



Blackhawk Women

May 2022 Newsletter

Greetings Blackhawk Women,

What an exciting month we had in April. We had so many great activities and events. Our TGIF hosts Pat and Jesse Jenkins held a fantastic international dining event. They had over 26 people and the food was wonderful. Their home and garden is like a resort with just the most gorgeous setting. Thank you!

We also had a wonderful lunch. Bronwyn featured a guest chef from Laconda Ravello and combined this with an art event. We had 46 ladies in attendance. Nothing better than fine food and art.

In May we have many activities. Our Party Hawk team, Aly Baker and Kim Chandler have sold-out their event in just hours for "Dueling Piano's". This will be so much fun. For their next event be sure to sign up quickly.

Make sure to SAVE THE DATE for Friday, June 17th "Casino Royale", James Bond comes to Blackhawk. This will be the party of the decade. With years of planning, Sandy and Bronwyn will bring you the final event of the season. We know they know how to plan parties so reserve early. We even will have special tables for our very own BOND GIRLS. Lots and lots of surprises at this event.

Please mark your calendars for our May 18th luncheon. This is a special luncheon where we will vote our incoming board. We have an amazing slate of talented women, some returning to the board, others new board members as well as new club members. Please join me as we welcome our new board. I want too thank my nominating committee: Cheryl Bruner, Julie Woulfe, Bonnie Glennon, Judy Kiersey, Jodell Stout, Lorrie Harris and Barbara Willett.

Looking forward to seeing you at our luncheon and other BHW events.

Wishing you the very best,

Joy Tashjian-Castrilli

Blackhawk Women

President



Joy's new granddaughter Olivia Ruth



Blackhawk Women Board 2021-2022

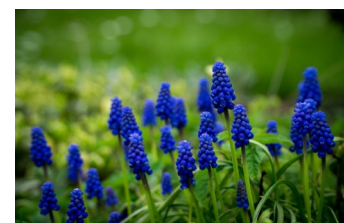
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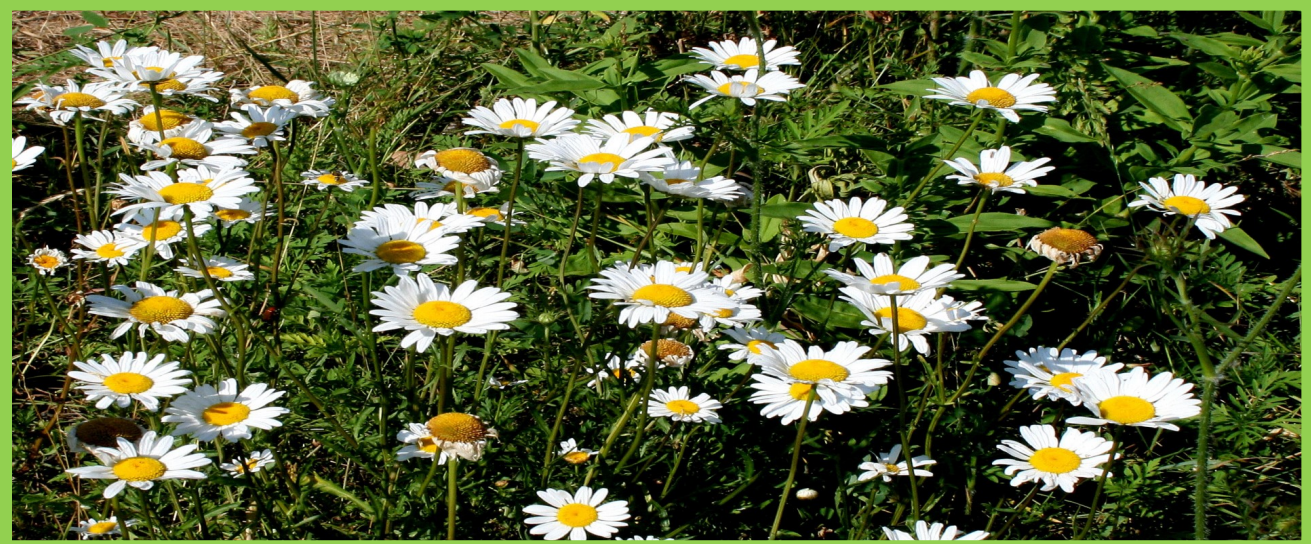
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Blackhawk Women
2021 - 2022 Activity Leaders

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Partners Canasta	Janinne Franke	janinnefranke@yahoo.com	925-786-7279
Cooking is Caring	TBD	Call Julie Moore	925-963-0701
Culinary	Etienne Melcher	cgme3333@gmail.com	228 218-7471
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Day Away	TBD	Call Julie Moore if interested	925 963-0701
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Slate of Nominees for Blackhawk Women Board 2022-2023

President

Mary Plissey

Secretary

Cynthia Shaeffer

Treasurer

Shelley Foster

VP Programs

Cheryl Bruner

Co-VP Luncheons

Lorrie Harris (Menus)

Suzanne Fletcher (Reservations)

VP Membership

Cassandra Boyer

VP Social

Bonnie Glennon

All other positions are appointed by the new President and will be announced in the June newsletter and at the June event.

Please attend the May 18th luncheon so you can vote on your new board!

Nominating Committee's slate of elected Board positions will be printed in the May newsletter. Slate will also be presented at the May luncheon with independent nominations accepted from the floor at that time. A vote will be conducted then. The slate of appointed Board positions will be presented to the incoming President who will then finalize and announce them on or before the June luncheon.

WE ARE SO VERY

grateful

FOR YOU

MAY 18, 2022

BLACKHAWK COUNTRY CLUB BALLROOM

11:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN
FRIENDSHIP AND GRATITUDE.

OUR LUNCHEON WILL INCLUDE A BEAUTIFUL SLIDE SHOW, MUSIC, AND A SPECIAL
MENU CREATED BY CHEF CHARLES. \$50

THIS IS OUR LAST LUNCHEON OF OUR FISCAL YEAR!
OUR NEW BOARD WILL BE ANNOUNCED

RSVP: BLACKHAWKOWMENRSVP@GMAIL.COM

PLEASE MAIL CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO BLACKHAWK WOMEN:
ANCA KUSTU 39 SUGAR PINE LN BLACKHAWK, CA 94506

Program & Luncheon Inclusive: \$50.00

Reserve by Email to: blackhawkwomenrsvp@gmail.com

Reservation & Cancellation Deadline: Friday @ 12noon on May 13, 2022

After the Cancellation Deadline, all reservations are final and will be billed accordingly.

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grateful

FOR YOU

MENU

SIGNATURE DRINK

Strawberry Cali Mule lime & mint

SALAD COURSE

Spring Greens and Grilled Delta Asparagus Dressing
cypress grove chèvre flan, toasted pistachios, chive vinaigrette

MAIN COURSE

Oven Roasted White California Seabass spring sugar peas, cauliflower
mash, heirloom carrots

Vegetarian Entrée: Oven Roasted Grilled Polenta spring sugar peas,
cauliflower mash, heirloom carrots

DESSERT COURSE

Petite Lemon Meringue Tarts limoncello strawberries & mint

Iced Tea, lemonade, and coffee/tea

Program & Luncheon Inclusive: \$50.00

Reserve by Email to: blackhawkwomenrsvp@gmail.com

Make check: **Blackhawk Women** Mail to: Anca Strassman, 39 Sugar Maple Ln., Danville, CA 94506

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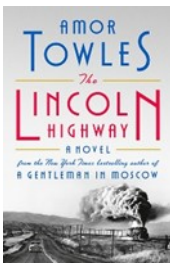
Book Buzz May 2022

Book Buzz meets the second Tuesday of each month on ZOOM at 10:15 a.m. After enjoying a social conversation for the first fifteen minutes, we begin our discussion. In April Jodi Picoult's novel *Wish You Were Here* created a long and lively conversation. We invite all interested Blackhawk Women to join us on May 10 when we will discuss *The Lincoln Highway*, a novel that has been called "a joy ride," as well as "a delightful tour de force." See below for the details. It is not necessary to have read the book to join our meeting.

Additionally in May we will consider a selection to read for July. If you have a recommendation, please email information about the book to one of our committee co-chairs for our group determination.

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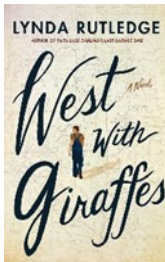
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May Selection: *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles

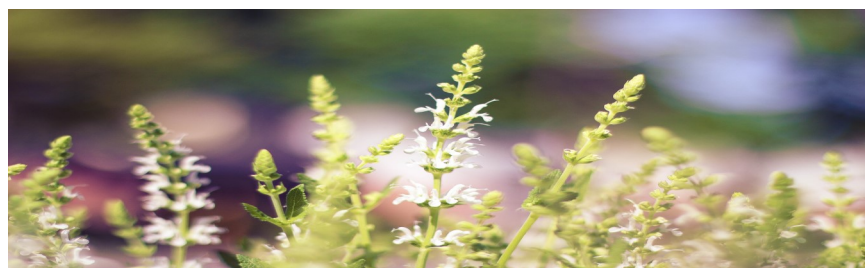
This "Beguiling and rollicking" adventure, set in the 1950's includes a cast of fascinating characters. Mr. Towles take the reader on an American Road trip in this "wise and wildly entertaining" novel.

Discussion will be led by Kathleen Gibbons.



June Selection: *West With Giraffes: A Novel* by Lynda Rutledge

Set in 1938, this captivating novel was inspired by an amazing true story of two giraffes being driven across the USA to the San Diego Zoo. The outstanding description and dialogue creating the historical tale have made the book a favorite to many readers in the past year. Moderator to be determined.



Book Buzz Co-Chairs:

Priscilla Moyer, p.moyer@me.com

Sandy Kessenick, Sandra.kessenick@gmail.com

Bunco for May 2022



Bunco Co-Chairs

Marcia Beersdorf
mit-b@pacbell.net

Kathy Fox
kathyfox2@gmail.com

DATE: Thursday, Thursday May 12th
TIME: 7:00 PM
HOSTESS: Susan Nicholson
ADDRESS: 3415 Blackhawk Meadow Dr. Danville
RSVP: Sunday, May 1st at 9:00 AM

Marcia Beersdorf
(925) 552-7193

No email reservations accepted.

Please bring your own beverage, glass and \$5.00 to contribute to the evening payout.

NOTES:

- Please bring one dollar bills if possible (assists with payouts).
- If you need to cancel, please find a substitute to take your place.



Cooking is Caring

Support, Service And Caring Hearts

Do you know or have you heard about one of Blackhawk Women members or their immediate family that is undergoing a major surgery? Is recovering from chemotherapy? Or has some critical health condition? Send a "Get Well Meal" to show them you care and that you are thinking of them.

BW "Cooking is Caring" will send a delicious meal and deliver it to their door step. Our fully prepared meals are suitable for get-well dinners or a sympathy food gift. A meal is the perfect way to show how much we really care!

For more details and guidelines regarding this program,
Please contact the Chairperson

Presently we do not have a chair, contact Julie Moore if you know of someone who qualifies for this support and service



Culinary for May 2022

The Cheese School

Ghiradelli Square, San Francisco

Building the Perfect Cheese Platter

In this hands-on class, you'll learn how to make a cheese platter that looks as good as it tastes. We'll talk about cheese styles, principals of pairing, selecting accompaniments and having fun with decorations. With your new-found skills, you'll be ready to build gorgeous cheese platters.

You will taste cheese from around the world as you put together your own cheese board. Sparkling, white and red wine included to accompany the cheese.

WHEN: Tuesday, May 31 11am - 2pm

FEE: \$170

HOW: Carpools will be formed.

Send an email to:

Lindamccolgan2253@gmail.com To Confirm ASAP

Send a check made out to **Blackhawk Women**

to Etienne Melcher at 3 Blackhawk Club Ct., Danville, CA 94506



Hand & Foot May 2022



Hand & Foot Chair

Amanda Sinclair

asinclair83@yahoo.com

925 736-8567

WHEN: Monday, May 16th

WHERE: Cassandra Boyer's home
213 Live Oak Danville

TIME: 7PM Social
7:30 Game begins (promptness is a virtue)

WHO: Open to all Blackhawk Women members.
Limited to 12 players

CALL: Amanda Sinclair (925) 736-8567
Friday, April 1st at 9:00AM

DETAILS: Please bring \$5, your favorite beverage and your own drinking vessel. If you have an emergency and cannot attend **PLEASE** call Amanda ASAP so we can find a replacement. We must have 4 players per table



*A toast to
welcome our
newest member*



*Cynthia Schaeffer
(welcome back we missed you!)*



May 2022 - - Movie Divas!

Calling All Divas!

Good news! "Downton Abbey: A New Era" is scheduled to be released in May.

The Crawley family goes on a grand journey to the South of France to uncover the mystery of the dowager countess's newly inherited villa.

Most of our favorite characters return in the movie: Countess Violet, Lord Grantham and his wife Countess Cora, Lady Mary and her husband, Henry Talbot, Lady Edith, Lady Rosamund, Lord Merton and his wife, Isobel, Thomas Barrow, Mrs. Pattmore, Daisy, John Bates and his wife, Anna, Mr. Carson and his wife, Mrs. Hughes, and Mr. Molesley, among others.

Be on the lookout for a BLAST for this long-awaited sequel.

Suzanne Fletcher

Email: suzannefletcher216@gmail.com (new email address)

Cell: 949.357.4053

Partners Canasta for May 2022



The Couples Canasta
Chair
Janinne Franke
925.786.7279

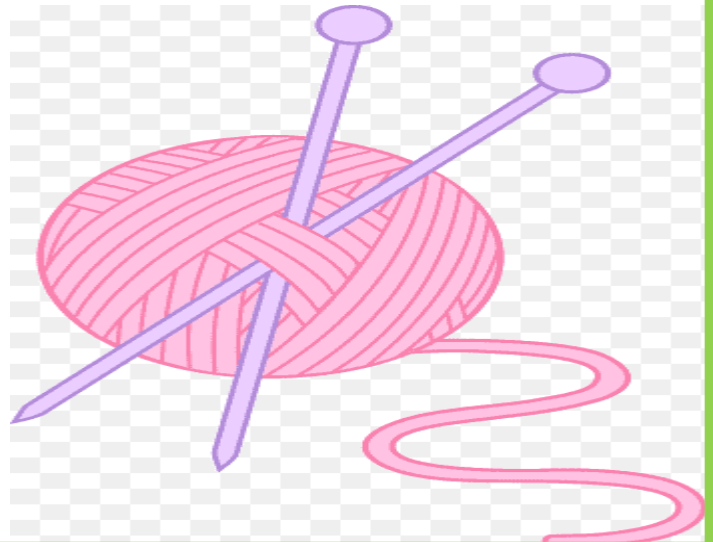
The game now starts at 5:00pm. There is no formal dinner, but each couple will bring a hearty appetizer. The hosts will provide plates, silverware and dessert. We will only play 3 games. When a table completes a game, they can grab something to eat, fill up their drinks and chill until the next game starts. As we won't have a formal dinner, we should be done by 8:30pm. During the points calculation and prize giving dessert will be served.

- WHEN:** Sunday, May 22nd
WHERE: Suzanne & Bob's home 4331 Quail Run Lane
TIME: 5:00 PM
WHO: Open to all Blackhawk Women and they must bring a partner.
CALL: Janinne Franke 925-786-7279 @ 9:15 AM on May 1st
DETAILS: Please bring \$5, your favorite beverage and your drinking vessel.

If you have an emergency and cannot attend, please call Janinne ASAP so we can find a replacement couple to keep the tables in groups of 4.

May Knit 'n Stitch

- When:** Monday, May 9, 2022
Time: 1:00 PM
Where: 342 Jacaranda Drive, Danville
Hostess: Sue Moore
925 964-3944 (cell)
casmoore@me.com
RSVP: Please RSVP directly to hostess



Mah Jongg

Monday Mah Jongg is alive and well and working in the Pandemic Universe! We are playing via Zoom on a Mah Jongg app called "Real Mah Jongg." We meet at 1:00 p.m. every Monday. If you are familiar with the game and with Zoom and you would like to join us - please contact me. Ruth Swedlow:

ruthswedlow@yahoo.com

or 925.820.3207





Mexican Train - May 2022

- When:** Tuesday, May 24th
7:00 p.m. Social 7:30 p.m. Game
- Where:** The home of Amanda Sinclair
576 Buttonwood Drive
- Bring:** \$5, your beverage and glass. Host provides an appetizer or perhaps a finger food dessert (cookies). Host provides ice for the white wine bottles. As always host's prerogative as to what she serves.
- How:** CALL IN: Sunday, May 1st at 8:45 a.m. to Deb Weber at (925)984-3049. Please don't call before so that everyone has the same chance to sign up.

Co-Chairs

Trish Caruso (510) 816-0245 trishcaruso@gmail.com
Deb Weber (925) 984-3049 Deb@allwebers.net

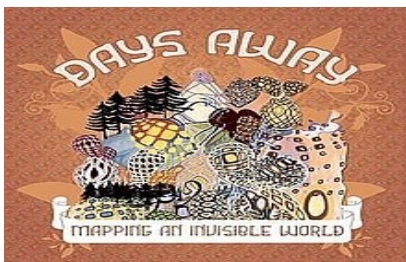
Newcomers are welcome!

Come and enjoy this easy to learn game.



Ladies: we are still looking for members who would like to be involved in our events, regular events or special events. We are looking for ladies who would enjoy planning something for our membership to attend. If you have an interest or question please give Julie Moore a call. 925 330-0371

Day Away



Wine & Dine



TGIF NEWS



Friday - June 10th



May Birthdays

5-3 L inda Reilly

5-4 Laura Carlson

5-5 Mary Quinn

5-7 Mon ca Sexton

Barbara Willett

5-9 Anca Strassman Kustu

5-10 Cindy Evenhuis

5-11 Sonia Ataeefar

Lil Giovanzana

5-12 Janine Collins

Trish Gardner

5-13 Lynn Berger

Karilyn Collini

5-14 Kathy Fox

Karin King

5-16 Sheila Ricioli

5-17 Barbara Evans

5-18 Julie Larrabee

5-21 Jean Dudum

Nancy Levin

5-22 Samantha Cookson

5-25 Diane Manske

5-26 Trish Caruso

5-30 Carlene Murphy

5-31 Sylvia Armstrong

Marilyn Kuckuck



May 2022

Sun

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Tue

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Sat

<p>1 Call in:</p> <p>8:45 Mex Train 9:00 H&F Bunco 9:15 Partners Canasta</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Mah Jongg 1pm</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 HAPPY Mother's DAY </p>	<p>9</p> <p>Mah Jongg 1pm Knit & Stitch 1pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Book Buzz 10:15</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Bunco 7pm</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Mah Jongg 1pm Hand & Foot 7pm</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Grateful Luncheon 11:30am Election</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Partners Canasta 4:30pm</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Mah Jongg 1pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Mex Train 7pm</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Mah Jongg 1pm</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Culinary 11am</p>				

Updated Blackhawk Women Covid Policy effective 9/22/2021 For All Socials and Activities

Contra Costa County has announced a new county wide health order, effective September 22nd, that requires patrons of restaurants and other indoor businesses to show proof they are fully vaccinated or have a negative COVID-19 test result (within 3 days) in order to enter indoor areas.

To abide by this mandate, Blackhawk Women will require members and their guests, to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or show a valid negative COVID-19 test to utilize any indoor facility.

Proof of Vaccination will be accepted in one of the following forms:

- Physical vaccination card
- Proof of vaccination registered with our membership chairwoman, Janinne Franke. Please email a clear photo of your vaccination card as soon as possible to: janinnefranke@yahoo.com. She will keep a database of those vaccinated for all of our events. **Once registered in our database, you will NOT need to show your card at each event.**
- Photo or copy of vaccination card.
- Show a negative COVID-19 test with completed results by a licensed pharmacy or doctor within 3 days.
- Digital vaccination card via CA SMART Health Card

<https://myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov/> to download your digital vaccination card to your phone.

Upon arriving at our events, our host or reservation chair will ask for vaccination verification, if you have **not already provided electronic proof to membership chair**. Masks continue to be mandated by Contra Costa County, regardless of vaccination status. Masks must still be worn to cover the nose and mouth throughout all indoor events, unless actively eating or drinking. Masks are not required at outdoor events. We ask that if you do not have proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test (will be required for each event), you will not be permitted to participate.

We hope you will support our efforts to keep our events safe and understand that these protocols continue to evolve.



Blackhawk Women Board

2021-2022

NEW MEMBERS FORM

Fee: \$60.00

Janinne Franke, VP Membership

janinnefranke@yahoo.com

Date: _____ Referred By: _____

_____ I live within the gate of Blackhawk or

_____ I am a member of Blackhawk Country Club.

_____ I am a New Member or _____ I am a Renewal

Payment by check # _____ or Blackhawk Country Club# _____

Name _____ Spouse's Name _____

Address _____ Phone # _____

Mobile: (optional) _____ EMAIL _____

We'd like to acknowledge your birthday: Month _____ Day _____

Please mail your check payable to Blackhawk Women or provide your
Blackhawk Country Club Member number to:

Janinne Franke
4443 Deer Ridge Road
Danville, CA 94506

All members will receive their newsletter electronically. **Blackhawk Women Bylaws; Article III, Membership and Dues; Section D: Dues of new members who join after April 1st shall be applied to the ensuing calendar year. Our Calendar year runs from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022