



# Blackhawk Women Newsletter

## *June 2021*

Thank you Linda and Etienne for organizing a great day of unique and fun experience at Raymond Vineyards. Everything was exquisite, as you can tell from the photographs of the trip.



*Thank you everyone for your help with publishing the Blackhawk Women's newsletter for the past two years. It was my pleasure and privilege to inform and amuse you all.*  
*Anca Shassman Kustu*







*May Luncheon-  
Parking Lot Bingo  
by  
Bronwyn Cosgrove*

Thank you Bronwyn for organizing our Bingo Luncheon in the Falls Parking Lot! It was a perfect setting in perfect weather, and it was so much fun to see all our friends.



The Winners



The Master of Ceremonies and his "Spinner"



The Smiling Winners



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## *Blackhawk Women Newsletter*

### Message from our President



*Joy  
Tashjian-  
Castrilli-  
President  
2020-2021*

Dear Blackhawk Women ,

So happy to welcome all you back to our many activities and social events. As the summer kicks-off, we will be launching a full slate of activities. Our Culinary Experts, Etienne Melcher and Linda McColgan will start June off with a Winery Get-Away. Ladies will enjoy a chauffeured ride to the Red Room at Raymond Winery. There they will make their own blend of wine and enjoy a lovely lunch. This event sold-out in minutes.

Don't miss our major social event on **Friday, June 18th**. The theme is Bohemian, but dress is casual chic. This promises to be a fabulous event. Sandy Cosgrove has worked hard to bring us this special event providing a delicious meal and live music (no dancing due to CDC guidelines). Partners and spouses are encouraged to attend.

Finally, it is my pleasure to announce our slate of directors for 2021-2022. The Board unanimously approved the proposed slate of directors presented to the current Board from the nominating committee at our May meeting. You will see many of the ladies generously offered to serve again in light of our unprecedented year, whereby many of these positions were unable to execute their plans for Blackhawk Women.

I am grateful for their dedication. Please make sure to share your good wishes with them.

Very best,  
Joy Tashjian-Castrilli  
President

***Our Blackhawk  
Women Motto:***  
*“Women United in  
Friendship through  
the sharing of Fun,  
Food, and Common  
Interests.”*

2020-2021

## Blackhawk Women Board

Thank you for your hard work and dedication during the last year. It is very much appreciated. Many of the existing board members graciously agreed to volunteer in the same or new positions. See the next sheet for the newly elected board.

President	Joy Tashjian-Castrilli	trdemrkmgt@aol.com	(925) 736-0512
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VP Social	Sandy Cosgrove	sun4san@aol.com	(925) 818-1525
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Media Chair	Mary Plisse	mary_plisse@yahoo.com	(404) 313-1230
Parliamentarian	Julie Woulfe	kjamck@comcast.net	(925)383-8067
Past President	Jodell Stout	jstouts@sbcglobal.net	(925) 989-7042

2020-2021

## Event Chairs and Co - Chairs

Holiday Boutique	Joy Tashjian-Castrilli	trdemrkmgt@aol.com	(925) 736-0512
	Shelly Foster	foster1990ca@gmail.com	(408) 398-2133
Photographer			

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# Activity Leaders

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Movie Divas	Stay Tuned		
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	Anca Strassman (650) 533-5114		<a href="mailto:anca.strassman@gmail.com">anca.strassman@gmail.com</a>
Wine & Dine	Stay tuned		
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# Live Love Laugh Eat & Drink

## Boho... Let's Go!

Friday, June 18, 2021  
Blackhawk Country Club Ballroom  
6 P.M. - Until

## Cocktails, Dinner & Dancing to "Joey T & Friends"

Couples, Singles, Partners, .... All!

\$77 per person- tables of 8

Reservations are now open!  
No cancellations or refunds after 6/11 Firm  
No Host Bar

Google [anniecloth.com](http://anniecloth.com), then Boho Style for  
What to Wear Options

# Live Love Laugh Eat Drink

## Boho...Let's Go! Menu

### Passed Appetizers

Two Bottles of Wine at Each Table For Sharing

### SALAD

Champagne Hazelnut Salad

### ENTRÉE CHOICES

Petite Filet Mignon with Pinot Noir Sauce and Prawns  
Scampi  
with Wine and Garlic Butter Sauce

or

Vegetarian Eggplant Parmesan with Tomato Coulis

### DESSERT

Bourbon Caramel Bread Pudding with Vanilla Ice Cream

For reservations E-Mail: [blackhawkwomenrsvp@gmail.com](mailto:blackhawkwomenrsvp@gmail.com)

Please include your club number and entrée.

Or, send a check made out to Blackhawk Women to  
Anca Kustu, 39 Sugar Pine Lane, Danville, 94506

*Sandy Cosgrove*  
*V.P. Social*



**Bohemian and hippie are not the same fashion-wise.**  
Boho style promotes a romantic look.

*There is no such thing as too big, too long, or too billowy. Big, loose, draped, styles are key. Macrame, fringe also!*

**Maxi dresses** are great for a BOHO look, and you can belt them to show off your figure. Wear sneakers with your dresses to add a touch of masculine to their boho style.

**Soft, flowing tops.** Layer them over baggy pants or another flow skirt. For men, look for loose-fitting pants and slouchy shirts or tees.

**Layer, then layer some more.** Try a flowy dress over flared jeans or a tunic over pants and boots. Mix bold colors and patterns. Put unexpected pieces together.

**Wear chunky jewelry.** Big bracelets, long necklaces, oversized rings. Layer multiple pieces of jewelry in all sorts of colors and styles, multiple bangles on your wrist in different colors and materials. Layer a few different necklaces. Pop on a large stone ring.

**Throw on a scarf.** Scarves in fun prints and bright colors. Around your neck, around your head or around your waist to complement a flowing dress.

**Add unique footwear.** Strappy sandals, like gladiator sandals or Birkenstocks. Colorful boots, beaded flats. Men can wear anything from boots to suede lace-up shoes to moccasins to sandals.

**Look for inspired headwear.** A floppy hat, flower or feather crowns are also very BOHO chic. Add one to your look for a creative, feminine touch.

Check out [Etsy.com](https://www.etsy.com) , [OrientalTrading.com](https://www.orientaltrading.com) or [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) or [Anthropology.com](https://www.anthropology.com) for more ideas. And then shop in your own closet!



*Blackhawk Women  
With Birthdays in June*

*Happy Birthday to All*

Theresa Pecoraro	Thursday	6/3
Jean Peterson	Sunday	6/6
Margie Basile	Monday	6/7
Marlene Williamson	Monday	6/7
Lisa Foley	Thursday	6/10
Christin Hafstad	Friday	6/11
Sheri Sokoloff	Friday	6/11
Ruth Swedlow	Saturday	6/12
Teresa Brannon	Sunday	6/13
Terrie Gleason	Wednesday	6/16
Cindy Inloes	Wednesday	6/16
Juliet Reece	Friday	6/18
Anita Rollin	Friday	6/18
Shelley Foster	Saturday	6/19
Susan Lambertson	Saturday	6/19
Linda Marver	Sunday	6/20
Linda Goetz	Monday	6/21
Faith Harris	Tuesday	6/22
Donna Wamsley	Tuesday	6/22
Marjorie Carol Nothern	Wednesday	6/23
Lisa Anderson	Thursday	6/24
Laurie Bulkeley	Thursday	6/24
Judith Simmons	Friday	6/25
Terri Lawson	Monday	6/28
Renaе Valdes	Monday	6/28



*Blackhawk Women  
With Birthdays in July*

*Happy Birthday to All*

Louise Houghton	Saturday	7/3
June Chew	Monday	7/5
Amanda Sinclair	Monday	7/5
Sally Klein	Tuesday	7/6
Jane Levine	Wednesday	7/7
Maria Mabardy	Friday	7/9
Sandy Johansen	Saturday	7/10
Padideh Towfighi	Sunday	7/11
Consuelo Vargas	Monday	7/12
Bronwyn Cosgrove	Wednesday	7/14
Joyce Farrell	Friday	7/16
Kelly Hall	Friday	7/16
Nicole Courtemanche	Saturday	7/17
Eloisa Ortenburger	Monday	7/19
Catherine Davies	Wednesday	7/21
Ann Taylor	Wednesday	7/21
Sandy Heller	Sunday	7/25
Helen Ivanov	Sunday	7/25
Ann Schultzel	Monday	7/26
Tina Vrionis	Saturday	7/31

## *Birthday Ladies - June 2021*

### *Sandy Heller*

I will be celebrating my 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday this July.....definitely hard to believe. I don't expect anything special as we will have just moved from Blackhawk to Walnut Creek. We have been wanting to move north for some time as it puts us closer to our two adult grandchildren who live in Martinez with their families. We look forward to spending less time on 680 as we like to get together for holidays, birthdays, etc. Besides the adult grandchildren, I have 4 great grandchildren and a great-great grandchild in the Martinez area. We will be moving into Sequoia Living Viamonte, a continuing living senior facility which is brand new and close to being a 5-star hotel. I am looking forward to meeting new neighbors although I hate leaving Blackhawk as it is such a beautiful community. I will miss my wonderful neighbors and good friends here in Blackhawk, although all I will need is an invitation back to visit....and of course they can visit in Walnut Creek also.

Seems like yesterday on my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, we took my three boys and their families to Sun River, OR for a week during the summer and had a great time. All agreed it was the best vacation they had in years. I must add that Sun River is a great place for a family reunion as there are so many things to do. My family loves the water so they spent a lot of time on the river. One of my sons who is a certified river rafter, brought a van full of equipment which was great .....I have enjoyed being the Treasurer of Blackhawk Women this year and got to know many more of the members. It is a great organization with many caring, fun and hardworking members.

Here's to a wonderful summer for everyone.

*Sandy*





*Birthday Ladies - June 2021*  
*Ruth Swedlow*

Yippee Skippee and Holy Cow! I always knew I would get old some day - I just didn't expect it to happen so soon. Or actually - I didn't expect to to happen to me. Ever!

I will be 75 years old this month. Yes- I know you are all saying "OMG Ruth, that can't be so", and I am saying the same thing. But alas, it is so. I clearly have more yesterdays and fewer tomorrows, and that's just the way it is.

So now that I am "officially elderly" and can get away with saying whatever s#%#t I want - what do I want to say?

The Pandemic has been an eyeopener and a game changer. I no longer need to be everywhere and do everything. I no longer suffer from FOMO - (Fear Of Missing Out) - well, maybe just a little.

I have learned how to appreciate the quiet times (OMG - maybe I REALLY am old!); I have learned how to be proud of my ability to appreciate the \$8 wines from Safeway and not be intimidated by my wine snob friends; I have accepted the fact that I will never hit the five foot tall mark and will therefore never be a fashionishta; I am OK with my weirdly art filled and tschotse filled funky house and with who I am.

After almost 30 years of being in BHW - many of them in leadership positions including President, I am so happy to pass the baton on to others - knowing that the group will stay strong. I love that I and my other "elderly" (ha ha) friends are included in activities in and outside BHW parameters. Thank you for including us. I am so grateful for the friends that I have made and the experiences we have had together. I love that BHW encompasses a range of ages.

I am grateful that the man I met when I was 18 years old is still by my side and is still the wind beneath my wings.

And yes - after Covid growing out my hair, I am FINALLY able to have my non-age appropriate ponytail. Always wanted one - it never happened, and now - here it is! Yup - the ponytail!

In the words of Jules Renard (a really cool dude who was born in 1864): "It's not how old you are, it's how you are old".

Yup - I am old. I never thought it would happen to me - but it truly beats the alternative.

**Ruth Swedlow**  
**6/12/1946**

*My Family*  
by  
*Julie Moore- Activities Chair*

Grammy Moore spent her very first  
"Grandmothers/Mothers Day" with her two favorite people:  
Daughter Marisa and Grandson Brody.



# Blackhawk Women **Party Hawks** Escape Room Adventure!!

Tuesday, June 22, 2021



**Dinner at *Yard House* in Concord at 5:00 p.m.**

**Escape from “The Attic Society” beginning at 6:30 p.m. at ATG**

The Attic Society Escape room game is played with two teams, each team starts in a separate room. Group A will be in one room and group B will be in the 2nd room. The two groups will have to communicate with each other thru a wall. There are puzzles and clues in both rooms. The two groups need to work together to open the door between them. Once the door is opened, the entire team now has to work to escape the second room together. The fun part is, all of us play at the same time and have the same experience. It's just that both teams are competing to escape the room faster than the other.

Here is the link to preview The Attic Society: <https://youtu.be/YycLOy4Lqa0>

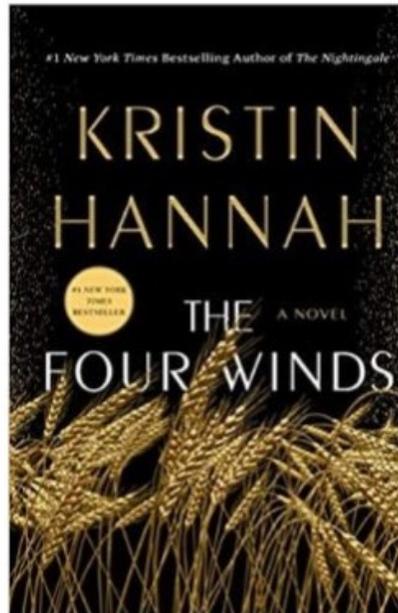
## ***Event Details***

- **Cost per person is \$30.00 and is limited to 30 attendees.**
- Event is open to Blackhawk Women plus (spouse, partner, friend) and Blackhawk Women singles.
- Meet at Yard House in Concord at 5 p.m. for dinner. Dinner cost is not included in the per person price of the event. Dinner is optional.
- Check in at ATG in Concord (Above the Game) at 6:30 p.m. Escape Room experience begins at 7 p.m. for an hour followed by 15 to 20 minute debrief session.
- **RSVP no later than Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> to Aly Baker at [ajohnsen@msn.com](mailto:ajohnsen@msn.com) or via phone 925-330-0371.** Your check is your reservation, checks should be made payable to Blackhawk Women and either delivered or mailed to Aly. Her address is 185 Alta Vista Way, Danville, CA 94506.
- **Questions???** Contact Aly Baker at [ajohnsen@msn.com](mailto:ajohnsen@msn.com) or 925-330-0371, or Kim Chandler at [kimachandler@gmail.com](mailto:kimachandler@gmail.com) or 925-200-6146

# Book Buzz

## Chairperson:

Pat Jenkins  
925.683.4921  
[patriciajenkins91@gmail.com](mailto:patriciajenkins91@gmail.com)



Meeting: will be on ZOOM

Participants: Not necessary to have read the book to join in on the Book Buzz meeting

Meeting Date: June 8, 2021

Meeting Time: 10:00 am

ON ZOOM: Meeting ID: TBA  
Passcode: book

Book: The Four Winds

by Author: **Kristin Hannah**

The grit stinging your eyes and getting stuck in your teeth isn't real, that's just how evocative Kristin Hannah's descriptions of the Dust Bowl storms are. The unlikely heroine, Elsa Martinelli, will lodge herself into your heart. *The Four Winds* is a reminder, when we so urgently need it, of the resiliency not only of the human spirit, but of this country as well.

Contact Pat Jenkins: [patriciajenkins91@gmail.com](mailto:patriciajenkins91@gmail.com) Please do not call.



*Movie Divas*  
*Rose Gogarty, Chairperson*

## **Movie Divas— A Recap**

Here is a recap of the movies Movie Divas have seen in the last few years! Once Upon A Time in Hollywood (July/2019); Downtown Abbey (Sept/2019); Judy (Oct/ 2019); Maleficent: Mistress of Evil (Oct/2019); The Last Christmas (Nov/2019); When Harry Met Sally (Dec/2019); Little Women (Dec/2019); Dolittle (Jan/2020); The Call of the Wild (Feb/2020); and, Emma (Mar/2020). There are a few good movies coming out that I think the group would like. A blast will be sent out with the details.

Here are a few movies to look forward to this summer:

### **Finding You (PG)**

A young musician spending a summer abroad falls in love with a movie star in Ireland.

### **Cruella (PG13)**

A live action adaptation starring Cruella De Vil (Emma Stone) of 101 Dalmatians.

### **In The Heights (PG13)**

Musical by Lin-Manual Miranda. The story is set over the course of three days, involving characters in the largely Dominican neighborhood of Washington Heights in New York City.

## **Rose Gogarty**

**Movie Divas chairperson**

## *Cooking is Caring* *Sheila Campbell, Chairperson*

Do you know or have you heard about one of our Blackhawk Women members or their immediate family that is undergoing a major surgery? Is recovering from chemotherapy? Or has some critical health condition? Send a "Get Well Meal" to show them you care and that you are thinking of them. BW "Cooking is Caring" will send a delicious meal and deliver it to their doorstep. Our fully prepared meals are suitable for get-well dinners or a sympathy food gift. A meal is the perfect way to show how much we really care!

For more details and guidelines regarding this program, contact our chairperson.

[SheilaCampbell1958@gmail.com](mailto:SheilaCampbell1958@gmail.com)

925.837.6821

## *Knit and Stitch*



**Chairperson:**

Sylvia Armstrong 925.820.4585

[sylviesays@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sylviesays@sbcglobal.net)

**When:** Monday, June 14

**Time:** 1:00 p.m.

**Where:** The home of Ingrid Lara  
5053 Blackhawk Drive  
Danville

**Hostess:** Ingrid Lara  
925-788-1698  
[ingridlar@yahoo.com](mailto:ingridlar@yahoo.com)

**RSVP:** Please RSVP to hostess.

Our members gather to share our handmade textile projects and to have fun by story telling, pattern sharing, making friendships, and providing console during challenging times. These ladies are very talented and make the most beautiful articles of clothing, throws, tablecloths, and framed counted cross stitch. Once you join the group, you never drop out!

# Mah Jongg

Monday Mah Jongg is alive and well and working in the Pandemic Universe! We are playing via Zoom on a Mah Jongg app called "Real Mah Jongg." We meet at 1:00 p.m. every Monday. If you are familiar with the game and with Zoom and you would like to join us - please contact me.

Ruth Swedlow: ([ruthswedlow@yahoo.com](mailto:ruthswedlow@yahoo.com)) or 925.820.3207.



# ***NEW MEMBER'S FORM***

**FEE: \$60.00**

Janinne Franke, VP Membership  
janinnefranke@yahoo.com

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ Referred By: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I live within the gates of Blackhawk or

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a member of Blackhawk Country Club.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a New Member or \_\_\_\_\_ I am a Renewal.

Payment by check # \_\_\_\_\_ or Blackhawk Country Club # \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

We'd like to acknowledge your birthday: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail your check payable to Blackhawk Women or provide your Blackhawk Country Club Member number to: Janinne Franke, 4443 Dear Ridge Road Danville, CA 94506

**All members will receive their newsletter electronically. \*\*Blackhawk Women Bylaws; Article III, Membership and Dues; Section D: Dues of new members who join after April 1st shall be applied to the ensuing calendar year. Our calendar year runs from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.**