scholarship publicity and media releases.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

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February 1, 2022

We have not seen your membership for 2022. Our strength is in numbers and your membership will help us in our mission!

Our chapter is just one of twenty county chapters that make up California Women for Agriculture. With your continued support, we will remain strong and effective. In 2021 our Chapter:

- Awarded \$4,500 in scholarships to students pursuing agriculture related studies.
- Hosted virtual and in-person socials.
- Continues to work with legislators such as Senator McGuire and Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry to remind our elected officials of the importance of Lake County Agriculture. This positive relationship of open dialogue promotes a voice for agriculture.
- Continues to seek ways to support mini grants and K-8 agricultural education programs.
- Brought you informative newsletters keeping you apprised of Chapter activities and legislation.
- Brought to Lake County the 2022 State Wide Convention as we celebrated our very own Sharron Zoller who assumed the role of State CWA President. This event showcased Lake County agriculture and our warm and inviting community.

Renew your membership by filling out the enclosed application and mailing it along with your check. For a mere \$40 per calendar year, your membership will help us continue to promote agriculture and the value it brings to our community.

If you wish to also support American Agri Women (similar to CWA on a national level), you can indicate this on your form and pay those dues at the same time.

Remember, you don't have to be a farmer or rancher to care about agriculture; if you eat food and wear clothes, you are involved in agriculture!

Thank you for supporting LCCWA which allows us to support Agriculture!

Follow us on Facebook and find us at www.lakecountycwa.org

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