President’s message
June 2012

Our Annual meeting and luncheon was very successful. The program was very well received, particularly Grant Holcomb’s address on the state of the MAG; as well as the presentation by Teddy Carr and Margaret Thompson: ‘The Way We Were’. The luncheon was of good quality and plenty of it. The cookies for dessert seemed fine and then out came the apple pie: an all together excellent meal from Max’s.

Susan Barnett, Helena Spring and Lois Sumberg set up a raffle of some beautiful jewelry from last year’s Art and Treasure’s Sale. People bought a lot of tickets, the winning tickets were drawn by Grant and Joe Carney, both of whom hammed things up a little. Several happy members won the lovely jewels and we made almost $400.

At the meeting, I spoke briefly about the use of team work in the Gallery Council activities; using the Hospitality and Program Committees as examples of how team work has allowed these two groups to successfully meet their goals. Also, the Future Planning Committee was discussed as to their work with the Strategic Plan; noting that the responsible parties for each of the goals have become more overlapping, indicating how the GC is almost automatically developing the team approach to working together.

‘The Way We Were’ showed slides from the archives taken at some of the fund raisers from the early 1980’s. Such ambitious GC volunteers!! The start of the restaurant at the MAG was well documented in the pictures by Teddy and Margaret. Who knew that our own GC members actually started thinking food, now resulting in Max’s at the Gallery. The presentation was entertaining and educational for all of us.

This time of year is always a little bittersweet for me. I reluctantly say goodbye to some valued Board members such as Bev Pickering, Sandy Koon and Kathy King, while at the same time welcome the new Board members:

- Marilyn Merrigan and Nancy Curnutt (Program Committee)
- Joanna Grosodonia and Pat Rahn (Membership Committee)
- Wendy Shellman and Carol Spagnola (Hospitality Committee)
- Pamela Miller Ness (Recording Secretary).

Other Board members are staying on for the remainder of their term or have agreed to change their focus for the next year or two:

- Lois Sumberg (First Vice President),
- Bonnie Voll (Second Vice President),
- Barbara O’Hare (Public Relations Committee),
- Connie Klein (Project Treasurer),
- Peg McNamara and Michelle Turner (Art Tours Committee) and
- Pam Foye will be our Nominating Committee Chair.
- Freddie Amstey (Administrative Treasurer),
- Carmen Signorino (Corresponding Secretary),
- Margaret Thompson (Historian and Archivist)

So you can see, the Board is strong again in 2012-2013.

Many Centennial festivities to look forward to all year. It will be a great one!! A year in which I strongly urge you to get involved with your Gallery Council!

Happy Summer to all, Mary Sue