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The Mussell Messenger

Santa Maria Valley Senior Club Newsletter

Monthly Membership Meeting Monday, February 6

Doors Open @ 5:30 p.m. / Dinner @ 6 p.m.

Catered by



*featuring
three kinds of pasta,
three kinds of sauce,
& three kinds of meat!
Plus salad & bread sticks!*

*All this for only \$10 per person
Program: joyce ellen lippman
Area Agency on Aging*

Reservation Deadline: January 30

*Elwin E. Mussell Senior Citizens Center, 510 E. Park Ave.,
Santa Maria, CA 93454 925-0951, Ext. 2207*



**50/50
Drawing**



**Jo York
President**

Welcome February!

Happy February everyone! I hope everyone had a great holiday season. I enjoyed the time off from the front desk so much that I took the two weeks off from everything else, too. But the real world has returned, hence this message.

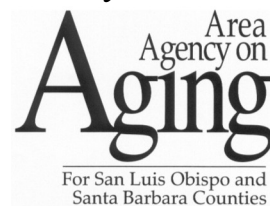
I know some of you are aware of what's going on with the Tuesday/Thursday 9:00 a.m. exercise class, and some of you don't care, but for those who don't know, and DO care, here is what we know so far. The instructor, Esther, is still out of the country so nothing can be finalized until she returns. The city has been working on a proposal to present to her upon her return. If she returns soon, and she accepts the city's proposal, the city hopes classes will start sometime this month. We are sorry, but nothing concrete can be done until Esther returns. We all hope that is soon. If something is finalized before the next newsletter, we will have fliers up in the lobby, and an email will be sent out to those who have provided an email address to us (another great reason to give us one, even if you want the newsletter mailed to you).

The monthly Membership Dinner is Monday, February 6, and we will be having food catered by Olive Garden. They have a "build your own" pasta dinner. They will bring three kinds of pasta, three kinds of sauce (alfredo, meat, and marinara) plus three kinds of meat (chicken, meatballs, and Italian sausage). All of this in addition to their salad, bread sticks and mints ~ all for the usual \$10.00! We thought this sounded great, so I hope you all like it.



50/50 We are adding a 50/50 drawing to the dinner beginning this month. We will be selling tickets at \$1 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5. We thought this might be fun for everyone, and it might help offset some of the other expenses of the dinner. We hope you agree. Sadly, we are not going to have the birthday drawing anymore, but we will recognize the birthdays of the month – and sing to you, you lucky devils!

Your speaker for this meeting is going to be Joyce Ellen Lippman from the Area Agency on Aging. She is the Executive Director and will speak on community resources and new development. She has been with this organization for more than thirty years and has lots of knowledge and experience to share with us. Please, welcome her.



We have a Valentine Dance this month *[see page 11]*, and it's FREE thanks to the grant the club received from the Community Foundation of San Luis Obispo. We are going to try to continue this grant for next year. So hopefully the dances will remain free for the foreseeable future. The dance is Sunday, February 12, from 1:30 to 4 p.m., and as usual, the Riptide Band will be playing. If you would bring an unsealed valentine card to the dance,

we will take them to some nursing homes for people to enjoy. Maybe have your grandchildren fill out some. They might have fun doing it!

As you may know, we have a new treasurer, Jason Schellas, and you will begin to see his monthly reports on the bulletin board shortly. We may have found a new secretary for the board, too! I will keep you posted.

Happy Valentine's Day! Until next time, be healthy and have fun! ~ Jo York, President

2017 OFFICERS

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|----------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
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OFF-SITE ACTIVITIES

| | | |
|------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Mondays | 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Drop-in Softball Hagerman Sports Complex |
| Tuesdays | 9:00 a.m. – Noon | Lawn Bowling Club 4205 S. McClelland St. |
| Thursdays | 9:00 a.m. – Noon | Lawn Bowling Club 4205 S. McClelland St. |
| | 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Drop-in Softball Hagerman Sports Complex |

Editor's Note: Hopefully, you are receiving your newsletter, either by email (as a "pdf") or in the mail. *It is quite costly to print and mail the newsletter, so please consider having it sent completely **FREE*** (no printing, no processing, no postage necessary) and in **FULL COLOR** via email. It also arrives much sooner than if you choose to have it mailed! Reminder: It's ALSO posted to our website: smvsec.org/Main.html. The deadline for the next issue (March 2017) is **February 13, 2017**.



Marjorie Gjerdrum-Hord
Program Specialist

GREETINGS FROM THE RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT



The New Year has started! Have you decided to do your best and be healthier this year? Here are four easy resolutions to consider for 2017:

- 1) Increase social opportunities by reestablishing old connections or making new ones.
- 2) Choose a healthier diet and eat more fruits and veggies.
- 3) Exercise more often for the benefit of your body and mind.
- 4) Enjoy the outdoors frequently and be active.

All these options can actually be accomplished by participating in the various Recreation and Parks Department activities found in the Winter-Spring Recreation Guide. Find a greater enthusiasm for life, take advantage of these opportunities, and have some fun!

When was the last time you enjoyed looking at the stars? Consider star gazing with the Central Coast Astronomy Society and Vandenberg Amateur Astronomy Society at Los Flores Ranch Park, 6245 Dominion Road, on Saturday, January 28, from 6 to 9 p.m., and/or Saturday, April 1, from 8 to 10 p.m. These free* star gazing parties do not require pre-registration and loaner telescopes are provided. No dogs please.

*for Santa Maria city residents/\$1.50 for senior non-city residents



Like to brush up on your dancing? This a great exercise for mind and body. Learn the ballroom basics of swing, waltz, tango, foxtrot, merengue, cha cha, salsa, rumba, etc. Participants will be introduced to some of these dances on the first day of class. The instructor will teach variations of some of the most popular dances that participants want to learn. Come hit the dance floor! No partners required. This

class is scheduled on Wednesday nights at the Elwin Mussell Center from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. First session starts February 1st and runs through February 22nd. Cost is \$40 for residents, \$50 for non-residents. Registration required at Recreation & Parks Dept., 615 S. McClelland St.

Do you enjoy crafts and working with your hands? Then tap into your creative side with our adult pottery class. One-on-one instruction is guaranteed and everyone works at his/her own pace. Learn the basics of hand-building, wheel throwing, decorating, glazing, and firing techniques. This class takes place at Grogan Center, 1155 W.

Rancho Verde, on Wednesdays, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Next session begins February 22nd through March 29. Cost is \$45 for residents, \$55 for non-residents. Registration required.



Don't miss our first Valentine's Day Celebration Sunday, February 12, at the Elwin Mussell Center with the Rip Tide Band. This is a FREE event co-sponsored by the Santa Maria Valley Senior Club. The dance goes from 1:30 to 4 p.m. This invitation is for anyone with a warm heart. Bring a valentine to be shared with those in convalescent homes and hospitals. We would like to share the love in our community! Please RSVP by calling 925-0951 ext. 2207 by Wednesday, February 8. *[see page 11]*

~ **Marjorie Gjerdrum-Hord**,
Program Specialist

February 2017

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat. |
|---|--|---|--|--|---|
| Costs: Bingo ~ 50¢ /card Bunco ~ \$3 donation/day Folk Dancing ~ \$15/month+ Yoga ~ \$12/month+ Zumba ~ \$25/month+ +for Santa Maria Residents | | 1 9-4 Pool* 9 am Artists Meet* 9-10 Exercise* 10-11 Zumba*§ 12-4 Mah Jongg* 1-3 Knit/Crochet* 1-4 Beginning Bridge/ Instruction | 2 9-4 Pool* 12-4 Duplicate Bridge 2:30-3:45 Folk Dancing* 5:30-6:30 pm Zumba*§ | 3 9-4 Pool* 12-4 Mah Jongg* 1-4 Bingo | 4 9-12 Pool* 9-1 pm Duplicate Bridge |
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| 27 9-4 Pool* 10-11 Zumba*§ 12-4 Duplicate Bridge 1-4 Party Bridge 7-9 pm Folk Dancing*§ | 28 9-4 Pool* 10-11 Yoga*§ 1-4 Poker* 12-4 Pinochle* 5:30-6:30 pm Zumba*§ | Note: Some classes may be canceled by the instructor or leader at their discretion. | Activity Contact Persons: Book Exchange ~ Jane Bringley (937-8859) Duplicate Bridge ~ 937-5691 (Mondays) ~ 922-5000 (Thursdays) ~ 925-6350 (Saturdays) Pinochle ~ 934-2315 (Tuesdays) Folk Dancing (Thurs.) ~ Betty Anthony (925-5429) | | |

* City of Santa Maria Recreation & Parks Department Program

§ Participants must pre-register at Recreation & Parks Department. No walk-ins allowed.

(See full description of activities in the current Recreation & Parks Guide.)

Please note: No activities are held at Mussell Center on dates designated as City holidays

(New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Day after Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day.

If a holiday falls on a Saturday, it's closed the preceding Friday. If it falls on a Sunday, it's closed on the following Monday.)

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

SANTA MARIA SENIOR TRAVEL COMMITTEE



Hours: Tues., Wed., Thurs., 12:30 – 3.45 p.m.

Office Phone: 349-0688



FIRST DAY SALES ~ FIRST MONDAY MORNING OF THE MONTH!

On February 6 a waiting room will be set up, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Numbers will be passed out when you arrive. Sales will begin shortly after 9:00 a.m. and will end when the last person waiting is finished, or Noon, whichever is earlier. Only two tickets per person will be allowed. If it's a very popular trip with a long waiting list, we'll try to book it again.



January 30th Presentation & Sale @ 11:00 a.m.:

October 11-18 ~ Smoky Mountains & Bluegrass

\$2879 Dbl., \$3704 Sgl.

This trip includes tours of Churchill Downs, the Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory, Biltmore Estate, Dollywood, and much more! Plus you'll be back in Nashville at the wonderful Gaylord Opryland Resort for three nights. Besides the Grand Old Opry, which is al-

ways good, and the usual city tour, you'll visit Andrew Jackson's Hermitage and attend the Nashville Nightlife Theater. So there are some different things to enjoy! There are flyers in the hall and folder.

February 6th Sale:

April 11 ~ Shen Yun Performing Arts

Cal Poly's Cohen Theater \$120

These tickets were quite expensive, but we have a row in the balcony and a 26 passenger bus. It is described in part as: "There was a time when the world was full of magic and splendor, and all on Earth existed in harmony with Heaven." Leave: 6:15 p.m./Home: 10:40 p.m.



THESE TRIPS MAY STILL BE AVAILABLE:

February 4 ~ Disney on Ice

\$98

February 12-15 ~ Laughlin Riverside

\$145 Dbl./ \$182 Sgl.

February 23 ~ Hop on Beer Tour

CANCELED FOR LACK OF INTEREST*

March 11 ~ "Finding Neverland" at Pantages

CANCELED FOR INSUFFICIENT SALES*

March 28-30 ~ San Francisco

CANCELED FOR INSUFFICIENT SALES*

May 11-18 ~ Collette's Mackinac Island & Tulip Festival

\$3199 Dbl., \$4199 Sgl.

Visit/click on link for more information: gateway.gocollette.com/link/758159

Aug. 4 ~ Alaska cruise (see latest prices on flyer in the hall) Space Available!

** See the letter posted January 6th on the bulletin board in the hallway. Calls were made to the travelers during Travel Office hours the following week and refunds sent.*



Check out our Facebook page: "[Santa Maria Senior Travel](#)"

(Click on name & go directly to Facebook page!)

Diana Dodos updates the page with flyers & pictures from our trips.





TRAVEL TALES ~ FEBRUARY 2017



As you may have noticed, we are no longer advertising “The Bodyguard” at the Pantages Theatre. I called them the first day tickets were available and found that the only tickets left were either up the 44 steps to the balcony or in the very back two rows of the Orchestra (which the representative told me were the worst seats in the theater and were expensive). I am hoping that “Hamilton,” which will be at the Pantages for months, will have some decent seats by October or November. It isn’t on sale yet, but the sales representative at the Pantages told me it would be expensive. *There is a sign-up sheet at the office to indicate if you would like to go, even if the ticket price is \$200 or more plus the cost of the bus and lunch!*

We also had to cancel four trips! The “Price is Right Live” sold very poorly, and we canceled so we didn’t have to pay for the bus. Cal Poly took the tickets back and exchanged them for 26 tickets to “Pippin” on Friday, June 2! The beer trip had little interest. “Finding Neverland” hadn’t sold enough tickets to even consider paying the final payment which was due. And the San Francisco trip I had spent so many hours planning and booking hadn’t sold nearly enough to make the trip possible. I am very unhappy about this, but we can’t continue to have trips that don’t fill the bus sufficiently to cover our costs! As a result, we don’t have any trips for March and only one for April so far. We will be discussing more trips at our January Committee Meeting, but the deadline for this newsletter was January 16th, so I won’t have any updates until late in the month. Watch the bulletin board in the hall for more upcoming trips, probably closer to home and on smaller buses.

May 1-46 ~ Laughlin Riverside (note date change)

If we book this trip, it might cost a little more than previously because the bus costs have increased. However, the Riverside’s costs are slightly less and may make up for it. Since I don’t have the bus bids before the newsletter deadline, I don’t know the exact cost right now. *Selling March 6?*

May 11-18, 2017 ~ Collette’s Mackinac Island & Tulip Festival \$3199 Dbl., \$4199 Sgl.

Featuring Chicago; Holland & Grand Rapids, MI; two nights at the glorious Victorian-era resort, the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island; the German town of Frankenmuth; a choice of Greenfield Park or the Henry Ford Museum; plus the largest Christmas store in the world! Flyers are in the office and hallway. *Visit/click on link for more information: gateway.gocollette.com/link/758159*

June 2 ~ “Pippin” at Cal Poly’s Cohen Center

From Cal Poly website: This unforgettable new production is the winner of four 2013 Tony Awards, including Best Musical Revival. “Pippin” incorporates sassy Fosse-style choreography and exciting circus feats; the Big Top set and high-flying acrobats add to the spectacle, along with knife throwing, hula hooping and gravity-defying balancing acts. The magical score from Oscar- and Grammy-winning songwriter Stephen Schwartz (“Godspell” & “Wicked”) includes such hits as “Magic to Do,” “Corner of the Sky,” “Morning Glow” and “No Time at All.” Join us for this tale of a young prince’s search for passion, adventure and the meaning of life – it will be unlike anything you have ever seen. *Please note this show will feature haze, cigarette smoke and pyrotechnics.* We have 26 good seats in the center balcony. *Selling April 3rd*

Aug. 4 ~ Alaska cruise SEE FLYER POSTED IN HALLWAY

October 11-18 ~ Smoky Mountains & Bluegrass \$2879 Dbl., \$3704 Sgl.

See information for this trip on page 6 ~ presentation and sale Jan. 30 @ 11 a.m.

November 7-9 ~ Sequoia National Park Tour

Stay at Wonder Valley Ranch for 2 nights and enjoy all their amenities.



Linda Dutart
Travel Committee
Chairperson

Travel with us!

February Birthdays

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|---------------------|--------|------------------|--------|-------------------------------|--------|
| Margaret Coombs | 1-Feb | Jim Ramirez | 12-Feb | Bob Solano | 21-Feb |
| Joe Razo | 1-Feb | Madeline Barns | 13-Feb | Barbara Ashlock | 22-Feb |
| George Clark | 2-Feb | Carol Garrymore | 14-Feb | David Johnson | 22-Feb |
| Shirley Gill | 2-Feb | Jennie Batiste | 15-Feb | Slim Juhl | 22-Feb |
| Mel Lewis | 2-Feb | Elena Deparini | 15-Feb | Robert Karr | 22-Feb |
| Antoinette Lysik | 2-Feb | Priscilla Fourer | 15-Feb | John Renner | 22-Feb |
| Linda Bishop | 3-Feb | Elizabeth Hopper | 15-Feb | Joann Urquhart | 22-Feb |
| Frank Coop | 3-Feb | Lavonne Brawner | 16-Feb | Martha Downey | 23-Feb |
| Pam Cordero | 3-Feb | Tina Haggstrom | 16-Feb | Patti Martinez | 23-Feb |
| Selwyn Kaplan | 3-Feb | Ruth Limon | 16-Feb | Sue Salling | 23-Feb |
| Carol Thaler | 3-Feb | Martha Plesche | 16-Feb | Frances Murphy | 24-Feb |
| Catherine Wengler | 4-Feb | Arthur Hernandez | 17-Feb | Nancy Kunishige | 25-Feb |
| Rita Alzaga | 5-Feb | Gail Homer | 17-Feb | Christel Kurth | 25-Feb |
| Francis Brannon | 5-Feb | Roberto Limon | 17-Feb | Armi Beecham | 26-Feb |
| Donna Cross | 5-Feb | Tom Mutchler | 17-Feb | Mella Griffin | 26-Feb |
| D'elin Lohr | 5-Feb | Jackie Taylor | 17-Feb | Jose Loayza | 26-Feb |
| Elizabeth Westbrook | 5-Feb | Cliff Baines | 18-Feb | Justo Robles | 26-Feb |
| Luther Lowe | 6-Feb | Diane Foster | 18-Feb | Margaret Campbell | 27-Feb |
| Alyce Schwab | 6-Feb | Dot Podsednik | 18-Feb | Victor Debayona | 27-Feb |
| Kathleen Telleria | 6-Feb | William Stanley | 18-Feb | June Miller | 27-Feb |
| Jane Bringley | 7-Feb | Bobbi Eggleston | 19-Feb | Sylvia Malilay | 28-Feb |
| Paul Cross | 7-Feb | Lionel Mathos | 19-Feb | Caroline Shaw | 28-Feb |
| Toni Loayza | 8-Feb | Frank Martinez | 20-Feb | Mary Willey | 28-Feb |
| Nancy Luis | 9-Feb | Rosemary D'amato | 21-Feb | John Stornetta | 29-Feb |
| Doris Brolio | 12-Feb | Diane Krelle | 21-Feb | (Hey, John! Do you celebrate | |
| Myra Groves | 12-Feb | Richard Santana | 21-Feb | on the 28th or March 1???? ☺) | |

February Anniversaries

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|----------------------------|--------|
| Ralph & Rosalie Foster | 2-Feb |
| Roger & Linda Bishop | 5-Feb |
| Richard & Rosemary D'amato | 11-Feb |
| Bob & Freddie Newman | 16-Feb |
| Raymond & Alice Torres | 17-Feb |
| David & Geraldine Carey | 19-Feb |
| Stan & Nancy Luis | 25-Feb |

① Only couples who are both members of the Club will have their anniversary date listed. Please notify me of any errors or additions.

① If any information printed here is not correct, or if your name and special day is not listed, please call or email me at: (805) 406-9989 or laura.selken@gmail.com.



Lunch Program provided by Community Action Commission



Enjoy a nutritious lunch prepared by Community Action Commission and delivered to the Elwin Mussell Senior Center Monday through Friday. The lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance by calling 925-3010. For persons 60 yrs. and up. A \$3 donation is requested.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

These are our final two "birthday" winners (at least for now). Although we will still honor (and embarrass?) those celebrating a birthday in the month of the membership meeting they attend, we will no longer have a prize drawing for one lucky person. We will be having a 50/50 instead. Pictured below is our former treasurer, Matt Arko, who celebrated his birthday on December 17. Our January winner is Freddie Newman who celebrates her birthday on the 30th. This was her first monthly membership meeting! Happy birthday to the lucky winners!!!



Welcome NEW & Former Members!

Mark Breedlove
Ray Brown
Honorio Dufresne
Angel Fierro
Eleodora Fisher
Rosemary Fox
Amy Hom
Jerry Kamiya
Kay Lawrence
Sharon Le Roy
Margaret Lewis
James & Marijane Marshall
Mort Mc Fatridge
Molly Miller
Dot Podsednik
Howard Rahn
Liz Reynertson
Alzira Sarmiento
Marjorie Schwartz
Susan Stoakes
Marilyn Tefft
Cindy Velasquez
Joseph Vieira
Karen Wells

Have you renewed your membership???

Please do so TODAY to ensure delivery of
future issues of the Mussell Messenger!
Members who do not renew by February 28th
will be put on "hold" and will no longer have
newsletters mailed/emailed to them.

No AARP/ Tax-Aide

Unfortunately, the AARP / Tax-Aide program will not be offering tax preparation in the Santa Maria area this year due to limited resources. Seniors can visit sites in Nipomo or the Five Cities area in San Luis Obispo County or Lompoc and Solvang in Santa Barbara County. Please call 931-6308 to schedule an appointment or visit CCFREETAX.ORG for more information.



The Sunshine Corner

Please, share with Simone the names of members who need some "sunshine" in their life ~ not feeling well, hospitalized, going through a difficult time, or suffered the loss of a loved one. She may be reached at 925-6267.



In Sympathy to

The Family of
Betty Webb

Kathy A. Doty

(her husband, Dean, passed away)

Thinking of You

Betty Anthony



2017 SMV Senior Club Board

The 2017 Santa Maria Valley Senior Club Executive Board was installed at the General Membership meeting Monday, January 9. Unfortunately, not all board members were able to attend. Pictured above (from left) are City of Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Department Representative Eduardo Marquez, 1st Vice President Terry Leduc, 2nd Vice President Dawn Kamiya, President Jo York, City of Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Department Representative Marjorie Gjerdrum-Hord, and Treasurer Jason Schellas. Not pictured are Director at Large Mary Johnson, Newsletter Editor Laura Selken, and Past President Tom Dutart. **NOTE:** The position of Recording Secretary is unfilled at the time of publication.



ACTIVE LIVING Program



**THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT INVITES
ACTIVE ADULTS WITH A WARM HEART TO THIS FREE**

Valentine's Day CELEBRATION!

**Sunday, February 12, 2017
1:30-4:00 PM
Elwin Mussell Center
510 E. Park Ave.**

Come join us for some dessert and a glass of bubbly while listening to the Riptide Band. Help brighten someone's day and bring an unsealed valentine to share. Valentines will be distributed to local hospitals and convalescent homes to spread the love in the community.

Please RSVP by February 8th.

**For additional information or to
RSVP for this dance, please call
925-0951, ext. 2207.**





Tom Dutart

TOM'S TRIVIALITIES

February 2017

Aphorisms for the Year ...

☞ It's not whether you win or lose, but how you place the blame.

☞ We have enough "youth" ... how about a fountain of "smart"?

☞ The reasons politicians try so hard to get re-elected is that they would hate to have to make a living under the laws they passed.

☞ I think all politicians should wear uniforms like NASCAR drivers, so we could identify their corporate sponsors.

☞ The latest survey shows that three out of four people make up 75% of the population.

☞ The original point and click interface was a Smith & Wesson.

☞ Ninety-nine percent of all lawyers give the rest a bad name.

☞ A fool and his money can throw a heck of a party.

☞ We are born naked and hungry, and then things get worse.

☞ Learn from your parents' mistakes – use birth control.

☞ Money isn't everything, but it sure keeps the kids in touch.

☞ Xerox and Wurlitzer will merge to produce reproductive organs.

☞ If at first you don't succeed, sky diving is not for you.

☞ Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.

☞ When blondes have more fun, do they know it?

The birth
of an aphorism
is a process
of reception
and a procession
of perception!

An aphorism is the last link
in a long chain of thought.

Marie von Ebner-Eschenbach

Aphorism

- Brief statement of opinion or truth
- Brief, memorable saying that expresses a basic truth
- Many cultures pass on wisdom in the form of aphorisms
- Examples: "Lost time is never found again."
- Benjamin Franklin
- "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

