



Riviera Garden Club

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From our (New) President Marilyn Rubin

Our lovely president June Young was scheduled for hip replacement surgery. In early October, she asked me to be ACTING president during her recovery. I agreed, as the RGC first vice president. When I said "Yes", to June, I expected that the RGC presidency job would last 4-5 weeks at the most.



Although June has not had her surgery yet, she decided to move to Orange County to be closer to her children and resign as RGC president.

On Nov. 11, 2014 the RGC board approved me (Marilyn Rubin) as the new president of Riviera Garden Club. I promise to work diligently to follow the excellent role models set by past Riviera Garden Club presidents during the last 15 plus years. You know these wonderful ladies. Beebe Moorhead, Betty Moye, June Young, Mary Varieur, Judy Unrine, Geneva Martin, Wendy Tsuji, Karen Lent, Shelley Lubinsky and Nancy Weaver.

I will need your help and support so we can all have a successful garden club year! Please **check your e-mails regularly** – at least 2 to 3 times a week. I will be communicating with you via e-mail to keep you informed about Riviera Garden Club business.

Happy Holidays! Sincerely,

Marilyn Rubin, (queen of composting and now President of Riviera Garden Club)
Email me at president@rivieragardenclub.org

LOST A pair of glasses found after the last RGC meeting Tue. Nov. 18th has plastic frames, a grey/green/tan/black pattern and rhinestone sparkles. Contact Marilyn Rubin at (310) 375-4483.

Riviera GC Holiday Luncheon Come One, Come All

When: December 7th, 2014
Time: 11:30 am until 3:00 pm
Where: Palos Verdes Golf Club
3301 Via Campesina
Palos Verdes Estates 90274

Entrée Choices

- Herb Crusted Salmon with Ginger Chardonnay
- Traditional Roasted Turkey and Stuffing or
- Vegetarian Pumpkin Ravioli with Walnut Sage

Please Send:

- \$40 check made out to Riviera Garden Club
- By Dec. 1st, 2014
- Indicate entrée choice

To: Pam Barrett
27826 Saddle Road
Rolling Hills Estates 90274

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This issue edited by George and Judy Unrine.

Costa Verde District Holiday Party

The annual Holiday Party will be held December 3, at the South Coast Botanic Gardens. Festivities begin at 10 am. In addition to a Pot Luck Luncheon, there will be a Program featuring Holiday Floral Designs, a Holiday Ornament Decorating Contest and songs.

Honored guests will include California Garden Clubs, Inc. President Rita Desilets and Past CGCI President Robin Pokorski.

Always entertaining, Gudy Kimmel will demonstrate, step-by-step, how to create artistic holiday arrangements. After the program the arrangements will be made available for silent auction.

Each club can submit up to three entries to the Holiday Ornament Decorating Contest. Prizes will be awarded for the first, second and third winning entries. Ornaments should contain natural plant material and may, in addition, contain man made materials.

Robin, of course, will lead us in song. She is an accomplished vocalist as well as a dedicated garden clubber.

Fee is \$5. Guests are asked to bring a salad or dessert. More salads are usually needed.

Salvation Army Angels

Toni Sargent

Once again I have Angels for The Salvation Army's Angel Project. Kathryn Joiner is assisting me this year. If you would like to help a child, you can call me to select a paper angel, buy a gift for the child described on the angel, return the gift to me unwrapped and labeled with the lower half of the angel. Also, you may donate a gift, unwrapped and labeled with the sex and age

of a child for which the toy is appropriate. Often these angel gifts are the only present that a child will receive.

Return gifts to Toni by December 11th.

Member News & Tidbits

Congratulations:

November Birthdays

Marilyn Barker	06	Pati Johnson	19
Geneva Martin	09	Ruth Vogel	20
Charlie Sappington	18	Marilyn Rubin	30

December Birthdays

Janette Schaefer	02	Trudy Doesserich	05
Linda LoConte	04	Lola Ungar	10
Julia Blake	05	Claudeene Lyon	30

New Member

Please welcome our latest member when you see him at a meeting:

Todd Aotorne
1714 Camino de la Costa #3
Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Sunshine

Several members would appreciate a card expressing your thoughts and support.

- June Young will be moving to assisted living near her daughter. Until then she is staying with her daughter. Her daughter's address is c/o Laurie Fischer, 4282 Margarita Street, Irvine, CA 92714.
- Karen Lent and Barbara Bratcher-Ott are being treated for cancer at this time.
- Rita Wagstaff's husband, John, has had more surgery.
- Mary Varieur fell recently landing on the knee that had the joint replaced and the arm she had broken before. She recently had a pacemaker implanted.
- Diane Connell is making a good recovery following hip replacement surgery.
- Former member Hazel Mulqueen had a head injury following a fall in her home. She is living in assisted living near her son and daughter-in-law.



Photo by G. Unrine
Charlie Sappington amid
entries for the 2013 Gift
Wrapping Contest.

Hospital Therapy

Our annual Christmas gift giving for male patients at Harbor UCLA Medical Center is here. Most appreciated items are individual toiletries or clothing such as socks, underwear, sweat shirts and sweat pants. All these items must be new and unwrapped. Books, games, or puzzles need to be new.

Deadline is the December 7th.

Orange County Bus Tour

On October 28 members filled the bus that took them on the Orange County tour. First stop was the Tucker Wildlife Sanctuary in Modjeska Canyon along Santiago Creek. While there, a guide introduced members to the native plants and animals. Afterwards, members ate lunch while enjoying the scenic surroundings.



Photo by Gay Hargrave
Helena Modjeska Home

White designed the rambling white cottage with several porches, a Palladian window and picturesque gables.

The home is open for tours led by docents in period costume.

The second stop was at the former home of Helena Modjeska. Helena was a world renowned Shakespearean actress. Her home is now a historic site. Famed New York architect Stanford



Photo by Allison Jones
Docent in period costume.

November General Meeting

The program, 'Thanksgiving Ideas', was given by member Pat Heilmann. She is a floral arranger who does weddings and teaches classes. Pat demonstrated an easy way to create a Thanksgiving centerpiece.

Members Charlie Sappington and Irma Chiota were chosen to create similar arrangements at the same time using roses, greenery and dried material Pat brought from her garden.



Photo by G. Unrine
Pat Heilmann creating a holiday arrangement.

Blue Star Marker Dedication



Photo by J. Unrine
L to R. George Unrine, Andrea Little, Deedee Spears and George Spears.

Palomar District dedicated a Blue Star Memorial Marker in Miramar National Veterans Cemetery on November 13, 2014. Miramar is the newest of the nine national veterans cemeteries located in California. Palomar District was honored that Andrea Little, National Garden Club Blue Star Memorials Chairman, and Rita Desilets, CGCI President were in attendance. George Speer planned the installation and coordinated the dedication ceremony. Installation of the marker was done by Chris Abeyta as his Eagle Scout project and the color guard was provided by Scripps Ranch High School. While there was no 'official' fly over, the event was punctuated by the 'sounds of freedom' taking off from the nearby Miramar Naval Air Station.

George Unrine

Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Association Meeting

Residents of the Riviera recently heard about expected impacts anticipated from the new Legado Development (at the old Bristol Farms site) on PCH & Palos Verdes Blvd.

As proposed, the 4-story project would contain 180-rental units (including 9 low-income ones), plus the 110-rooms at Palos Verdes Inn, plus almost 40,000 sq. feet of retail / commercial space. It's clear the underground parking spaces will not be nearly sufficient to accommodate all resident, hotel, retail and employee capacity needs.

The association and its members will continue to track and comment on this project as it moves forward.

Landscape Award



**August 2014 – The Lippon residence
455 Calle de Castellana**

Calendar of Events

Riviera Garden Club:

Dec 7, Sunday, 11:30 am. RGC General Meeting Holiday Party. Palos Verdes Country Club.

Jan 20, Tuesday, 9:30 am. RGC Board Meeting. Home of Geneva Martin.

Jan 27, Tuesday, 9:30 am. RGC General Meeting. Airport Meeting Room. 'The Future of Organics'.

Feb 17, Tuesday, 9:30 am. RGC Board Meeting. Home of Marybeth Muir.

Feb 24, Tuesday, 9:30 am. RGC General Meeting. Airport Meeting Room. 'Creating Vertical Succulent Arrangements'.

Other:

Dec 3, Wednesday, 9:30 am. Costa Verde District Holiday Potluck. South Coast Botanic Gardens. 'Holiday Flower Arrangements'.

Feb 25, Wednesday, 9:30 am. Costa Verde District Board Meeting. South Coast Botanic Gardens.

Feb 2-5, Monday thru Thursday. California Garden Clubs, Inc. Winter Board Meeting. Fresno, CA.

Feb 24-Mar 4, Philadelphia Flower Show. If you've always wanted to go, plans are underway for an exciting trip to the show and nearby attractions. **Contact Geneva Martin for more information ASAP.**

For more information check out our website at www.rivieragardenclub.org

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