

Mid Valley Cowbelles

Upcoming Events

January

21: Stockton Ag Ventures

February

22: Mid Valley Cowbelles
General Meeting (Oakdale)

March

12: Merced Farm Bureau
Annual Meeting
13-15: CCW Spring Meeting
(Harris Ranch)

May

8: Turlock AgVentures

Mid Valley Cowbelles would like to wish Martinique Melton best of luck in Nebraska as she moves for work. Thank you serving on our Board of Directors.

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President's Message

First and foremost, thanks to all of you for your enthusiasm and willingness to make our group such a success. We are off to a great start. There are donations for scholarships in the bank, applications and dues are still coming in and volunteers are already signing up for upcoming events. We had one successful fund raiser in December and are looking forward to several more. Those exact dates will be announced soon.

January is the time to get our name out there and find new schools to visit with information about the cattle industry! We have an interview with Stanislaus County Schools the end of January. The interview committee will place us in new schools. We will still present our message at all the same schools on their ag days that we have previously gone to but, we will be venturing to new places to share what we know about raising beef cattle. We have already been given John Muir school in Modesto for a Read In the first week in March. The coordinator I talked to was excited about what we do and can't wait for us to be part of that school's celebration of Dr. Suess's Birthday. We were invited to present our information at Ag Venture in Stockton and Lodi so we are going to be busy indeed! I want to especially thank my Executive Board for their tireless dedication and my committee chairs for getting things done without delay. I am truly blessed to know and work with all of you!

Sincerely,
Candy

P.S. A special thanks to Bob Scheppmann for all his help and support. I consider him an honorary Cowbelle!

Past Events

UCCE Stanislaus County Christmas Luncheon: The Farm Advisors and Nutrition Staff in Stanislaus County celebrated Christmas together a little early with a lunch. Mid Valley Cowbelles catered the lunch that was held at the Ag Center. The annual Christmas gathering is a chance for the staff and retired Advisors to come together and take a moment to catch up, share some of the holiday spirit. This was the first time the group held the event during lunch, and the first time it was catered. Everyone was complementing the Cowbelles on the delicious lunch and dessert. It was a great time and the White Elephant gift exchange that happened after the lunch was of course great fun for all.

Columbia Parade: Four members (Millie, Doreen, Candy and Patti) rode in the Columbia Parade last month. Participants walked away with smiles as it was time well spent aiding in a toy drive.

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Ag Days: Formats vary from event to event, but the idea is always about teaching children about the cattle industry. Keep in mind, we are also reaching parents, teachers, volunteers, etc. during these events. Members are always welcome to help with presentations. If interested, please contact Pat Shepard and look for more dates as they come along!

School Read-In: In honor of Dr. Suess' birthday and the love of reading, Mid Valley Cowbelles will be participating in the John Muir Elementary School Read-In Program (TBA). Books on the cattle industry or the way of life are read to students which are then donated to the school library. We are in need of 8 volunteers. If interested, please contact Pat Shepard for more information.

General Meeting Announcements for February

Pleased to announce that Adam Kathrein will be attending our February meeting and enlighten us on the extremely large cattle project in Bryansk, Russia during 2014. He will be speaking about his experience and will be happy to answer questions.

With 12,000 acres, they were calving out 4,000 first calf heifers. Some the stories that he can tell will truly amaze you.

Next meeting is at Vickie Thompson's home in Oakdale.

MVC Board will meet at 1pm with the MVC General Meeting starting at 2pm.

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