



THE HOT SHEET

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SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

Members and guests enjoyed a sparkling luncheon at Diamante while hosting 2018 scholarship recipients, friends and guests.

Guest speaker and former (2013 and 2014) scholarship recipient Sandra Escobar gave an inspiring speech about her move from El Salvador in 2010, obtaining a GED in eight months, and going on to obtain an associate degree at NPC. She is now attending Henderson State College and hopes to obtain a masters degree and teach college-level Spanish.

Eleven young women received scholarships this year, and eight were on hand to tell their stories and thank members for their donations. The stories were heart-warming, and emphasized the qualities that lead to success self—reliance and persistence.



Scholarship recipients and guests: Ioana Georgescu, Keanna Peck (back row), Aaron Johnson, NPC vice president of student affairs Jerry Thomas, Morgan Rodriguez, Leslie Camacho, NPC interim director of development Nicole Herndon, Kaitlin Simmons, Sophia Soileau and Hayley Bowden.

Night of Angels—Luminaria Night

There's still time to order luminaria!

Kits cost \$20 and includes 8 luminaries. The luminaries will be set out on Friday, Nov. 30 in front of homes and/or on driveways by 6 p.m.

Order forms can be obtained from Kim Townsan at townsaka@yahoo.com.

Volunteers are need to assemble and deliver kits; contact Kim if you'd like to help.



Guest speaker Sandra Escobar gives an inspiring talk about her journey from El Salvador to U.S. citizenship and getting an education with help from an AAUW scholarship.



Mad scientist and education director Jeremy Mackey conducts experiments with dry ice.



Members enjoyed the interactive exhibits.

GENERAL MEETING

The Oct. 17 general meeting was held at the Mid-America Science Museum in Hot Springs, where members had free time to explore the museum and grounds before gathering in the party room for the meeting. Museum executive director Diane LaFollette opened the program discussing theories on the importance of “informal education,” or learning that takes place outside the classroom, in museums, libraries, etc. She explained that the “informal side” is just as important as classroom education, for children to discover things on their own, including new talents and interests. She also explained how museum visits foster family learning and bring to life what children have studied in school (“advancing education in the community”).

Next year is the 40th anniversary of the museum; it was founded in 1979, just 11 years after the founding of the Exploratorium in San Francisco. It was based on new ideas in science museum management, generated in the 1960s, whereby the “old style” (dioramas, taxidermy, etc.) was replaced by hands-on exhibits.

The museum was renovated in 2015, and in 2016 was one of 10 recipients of a National Medal for Museum and Library Service for community service.

LaFollette explained that a lot of research has gone into needs of the community, and several programs are in the works; the most exciting of

these is an after-school pilot program, which will start in January 2019. The program, “Science after School,” will run five days a week and emphasize learning while having fun. The museum is also conducting outreach to “delta schools,” which includes teaching training.

Members were also treated to a demonstration by Dr. Jeremy Mackey, director of education at the museum – “Not Your Average Ice Cube.” Dr. Mackey conducted several experiments with dry ice and entertained the group with his “mad scientist” impression.

SAVE THE DATE

Nov. 8 Luminary kit assembly by members
 Nov. 12-16 Luminary kits delivered by members
 Nov. 30 Night of Angels Luminaria (6:00)

Jan. 16 Boys & Girls Club tour with lunch at Home Plate
 Feb. 20 Partner with National Park for Diversity Month
 March 20 Garbo Watson Hearne Gallery visit
 April 17 Annual meeting – guest speaker Linda Black - (UUVIC)