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Merced Chapter
California Women For Agriculture



Statewide Convention 2011

A Time To Celebrate

Please join us January 7-9 at our statewide annual meeting
and convention in Napa.

You can find the registration at www.cawomen4ag.com.

We hope you can join us!

Save the Date!

Christmas Social
Dec. 16, 2009

5:30 pm at the home of Maria Giampaoli.
Please bring a main dish or side dish.
Drinks and dessert will be provided.



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October's Donor Dinner

The Merced California Women for Agriculture (CWA) Chapter held their Annual Donor Dinner at the Bear Creek Pumpkin Patch. This event is held to thank the donors who support the Merced CWA Chapter and to announce the Bell Ringer recipient.

This year the Bell Ringer Award went to Tyrone "Ty" Shaeffer. Ty was born and raised in Gridley, CA. He is a fourth generation Californian. Both sides of his family have been involved in farming, so his interest in agriculture is in his DNA.

Ty attended Gridley schools and upon graduation went to Yuba Junior College and then transferred to Chico State College. He majored in Speech, Drama and English. After graduating from Chico State he was drafted and spent a year in Vietnam. Returning to college he completed a major in speech therapy and has worked as a speech therapist for Merced City School District and for Weaver School District.

Recently, Ty and his brother, Gary, have spearheaded development of property, located in the Sutter Buttes that has been in their family since 1860, planting a hundred acres in almonds. The property, which Ty loves to share with hikers who hike with the Middle Mountain Foundation, is located in Sutter County. The Sutter Buttes are known as the Smallest Mountain Range in the world.

In the summer, Ty has spent the last 20 years working as superintendent of the Agriculture Building for the Merced County Fair. The focus and design of the building centers on agriculture and it's importance in our lives. The building incorporates history, economics, and information to help educate fair attendees about the agricultural industry that supports, feeds and adds value to our daily existence.

Ty is married to Ardene Gobler Shaeffer, a speech therapist with Merced County Office of Education and they have two adult children Joshua and Marlowe.

Congratulations Ty!!

2011 Chapter Officers

This is the 2011 slate of officers who will be voted on at our December meeting.

Please join us on January 18, 2011 for the installation dinner. Time and location to follow in the January newsletter.

President: Maria Azevedo
1st VP: Cortney Regalo
2nd VP: Christina Veira
3rd VP: Melba Miyamoto
Secretary: Liz Barbosa
Treasurer: Rochelle Koch

Bylaws

**Be sure to review our bylaws on the website.
We will have a final vote on these at our
December meeting.**



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