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The Presidents Message:

Spring is here

Even though we have had our elections, the year isn't over yet. On June 11th, it will be our club's turn to host the Costa Verde District General meeting at South Coast Botanical



Blooms at the Long Beach Horticulture Show

Gardens. And on June 21st there will be a CVD horticulture show. We went to the Long Beach Garden Club Horticulture show and

potluck lunch on March 19th. President Liz Brestler welcomed us. We recognized some of the ladies from the district meetings. We learned a little bit about how the cuttings and plants are judged.

Wendy & Geneva

Your Help is Appreciated

Nominating Committee

Thanks to our nominating committee of Karen Lent, Mary Varieur, and Sharon Saffer for their expedient work on our 2008-2009 slate.

Helping the Lions Club

Charlie Sappington and Wendy Tsuji helped Toni Sargent with the flowers for the Lions Club event honoring Cindy Scotto as 'Citizen of the Year'. Toni used her Fiji water bottle arrangement with a twist by using several individuals bouquets that were given away.

Next Year Open Positions

The search for the first Vice Presidents continues. If you would like to be considered or have been thinking someone else would be good for the job, please contact us.

This is a fun job in that you get to plan the programs for the year. If there are places you have always wanted to go or speakers you have always wanted to hear, this is the job for you. The programs are finalized in the summer with the help of the officers, so the rest of the year just requires checking up to see that everything is running smoothly.

We will be calling you for help on filling next year's committees as well as the first Vice President spot. Would you like to continue what you did last year? Or try something new? We are continuing with the policy of dropping committees without chairman, so please try to help.

Membership News

Hi Riviera Garden Club Ladies

I hope everyone has had the pleasure to meet Phyllis Valentin and Diana Crane? They were both at our last meeting in March (25th), working on the succulent containers. They are NEW members:

Phyllis Valentin

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Diana Crane

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Speaking of membership, guess what ladies— DUES are DUE! For an ACTIVE member, the dues are \$30.00. As an ASSOCIATE member, the dues are \$40.00. We all have so much FUN in this club; you will want to pay immediately, so your name will be put in the directory. Be sure to tell your friends about our guest speakers and interesting outings. If you have any questions, contact Pam (310) 548-3926. On the bus, I will be taking checks for renewing membership for the 2008 / 2009 year. Please let me know of any changes to your e-mail, telephone, address, etc.

Third Vice-President—Pam Barrett

Sunshine News

Edith Dees' husband Bob passed away in January. Edith sent a kind thank you card to the club for attending the service, sending cards and flowers.

Mercedes Murner, a very active past member, and Pam Barrett's father both passed away on February 7.

DeLaine Anthony's husband is home after having his kidney removed. Judy and George have been in Florida visiting George's father who seems to be doing better for now.

Garden Tour Report

Visit a Spring Garden Tour

RGC Members have had several meetings this winter to discuss a Fall Garden Tour, probably to be held the 2nd Saturday of October 2008. Several committees have been formed and the House Selection Committee has already lined up several potential gardens. If you have a special garden to recommend for our tour, please let the Selection Committee know. Let's all try to visit one of the garden tour events this spring for ideas on running a successful tour. Tours such as the P.V. Art Center Home Tour and P.V. Women's Club Garden Tour are included in the Outside Events Calendar on the back of February's General Meeting Minutes. One correction to this calendar: the Madrona Marsh "Tea Party" is April 12 instead of May 12. If you didn't get this calendar at the March meeting, please call Karen Lent for a copy. Thank you! Questions or advice, please call Karen Lent

Our Garden Corner

Greg George, Landscape Architect

Greg George showed photos of his work at the January meeting. We enjoyed seeing pictures of the house at Calle de Arboles and Via Colusa, as well as some estates in Palos Verdes. Thanks to Meredith for her great article in the Daily Breeze; Pam received several calls as a result.

Rolling Greens and Venice Sculpture Garden

Attendees enjoyed our sold out February bus tour. Judging from the items loaded into the bus, the Rolling Greens Nursery in Culver City was a hit with everyone. Everyone enjoyed their lunch in the restaurants surrounding the Sculpture Gardens in Venice and their talks with the garden's founder.

Garden Therapy

Everyone enjoyed making up the succulent planters. We ended up with many flats full of planters. It was good to see Pat Smith and our new members at this event.



Toni, Charlie, Diane, and Irma working of the plantings at Pati's

Garden Study Program

On March 28th and 29th I attended a gardening study school. This was the first of four courses sponsored by the NGC and presented by the Orange County District at Soka University. Soka University has a beautifully landscaped Tuscan Campus in Aliso Viejo. Certified Nursery Professionals from Green Thumb taught botany, soils, and caring for house plants.

Geneva

CVD Corner

In January, Ric Dykseul spoke on flowers that give colorful blooms in winter. A true professional, Ric answered questions on bloom time, water needs, planting tips, and insects and also pointed out which plants produced good cut flowers for arrangements in the home.

Landscape of the Month Award

Mario and Kelly Vargas 144 Camino de las Colinas

This is a graceful garden that nestles along the front of their stately, historical "old Spanish", and one of the first homes built in the Riviera. It is a mixed planting of arctotis, stock, grasses, coleus, shrubby princess flower, an elegant orchid tree, and a dramatic bronzy euphorbia cotinifolia. A raised bed of a similar mix of colors continues along the far side of the driveway. A striking yucca tree punctuates the front lawn. Kelly and Mario are grateful to gardener, Ramon Ramos, 310-534-2947.

Interviews by Karen

Gloria Jacobs

Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Gloria Jacobs met future husband Ernie at a coastal youth hostel in New Jersey and eloped a year later. They became Californians over 40 years ago when



Gloria at the Rose Garden

Ernie's electrical engineering job at Aerospace Corporation brought them to their lovely upper Riviera home.

Gloria returned to college after her children were in school and earned a B.A. in Anthropology from CSU Dominguez Hills. Gloria said

one of her regrets in life was not to have gone back to school sooner; she would have liked to have been a teacher.

Gloria is one to be involved. Now after several decades of dedication to the community and to Riviera Garden Club, Gloria Jacobs is still going strong. She has done just about everything someone involved in our garden club could do. She is known by her friends as thoughtful and kind, often making phone calls or sending notes of support.

Gloria describes herself as a quiet person, but dependable, valuing commitment and follow through. She was recently honored for her 27 years of involvement with RGC where she was president for four terms and the Costa Verde District where she was district director for 3 years. As our yearbook notes she is a Life Member at all garden club levels. She was a staff member of the Golden Gardens.

Besides being a leader, Gloria has been an innovator as well. She was involved in RGC's entry at the first Torrance Festival of Trees in 1991, was Chairperson of RGC's first garden tour in 1993, and participated at the beginning of the Joslyn Art Center's exhibits coordinated with flower arrangements by RGC. During that first garden tour, Gloria's Japanese garden was among those showcased; this gave her a chance to wear and show her authentic Japanese kimono.

She was a Fine Arts Commissioner for the City of Torrance and became a representative on the new Torrance Cultural Art Center Foundation.

Her favorite flowers are chrysanthemums and mini roses - her favorite color is yellow but she likes pink roses too.

Thank you Gloria for your commitment and follow through! We wish you the joy of many yellow and pink blooms! *Karen Lent*

Treasurer's Report

Vision of Beauty Calendar

We are taking payment for orders for 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. Please order and pay by May 1st.

Sea Breeze



Our Calendar Section

April 24th CVD Bus Trip to Costa Mesa Flower Show

The CVD bus tour to the South Coast Plaza Flower and Garden Show is on April 24th. It will leave from Peck Park at 8:30, returning at 4. Make checks for \$12 payable to Costa Verde District.

May 27th Regular Meeting at Airport – Wild Birds Unlimited

It's spring migration time and Bob Shanman of Wild Birds Unlimited in Torrance will be focusing on backyard bird feeding and flowers that attract birds. He will talk about the importance of quality birdseed. He said "he's helping to save nature one backyard at a time". Bob is very well known in our area and is dedicated to being a nature-related resource in and for the community. You may have seen him at South Coast Botanic Garden, or maybe at the Madrona Marsh, as well as at his store.

June 17th Mad Hatter Installation Luncheon at the Palos Verdes Country Club

It will be a treat to have the Installation Luncheon at the Palos Verdes Country Club. Please start planning your hat – it must be decorated with real plants and/or blooms from your garden. Sign up and bring your check for \$40.

June 21st CVD Horticulture Show at SCBG

Add to your yearbook the CVD Horticulture Show on June 21st. Enter your blooms and container plants

Riviera Garden Club Events

<i>Apr 14 10:00</i>	Bus trip to Huntington Library
<i>May 13 10-11.30</i>	Rocketship Park
<i>May 27 9:30-noon</i>	General Meeting, Airport, Bob Shanman of Wild Birds Unlimited, speaking on "Discover a refuge in your own backyard" Hostesses: *Sharon Saffer, Marilyn Barker, Trudy Doesserich
<i>June 10 10-11:30</i>	Rocketship Park
<i>June 17</i>	Mad Hatter Installation Luncheon at Palos Verdes Country Club

District, State and Other Club Events

<i>Apr 24</i>	CVD Bus trip to Costa Mesa Flower Show
<i>Apr 24-29</i>	NGC Convention, Memphis, TN
<i>June 6-8</i>	CGCI State Convention, Woodland Hills
<i>June 11</i>	Mark date change. CVD General Meeting, SCBG, Hostesses: Riviera Garden Club
<i>June 21 9:00-4:00</i>	CVD Horticulture Show, SCBG

Nominating Committee Report

The nominating committee, Karen Lent, Sharon Shafer & Mary Varieur are delighted to announce that the following slate of RGC Board Members was approved at the March 25 meeting:

Co-Presidents Geneva Martin & Wendy Tsuji
1st Vice president (programs) Open
Co-2nd VP (yearbooks) Judy & George Unrine
3rd VP (Membership) Eunice Hargrove
Co-Secretaries Shelley Lubinsky & Ginnie Schneider
Treasurer June Young