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The Presidents Message:

Another Great Year Ahead



Picture by Karen Lent

Welcome back!
As usual the Board has been busy this summer planning the 2007/08 calendar year and we are very excited with the program thanks to 1st Vice Presidents Anne Jensen and Claudeene Lyon. The Board has also addressed concerns that the nominating committee heard last year. As a result we are making a few changes. Come to the first General Meeting on September 25 at Torrance Airport to pick up your yearbook, hear our goals for the year and learn of the first wave of changes, vote on the budget and learn from our "Enhance Our Garden" Lecturer Series program.
Wendy & Geneva

Your Help is Appreciated

Sunshine and Exercise

Although all the chairmen have been filled we do have a couple committees that are looking for assistants:

- Rocketship Park: Chairman Kitty Hill
- Washington Elementary: Chairman Betty Moye

If you want to do a bit of physical work outside, do speak with Kitty or Betty to see if this is the right spot for you.

Tired of those unused vases in the garden shed? Don't know what to do with that new plant shoot? Have so many blooms that one gone wouldn't be noticed? Bring them: plants, slips, garden supplies, garden décor, and even home items like mugs, figurines to our General Meetings! We will use your blossoms to make bouquets, and sell the rest to raise funds for Penny Pines. For large items do call Penny Pines Chairman Charlie Sappington first.

Membership News

Hi Garden Club Ladies

Has your summer disappeared, leaving behind a thousand things unaccomplished- well, mine has!

Let's start the new season with a fresh approach, for the GARDEN CLUB-- let's accomplish a larger membership! We ended the season with two new members: Marnie Inman and Carole Lefevre--Welcome Ladies!! You will see their names and addresses in our new directory. Now let's push forward and attract MANY more new members. With the enthusiasm of our two new Presidents we WILL accomplish all our goals and have FUN also!! See you at the General Meeting on Sept. 25th!!
Pam

2007-2008 Officers

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Sunshine News

Jean King is taking a break from the club to assist several members of her immediate family who have serious medical conditions.

Gloria Jacobs is at home recovering from aorta heart valve replacement. She is feeling much better.

We extend our sympathy to Ann Greenway in the passing of her son.

DeLaine Anthony is busy taking her husband for medical treatments, but she still remains active in the club assisting two committees.

Civic Beautification News

The Garden at El Retiro Library

It has been a fun two years caring for this garden. El Retiro Park is a very busy and well used facility with adult and children's classes. Many parents use the new playground equipment as a gathering place as well. I usually see someone I know checking out books or see some strangers who compliment me.

I accepted this job with a \$150-\$200 budget. I soon learned that the Torrance Parks and Recreation Department are in full charge. After a year and a half, they did replace two Hawthorne bushes across the sidewalk.

I began by using the library's storeroom to get water for my sprinkling can to water six-pack plants. Then lo and behold an employee of the Parks asked if I wanted a key to the outside water facet! I then bought a fifty foot hose so gardening was much easier.



My bright red geraniums have grown and thrived as have the dusty millers. I added some white and yellow daisies, which are doing fine. The Johnny-jump-ups I brought from my garden have reseeded and are jumping all over!

The garden does have sprinklers which run twice a week. Diane Connell advised me to use Gro Power and mulch to hold in the moisture. Now the biggest job is keeping the bushes trimmed so they don't grow too high and leave enough room for the flowers I planted.

I will be happy to turn over my key and hose and help whoever wants this fun job. *Jean Winter*

Our Garden Corner

Garden Doctor is On Call

Congratulations to our Garden Doctor, Diane Connell, A.C.C.N.P., for her full time position at Sunflower Farms. However as she will be unable to attend our General Meetings we will miss her and all her valuable reports. She remains our Garden Doctor so will still be available for questions, and welcomes your call, e-mail or visit at Sunflower Farms.

Share Your Experiences

Our monthly horticulture reports now will be given by our members. Please sign up to give a short talk. Perhaps you would like to bring your beautiful or interesting blooms or cuttings to share with the members during this time. We hope to receive enough blooms to assemble bouquets to be raffled off for Penny Pines or given to others on special occasions.

Please don't hesitate to bring your stories or plants to the General Meetings. It is always interesting to hear what our members have learned from their gardens.

Small Plants in Baskets Demonstration

At the staff's suggestion, Pati Johnson will do a public demonstration on making baskets with small plants at El Retiro Library. This will be a community event, funded by a grant. Class participants will take a basket home.

Pati invites other garden club members to participate or assist her on November 3 at 11am at the library. She feels this will be a good type of outreach; showcasing one type of our Club's community service. Please phone her at 310-791-5167 if you would like to participate. *Pati Johnson*

Landscape of the Month Award

August - The Rouses -104 Paseo de Granada

Mark and Dolly Rouse, with help from local landscape architect, Debra Richie-Bray, have given their home a gracious and welcoming landscape. This lovely garden accents and compliments their handsome one level Mediterranean style home, situated on a rolling, slightly elevated corner lot. The well-shaded border is defined by a jasmine groundcover and accented with a sprawling carpet rose, as well as Iceberg roses, Princess flowers, Magnolias and Camellias. The street side border is highlighted by graceful California Pepper trees. *Ruth Vogel*

Interviews by Karen

Two to Tango

Welcome to our new co-presidents Geneva Martin and Wendy Tsuji! Long-time friends, they met in the airline industry years ago where they were both computer programmers. They and their husbands are now long-time Riviera residents (over 20 years each). Geneva joined the club first - almost two years ago after finding out about us through Toni Sargent. She jumped right in, taking over the newsletter chairperson spot. Soon after, Geneva invited Wendy to the Adamson House trip and she decided to join the club too.

Geneva was raised in Atlanta She has an AB from Vassar College. Moving around the country, Geneva finally found home in Southern California. Geneva and husband Patrick Garvey just survived a kitchen remodel (congratulations!), love to travel and most recently returned from an exotic safari trip in Tanzania. She is very computer savvy and her favorite flowers are yellow roses.

Wendy was born in Japan but raised in Oahu where most of her family, including one sister still lives. Wendy graduated with a degree in Fine Arts from the University of Hawaii. Wendy and her London-born husband Chris Collignon have one child, Sean, currently attending Boston University. Wendy likes museums, does needlepoint and crafts, and her favorite flower is the red ginger.

Geneva and Wendy are both open to new ideas, projects and programs. The club can indeed thank its lucky stars when circumstances snowballed and the Club was able to welcome these two can-do members. Let's all totally support them in their new positions. *Karen Lent*

Philanthropic Corner

Trent in the News

Our Scholarship winner, Trent Houston was pictured in the LA Times and local papers with other conservation corps members tending to native buckwheat plants at the butterfly Los Angeles Conservation Corps' Science, Education and Adventure (SEA) Lab nursery in Redondo Beach. The plants were used to restore the bluffs at Miramar Park in Torrance, which brought the return of the El Segundo blue butterfly to dine on the buckwheat nectar.



Picture LA Times

Actions like these led by a grass-roots team of residents and two nonprofits, the Urban Wildlands Group and the SEA Lab contribute to the tiny blue butterfly's success against extinction. The butterfly, not bigger than a thumbnail, can now be seen from mid-June to early September beginning with the flowering of the coastal

buckwheat.

Our program includes visiting SEA Lab, so mark your calendar!

Treasurer's News

Vision of Beauty Calendar

We have ordered a few extra copies of these spiral bound weekly engagement calendars. These calendars make wonderful gifts, are only \$5 and raise a bit of money for our club and CGCI. Each week has a color photo of a flower arrangement.

Audit

We send thanks to Dave Sargent for taking the time to audit our books. He worked especially hard this year to make sure all our paperwork was in order; now that we have our 501(c)3. *June Young*



Our Calendar Section

El Retiro Library Flower Arrangement Assignments

9/4/07*Geneva Martin	9/24/07 Claudeene Lyon	10/15/07 Aleen Houston	11/05/07 Karen Lent
9/10/07 Wendy Tsuji	10/1/07 Eunice Hargrove	10/22/07 Marnie Inman	11/13/07*Shelley Lubinsky
9/17/07*George Unrine	10/8/07 Kitty Hill	10/29/07 Carole Lefevre	11/26/07 Margaret Majid

* Denotes Monday Holiday. Please bring your arrangement on Monday (or Tuesday, if a holiday) and pick it up on Saturday. Please exchange with another member or call Pati if you can't do your week. *Pati Johnson*

Riviera Garden Club Events

Please refer to your yearbook for additional details.

Sept 25 9:30-noon	General Meeting, Torrance Airport Meeting Room, Kathleen Sonnert, "Master Gardner" with Armstrong Garden Center Hostesses: *June Stevenson, Margaret Majid, Marnie Inman
Oct 9 10-11:30	Rocketship Park
Oct 23 8:30-noon	General Meeting, The SEA Lab, 1021 N. Harbor Drive, Redondo Beach We will have a guided tour of the SEA Lab which houses over a hundred rescued animals. Hostesses: *Kitty Hill, Martha Bragg, Sharon Crawford
Nov 2	Deadline for articles for Nov/Dec/Jan <i>SeaBreeze</i> issue
Nov 13 10-11:30	Rocketship Park
Nov 27 8:30-noon	General Meeting, Home of Mary Varieur, Mary will demonstrate how to make planters out of concrete just like the ones we seen on our visits to nurseries and gardens. Hostesses: *Aleen Houston, June Young, Carole Lefevre
Dec 04 11:30	Christmas Luncheon, South Bay Grill, 23805 Hawthorne Blvd
Dec 11 10-11:30	Rocketship Park

District, State and Other Club Events

Sep 14-16	Fall State Board, Long Beach Marriott, CVD hosting
Sep 15 9-noon	Heal the Bay Coastal Cleanup Day - Torrance Beach
Sep 27	San Pedro Garden Club Tour Griffith Park Observatory
Oct 3 9:30-noon	CVD meeting, Peggy Wormington on Veronics. Peggy teaches Successful Gardens at SCBG.
Nov 11	CVD Rededication of Blue Star Marker in the park at the Banning House Museum

Please note that the Blue Star Memorial Marker Dedication has been postponed to an undetermined date.

September 14-16

Host: Costa Verde District

CGCI Fall Board

Chairman: Diane Charbonneau

Long Beach Marriott

Volunteers Needed (no registration fee, but must pay for meals) -contact Judy Unrine

Riviera Garden Club will provide the dahlia flower arrangement for Friday night, Sep 14.

Judy Unrine, District Director, will hostess a reception for CGCI President Robin Pokorski on Sep 15th at 6 pm.

On Sep 13, there will be a **Parliamentary Law Workshop**. The fee for this is \$12. Pre-registration is required.