



# Riviera Garden Club

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### FROM OUR PRESIDENTS



**Gloria Balcom    Linda Rosenfeld**

We are feeling a mixture of strong emotions as we write our last Presidents' Message before transferring the RGC reins into the skillful hands of **Toni Ziegler** and **Mary Varieur**. You are a special group of unique and wonderful members and we deeply thank you for allowing us to serve you for two terms.

**"Seeds of Friendship Rooted in Community"**, our motto for this year, strikes us as especially fitting and it covers a lot of territory. As a group, we have shared fun, laughter – and good food – at meetings, on excursions and during special fundraising events. Together we have learned more about nature and our community from some fascinating speakers.

We have shared tears and hugs of support through illness and loss. We are so proud that you have turned these experiences into opportunities to 'give back' to the community we love.

Together we tend community gardens, sponsor learning gardens like the one at Victor Elementary School and support community partners like South Coast Botanic Garden and Valmonte Farm & Garden. Your donations will provide a \$1,000 **Nancy Weaver Scholarship** to a special high school student – for a total of four \$1,000 scholarships this year. And it's not over yet. We are looking forward to upcoming FUNdraisers at the Comedy and Magic Club and the Steinmart Fashion Show, an exciting bus trip to Rancho Los Alamitos, our annual Garden and Plant Sale – finishing up with our always amazing Madhatter installation luncheon.

Thanks for the incredible memories!

**Linda and Gloria**

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## MEMBER NEWS AND TIDBITS

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY RGC FRIENDS!

#### March

1 Cecilia Ceasar  
? Marlene Ennis

20 Toni Sargent

26 Alberta Brice

28 Eunice Hargrove

31 Carole Lefevre

#### April

4 Allison Jones

7 Carolyn Bazak

9 Joani Thompson

10 Madelyn Wilson

11 Pam Barrett-Hill

19 Betty Moyer

23 Susan Tyree

27 Phyllis Roth

### GET WELL WISHES TO

**Jim Hill** (Pam Barrett's husband)

### PLANT SALE WORKSHOPS

**Phyllis DeCrescenzo** has offered her backyard once again for our planting workshops. 22532 Shadycroft Avenue, Torrance 310-540-3690

**April 2** (Tuesday) 2:00 - 3:30 PM

**April 4** (Thursday) 10:00 - 12:00 PM

**April 9** (Tuesday) 2:00 - 3:30 PM

**April 11** (Thursday) 10:00 - 12:00 PM

**April 16** (Tuesday) 2:00 - 3:30 PM

**April 18** (Thursday) 10:00 - 12:00 PM



Photos of VICTOR SCHOOL 5<sup>th</sup> graders at the South Coast Botanic Garden



A Bus excursion was paid for by RGC for all **Victor Elementary School's 5<sup>th</sup> grade students** to visit the South Coast Botanic Garden on January 25, 2019. Charming letters of appreciation from some of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students were displayed at the March RGC meeting.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**April 6-7** Sat.-Sun. s.c Cactus & Succulent society  
**Show and sale** at S.C.B.G. 9a.m.-4p.m.

**April 11** Thursday **Comedy and Magic Club** FUNdraiser Contact Pam Barrett 310-548-3926. \$20

**April 16** Tuesday **RGC Board** home of **Tecki Poletti** 310-327-0243 9:30 a.m.

**April 24** Wednesday bus excursion **\$40 Rancho Los Alamitos**-lunch included Contact Marie Hoffman 310-710-1934

**May 4. Plant Sale** Charlie Sappington's **Call to work a shift** at the sale. Linda 310-600-6067 or Gloria 310-378-5464

**May 14** Tuesday **RGC Board** home of **Emily Lacina** 9:30 a.m. 310-378-3267

**May 16** Thursday **Fashion Show** FUNdraiser Stein Mart \$20

**May 21** Tuesday **RGC meeting** Torrance Airport. Speaker changed. 9:30 a.m.

**June 4** Tues. **Mad Hatter luncheon \$40** and officer installation. 11:30 Wear a hat decorated with living material. Meet the scholarship recipients. Cheesecake Factory. Pam Barrett-Hill 310-548-3926

**PLEASE! Put these dates in your personal calendar now!**

## LANDSCAPE AWARDS

Riviera Homeowners Association and Riviera Garden Club

**January February 2019**



**Cathy and Scott Jones**, owners  
**345 Camino de las Colinas R B**

This huge corner lot garden surrounds a completely renovated home.

Drought tolerant grasses and Aloes line decomposed granite paths.

## REMEMBERING NANCY WEAVER

Some of the information was found in Nancy's Celebration of Life Pamphlet.

Nancy was born in Indiana and graduated from Indiana University in 1968 and remained a life-long Hoosier even though she moved to California where she earned a master's degree at UC Santa Barbara. Nancy taught 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Bonita Street School in the LA Unified School District. Throughout her 33 year teaching career and even after retiring, she remained committed to supporting public education institutions. In 1969 Nancy met Howard, the love of her life. They were married in 1970 and moved to their Torrance home in 1973.

Nancy and Howard shared many interests: jazz, skiing, tennis, bicycling, camping, sailing, gardening and driving their vintage Porsche as well as entertaining. Nancy lost Howard in 2009 and it took her many years to recover from her loss. She persevered and eventually resumed old friendships and formed new ones. Nancy worked hard but also knew how to balance her life with fun and enjoyment.

Nancy Weaver was co-president of the Riviera Garden Club from 2012-2014 with Geneva Martin. Nancy often hosted RGC board meetings at her home and held other offices during the years she was a member. Nancy's sudden death on January 29 brought shock and sadness to the members of our garden club. She was loved and respected by all.

A \$1000 memorial scholarship has been created by donations from the Riviera Garden Club members to honor our friend, **Nancy Weaver**.



## EL CAMINO COLLEGE

### WARRIOR FOOD PANTRY

The El Camino College (ECC) Warrior Pantry was established to help ECC students who face serious financial challenges, and often find it difficult to support themselves while also paying for college. Research indicates that students without proper nutrition can have trouble focusing on school work and often worry about where they will find their next meal. The Warrior Pantry assists students facing food insecurity. It also provides toiletries, offers access to a computer, and connect students to additional resources in an environment that is supportive and judgement-free. These services can be used by all currently enrolled El Camino College students needing assistance.



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!**

**Sea Breeze Editor Marilyn Rubin**

**Riviera Garden Club**

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## RGC Scholarship Recipients 2019

Four students will each receive a \$1000 scholarship from the Riviera Garden Club. The El Camino College student recipient has not been chosen yet. Below are the 3 high school scholarship winners.

**Kristi Spieleder** from South High School in Torrance will receive the RGC Anna Makowski Memorial Scholarship. Kristi will attend Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo next fall where she will study environmental science.

**Joshua Matsuda**, a North High School senior, will attend UCLA next year where he will major in environmental issues. Joshua has been a regular volunteer at Madrona Marsh.

**Anna Lee** from West High in Torrance is the recipient of the newly created Nancy Weaver Memorial Scholarship. Anna has been a volunteer at the YMCA and at Torrance Memorial Hospital. She will attend Claremont College with a major in environmental engineering.

### RGC SLATE OF OFFICERS 2019-2020

**Presidents:** Toni Ziegler Mary Varieur

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