



# Riviera Garden Club

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### FROM OUR PRESIDENTS



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A warm, **"Welcome back!"** to all Riviera Garden Club members. We were thrilled to see such an enthusiastic turnout for our September Potluck at the beautiful South Coast Botanic Garden.

Your Board of Directors has worked hard this summer to create a year of activities that celebrate our 2017-2018 motto: "Cultivating Gardens, Friendships and Community."

Upcoming highlights will include:

**November 15:** A bus trip to Rancho Los Cerritos and Dominguez Rancho. Enjoy a fascinating look into CA history, lovely grounds and an excellent lunch.

**December 3:** Our traditional RGC Holiday Party (with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus).

### PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE continued

**January 27:** This is your chance to learn "all he knows about growing **Plumerias**" from David Konishi.

**February 27:** A special event at the beautiful **Mary & Joseph Retreat Center** to celebrate the farming history in Torrance and the South Bay with local author Judy Gerber.

We are enormously proud of our RGC history and look forward to another year of friendship, learning, and giving back to the community we all love.

**Linda & Gloria**

## MEMBER NEWS AND TIDBITS

### WELCOME NEW RGC MEMBERS!

<b>Geeta Gupta</b>	<b>Ann Pfister</b>
<b>Ellyn Meikle</b>	<b>Madelyn Wilson</b>
<b>Sandra London</b>	<b>Carolyn Bazak</b>
<b>Susan Tyree</b>	<b>Joani Thompson</b>

### Mike Garcia of Enviroscape

Do you remember when **Mike Garcia** spoke to RGC members and invited us to his home at **2609 Vargas Way** in **R B**?

Mike has an underground cistern that at one time was a swimming pool. He has a koi pond, waterfalls, rabbits, hen chickens, a solar paneled roof plus vertical veggie gardens both hydroponic and with soil. Mike's home has been on many water-wise garden tours. He will host a **Sustainability Event** at his home **Nov. 4 from 2-4 p.m.** Mike will share his knowledge about vegetable gardening and about how to know if the seeds you buy are GMO (genetically modified).

**RSVP to Mike at 310-374-1199**

*See photos of Mike's yard on Page 3.*

Your editor Marilyn Rubin will be at Mike Garcia's event.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Oct. 24 TUESDAY RGC meeting Torrance Airport**  
9:30 am Yvonne Savio repurposing household throw-aways into garden tools.

**Oct. 29 SUNDAY** 1-4 p.m. RGC volunteers help at the SCBG (South Coast Botanic Garden) Kids Club. To be a volunteer Call Gloria Balcom 310-378-5464

**Nov. 4 SATURDAY** 2-4 p.m. Sustainability Event at the home of **Mike Garcia**, owner of Enviroscape. GMO seeds and veggie gardening. **FREE but RSVP 310-374-1199** 2609 Vargas Way Redondo B

**Nov. 7 TUESDAY RGC Board** Mary Varieur's home  
10 a.m. 126 Calle de Arboles RB

**Nov. 15 WEDNESDAY Bus excursion/luncheon** to Dominguez Rancho and Rancho Los Cerritos.  
Meet at Lago Seco Park 8:45 a.m.  
\$35 **A few spaces still available!**  
**Contact Marie Hoffman 310-710-1934**

**Nov. 23 THURSDAY HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

**Dec. 3 SUNDAY RGC Holiday Party** Contact Pam Barrett-Hill 310-548-3926 for info and reservation

**Dec 3 SUNDAY Holiday donations are DUE!**  
Salvation Army **Angel gifts** and/or Harbor UCLA Hospital **Men's Philanthropy gifts** may be brought to the holiday party.  
(See INFO on page 5)

**Dec. 6 WEDNESDAY CVD Potluck/meeting** 10 am SCBG RGC hosts. (Optional) Wear Vintage or repurposed attire. Prizes given for Best Clothes, Most Bizarre or unusual and the Best holiday-themed outfit. **BRING A POTLUCK LUNCH DISH!**  
**HELP WITH SET-UP AND CLEAN UP!**



**Robert and Donna Haupt**  
**202 Paseo de Granada**



The October landscape award features the Haupt residence. The Haupt's have lived in their home for 11 years. Donna takes credit for the garden along with Lisa's Garden Therapy owned by Lisa Clasby. Lisa is known for her many store fronts beautifying the Riviera Village. Donna Haupt's favorite thing in the garden is the planting of Don Juan Roses that twine around the picket fence as shown in the photo. Iceberg roses line the driveway and are accented by marigolds and scaevola. The Haupt yard is a beautiful setting with a patriotic color scheme. The rear garden is for the dogs.

**Sign in Mike Garcia's Garden**



**Mike Garcia's Sustainable Koi Pond**



# WELCOME BACK POTLUCK



We enjoyed delicious food, shared past summer activities with RGC friends and we met new RGC members. We briefly toured the garden and learned about the wonderful future plans for the SCBG.

September 26, 2017  
South Coast Botanic Garden

## Riviera Garden Club Supports

### **SALVATION ARMY ANGEL PROGRAM**

provides gifts to needy children during the holiday season. **Angel cards list the name, gender and age of the recipient children as well their gift requests.** Often an Angel gift is the only gift that these children receive.

Toni Sargent has a supply of Angel Cards. Donations of new toys or clothing are also very much appreciated. Extra items can help to fill in requests. In addition, if you prefer, a money donation is always a help. **Checks** can be made out to **The Salvation Army**, with a note "for Stillman Sawyer Center". Every year the Stillman Sawyer Family Services Center provides over a thousand gifts to children during the holidays. In the past, Riviera Garden Club members have supported this program generously.

**Toni would like to receive any donations by the Dec. 3 Holiday Party.**

Call **Toni Sargent** at **310-378-7856** for an **Angel Card** or more information.

A BIG THANK YOU for your donations!



**Sea Breeze Editor**

**Marilyn Rubin**

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## These Holiday Charities

### **HOLIDAY MEN'S PHILANTHROPY**

Our **ANNUAL DRIVE** for male patients at **HARBOR UCLA MEDICAL CENTER** is **COMING**. Most appreciated items are individual toiletries or clothing (socks, underwear, T shirts, sweat shirts and sweat pants). All items must be **NEW and unwrapped**. Books, games, or puzzles need to be new. These items are **NOT** Christmas gifts for the men. Your donated items are put into a repository to be used for male patients who may need new clothes to wear when they leave the hospital. Items are also given to male patients who may be severely impoverished.

**Bring your donations to the Dec. 3 Holiday Party.**

Call **Allison Jones** at **310-977-8797** for more information or to deliver your items personally to Allison's home.



