


## Spring Conference Committee Report

**DATE:** Friday, May 17 evening and Saturday, May 18 all day

**VENUE:** Barbara Wackford Community Center, Valley Oak Ballroom, 9014 Bruceville Road, Elk Grove, 95758

**THEME:** Reach for the Stars! 

**REGISTRATION:** Currently at 57 attendees. Purchase your ticket now for \$159 until sold out.

**EVENT EMCEE:** John Pasamonte

**KEYNOTE and EDUCATION SESSION:** Richard Peck, Past International President

**ENRICHMENT SESSION:** David Goad

### **COMMITTEES:**

- **Audio/Visual** – David Betowski, Pat Knight and Skip Smith
- **Catering** – Marcy Johnson
- **Decorations** – Chibwe Chungu and Ann Rose
- **District Awards** – Laura Gregory
- **DTM Ceremony** – Denise Alder Gutherz
- **First Timers'/Specialty & Advanced Clubs Table** – Louise Houdelette
- **Friday Night Fun (The Sky's the Limit: All Characters Welcome)** – Patricia Berlant
- **History Table** – Rick Sydor
- **Logistics/Venue Liaison** – Joey Waldrop
- **Parade of Banners** – Angie Rodriguez
- **Past DD/DG Meeting** – Lance McMahan
- **Program/Agenda** – Sue Eisberg
- **Publicity** – Lynda Mendez and Veena Vijayaraj-Kadidal
- **Raffle Baskets** – Rose Cooke and Minda Fernish
- **Registration** – Denise Alder Gutherz
- **Set Up and Take Down** – **OPEN**
- **Shop 39** – Marcy Johnson
- **Snack and Drinks** – **OPEN**

## STATUS UPDATES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- A tentative agenda has been developed and is subject to modification as needed.
- A walk-through of the venue is scheduled for Friday, 4/19/24 to confirm room dimensions and how to configure A/V equipment, tables and other items.
- Hannibal's Catering will provide a full dinner on Friday night, and three meals on Saturday: continental breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The final menu offerings will be announced soon.
- Decorations will incorporate a theme of black, gold and stars.
- Friday Night Fun will include a costume contest, games, and interactive activity(ies).
- For the Parade of Banners, clubs have the option to carry their banner in person at the venue or to provide Angie with a photo of their banner, which will be included in a slide show. Angie has emailed all club officers to confirm which method the club will choose.
- The agenda/program will offer advertising space. Any club, business or individual wishing to buy ad space, contact Committee Chair Sue Eisberg.
- The publicity campaign is expected to roll out any day. Look for posts on the D39 Facebook page and other social media sites and SHARE with your clubs.
- Clubs will be contacted by the Raffle Baskets team and encouraged to donate a basket. This was a fun and lucrative vehicle in 2023, yielding over \$900 to help offset conference costs.
- The maximum number of attendees will be determined after the venue walk-through. Tentative caps are in the range of 112-120.
- Shop 39 will require staffing by attendees. Shifts will be brief, since the shop won't be open during speeches and presentations, only between speaking segments.
  
- Committee Chairs are still needed for (1) Set Up and Take Down and (2) Snacks and Drinks.

Please join a committee! The more hands, the lighter the work for all. Contact Marcy Johnson [smkljohnson@comcast.net](mailto:smkljohnson@comcast.net) or (916) 955-4303 for more information.