

## **Agenda for SBMOW Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner-OCT 23**

Good evening and welcome to our SBMOW annual volunteer appreciation dinner, celebrating our 50th Anniversary . Welcome to all our volunteers and guests. I'm Dan Kronstadt, one of the co-presidents of the SBMOW Board of Directors. And Scott Reid is the other co-presidents of the Board.

As we all know, this is a volunteer driven organization, so there are plenty of people to thank.

Our first Thank You goes to Peter Georgi for his continuing help over many years. Peter is the **(Dan will ask Peter for title/role)** of the museum, on their board of directors **(for how long?)**

It is a year late, because of Covid, but we would like thank our outgoing co-presidents Linda Ruuska and Kris Muller. Because of COVID we cancelled last years dinner and were unable to publicly acknowledge the wonderful job Linda and Kris did. Would Linda and Kris please stand so we can show our appreciation.

We would also like to thank all the past Board Members that are with us tonight. Would all the past board members in attendance please stand so we may show our appreciation for all your efforts .

Would all the **current** Board members in attendance please stand as I read your name. This group includes our 7 ongoing Board members; Jim Byrne , Linda Ruuska; Kristin Hogue; Jessica Galli; Dan Kronstadt, Scott Reid; and May Osher.

In addition we have 4 new Board members that just started their service in the past few months. Would the new Board members please stand as I read your name: Sandy Nordahl; Autumn Mc Farland; Judy Milam and Coleen Dennis. Welcome - we're so happy to have you on the board.

Scott and I want to thank ALL the Board members for their leadership during these very challenging times. We especially want to thank Linda Ruuska ; Jim Byrne and, while she is not technically a member of the

board, she is THE MOST IMPORTANT person in the organization - our star, Kay Castagnola. **(Cheers!)** We want to thank all of them for their tireless efforts during these past 18 months .

We would also like to give thanks to Michael Dean and all his interviewers, who keep our interview process for prospective new clients running . Thank you Michael.

We also would like to introduce and thank Mia Relis who is our office administrative assistant. Thanks Mia

We are proud to say because of **all our collective efforts**, which includes the board , our staff and all of you ,our driver volunteers, **we have not missed ONE DAY of meal delivery during the pandemic** – let’s give ourselves a round of applause!

We will be back shortly, but meanwhile – let’s eat! - ***this may happen earlier if we run out of time and food is ready***

### **DINNER BREAK**

**Two years ago, Linda and Kris, as co-presidents, talked about the organizations accomplishments during the prior 12 months. It was a LONG list!**

**Our accomplishments – spread out over 24 months - were a little bit different. What we did was: we survived Covid. And not just survive. We thrived. We delivered meals. We changed the way we did things. We helped our clients. We used ZOOM – a LOT! We kept everybody healthy – clients, volunteers, staff. We had a few cases of Covid, but it was a REALLY SMALL number. **(is this accurate?)****

**While I don’t have any specifics about this, I am sure that some of you lost loved ones because of Covid, and our thoughts go out to you. We cannot imagine what you went thru. Let’s take a moment of silence for you, and your loved ones, and all the other people around the US, and around the world, who lost someone...**

**We don't know what the future will bring - but we know we will fight back, and, hopefully, we will be here for ANOTHER 50 years.**

Now we would like to introduce Jim Byrne, who is our treasurer, to give his report.

*Jim (or Dan?) introduces Mary Orr and Dee Smith*

*Mary Orr and Dee Smith give a presentation from the podium honoring Leanna.*

*Dan invites Leanna to come to the podium. A quick hug from Mary and Dee.*

*Presentation of gifts to Leanna by Dan Kronstadt  
Leanna gives a short thank you, good bye speech  
Group acknowledges Leanna (cheers)*

**Kay gives out service awards** with help from Scott. & Dan

Door prizes are given out **(Who does this?)**

Meeting Adjourned

## **Other questions**

- Do we make a thing about introducing the new logo? At the start, since we mention 50 years, or later, or ???
- I got a list with names of old presidents, and old board members – do we recognize them (names and stand-up)?
- What parts am I missing?