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February Programs: Spotlight on Innovation

Laurie White, Yvonne Giambone-Martin, and I, whom make up the 2012 Program Committee, have been very busy working on getting speakers for this upcoming year. Last year's committee who included Kerry Campbell-Price, Rosa Turner and Nancy Richards brought a roster of fascinating speakers to Forum, and we want to thank all of these ladies for all their hard work. Now let's look at the visionary women that we have invited to speak to us in February. Please plan to attend what are sure to be interesting presentations in February and bring a friend!

Donna Spillman.



Kelley Rajala of Share Exchange

For Feb. 2 we've asked Kelley Rajala, founding partner of the Share Exchange on Fourth Street, to tell us about this innovative membership organization that "incubates" the local economy by providing co-work space and cooperative programs like the Made Local Marketplace, Share Fair, Work With Lounge and frequent events that bring people together and help strengthen our local economy in a delightful, welcoming space. If you are an entrepreneur, need some extra work space, have an idea for a project or business you are developing or make creations to sell, then the Share Exchange may be the place for you!



Collette Michaud of Children's Museum of Sonoma Co.

More than a decade ago, Collette Michaud visited the Bay Area Discovery Museum and wondered, "Why don't we have a museum for kids like this in Sonoma County?" On Feb. 16, Collette, now the founder and CEO of the Children's Museum of Sonoma County (CMOSC), will tell us how her dream is growing from an idea to a reality. After starting the successful mobile Museum-on-the-Go program that traveled to local schools to raise awareness about the Museum and engage kids in science and the arts, the CSOMC recently signed a lease on a building next to the Charles Schultz Museum and look forward to their grand opening in 2013.

BOOK GROUP NEWS

BOOK GROUP I will meet at Joan Germeshausen's home Monday, Feb. 6th at 7PM to discuss *One Thousand White Women* by Jim Fergus.

BOOK GROUP II will meet at Celeste Connor's home on Tuesday, Feb. 21st at 7PM to discuss *The Postmistress* by Sarah Blake.

BOOK GROUP III will meet at Anne Seeley's home on Monday, Feb 27th at 7 PM to discuss *Cold Comfort Farm* by Stella Gibbons

FUTURE SPEAKERS

- ★ Mar 1 Lisa Micheli, ED of Pepperwood Preserve
- ★ Mar 15 TBA
- ★ Apr 5 Off site meeting
- ★ Apr 19 Carolyn Stark, ED of Best Jobs via S. R. Chamber of Commerce

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hard to believe that February is here already! January brought us two great speakers - Paul Gullixson from the Press Democrat and Jill Ravitch Sonoma County District Attorney, and we welcomed Elizabeth (Liz) Richardson as our newest member. We look forward to welcoming more guests to Forum in the months to come. Your guests are most welcomed to attend any of our meetings. Their first meeting and breakfast cost is as the guest of Forum, while their second meeting breakfast cost should be covered by the guest or their member sponsor. Thank you all for sharing with your friends and colleagues about Sonoma County Forum and helping us grow.

Thought for the month: sit with someone you don't know very well and discover something you didn't know about them over breakfast! See you February 2nd when our speaker will be Kelley Rajala of Share Exchange.

Rosa Turner

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Epicurean Lunch



Well our Epicurean Muse, Yvonne Giambone-Martin has found a new restaurant for all you Epicurean trailblazers. On February 23rd at noon you are all invited to join the Epicurean Lunch group at Sweet T's, which is located at 2009 Stagecoach Drive #100, in the shopping center where Traverso's and Santi were located. Sweet T's has taken over the former Santi location changing the cuisine to a Southern flavor with such down home favorites as Catfish Po Boys, Hush Puppies, Shrimp and Grits, real Southern Fried Chicken, creamed corn, Gumbo with Okra and molasses cake, and we haven't even mentioned the yummy Barbeque. So if you have a hankerin' for that down home cookin, yall come down to Sweet T's and join us on Thursday, February 23 at noon.

MEETINGS ARE THE 1ST & 3RD THURSDAY @ 7:30 AM @ THE FLAMINGO RESORT