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OUR MISSION IS TO
ENJOY, ENHANCE AND
ENRICH OUR
GROUNDS THROUGH
EDUCATION,
PLANTING AND
COMMUNITY !!

Presidents' Message

Sharon Dunn and Janet Sperber



Hello Gardening Friends!

We had a good turnout at our Feb. 20th general meeting where two very knowledgeable gentlemen demonstrated techniques on how to clean and sharpen our gardening tools. Under their instruction, and rolling up our sleeves, we left with shinier and sharper tools to help with our projects in the garden. One of our lucky raffle winners left with a kit full of products to help maintain her tools which was kindly donated by our instructors.

We thank Kathy Holman for her generous donation of note cards and two bluebird houses, one of which we were pleased to include in the raffle. The next time we meet we'll raffle off the second birdhouse.

A very nice bottle of wine was donated by Teress Weber and one of our lucky raffle winners was all smiles as she claimed it. Very generous of you, Teress; thank you! Thanks also to Robyn Thiffault, who provided the pretty St. Patty's Day centerpieces at each table. To those of you who brought succulents & cuttings to share with our local schools, we thank you as well.

The Board is very pleased that we have a strong nominating committee who will be reaching out to each of you in order to develop the new board to commence on July 1st. Members of the committee will be contacting you, giving you a full explanation of each position and determining your level of interest. They will answer any concerns or questions you may have. The May general meeting at the club house will be our last for the fiscal year and, at that time, the slate of candidates will be introduced and a vote will be taken. Please plan to attend. As stated at the February meeting the current board will be

available to mentor new board members for as long as necessary and we encourage you to take that into consideration when making a decision.

We had a signup sheet to develop a committee for our August Under the Stars Fundraising Event and we were really happy and encouraged to see how many of you signed up to participate. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Member participation . . . that is what it takes to keep our club viable!

Pat Martin, VP Programs, has arranged an excursion to Tree of Life Nursery in April in lieu of the Stroll in the Garden so please read her article to see what has been planned for us in the next few months. Thank you so much, Pat, for stepping up with an excursion on short notice; it's much appreciated!



This and the following photos were sent to us by San Juan and Del Obispo Elementary School(s) ~~ and they're so sweet we wanted to share them with you !!!

Our club is currently donating \$1000.00 to both Del Obispo and San Juan Elementary schools to enhance the gardening projects of the students who enjoy the gardening program. This is in addition to the \$750 we donated last year to each of them. The teachers and the

mothers who run the program are so grateful for the funds and we are glad to help with their worthwhile educational opportunities.



These pictures are really touching and make us smile to see potential future San Juan Garden Club members in the making !!!



Happy Gardening to you all !!

Sharon & Janet

PROGRAMS

By Pat Martin



We had a very successful meeting this month where we learned how to sharpen and care for our garden tools. The Master Gardener speakers, Ed Andrade and Jon Schara, were very thorough and shared their many years of experience with us. They brought an excellent gift that was raffled off to our winner, Karen Fowler, which included all the necessary products and tools to continually maintain garden tools to last into future gardening seasons. Many thanks to Master Gardeners for their willingness to share their knowledge and expertise!

On March 23rd, we will be going on a field trip to Rancho Los Alamitos in Long Beach. This Rancho was part of a Spanish land grant of 28,000 acres that spread into Los Angeles County, Seal Beach, Rossmoor, Cypress, Stanton and Garden Grove. The most recent family to own the Rancho was the Bixby family who donated it to the City of Long Beach in 1967.

We are scheduled for a 1:00 docent-lead tour of the property and will meet across from the golf club at 10:00 AM so we have time for lunch in Long Beach before our guided tour.

I am still seeking drivers for this outing. Please contact me at 949-584-0436 if you are able to drive.



Rancho Los Alamitos



MEMBERSHIP

By Jeannette Pease

We are now 67 members strong !!!

Attached you will find the current Membership Roster. Please contact me at my email address jeannettepease@gmail.com if you find any discrepancies in your listing.

Thank you again for your help in keeping the Roster current and correct !!!



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| 3/23. | Rancho Los Alamitos Field Trip in Long Beach~~ (a <u>Thursday</u>).
Carpool meetup across from Golf Club. | 10:00 AM |
| 4/19. | Field Trip to Tree of Life Nursery at 33201 Ortega Hwy. A \$10 fee to be paid to the Tour Guide on that day. | 10:00 AM |





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We invite you to ~~

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