



October 2025 Newsletter

Monthly Meeting is October 17, 2025

Mother Lode Lions Hall 1-3PM 4701 Missouri Flat Rd., Diamond Springs

Presentation for October is:

The Future of Healthcare Services on the Western Slope of El Dorado County

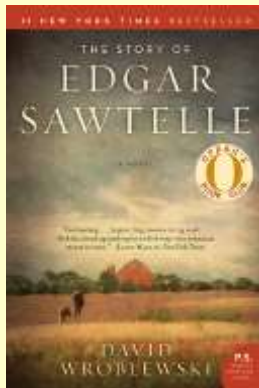
By Mindy Danovaro and Maia Schneider

Mindy Danovaro, Executive Director Philanthropy for Marshall and the Marshall Foundation for Community Health is an experienced senior nonprofit executive with a demonstrated history of working with the Board of Directors to raise funds for health and wellness, higher education, and health care industries. She is skilled in Nonprofit Organizations, Leadership, Research, Community Outreach, Board Development, Strategic Planning, Design Thinking, Membership Development, a Great Sense of Humor and Public Speaking and other strengths too numerous to mention. Strong philanthropic leader - graduated from University of California, Los Angeles, New York Institute of Technology, and is currently an EdD Candidate in Leadership and Innovation.

Maia Schneider, Executive Director for Business and Strategy Development at Marshall Hospital. Maia has researched new service lines and business opportunities, created integrated and collaborative relationships between Marshall and the community we serve. She has led teams and managed programs and enterprises. She has written hundreds of business reports, made dozens of public presentations and produced and hosted over 200 episodes of a community-based television program. She has been recognized by a health care trade association for legislative advocacy, and awarded for public service by a chamber of commerce and several nonprofit organizations. Her skills include community engagement, legislative advocacy, board development, donor relations and member relations, special event planning, fund development, enterprise management and writing and communications, among others.

October Book 9th

The Story of Edger Sawtelle by David Wroblewski



Born mute, speaking only in sign, Edgar Sawtelle leads an idyllic life with his parents on their farm in remote northern Wisconsin. For generations, the Sawtelle's have raised and trained a fictional breed of dog whose thoughtful companionship is epitomized by Almondine, Edgar's lifelong friend and ally. But with the unexpected return of Claude, Edgar's paternal uncle, turmoil consumes the Sawtelles' once peaceful home. When Edgar's father dies suddenly, Claude insinuates himself into the life of the farm—and into Edgar's mother's affections.

Grief-stricken and bewildered, Edgar tries to prove Claude played a role in his father's death, but his plan backfires—spectacularly. Forced to flee into the vast wilderness lying beyond the farm, Edgar comes of age in the wild, fighting for his survival and that of the three yearling dogs who follow him. But his need to face his father's murderer and his devotion to the Sawtelle dogs turn Edgar ever homeward.

David Wroblewski is a master storyteller, and his breathtaking scenes—the elemental north woods, the sweep of seasons, an iconic American barn, a fateful vision rendered in the falling rain, create a riveting family saga, a brilliant exploration of the limits of language, and a compulsively readable modern classic.

The Book for November is a kind of a wildcard.

Whatever you are reading currently is the book you can bring and share with the group.

November 13th 1-3 PM at the Placerville Main Library
345 Fair Lane, Placerville

Sierra Renaissance Society of El Dorado County Calendar		
2025 Dates	Presentation Subject	Speaker
October 17, 2025	The Future of Healthcare Services on the Western Slope of El Dorado County	Mindy Danovaro & Maia Schneider
November 21, 2025	Veteran Panel Discussion	Michael Berkery, Dick Morris, Mike Muesta, Robert Penn, Tim Whalen
December No Meeting	No Presentation	
January No Meeting		
All meetings will be held at the Mother Lode Lions Hall unless listed otherwise 4701 Missouri Flat Rd. Diamond Springs 1-3 PM		

What's Happening this Month

Thursday
October 9th

Book Group meets 1-3 PM
Placerville Main Library
345 Fair Lane, Placerville

Friday
October 17th

Monthly Meeting
4701 Missouri Flat Rd., Diamond Springs
Mother Lode Lions Hall 1-3PM

A Link to You Tube videos of previous presentations:

<https://www.youtube.com/@sierrarenaissancesociety6812>

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