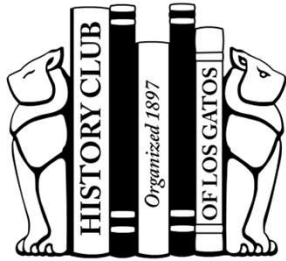


## History Club of Los Gatos

*A women's philanthropic and social organization since 1897*



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### President's Message From Jamie Schwarzfeld

#### Welcoming a New Year

I hope each of you enjoyed the Holiday Season you desired—whether quiet, peaceful, calm, festive, boisterous, celebratory, solemn, meditative, social, or solitary. My own two-week sojourn back East included a little of each. I drove 975 miles across New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. Christmas Dinner was an elegant sit-down meal for 44 of my relatives, hosted by my sister. Christmas night delivered 10 inches of snow. My husband's sister later entertained my immediate family and her children's families with another spectacular feast at their new home on the Jersey Shore. I have availed myself thoroughly of family, love, and food. With heart and energy replenished, I am ready to meet 2026!

The Club has an eventful and busy January ahead to usher in the new year. The Red Cross Blood Drive takes place on 1/2/26. Backyard improvement plans continue with the demolition and replacement of the patio ceiling and the construction of a new bar, complete with bar fridge/freezer. Bricklaying in front begins 1/5/26. And from 1/5-1/29 we will be diving into the storage room—discarding, donating, and reorganizing all that is housed and hidden within. Spring cleaning is coming early to HCLG. As we step into 2026, may this year bring strength to your dreams, clarity to your goals, and consistency to your efforts.

Wishing you a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year!

*Jamie*

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#### Inspiration - by Jubie Jaramillo

Legends say that hummingbirds float free of time, carrying our hopes for love, joy and celebration. The hummingbird's delicate grace reminds us that life is rich, beauty is everywhere, every personal connection has meaning and that laughter is life's sweetest creation.

# Calendars

## 2026 JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	★ 2	3
4	★ 5	★ 6	★ 7	★ 8	9	10
11	★ 12	13	★ 14	15	16	17
18	19	20	★ 21	22	23	24
25	26	27	★ 28	29	30	31

2	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Red Cross Blood Drive (at the Clubhouse)
6	11:00 AM	HCLG Foundation Board of Directors Meeting (via Zoom)
7	10:00 - 12:00 PM	HC Board of Directors Meeting (at the Clubhouse)
12	3:00 PM	SIG: Chatty Cats via Zoom (at the Clubhouse)
14	1:00 PM	SIG: The Crafty Group (at the Clubhouse)
15	3:00 PM	SIG: TED Talk (via Zoom)
19	3:00 PM	SIG: Tv, Movie & Book (via Zoom)
21	10:00 AM	General Membership Meeting Brunch
28	9:00 AM	Field Trip: Moffett Museum (see Cathy Beltran for info)

## 2026 FEBRUARY

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13	6:00 - 9:00 PM	Galentine Event (at the Clubhouse)
15	2:00 - 4:00 PM	HCLG Brick Dedication (at the Clubhouse)
16	3:00 PM	SIG: TV, Moivev & Book (via Zoom)
18	12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	General Membership Lunch (at the Clubhouse)
19	3:00 PM	SIG: TED Talk (via Zoom)
25	9:00 AM	Field Trip (more information to follow)

# Upcoming Events

### January Hostess Event - January 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 AM

Please join us for our January hostess event that will be one of a kind. Our very own Michelle Paganini will be sharing her passion for Upcycling. The day will be filled with learning more about upcycling while celebrating her models - that would be you. When you RSVP, let us know if you want to be a model.

If Upcycled fashion is a topic that intrigues you, check out Pinterest for Michelle's Upcycle boards. With 12k+ pins, sorted by type, you are bound to find something that speaks to you. Search for Paganonoo Upcycle Sewing on Pinterest or use links below:

<https://www.pinterest.com/mrspaganini/boards/>

Boards include Upcycled Accessories, Upcycled Garments, Denim Upcycles, Men's Upcycled Fashion, Children's Upcycled Fashion, Embellished Upcycles, Upcycle Sewing Tutorials

If you are a sewist, Michelle's instructional videos on You Tube are a terrific technique resource: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2kdj05584DbxVqwowJAacQ>

### February Hostess Event - February 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM

Members and Past Presidents Appreciation luncheon with a focus on "Have a Heart" honoring the American Heart Association. In support we encourage wearing RED. More information to follow in early February.



## January Birthdays

LeAnn Clinton      Dec. 1  
Lucy Amico        Jan. 12



### December Luncheon at the History Club of Los Gatos

The History Club of Los Gatos concluded the calendar year with a distinguished December luncheon, bringing together members for an afternoon of culinary enjoyment and cultural enrichment. Attendees were served an elegant crêpe luncheon.

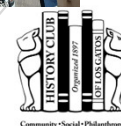
The highlight of the event was a performance by the Los Gatos High School Chamber Women’s Choir. The ensemble offered a polished program that showcased their skill, discipline, and musicality. Members expressed their sincere appreciation for the choir’s talent and for the opportunity to support young musicians in the community.

The luncheon served as a fitting conclusion to the Club’s year of activities, reinforcing the organization’s longstanding commitment to fellowship, cultural engagement, and community involvement.



### 2025 Los Gatos Parade

This year’s Los Gatos Parade once again brought cheer and hometown spirit to downtown. Families filled the sidewalks as marching bands, community groups, and festive floats celebrated the season. The History Club of Los Gatos was right in the mix—walking with more than 160 other groups and joined by two adorable puppies. Before the parade started, a few of us handed out pet treats at the clubhouse for parade participants. All in all, it was a wonderful day of community and fun!



# Crafty Group

## Craft Group - History Club of Los Gatos

Everyone is invited! Our Craft Group meets once a month on the **second Wednesday at 1:00 PM** in the clubhouse. We ask members to **RSVP so we have enough supplies** and contribute **\$5 per meeting** to help cover materials.

This gathering is for all levels—some of us love crafting, and others simply enjoy the fellowship. Some months we have a planned project, and other months we encourage participants to bring a personal project for **show & tell**.

### Upcoming Meetings

- **January - Led by Vikki**

Create a small customized bottle filled with herbs, crystals, and scents to promote your personal intentions for the new year.

- **February - Led by Cindy Gjers**

Learn Origami folding techniques and take home your own beautiful paper creations.



- **March - Led by Mary Daily**

Make a Morse code bracelet and learn how to encode your own message.

**RSVP: Vikki Pearce - vpearce568@gmail.com**

# Community Outreach

## American Red Cross Blood Drive at the History Club

The History Club of Los Gatos helped start the new year with purpose and generosity by hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on January 2, 2026. Thanks to the participation of donors and volunteers, **36 blood collections** were made—exceeding the goal for the day and helping save lives in our community and beyond.

A big thank-you to our dedicated volunteers who made the event smooth, welcoming, and successful: **Denise Ramon Herrera, Joy Silveira, Michelle Paganini, Lynne Dahms, Pauline Ferrito, Diane Dinardi, Lorraine Leipold, Hazie Campsey, Val Andrews, and Cindy Gjers**, and of course our tireless Outreach Committee, **Therese Wiese and Celeste Martin Melehan**.

We are grateful to everyone who donated blood, volunteered time, or supported the effort in any way. Together, we made an impact—one pint at a time!



American Red Cross



# Community Outreach

## Family Giving Tree Community Outreach

Club members were wonderfully generous once again in our collaboration with the Family Giving Tree. Each year we learn more about their incredible outreach—supporting more than 250 partner agencies across six Bay Area counties. Over 100 of those agencies serve children right here in Santa Clara County. This year alone, more than **50,000 gifts** were provided!

Our club participated in three meaningful ways:

**Donations for Wish Fulfillment** – Members contributed funds for the Family Giving Tree to purchase needed gifts and fill in where requests might otherwise go unmet.

**Wish Cards Fulfilled** – We fulfilled and donated **three wishcards**, providing **35 children** with the toys/gifts they requested.

**Warehouse Volunteers** – Six hearty members and one brave husband spent a day in the warehouse sorting, moving, and helping agencies pick up their gifts. It was inspiring, rewarding—and definitely physical—work! We met agency representatives and helped load cars, vans, and rental trucks to make sure toys reached their proper homes for Christmas.

A heartfelt **thank you** to our warehouse crew:

**Vikki Pearce, Therese Wiese, Mairead Donohue, Pat Baker, Mary Grace Miller, Celeste Martin Melehan, and Phil Beltran**

And gratitude to all who contributed:

Thank you to those who donated gifts, shopped, and delivered them so promptly.

Thank you to those who donated money.

Thank you to those who volunteered in the warehouse.

And thank you to those who did all three!

History Club—you helped brighten the holidays for children in our community. You are Santa's helpers extraordinaire!

**And with the HCLG Red Basket collection -  
we donated \$888.38 to Family Giving Tree.**

– Celeste & Therese



# Editor's Fun Corner

**Happy New Year - World Languages Word Puzzle**

**Directions:** Find and circle the phrases meaning "Happy New Year" hidden in the puzzle below. Words may be hidden horizontally, vertically, diagonally, forward, or backward.

B	O	N	N	E	A	N	N	E	E	M	L	F
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G	U	T	E	S	N	E	U	E	S	J	A	H
S	Z	C	Z	E	S	C	I	W	E	G	O	R
B	U	O	N	A	N	N	O	C	E	L	A	E
C	H	U	C	M	U	N	G	N	A	M	M	O
K	A	L	I	M	E	R	A	X	Y	Z	P	Q
S	A	E	E	I	L	L	A	T	S	E	I	R
N	O	V	I	Y	G	O	D	O	M	K	L	T

**Find the Words:**

- Happy New Year
- Bonne Année
- Feliz Año Nuevo
- Gutes Neues Jahr
- Buon Anno
- Szcześluego Roku
- Chúc Mừng Năm Mới
- Noviy God
- Kalimera

## Brick Fundraiser

Our brick fundraiser is still open for business! If you have thought of a tribute or gift idea, please go to <https://www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/hcolg> And mark your calendars for a Brick Dedication on February 15<sup>th</sup>. More to follow.

