



Message to Members

Looking out at the rolling foothills with all the green pasture and beautiful wildflowers blooming makes us stop and appreciate the abundance of rain with all the colors of spring that it brings. Mid Valley Cowbelle would also like to express our appreciation for the beautiful variety of women that make up our unit. Each and everyone of you enhance and strengthen our unit with your unique gifts and personalities. We are looking forward to a great year filled with fun opportunities to promote beef education in schools throughout Stanislaus, Merced and Mariposa counties, We have some great plans for a few special events for our general membership as well and our younger junior members this year. And the amazing cooks in our unit will have some opportunity's to entertain with their catering skills at some scheduled events this coming year. MVC offers so many opportunities to get involved with beef promotion, which is our main goal, that we encourage you to take some time and look over our Calendar of Events for the next few months and see where you might be able to help. Our website also has a current Calendar to keep you informed as well.

At our CCW meeting in March our board was challenged with increasing our membership. So we would like to encourage you to invite a friend or family member to join our MVC unit. It's only through your help that we can grow strong and fortify our foundation as a new unit in the California Cattlewomen's Association.

*Grab the Bull by the Horns and Invite a Friend to Join
Mid Valley Cowbelle Today!*



*Like wildflowers;
You must allow
yourself to grow
in all the places
people thought
you never would.
-E.V.*

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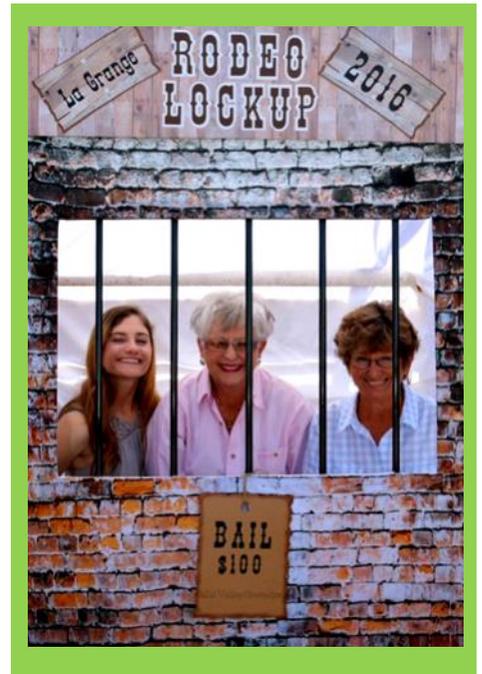
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THE LA GRANGE RODEO

On Sunday, April 3rd we had a great time at the 69th Annual La Grange Rodeo. Our booth was amazing! We partnered with the La Grange Rodeo Association and sold their logoed ball caps as well as the La Grange Museums History of the La Grange Rodeo book, in addition to promoting beef with a variety of educational pamphlets, bumper stickers and recipes.

Many of our Cowbelles came out to help run our booth—Judy, Pat, Johnna, Doreen, Kristle, Toni, Cathline, Barbara and Marilyn. They sold our “Rodeo Grub” popcorn goodie bags and our beautiful new coffee mugs with our MVC logo filled with cowtail candies (trail mix). They also had many hand made items ranging from etched wine glasses, license plate frames, wood burned bamboo kitchen items and western caps. “The Herd” was moved to our booth and a pair of cows was sold to a proud new owner :-)

But the highlight of our booth was the fun photo booth backdrops that Kristle and Cathline created. The western and jail house theme were perfect for the rodeo crowd and enjoyed by everyone who got their picture taken. Thanks again to everyone who helped us get ready for the rodeo and those who were able to participate in this family friendly community event!



Mark Your Calendar

Don't sit on the sidelines...Get involved!

Support the amazing programs MVC offers the youth of our communities!

APRIL

1st - Scholarship Applications due

3rd - La Grange Rodeo Booth

8th - Ag Day at R.M. Miano Elementary School in Los Banos

9th & 10th - Oakdale Rodeo

20th - General Meeting 6:00pm at Kristle Borba's House 4019 Dodds Road, Oakdale. Taco Nite ;-) RSVP Judy 209-613-5659 or Kristle 209-275-5613

22nd - Ag in the Classroom at Summerville Elementary AfterSchool Program in Tuolumne

22nd - Ag in the Classroom at St. Anthony's in Manteca

23rd & 24th - Partner with Foothill 4H at the Northern Ca Jr Rodeo at the Oakdale Rodeo grounds

MAY

4th - Teacher Appreciation Luncheon at Moon School in Waterford

6th— Teacher Appreciation Fruit Barn 4-7PM Merced

7th – Mother Lode Parade - Ride with the Tuolumne/Calaveras Unit

21st - Cater the La Grange Rodeo Association Dinner at the Hacienda in La Grange

SELLING PANEL TICKETS



Candy Cook has panel tickets again for the powder river panels, and this year we get half of the profits from all of the tickets we sell! The drawing will be held at the Reno Convention the first weekend of December.

If you are interested in selling some or would like to buy some yourself please contact Candy.



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WHAT'S YOUR BRAND

Cowbelles—I need your ranch brand for a MVC project. Please email a drawing or photo of it to Tory Brussow at vbrussow@gmail.com

Thanks!!



GRAB THE BULL BY THE HORNS AND VOLUNTEER TODAY TO HELP AT ONE OF THE UPCOMING AG VENTURE OR AG IN THE CLASSROOM EVENTS!

