

A monthly newsletter of The Aronos Research Club, Inc.
Proud members of GFWC & CFWC



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Veterans Christmas Tree Project Update

We are proud to share that our Veterans Christmas Tree won 3rd Place and \$200! We plan to return all ornaments to the family members who shared photos and stories honoring the 90 veterans represented on our tree. Unfortunately, heavy rain and winds softened the ground and our tree, along with many others, fell several times. Thanks to quick action by Chamber of Commerce volunteers, the tree was secured—but most ornaments were damaged. We now need help repairing the ornaments before returning them to the families.

Join us for a Crafting Day: Tuesday, January 13 | 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Aronos Clubhouse. Coffee, tea, and cookies will be provided so come lend a hand and enjoy a fun, meaningful project together!



Winnings from the Veteran's Tree will go to Sonora High for a Sober Grad Night and to Cassina High for their 2026 Christmas Fund.

Upcoming Events

January 6th - 10:30 am - Board Meeting
January 13th - 10:00-3:00 - Craft Work Day at Clubhouse
January 20th - 10:00 am - General Meeting
January 20th Following Meeting - Vietnam Continued
Contra Dance and Silent Auction - January 17th - 7:00 pm
February 3rd - 10:00 am - Board Meeting
February 12th - CFWC District Meeting Bakersfield
February 17th - 10 am General Meeting
February 17th - Following Meeting Vietnam Continued
Every Monday and Wednesday - 9:00 am - Stretching with Annie (See directly below)
April 26th - Spring Tea - SAVE THE DATE!

Gentle Movement, Balance and Relaxation with Annie

FREE on Mondays and Wednesdays 9-10 am
Come meet our new club member, Annie, and enjoy gentle stretching in a calm environment with her relaxed teaching style. Chair exercises available in a nice warm, friendly environment. Come meet new friends at the Aronos! No cost - sponsored by the Aronos Club Health and Wellness Committee

DANCE & SILENT AUCTION with caller MYA ROE!

Saturday, January 17th, 7:00 pm

Members, please come and support this Fundraiser for the Club and bid on some **WONDERFUL** silent auction items!

PLAN TO COME AND ENJOY!

We want to thank the following Bunco Sponsors for their generous donations!

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The Aronos Research Club, Inc., is a proud member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) and the California Federation of Women's Clubs (CFWC). We are in Area "B" in the San Joaquin Valley District. Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month September through May at 11:00 A.M.



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New Year's Eve Dance a Great Success!

Our New Year's Eve Dance was a wonderful success, thanks to our generous sponsor, Adventist Health. Individuals and families came together to enjoy lively music by the Contra Band, with Nick the Caller adding energy, laughter, and expert dance instruction!

Even the rain couldn't dampen spirits—friends and families still turned out to celebrate the New Year together. The evening ended with smiles all around and one lucky new dancer even went home with the door prize!

Do you know of an organization or individuals who are looking to rent a space for an event?

How about the Aronos Clubhouse for your events or special occasions? Price is very affordable, chairs and tables on-site, and plenty of room for dancing? ... exercising? ... club meetings? ... large family parties? 20 % discount to members and friends of Aronos! Call Shelly for more information ... 209-770-1144



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Recycle for the Environment and Cash for Aronos!

Don't forget we now have a blue recycle container at the back door of the Clubhouse. We are able to get money for cans and plastic bottles and we will recycle monthly.

Crafts on Wheels

Crafts on Wheels is our newest outreach project—and we need your help! Volunteers are needed to package craft kits that Meals on Wheels will deliver to homebound seniors in our community.

This program provides more than 100 seniors every three months with age-appropriate, prepackaged craft kits, complete with easy-to-read instructions. In December, participants enjoyed creating festive Christmas trees made from pipe cleaners. This month, we are assembling Valentine pillows.

Please join us! Tuesday, January 13th - 10:00 am – 3:00 pm at the Clubhouse. Help us put these projects together and make a difference for our local seniors.

We extend heartfelt thanks to our generous friends and sponsors: Chicken Rancheria Tribal Office, Tuolumne County Arts, Adventist Health, the Senior Center, and Meals on Wheels for their continued support.



From the House Committee

Our clubhouse heater is nearly 30 years old. While it still provides some warmth, it is inefficient, noisy, and does not adequately heat the entire building—especially the back areas, which often remain cold.

After careful consideration, we have determined it is time to replace the unit with a modern system that will both heat and cool our building efficiently. We have obtained three estimates, with the lowest coming in at approximately \$15,000.

Thanks to generous early support—including \$100 donations from Black Oak Casino and the Sonora Area Foundation, along with funds raised through our Veterans Christmas Tree project—we are off to a great start.

Now comes the fun (and important) part: fundraising! We'll be writing grants, planning fundraisers, selling cupcakes—whatever it takes. Soon, members and friends will also be able to donate directly through our Zeffy account dedicated to this project.

If our foremothers could pay off this beautiful building in just a few years, surely we can work together to install a new HVAC system that will keep everyone comfortable for decades to come. So far, we've raised \$400—and we're just getting started! Thank you for your continued support of our clubhouse and our club.

We accept tax deductible donations which help fund building projects, scholarships and our Aronos Club Teacher Support Program.

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