



## Women Gain Right to Vote!

As we go to the polling booths this November, it's important to remember that the right to vote was not always available to all people. Although the fight for the right to vote for women started long before the Civil War with the hard work of such suffrage heroines as Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony, it wasn't until August 26, 1920 and the passing of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, that women's right to vote became law.



## Volunteers Wanted! Join the Fun!

As we transport MdTL back into the days of ukuleles, raccoon coats, and ragtime, we encourage everyone to get involved. Help us prepare for the big event on **March 17, 2012 at the Unity Center** in Novato by joining us at any of the monthly auction meetings. Everyone is welcome. Meetings will take place in Room 8 on Thursday mornings. If you would like to attend the meetings, please contact Kate Ferini at [kate@mdtl.org](mailto:kate@mdtl.org). **Our upcoming meeting dates are: December 8<sup>th</sup> @ 11AM, January 12<sup>th</sup> @ 11AM, February 9<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30AM, March 8<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30AM, and March 22<sup>nd</sup> (post auction) @ 9:00 AM.**

## It's Costume Time!

With the drawing close of the Halloween season, this is a great time of year to hit those end of the holiday clearance racks for 1920s attire. Many costume stores around the bay have incredible selections of flapper dresses, feather boas and pin striped suits not so easily found in February. For an online alternative try, [www.flappercostumes.com](http://www.flappercostumes.com).



## AUCTION COMMITTEE

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## Team Up for Donations!

When thinking about donations, you don't have to tackle collecting alone. Theme packages are a great way to create unique items and no package is too small. Join up with a fellow parent and pick a theme such as *Girl's Night Out*. Each person collect an item such as a pair of donated movie tickets, paperback novels, or bottle of wine- together they make a great package for bidding.

## Make Your List!



The donation committee is excited to announce that Julian Chandlee (a Lower Elementary parent) has donated his time and skills to complete an afternoon of "Honey Do" projects. If you have a list of crooked shelves, drafty windows, or fire alarm batteries that need changing, get ready to bid. Thank you Julian for donating such a valuable gift of your time and skill.

## Corporate Donations!

The very corporations and local businesses where we work are often untapped resources for donations. Many employers have donor matching programs and interest in the marketing advantage of sponsorship in our live event. Whether it be a family owned business donating a tour of their facilities or a large corporation able to sponsor, collaborating outside the MdTL community is a great way to help make our auction a success.

Extra donation and sponsorship forms can be found outside Kate's office. When complete with donor info, please return to the donation envelope stationed there as well. Questions: Contact Jodi Chaban @ [ajchaban@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ajchaban@sbcglobal.net).

## Roaring Brain Tease!

Join us at the **AUCTION TABLE** during drop-off and pick-up on Wednesday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, and take the *Roaring 20s Trivia Challenge*. Trivia enthusiasts will have their names entered in a February drawing for a chance at a \$50 online auction credit just for trying!!!

## Sign-Up Party Volunteers Needed

Sponsoring a party is a great way to socialize with members of the MdTL community while contributing to our auction. Last year tickets were offered to such exciting events as a girls' ballet party at the Tutu School, a yoga party for kids, a family pool and barbeque party, a men's poker night, and the couples' *Amazing Race*. Do you have a friend who would be willing to donate their musical talent for an evening concert in your backyard, or would you be willing to create a kids' treasure hunt or a dinosaur dig around the park near your house? The themes for parties are endless and can be adult or kid focused. If you have an idea for a creative event and would like to sponsor a sign-up party, please contact Jodi Chaban @ [ajchaban@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ajchaban@sbcglobal.net).



*Couples' Amazing Race*

*Family Pool & BBQ Party*



*Girls' Ballet Party*

*Men's Poker Night*



*Kids' Karate Party*

Volunteers for sign-up parties are asked to "donate" time, money and resources to host an exciting event whereby all proceeds from ticket sales go directly to MdTL. Volunteers are still needed for the parties listed below. Two volunteers/hosts are recommended for each party but not necessary:

- Family Party
- Boys' Party
- Girls' Party
- Men's Party
- Ladies' Party
- Adventure Party

## Testimonials from Past Sign-Up Party Goers:

### *Couples' Amazing Race*



"This past summer we participated in *The Amazing Race Couples' Sign-Up Party*. That day had to be one of the most exciting and fun adventures that we had experienced in quite some time. The attention to detail and efforts that the hosts put into organizing the event was above and beyond our expectations. We had such a fantastic time being able to spend some time with the other MdTL couples in the summer, competing against each other, and then laughing over the delicious home-cooked meal about all of our antics. It was truly unforgettable. Cheryl and Steve Jagoda, who hosted the event, were more than generous and you could see how much they enjoyed putting on the event. We would definitely participate in another Sign-Up Party this year!"

**Andrew & Jodi Chaban**  
Winners of the MdTL Amazing Race

### *Kids' Pirate & Pizza Party with Capt'n Jack Spareribs*



"I went to the pizza and pirate show last year. It was really fun. The pirate looked like Jack Sparrow but his name was Jack Spareribs and he had this talking puppet monkey, who told jokes, hiding in his trunk. It was fun watching the show with my friends and then eating pizza. Some of the kids even dressed up like pirates too."

**Nicholas Batchelder**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year Student  
Bay Laurel Room