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Philoptochos News Phlash!

Zoom Board Meeting Highlights – March 1, 2023

Philoptochos News Phlash! Highlights from our **Zoom** Board Meeting on February 28. We want you to know what we are working on and where your donations and contributions to Philoptochos go.

- ❖ Archbishop Elpidophoros Reception, March 2, 7 pm – We are honored to be hosting a dinner reception for His Eminence. Many Parish ministries will be represented, not only from our parish, but also from other Bay Area parishes. We are planning a delicious and diverse dinner which will include Greek and Middle Eastern delicacies.
- ❖ Earthquake Relief to Turkey and Syria – Given the extent of the human tragedy in Turkey and Syria, perhaps even greater than is reported, The Board voted to send \$3,000 toward this relief effort. We are planning to present our donation to His Eminence Elpidophoros on March 2. From there it will be sent through IOCC to the area directly.
- ❖ Kids'n' Cancer, 2023 – On February 12 the Oaks welcomed our Parish for our Annual Kids'n' Cancer coffee hour reception. We had bears, balloons, a bountiful buffet and bags and boxes for a drawing. Of course, the special drawing for a Getaway to a Yosemite area home which can accommodate up to 12 was a wonderful addition to the fun. The drawing for the winning ticket has been extended until March 2. / Our goal for Kids'n' Cancer is \$15,000 this year. We are not there yet, but we are all holding out hope that we will make it. Thank you to all who came and have given *their heart to a child with cancer*.
- ❖ Speaker Series – February 25 – How Personal Trauma Deepens Human Connection. We were honored to have a very special speaker from Stanford and the Palo Alto VA, Dr. Cybele Renault. She talked about the trauma of her father's passing and how it became a positive influence in her life, better connecting with patients and families. About 35 registered to hear the presentation which was touching and uplifting. Thank you, Dr. Renault for sharing your story with us.
- ❖ Fashion Show Update – Saturday, May 20 – We hope you are getting ready to go to the heart of Midtown with us! Flyers are almost ready to be mailed. In addition to the fabulous show and delicious lunch, we are planning a wonderful raffle and some fantastic silent auction items. Proceeds help to fund our Church and Community Service recipients.

- ❖ Membership Tea – Saturday, March 11 – 11-2 – Please mark your calendars for this lovely afternoon tea with tea-time delectables which will be hosted by President Laura Jadelrab in her lovely home. We will hold a general meeting of the Philoptochos as well. Please join us! Details will be out very soon.
- ❖ Common Sense Media Speaker – Saturday April 29 at 11:30 – Engaging with Digital Media – We are honored that Jamie Nunez will present his information to us from this much respected organization which protects children and teens from dangers of digital media. Jamie has trained educators and parent organizations on how to engage children with technology in a healthy way. We are planning an **in-person event** here at Belmont and a broadcast out through Zoom to the entire Metropolis. Metropolis sign up opportunities will be out soon.
- ❖ Membership –Membership for 2023 information has been sent out. Please consider joining us by sending in your membership pledge for 2023. We can use your talent, your time and your treasure. **Get involved.** Make new friends. Sign up with a friend!



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