

February 2011

Women of Blossom Valley Bible



Ladies,

Love is in the air. Can you smell it? Thank you to Hallmark or St. Valentine, or whoever decided to set aside a day in this month to make sure we remembered to honor those we love with a special tribute!

And with that in mind, I am excited to present to you the gift of Opportunity! Many of us have been working on offering you opportunities to get together with other women in order to find a new friend; get better acquainted with those you already know; bring a friend to discover this wonderful body of believers called Blossom Valley Bible Church; or just have a good time away from work and responsibilities!

Please take a look at the coming events we have planned and make sure to check at the FYI center or call the church for more information about how you can be a part of one or more of these coming events. I promise you a great time with other wonderful women just like YOU!

Derry Garlick

WOMEN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

MARCH 18 Friday at 7:30pm Valley Christian High School will be presenting this musical that has touched audiences around the world with its humor, warmth and honesty. It's universal theme of tradition cuts across the barriers of race, class, nationality and religion, leaving audiences crying tears of laughter, joy and sadness.

In the little village Anatevka, Tevye, a poor dairyman, tries to instill in his five daughters the traditions of his tight-knit Jewish community in the face of changing social mores and the growing anti-Semitism of Czarist Russia.

Tickets are \$15 general, \$13 seniors/students, \$11 children

Come to the FYI center for more information about how to join us for a night at the theatre!

MUG 'n MUFFIN — "SIP AND SWAP"

APRIL 9 Saturday 9:30 to 12:00 Mark your calendars now to save the date for a hilarious time at our first women's swap party! Instead of "shop til you drop", why not "swap" til you drop? A swap party is a budget friendly way to get new things without paying one cent! Bring your new or almost new items to swap for something you have always wanted! This is not a "yard sale" but an opportunity to bring those things that are unused or still beautiful to exchange for something equally nice! No "white elephants"! Examples of items to bring: home accessories, nice jewelry, office accessories or new electronics. More information will be available at the FYI center soon.

DESIGN4LIVING CONFERENCE

MAY 20-21 Friday 6:30 to 9:30 and Saturday 8:30 to 3:00 Cost \$49 group price This is a conference held in Livermore at the Cornerstone Community Church starting Friday night with a concert by FHH (Far From Home), one of Christian music's top artists! FFH has sold over 1.5 million records and has a string of number one hits on the radio including "One of These Days". The special speaker for the conference is Elisa Morgan, one of today's most sought-after speakers, authors and leaders. She has authored over 15 books on mothering, spiritual formation and evangelism. Included in the conference will be the highly acclaimed Christian comedian, Kelli Pomarolli. She is a "clean comedienne" who has appeared multiple times on the Tonight Show, Comedy Central, ABC, NBC, Lifetime, and NBC Family. I have attended a previous conference and can promise you two days of quality speakers, entertainment, and enriching workshops. Lunch is included and this will be money well spent! More information will be coming so check at the FYI center to find out how you can be included in this event!

SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

JULY 16 Hosted by Edie Fritzke at her house. Ladies, do you ever long for those "good old days" of box lunch socials, hats and garden parties? Mark the date for this Saturday summer event and check in at the FYI center for more information in June.

Getting to Know You – Pat Dopyera

When you walk into BVBC and detect wonderful aromas coming from the church, you can be sure that Pat Dopyera is at the helm in the kitchen. For many years she has coordinated the menus, planning, cooking and serving of the many meals we enjoy at our church. With the help of her husband, Ken, and the volunteer kitchen staff, she has provided countless small meals for special occasions and large multi-course dinners for the entire church.

Pat has been married to Ken for nearly 49 years and they have two grown daughters and four grandchildren. Karen Ross lives in San Jose and is the mother of 12 year old Leo, and Suzie Jebo, who lives in Fort Mill, South Carolina, is the mother of 20 year old Cameron, 19 year old Kelly and Clark who is 17. Pat considers herself blessed, not only to be involved in all of their lives, but also to have her mother living in San Jose and a big part of her life.

Ken and Pat grew up in Taft, California and met through his younger sister. They have been at BVBC since 1992 and have enjoyed working in the kitchen together ever since. But they both also have a strong interest in Missions and have served on the Missions Committee most of the time they have been here. Pat is active in the women's ministries and she and Ken also offer invaluable insight as part of the leadership team of the church.

Some of her favorites:

Verse - Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work. If one falls down his friend can help him up, but pity the man (woman) who falls and has no one to help him (her) up!" As believers, we need each other and together we are more effective than we are individually.

Song - "Now is the Time" sung by a young woman named Evie many years ago. It says, "There is a time for everything, there is a season. God has planned everything, and He knows the reason. A time to laugh, a time to cry, a time to be born, a time to die."

Describe the perfect day— It begins with a hot cup of fresh-ground coffee, just after sunrise. Then I would take a leisurely walk on the beach, followed by a dip in the ocean if it isn't too cool. Then a nice, tepid shower. I enjoy reading from a devotional book by John Henry Jowett and then would have breakfast with Ken before going to coffee at Starbucks with my mom. I don't care too much about lunch, but a dinner anywhere with my family would make me happy. After that, some time with a good book would be the end to a perfect day.

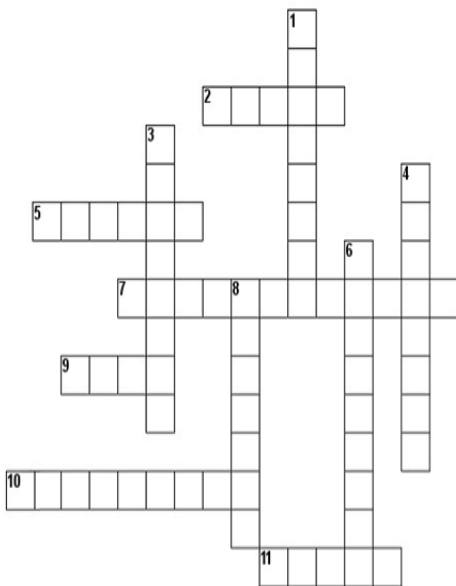
Who is your hero? - My mother is an amazing lady. She is very competent in spite of her 93 years. She never complains, and she is always positive, even when her circumstances are negative. She has taught me to keep looking at the bright side and never give up.

Most influential person? - That has to be Ken. We married when I was 19, so he finished raising me. He completed me and keeps me balanced. He has taught me so much, and I wouldn't be the person I am today without him.

Person you would like to meet— Condoleezza Rice. She has an amazing story and likes fast cars and football!



Puzzle of Love



Across

2. For God so loved the _____ (Jn 3:16)
5. Who shall separate us from the love of ____? (Ro 8:35)
7. If you love me, keep my _____ (Jn 14:15)
9. He that loves not, knows not God, for God is ____ (1Jn4:8)
10. To know the love of Christ, which passes _____ (Eph 3:19)
11. Love the Lord your God with all your _____ (Lk 10:27)

Down

1. We have known and _____ the love that God has for us. (1Jn4:8)
3. Behold what manner of love the Father has _____ upon us. (1Jn3:1)
4. _____ in my love (Jn 15:9)
6. You shall love your _____ as yourself. (Gal 5:14)
8. Love one _____ as I have loved you (Jn. 13:34)

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