



Salinas Valley *NOTES*

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CHAPTER GENERAL MEETING
February 27, 2008 | 5:30PM
AG AGAINST HUNGER

Save the Date!

Salinas Valley Chapter
CA Women for Agriculture
presents the 1st Annual

Progressive Dinner

Saturday, April 12, 2008
Purchase your tickets now!



Contact [Kelsey Larson](#)
Please see article below.



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2008 CWA Statewide Meetings

- MARCH 8-9, 2008 PASO ROBLES
- MAY 5-6, 2008 SACRAMENTO
- JULY 12-13 LONG BEACH
- SEPTEMBER 6-7 FRESNO
- NOVEMBER 1-2 SANTA ROSA
- JAN. 9-11, 2009 CHICO



March Message From President Jennifer

Greetings! We have some exciting news: the Chapter has a new website thanks to Abby Taylor-Silva and Marianne Gennis! Make sure to check it out: www.salinascwa.org. Our scholarship applications are on the website. Please take a look and pass them along to anyone you think would be interested. The deadline to apply is April 25th, 2008. As I'm writing this we are getting ready to have our first evening meeting of the year at Ag Against Hunger. The meeting will be February 27th at 5:30 p.m. The March Statewide meeting is also fast approaching. Registration forms can be found at the State's website.



The Statewide meeting committee made up of ladies from our chapter, as well as ladies from the Santa Maria chapter, has done a great job working together remotely to plan this meeting. Thank you ladies for all your hard work. Our chapter's first fundraiser of the year, the Progressive Dinner, is just around the corner. The date for that event is April 12th and I can guarantee that it is going to be lots of fun! Get your ticket now before it sells out!

Jennifer Skidgel-Clarke,
President, Salinas Valley Chapter

Fresno State's Center for Ag Business Targets Ag Safety | Feb 27-29

California's premier annual agricultural safety conference will return to the Central California Coast again the end of February, featuring accomplished speakers, short courses, training sessions and a new program in agricultural supervision. The 2008 AgSafe Conference will be held Wed, Feb 27 through Feb 29 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Monterey. Included among the more than 90 workshops will be those for the new Ag Supervision Development Program (ASDP). For more information, visit the AgSafe website at www.AgSafe.org or call 559.278.4404. Volunteer opportunities available! Contact [Kimberly Naffziger](#), CAB Program Mgr.

South County Farm Day Experience Scheduled for March 6 in King City

The South County Farm Day Experience, March 6, is our fastest growing venue. We are seeking Guides - which is an easy time commitment (about 4 hours) and makes a big impact. We will also be training Food Safety (Germ Busters) and Healthy Choice Presenters. These two presentations introduce very important concepts and have become an integral part of the learning experience. MCAE will also work with Seed Scientists, Tractor Techs and others to help the presentations evolve. Presentations really are EASY- these nine year olds are eager to learn - especially if it is gross, messy or smelly!!! The Monterey County Farm Day Experience is the largest program of its kind in the nation only because of our supportive ag community. Everyone plays an important role by putting a positive, personal face to our number one industry - VOLUNTEER FOR AG. Volunteers may e-mail [Connie](#) or telephone 831.455.8177 to be a part of this important public outreach program.

Connie Quinlan
Executive Director, MCAE, Inc.



Ciao Bella! Friends of Monterey County Fair Go Italian | March 14

Sure to be another year of fun, friends and frolic - Italian Style - at the Annual Friends of the Fair Dinner and Bocce Tournament. This event will be held the eve-

care to be another year of fun, friends and frolic Italian Style at the Annual Friends of the Fair Dinner and Bocce Tournament. This event will be held the evening of March 14 at the Monterey County Fairgrounds. Menu will include spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread and salad. There will be a dessert and live auction and, of course, the [bocce ball tournament!](#) Cost is \$35.00 per person or \$60.00 per couple. \$20 per child under the age of 10. Bocce tournament is \$25.00 per team to participate. Tickets are limited. Contact [Vivien Lindley](#) or [Kelly Baldwin](#).



Farm Labor - Heart of Our Community is Critically Impacted

Wed, **March 26**, is the second forum of the 2008 National Steinbeck Luncheon Series and will feature one of the hottest national authorities on the topic of Immigration Law, Monte Lake, Washington, DC attorney with Siff & Lake. He will join a dynamic panel of industry leaders including Tim Driscoll, Valley Pride GM, Mike Johnston, Campaign Coordinator for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, and Crescencio Diaz, VP of Teamsters Local 890, with the program moderated by the passionate-about-ag Michael Saqui of Saqui & Raimondo, Counselors to Management. They will discuss how recent changes in immigration policy have created a Farm Labor Crisis! Can it be fixed? T 831/775-4721. [Tickets available here!](#)

Fabulous Food, Magical Music, Award Winning Wines - Exceptional Fun!

Save the date of Sat April 12th for our first annual Progressive Dinner and join us as we wine and dine thru the Salinas Valley! Begin the evening at 5pm in Salinas with stops at The Davis House, Pessagno Winery, and Kendall Jackson Winery to enjoy tantalizing appetizers and extraordinary courses paired with Monterey County fine wines. Dance the night away to live music, surrounded by delectable desserts, at Paraiso Vineyards Barrel Room until 11:00pm. No need to fuss with maps or directions, thanks to chauffeured transportation throughout the evening.

You're invited to an evening full of fabulous food, magical music, spectacular friends, award winning wine, and exceptional fun! Tickets go on sale March 1st for the low price of \$65. Please contact [Kelsey Larson](#) for tickets - they will go fast! Call [Janelle Metzger](#) at 831.206.7438 or [Jessica Harris](#) at 831.970.5379, event co-chairs, also for tickets or additional information.



National Agriculture Day occurs every year on the first day of Spring on or around March 20 as we honor agriculture for providing safe, abundant and affordable products, a strong economy, a source of renewable energy and a world of job opportunities. National Ag Week is celebrated March 16 through March 22.

Important Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- Feb 27** CWA Chapter General Meeting, Ag Against Hunger | 5:30 p.m.
- Feb 27** Steinbeck Ag Forum Luncheon Series, Steinbeck Center | 12:00 - 2:00
- Feb 27-29** [AgSafe Annual Conference](#), Hyatt Regency Hotel, Monterey
- Mar 6** MCAE South County Farm Day, King City
- Mar 8-9** CWA Statewide Meeting, Paso Robles | Visit: www.CAWomen4AG.org
- Mar 14-16** State Young Farmers & Ranchers Leadership Conf, Monterey
- Mar 14** Friends of the Fair Dinner & Bocce Tournament, Mo Co Fairgrounds
- Mar 20** National Ag Day! First Day of Spring
- Mar 26** Annual Chapter Membership Mixer | Watch your e-mail for details!
- Apr 12** 1st Annual CWA Progressive Dinner | Contact [Janelle Metzger](#) FMD

Farmology is the consumer education program run by the Agricultural Awareness and Literacy Foundation. The Foundation is a 501(c)3, founded by [California Women for Agriculture](#) in January 2001, to focus on educating consumers about the benefits and importance of American agriculture.

The Agricultural Awareness and Literacy Foundation brings together the strength of California Women for Agriculture volunteers with private, public and government support to create dynamic and accountable consumer education programs.

2008 Scholarship Application Deadline Approaching!



[Download Application Here](#)

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