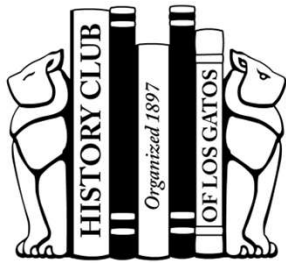


## History Club of Los Gatos

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### President's Message From Jamie Schwarzfeld

As October ends, aka Breast Cancer Awareness month, I was going to write about my recent initiation into this 1 in 7 Women's Club. Today, a better essay fell into my lap.

I wanted to have a background slideshow of our speaker, William Kearney's evolution into the impressive young man you met at this month's dinner meeting. His uncle (a high school history teacher) talked me out of it, predicting I might embarrass a teenager with pictures of him growing up. I placated myself by introducing Targe Lindsay (William & Maddie's pre-K care giver) who was my guest for the dinner, and whom I credited with starting William on the path of being a naturalist and a leader. Targe was so impressed by the 15-year-old William, that he shared several essays in the envelope he sent to HCLGCF with a generous Red Basket donation.

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#### Duck Day

Today I took William and Maddie to Portola Valley to check out the "frog pond" near Corte Madera School. A Jasper Ridge docent had posted information about it recently, wanting to know why the pond appears after rains, why the frogs are suddenly present, are there other "frog ponds", are they similar to vernal pools, what kind of frogs are they, where are the frogs when there is no pond in sight, and a host of other questions...

The Internet information said to park in the Corte Madera School parking lot to get access to the "frog pond". No one in the front office of the school knew anything about the pond...(the pond and 6 acres were actually deeded to the school so classes would have access to a seasonal aquatic environment).

I thanked them for their time and asked if I needed a guest badge or pass to walk through the campus...the woman looked at Maddie in the chest pack in front of me and William standing there with his magnifying glass and plastic container... and said it wouldn't be necessary.

We walked through campus as I tried to remember what I had seen on Google Maps regarding the pond site (I'm still not used to knowing that I easily could access the map again on my phone...) We found a trail that skirted the school grounds. We asked several walkers and joggers where the pond was and each vaguely pointed in the direction we were walking.

I noticed a depression out in a field of dried grass and continued walking toward it. The grass was about 18" high, so we took animal trails. The closer we got to the open water, the mushier the ground became. We did not see or hear any frogs. We skirted the pond (probably no more than 2 feet deep) and came around to the back side of the school. Poor William was so anxious to catch a frog and look at it in his plastic container. We stood there silently.

No frog music, and no frogs in sight.

I told him I was sorry the frogs weren't around today. I told him we could go home and look under the doormat outside the Daddy Day Care room patio door and see if there were any California Slender Salamanders (*Batrachoseps attenuatus*) or Arboreal Salamanders (*Aneides lugubris*) hiding there.

Still hopeful to find at least one frog, and somewhat sad he said,  
*"It must be Duck Day!"*

Targe Lindsay

02/13/14 (William-age 4)



This is the same personality trait William showed when he asked, "Nana, how long should I talk? I can cover the topic in 15 minutes or an hour and 15 minutes." I told him to aim for half an hour, and he spoke for 35 minutes to a captivated audience of our members and their guests.

*Jamie*

## Inspiration - by Jubie Jaramillo

"Be thankful for what you have, your life is someone else's fairy tale."

By Wale Ayeni



# Calendars

NOVEMBER 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	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	1	2	3	4	5	6

4	11:00 AM	HCLG Foundation Board of Directors Meeting (via Zoom)
5	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	HC Board of Directors Meeting (at the Clubhouse)
10	3:00 PM	SIG: The Chatty Cats (via Zoom)
12	1:00 PM	SIG: The Crafty Group (at the Clubhouse)
17	3:00 PM	SIG: TV, Movie and Book (via Zoom)
17	All Day	Fundraiser: Dining for Dollars - Willow Street Pizza LG
19	10:00 AM	Cookie Swap (at the Clubhouse)
20	3:00 PM	SIG: TED Talk (via Zoom)
25		Deadline for submission of content for Cats' Tale

DECEMBER 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	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	11:00 AM	HCLG Foundation Board of Directors Meeting (via Zoom)
3	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	HC Board of Directors Meeting (at the Clubhouse)
6	9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Los Gatos Holiday Parade (Parade and the Clubhouse)
8	3:00 PM	SIG: Chatty Cats (via Zoom)
10	12:00 PM	General Membership Holiday Lunch (at the Clubhouse)
15	3:00 PM	SIG: TV, Movie and Book (via Zoom)
18	3:00 PM	SIG: TED Talk (via Zoom)
30	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Activity Day (at the Clubhouse)
30	12:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Book Discussion - Mother Daughter Murder Night by Nina Simons moderator Pat Baker (at the Clubhouse)

## Upcoming Events

### November Hostess Event The Cookie Exchange - Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30AM

It's that time of year to get out your sweets and share them with friends. Let's get together for a Cookie Exchange and Social! Everyone is welcome. Please bring approximately 4 dozen of your favorite homemade cookies. The first dozen cookies will be for our Tasting Table and the other 3 dozen will be for the Exchange. If you want to attend but don't have the time to bake - join us and pay \$25. (made payable to HCLG and send to Pat Baker).

### Los Gatos Holiday Parade - Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

Coming soon to Los Gatos - the 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Children's Christmas/Holidays Parade! The Community Outreach committee is so proud we have been invited to participate again this year. We are looking for 10-12 volunteers to walk the parade route, plus a few volunteers to be at the clubhouse. Be a part of this fun event - if you would like to help, contact Therese ([theresewiese@gmail.com](mailto:theresewiese@gmail.com)) or Mary Grace ([mvgemiller@gmail.com](mailto:mvgemiller@gmail.com)).

### Future Community Outreach opportunities.

- January 2 - Red Cross Blood Drive
- April - Community Outreach is in the works for April



## November Birthdays

Corrine Johnson	11/12
Pat Baker	11/22
Lynne Dahms	11/28

### Did you know????

The Red Basket collection for November made a positive impact by raising **\$2,339.88** in support of Lexington 4-H. This generous contribution will help the new chapter in big ways.



### General Members Dinner

On October 15th, the club enjoyed a memorable General Members Dinner, graciously hosted by the board. The Clubhouse was transformed with charming barn-themed decor, creating a festive and welcoming atmosphere for all attendees.

The event was well attended, with approximately 70 attendees gathering to celebrate together. To complement the barn theme, guests were served a delicious barbeque dinner catered by South Winchester BBQ. Dessert featured classic apple strudel and ice cream, delighting everyone in attendance.

During the dinner, William Kearney, grandson of Jamie Schwarzfeld, delivered an engaging presentation about the 4-H organization. He focused on the formation of a new chapter in Los Gatos, known as the Lexington Hills 4-H Chapter. Anna Kearney served as the Adult Supervisor for 4-H, providing guidance and support for the group.

As part of the evening's festivities, several roosters were showcased on the patio, enhancing the barn-themed experience and providing a unique display for club members to enjoy.



# Ways and Means

## Pumpkin Sale Fundraiser Success

This year, our Ways and Means team successfully wrapped up the annual pumpkin sale. The pumpkins were truly spectacular, each one artistically adorned with a variety of succulents. In total, more than 115 pumpkins were created, featuring a wide range of sizes, shapes, and colors. We are grateful to Trader Joe's, Nob Hill, and our club members for generously donating the pumpkins, as well as to the members who provided all the succulents. A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who contributed by making the pumpkins, donating supplies, and working at the sale. Your collective efforts made this fundraiser a tremendous success, allowing us to raise **\$3,200.00** for our club. At the conclusion of the sale, twelve pumpkins remained and were donated to a local nursing home and rehab center, where they were received with delight.

## Upcoming Willow Street Restaurant Fundraiser

Our next fundraising event will be held at Willow Street Restaurant in Los Gatos on Monday, November 17th. To participate, simply present the flyer—either on your phone or as a paper copy—to your server when dining. The club will receive 20% of your purchase total. Please help us spread the word by telling friends, neighbors, and family about this opportunity. You do not need to be a club member to join in; just show the flyer. We will include a copy of the flyer in this newsletter and post it on our website. If you need further assistance, please contact Diane Dinardi at [ddinardi@comcast.net](mailto:ddinardi@comcast.net) or call 408 712 4444.



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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17th, 2025

WILLOW STREET PIZZA  
20 S. SANTA CRUZ AVE STE 218  
LOS GATOS, CA 95030

To participate, present this flyer electronically or on paper when you order.  
Willow Street will donate 20% of your Dine-In or Take-Out food and beverage purchases to your organization.  
Not valid with delivery orders.

Applicable at the above date and location only. Not valid with other Willow Street promotions or discounts.  
Please do not solicit other guests on the premises.



# Ways and Means

**See's  
CANDIES**



## See's Candy Online Holiday Store Fundraiser

The final fundraiser for 2025 is our See's Candy online holiday store. The store offers a variety of items, including chocolates, holiday candy, lollipops, peanut brittle, gift cards, mugs, and totes—perfect for holiday shopping. The club will earn 20% of sales on most items and 50% on smaller boxes of chocolates. The online store is now open and will close in time to ensure all items are shipped by the holidays. <https://www.yumraising.com/store/winter-2025-history-club-of-los-gatos-b909/Diaddi16099>

Shipping rates are as follows:

Orders of \$75.00 or more receive free shipping.

Orders up to \$44.99 have a shipping cost of \$8.95.

Orders between \$45.00 and \$74.99 have a shipping cost of \$6.95.

To shop, use the provided link or scan the QR code featured below.

If you have any questions or encounter any difficulties while ordering, please contact Diane Dinardi at [ddinardi@comcast.net](mailto:ddinardi@comcast.net) or 408-712-4444.

Thank you for supporting our fundraiser! Remember, you can place orders not only for yourself but also for friends, neighbors, and family. Happy shopping!

### How to use a QR code,

Open your phone's camera app and point it at the code; a notification or banner will appear, which you should tap to open the content, like a website or app. If your camera doesn't automatically scan, you may need to use a dedicated QR code reader app or a specific function in your phone's settings.

#### On a smartphone (Android and iPhone)

**Open your camera app:** Open the default camera app on your phone.

**Point your camera:** Hold your phone so the QR code is visible in the camera's view. You don't need to take a picture.

**Scan the code:** The camera will automatically detect and scan the code. A notification, banner, or popup will appear on your screen.

**Tap the link:** Tap the notification to open the link or content associated with the QR code.



# Community Outreach

It's not even Thanksgiving, but here we are talking about Christmas! We are once again partnering with Family Giving Tree to make sure that the good little boys and girls get their Christmas gifts in time. For details about their work, please go to [www.familygivingtree.org](http://www.familygivingtree.org).

We'll be available for you to pick up your wishcards on the following dates:

Wed. November 19<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 AM at the cookie exchange

Friday November 21<sup>st</sup> - 11:00 AM-noon

Wishcards and instructions will be provided to you at these times.

All pickups and drop offs are at the clubhouse unless you make special arrangements with us.

Gift drop off: Wednesday December 3 before the 10 AM board meeting, or noon after the meeting OR by special arrangement

We're looking forward to another successful holiday collaboration due to your generosity. We will also be announcing a sorting date at the warehouse once again as soon as we get the date locked in.

Thank you-

Celeste and Therese

Questions or to set up special arrangement contact Celeste ([cmartinmel@gmail.com](mailto:cmartinmel@gmail.com) / 408 398-5154)



Family Giving Tree™



# BLOOD DRIVE

## SAVE THE DATE

Red Cross Blood Drive at the HCLG

Mark your calendars for Friday January 2, 2026 - our second annual Red Cross Blood Drive! Community Outreach will be looking for volunteers to check people in and to help them hydrate after donating blood. More importantly, we need lots of donors so we can improve on our quantity of donations from last year! Those of you who participated last year will appreciate this - we have picked a day the High School is not in session, so we won't have competition for parking places.

Please look for another article in the Cats Tale next month for more information. We will send an email blast as soon as our donor registration site is up and running. If you would like to volunteer, check in with Therese ([theresewiese@gmail.com](mailto:theresewiese@gmail.com)).



And don't forget about the Brick Fundraiser

Our brick fundraiser is still open for business! If you've thought of a tribute or gift idea, please go to [www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/hcolg](http://www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/hcolg)

