



Riviera Garden Club

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From Our President, Ellyn Meikle

Happy New Year! I hope you and yours had a wonderful holiday season.

Now that spring is just around the corner, we will be planting flowers and vegetables into our gardens. The bulbs will be blooming, Mockingbirds will be singing, and planting of our vegetable gardens will start their spring and summer edibles. It will be interesting to see what Mother Nature has in store for us here in Southern California!

Speaking of vegetable gardening our next general meeting on February 22, 2022, we will have a presentation on Vegetable Gardening. I know this 30-minute presentation is full of information for your garden knowhow. Although us gardeners know much about vegetable gardening, I know there will be at least one or two (if not more) new pieces of information for your gardening library.

The loss of garden-club sister Connie Moseley from cancer came as a shock to many of us. She was a kind person with a lovely smile. Since her family had said their goodbyes before she passed, they will not be returning to Southern California to coordinate a funeral.

Although we are not meeting in person during this season, your presence at the general meetings, are encouraged. We have opportunity to see everyone's faces, can chat with each other, and make your announcements, suggestions, or comments. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Until next time – taa taa for now!



Ellyn Meikle
President
Riviera Garden Club
2020-2022

Check out our website at: <https://rivieragardenclub.org>

Riviera Garden Club is a member of several parent organizations. One can learn more about them by subscribing to their online publications.

The state's (California Garden Clubs Inc.) newsletter is called Golden Gardens eNews. Subscribe at <http://californiagardenclubs.com/enews-subscription-form> or just access the current issue from the home page: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/> Articles include a message from the state president and news from clubs around the state. There is also an article on how to attend the virtual yearly convention.

The national organization (Nation Garden Clubs) has also moved their quarterly publication online. Subscribe at or read the current issue at <https://gardenclub.org/national-gardener>

Geneva Martin
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Upcoming Events

General Meetings

Tuesday February 22, 2022

The Zoom Link for the meeting will be sent to you in an email prior to the meeting
Speaker Ellyn Meikle PowerPoint Presentation Vegetable Gardening

Tuesday March 22, 2022

Via Zoom Speaker Michael Friedman History of California

Tuesday May 24, 2022

Via Zoom Speaker TBD

Madrona March Walk

April 26, 2022

Time TBD

Remembering our Dear Friend Connie Moseley

Connie Moseley

Originally from Scotland, Connie had studied at the University of Glasgow. She lived in Rolling Hills Estates.

Connie had a great sense of humor and was always friendly. She came into the garden club through her friends Nan Clancy and Kathryn Joiner. Kathryn persuaded Connie to help with the nominating committee and together they spent hours calling members to be an officer.

Connie was a member of the group that monthly maintained the planter at Los Arboles "Rocketship Park".



In 2017 she helped select and install all the plants after the park sign was replaced.

Fellow members will miss her and her wonderful Scottish charm.

Connie's family had been with her at the end. They have all gone home and there will be no funeral.



Next Board Meeting

Toni Zeigler's Home

10:00 am

19426 Mildred Ave. Torrance Ca. 90503

Tuesday February 15th, 2022

Executive Board 2021-2022

June 8, 2021

Installation for the

President Elyn Meikle

First Vice Presidents – Programs

Excursions Marie Hoffman

Speakers Laurie Vaillant

Second Vice Presidents – Publications

Yearbook Geneva Martin

Newsletter Cynthia Lundin

Proofreader Toni Ziegler

Third Vice Presidents – Membership

Regina Taylor

Lynn Fernandez

Treasurer Geneva Martin

Secretaries Marilyn Rubin

Parliamentarian Geneva Martin

Advisor Toni Ziegler



Fundraising

Plant-Less Plant Sale

Thank you to everyone who has already donated. This fundraiser will help us with, all our gifting goals for this year.



PLANT-LESS PLANT SALE

Dear Members,

With the arrival of spring our thoughts turn to spring planting. Some of us are thinking about the seedlings, plant cuttings, or maturing plants to be sold at this year's Plant Sale.

We will have to see what the Covid-19 guidelines will be in up-coming months.

In the meantime, we would like to offer you participation in our Spring Plant-less Plant Sale. Instead of gardening or donating your plants for sale you can sit back and make a donation to Riviera Garden Club.

Your donations are especially important, as we have not been able to hold any fundraisers for over two (2+) years. These donations will help to support our community gifting as well as scholarships.

**Please send your donation via Zelle or mail to:
RIVIERA GARDEN CLUB
c/o Geneva Martin, 241 Via los Miradores, Redondo Beach 90277**



January General Meeting

Our January General meeting was held on January 25th Via Zoom and was attended by 30 members.

Please see minutes from this meeting for details.

Our speaker was Sergeant Ron Salary from the Torrance Police Department Community Affairs division. He gave a very informative presentation on scams, crime and an update on how the police are working in our communities. Sergeant Salary provided details on many resources available to Torrance residents. A big Thank you to Sergeant Salary.



Here is some of the important information.

Community Affairs Team

- Sergeant Ron Salary
- Detective Craft
- Detective LaLonde

Social Media- Stay Connected

- Facebook- www.Facebook.com/TorrancePD
- Twitter- www.Twitter.com/TorrancePD
- Instagram- @Torrancepolice
- YouTube- www.YouTube.com/TPDCommAffairs
- Torrance Alerts- www.TorranceCA.Gov/TorranceAlerts



Contact Torrance Police Department

- Call 911 for Emergency or if not sure
 - Non Emergency PD Direct – 310 618-5641
 - Non Emergency – 310 328-3456
- Will go to City Hall before 5PM and then to TPD After 5PM

Avoid Telemarketing Fraud

- Robocall Scams
- “Can You Hear Me” or “Yes” Scam
- Counterfeit Checks
- International Lottery
- Payment Processor Scam
- Family Emergency / Grandparents Scam
- Sweetheart Scams
- Computer Tech Support Scam

This website has information, lists of phone numbers and points of contact for a wide variety of subjects that are important for seniors. I highly recommend checking it out.

H.E.L.P.
Helping the Elderly Live Productively
www.help4srs.org

Landscape Award Winners

Latest winner of the Riviera Landscape

Award:



December 2021 – The Lent/Mykola residence – 162 Via Monte d Oro

New Members

Membership is always open. We welcome new members.
Contact Regina Taylor for more information.



Happiest Birthday wishes to:

November		December		January	
Marilyn barker	6	Julia Blake	5	Linda Rosenfeld	7
Meredith Grenier	8	Claundeene Lyon	30	Ellyn Meikle	13
Geneva Martin	9			Mary Varieur	16
Jodi Rhodes	11			Bertie Wood	16
Charlie Sappington	18				
Pati Johnson	19				
Ruth Vogel	20				
Diane Connell	28				
Jay Spradlin	28				
Marilyn Rubin	30				

Ongoing Garden Beautification Projects:

Los Arboles "Rocketship Park":

Members: Toni Ziegler, Wendy Tsuji and Geeta Gupta.

El Retiro Library Garden:



Members: Gloria Balcom, Carolyn Bazak and Jodi Rhodes.



El Retiro Succulent Garden

Member: Kathryn Joiner

General Meeting Minutes

RIVIERA GARDEN CLUB - General Meeting **MINUTES**, November 16, 2021, the meeting **WAS** held on ZOOM:

Schmoozing **started just past 9:45am. 19 participants**

Call to order Time: **10:04 a.m.**

1. Secretary's Report - Oct 26, 2021, minutes were approved by general consensus

Marilyn Rubin

2. Treasurer's Report - **Geneva Martin**

RGC account balances: checking **\$5839.15** & savings **\$15,692.54**, as of 10/31/2021.

Report will be filed subject to review.

Plant less Plant Sale total contributions to date **\$1475.00**

3. President's Report - **Ellyn Meikle NO REPORT except** Holiday good wishes 2021 for

Thanksgiving on 11/25, Chanukah sundown on 11/28, Christmas 12/25, Kwanzaa 12/26.

4. 1st VP (given by **Ellyn Meikle**)

Zoom Hostess(es) - **Geneva Martin** is our Zoom hostess today.

We are looking for hostesses for future zoom general meetings.

It is **extremely** easy to hostess on Zoom. Please contact me to participate and donate a few minutes of your time at a future general meeting. (All you do is log on to the RGC host link and click admit)

Speakers Report • The following are currently scheduled:

Nov 16, 2021, Ellyn - A visual presentation on Succulents

Jan 25, 2022, Torrance Police Dept - Scams

Feb 22, 2022, Ellyn - A visual presentation on Vegetable Gardening Mar 22, 2022,

Michael Friedman - The History of California

1st VP **Laurie Vaillant** is having difficulty finding speakers who charge LESS than \$100.

If you have a suggestion for a future speaker, contact Laurie

Excursions • N/A

5. 2nd VP **Cynthia Lundin**

Newsletter • Contributions for the next issue are appreciated. Send ideas or even articles of interest for future Seabreeze newsletters to **Cynthia Lundin**

6. 3rd VP Membership – **NO** report.

OLD Business - Plant-less plant sale (**Toni Ziegler's** original idea)

Please continue to make contributions to reduce the funds we have to take out of our savings for Gifting and Scholarships since there are no live fundraisers this year.

LOOKING AHEAD: •

The next general meeting is 10:00am, Tuesday, Jan 25, 2022 - Zoom

The next board meeting is 10:00am, Tuesday Jan 18, 2022, at Ellyn's home.

(RGC Board meetings are open to all members. Just contact **Ellyn Meikle** if you plan to attend so she can have a chair for you.

Today's speaker is **Ellyn Meikle: (slide)** presentation on Succulents.

Questions, Comments, Suggestions, Announcements:

Toni Sargent has Salvation Army Christmas Angel gift tag/cards to distribute to RGC members. The name, age and gift choices of the children are listed on each card. Often these Christmas Angel donations are the only gifts these children receive for Christmas. The gifts are to be unwrapped and are due to **Toni Sargent** by Dec. 10, 2021. Call **Toni Sargent** (310.378.7856) for a card. Note: It is the RGC member's decision whether to participate in the Christmas Angel gift program or not. It is not an obligation. You can **HELP** by

1. getting a card from Toni and purchasing the requested gift items. OR
2. sending a check to Salvation Army Torrance Corps. c/o Angel Tree OR
3. donating \$\$ to **Toni Sargent** so she can purchase S. A. Christmas Angel gifts.

Sheila Kutkus' fundraiser – Save plastic lids and bottle caps that can be turned into 'Buddy Benches' for California schools. The Buddy Bench flyer was on page 4 in Ellyn Meikle's early Nov. RGC email in the PDF attachment.

Eunice Hargrove – Eunice's daughter Linda sends her thanks for the \$\$ plus donations of books and other items that she carried in numerous suitcases when she returned to Tanzania.

Judy Unrine – Judy mentioned that the current CGC (California Garden Club) president has a special President's Project. She wants to create a sensory garden at the San Diego River Center at Grant Park in San Diego. Judy asked if RGC would consider donating \$50 to the project.

Adjournment 12:04 p.m. RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, **Marilyn Rubin**, secretary

MINUTES RIVIERA GARDEN CLUB General Meeting January 25, 2022, held via ZOOM
Schmooze time 9:45 a.m. – 9:59 a.m.

Call to order by President **Ellyn Meikle**

Time: 10:00 a.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – (**Marilyn Rubin**) The RGC general meeting Nov 16, 2021, minutes were approved by general consensus by a show of hands.

TREASURER'S REPORT – (**Geneva Martin**) Balance of accounts, as of 12/31/2021.

Checking \$5930.87 Savings \$15,692.50 Report will be filed subject to review.

Autumn Plantless Plant Sale contributions to date: \$1600

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – (**Ellyn Meikle**)

- Meeting outdoors: There was a discussion of whether to continue with ZOOM meetings, to meet safely outdoors with masks and social distancing or to have hybrid meetings using both ZOOM and in-person. **Ellyn** asked that club members email her their suggestions for holding RGC general meetings this calendar year.
- Spring Plantless Plant Sale- **Ellyn Meikle** asked that members read the flyer attached to the agenda and to "please continue to make contributions to reduce the funds we have to take out of our savings for Gifting and Scholarships since there are no live fundraisers this session, yet."

- **Connie Moseley**, one of our RGC members died recently. There will be no funeral. **Ellyn Meikle** created a lovely presentation with a beautiful photo of **Connie Moseley** which she shared with our garden club members via ZOOM.

1st VP (**Laurie Vaillant**)

Zoom Hostess(es) **Ellyn Meikle** was our Zoom hostess Jan. 25. 2022.

- February 22,2022: **Diane Hayden**
- March 22, 2022: **George Unrine** and **Judy Unrine**
- April 26, 2022: **Geeta Gupta**
- May 24, 2022: **Linda Rosenfeld**
- June 7, 2022: **Ellyn Meikle**

Scheduled Speakers

- Jan 25, 2022, Torrance Police Dept – Scams: Sargent **Ron Salary**
- Feb 22, 2022, Ellyn **Meikle** presentation on Vegetable Gardening
- Mar 22, 2022, Michael **Friedman** - The History of California
- April 26, 2022, Madrona Marsh outdoor tour
- May 24, 2022, NONE scheduled yet

June Installation (Mad Hatter) will be finalized soon.

Excursions: Madrona Marsh walking outdoor tour April 26, 2022

2nd VP (**Cynthia Lundin**)

Newsletter: The next issue of the Sea Breeze will be published post Jan 25th meeting. If you have an article you would like to contribute, please email it to **Cynthia**.

3RD VP MEMBERSHIP (**Regina Taylor** and **Lynn Fernandez**) no report

Old Business: Spring Plant-less plant sale reminder. Send in your donation.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Again, **Ellyn Meike** asked RGC members to email her with their suggestions for holding meetings this current garden club year. (In-person, ZOOM or a hybrid of both) Mary **Allesandra-Cook** stated that she had experience holding hybrid ZOOM/in-person club meetings and that she would talk to Ellyn about the details.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- The next general meeting is 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2022 - ZOOM
- The next board meeting is 10:00 a.m., Tuesday Feb 15, 2022, at **Toni Ziegler's** home

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Toni Sargent** thanked RGC members for their generous support of the Salvation Army Christmas Angel Tree charity.
- **Toni** also mentioned that Torrance will have artists create utility box art similar to what Redondo Beach has already created. This is sponsored by the Torrance Cultural Arts Commission. Artist are wanted for the Torrance utility box projects!

SPEAKER: Sargent **Ron Salary** from the Torrance Police Dept spoke on Scams via ZOOM.

Adjournment Time: 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Rubin, RGC secretary