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Presidents' Message

Sharon Dunn and Janet Sperber



The gifts have been opened, the holiday dinner prepared and enjoyably eaten and the parties are mostly behind us. We hope each of you enjoyed your celebration with family and friends and that you were on Santa's good list !!!



Our Holiday Brunch was a success as we indulged in the delicious food, played Reindeer games and were visited by Rudolph... or shall we say, Pat Kenner? Our lips are sealed... so you decide. But whoever it was that graced us with their presence while dancing on two hooves was extraordinary and furthered our enjoyment of the brunch by eliciting lots of smiles and laughs. The birdhouse centerpieces were really beautiful and helped to set the scene and, in addition, were a prize for a lucky winner at each table. We send a heartfelt thank you to Pat Lussier, Pat Kenner, Diane Hegyi, Carolyn Schneider, Carol Mansukhani, Thom Hobbs and Stephanie Beckley for their participation in providing us with such a festive event. We also say a big thank you to Roger Hegyi for the holiday music he provided and for accompanying our surprise dancing guest, Rudolph.

As we look forward to 2023 we have our member's-only Stroll in the Garden coming up in April. We have dangled out the need for a committee, volunteers and gardens but now the time is upon us to get serious and make it happen. We need to form a committee in order to have the stroll and to reiterate, *new members bring fresh energy and ideas and are greatly encouraged to join the committee*. Since it's a member's-only stroll, as previously stated, the committee is responsible for procuring gardens (we have a few), being docents, preparing a flyer and signing people up to come to the stroll. It's something we all look forward to as we bid goodbye to winter and get serious about our springtime gardens. Contact Janet Sperber via email, jwsperb@gmail.com.

Pat Martin has another enjoyable venue for our January 19th field trip so read about it in her article below and sign up if you plan on joining us.

Happy New Year to each of you! Let's make it a successful, dynamic and fulfilling one for our garden club.



Sharon & Janet

PROGRAMS

By Pat Martin

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends... I know I did! Now I have to quit eating and focus on the new year. We have some very interesting months coming up, starting with a field trip to the Great Park's Farm and Food Lab on January 19th. This is a Thursday outing, as they are closed on Mondays. We will meet across from the clubhouse at 9:30 AM to carpool to Irvine.

For our February meeting at the clubhouse we have Ed Andrade and John Sahara, speakers from Master Gardeners. Their presentation will cover maintaining your garden tools and preparing them for spring. Bring your favorite pair of clippers so they can show you how to improve and maintain them for long-lasting use.

Our March outing will again be a Thursday event, as they too are closed on Mondays. On Thursday, March 23, 2023, we will be going to Rancho Los Alamitos Historic Ranch and Gardens in Long Beach for a docent-guided tour. We will be meeting across from the clubhouse for carpooling to Long Beach.

If you have any questions about these upcoming events, please contact me at 949-584-0436.



Upcoming Events:

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| 1/19. | Food & Farm Lab, Great Park, Irvine. | 9:30 AM/carpool |
| 2/20. | Tool Care & Maintenance Speaker | 10:00 AM @ GC |
| 3/23. | Rancho Los Alamitos Field Trip,
Long Beach. | 9:30 AM/carpool |

* GC ~ SJC Golf Club





MEMBERSHIP

By Jeannette Pease

We're currently at sixty-three members and looking forward to adding more in the new year. I'm aware of at least two new members who will be joining us in January. Encourage your gardening friends to join as Pat Martin has great programs in store for us all !!



SWEET STEM SENDERS

By Kathy Dixon



Stem Senders are gathering to create gifts for the Seniors in the Assisted Living Residence, Atria. Those in attendance: Barbara Luby, Mary Crawford, Pat Martin, Carol Mansukhani, Mozelle Sukut and Wendy Ricci.



Delivering joy and visiting the residents are: new member, Pat Webster, and also Kathy Holman,

Pat Martin, Donna Sheaffer, Peggy Byrnes, Wendy Ricci and myself. If you are interested in the creation and/or delivering of special treats for the holidays, please let me know. We are a fun group of ladies and the love, cheer and laughter our gifts bring to the residents is rewarding! (714-791-5221)







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