



CWA SLO COUNTY

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Did you Know...

California is the largest producer of food in the U.S, yet only has 4% of the nation's farms? That's crazy seeing as we are the number 1 producer in the WORLD of Almonds, the number 2 producer in the WORLD of Pistachios, and we produce 100% of the nations artichokes!

Boost your CWA knowledge!

Did you know California Women for Agriculture is an affiliate of American Agri-Women? Founded in 1974 American Agri-Women is the largest coalition of farm, ranch, and agri-business women in the nation. Learn more at www.americanagriwomen.org

What Else We Are Loving!

Our Sponsors!! Donor letters went out and your amazing support is rolling in. If you haven't received your letter yet, keep an eye out or contact us at president@cwaslocounty.com to find out how you can contribute!



A Message from the President

Two newsletters in one month must mean we have a lot to share! On May 2nd the San Luis Obispo County Chapter joined the rest of the California Women for Agriculture in Sacramento for 2 jam-packed days of legislative visits and education. Our chapter adopted seven Senate and Assembly members for our Adopt a Legislator program. We met with each of them on our trip and discussed important Ag related legislation such as; AB2757 Phase-out of Ag Overtime, SB1317 Groundwater Extraction Permit, and AB1577 Tax Credit for Food Bank Donations, to name a few. We also presented them with an adoption certificate and some teaching tools for Agriculture commodities in our area. It is our hope that they will use us as an Agriculture resource for future questions and legislation. It was an amazing experience and if you have time next year you should definitely mark your calendars for May and plan to attend.

On May 25th we get to do what I think is the most exciting and rewarding event of our Chapter. It is what Burgers and Beers (On September 4th- Mark your calendars) and your contributions fund- It is Scholarship time! This year we are awarding over \$10,000 in

Want to get involved?

We still have some positions to fill on our board. Want to get involved? This is a great way to continue your involvement or dip your toe into getting more involved. We would love to have you! Below are positions we are looking to fill:

Taskforce Directors:

Air

Biotech

Pest Management

Please ask me about these positions and how you can help!

Big Thanks to our sponsors!



FARMstead ED

Collegiate and 4-H and FFA Project Scholarships to 25 very deserving individuals! We have invited all of the awardees to attend our awards dinner at F. McClintocks in Paso Robles and we hope to see you all there as well. This is how we can support our agricultural youth and help keep agriculture strong and thriving into the future. In July the project Scholarship winners will be at the California Mid-State fair. Please come out to support them and their market animals. We will be there cheering them on!

Speaking of the Fair, we will be dark the month of July so be sure to attend the meetings in May and June to stay caught up on all of our events. I look forward to seeing all of you very soon!

Kamee Knutson

Chapter President

Mark your Calendars!

May 25th General Meeting and Scholarship Awards Dinner- F. McClintocks, 6:00 Paso Robles. Come help us celebrate our 2016 4H, FFA, and Collegiate Scholarship Awardees! Please RSVP to Jennifer Tallent by May 23rd at secretary@cwascalocounty.com

June 6th Burgers and Beer Committee Meeting- 6:00 place TBD

June 25th Luncheon with the Santa Maria Chapter- 12:00 Rooster Creek Tavern- 200 West Branch Street, Arroyo Grande. Please RSVP to Jennifer Tallent at secretary@cwascalocounty.com

June 29th General Meeting- 6:00 F. McClintocks, Paso Robles

July 18-31st- California Mid-State Fair Come support our 4-H and FFA Scholarship winners! You can identify them by their CWA Scholarship Winner Stall Placards.

September 4th Annual Burgers and Beer Festival and Competition - Mark your calendars to join us at the Loading Chute for our annual scholarship fundraiser. There will be local meat and beer producers serving up sliders and tastings and you get to pick the winner. Tap your toes to Monte Mills while your kids play at our Kids Corner and pick up some fabulous items at the silent auction. It is always a great time!

October 12th Annual Ag Mixer- Come hear Chad Prather speak to us at the Santa Margarita Ranch while you mingle with other members of our great agriculture community!