



On right, Will Nash, Coordinator of the Spark of Love toy drive, helps load the trailer with gifts brought by members and guests.



Four eight-foot tables laden with donated gifts.



Our very appreciated volunteer firefighters who gave up their time to come and collect the gifts.



Firefighters, committee members and Shirley Wild of the Press Telegram. gather around the fire truck.

“SPARK OF LOVE TOY DRIVE”

Once again, our members and their guests shone with generosity for the abundance and thoughtful gifts purchased and donated to the “*Spark of Love*” toy drive! Many families in our community will benefit from this outpouring of toys. **Special thanks again this year to Julie Taboada, Linda Silver, Ruth Saa and Judy Taylor for shopping with your donated money totaling \$351.** Much appreciation goes to **Will Nash**, Program Coordinator of this worthy cause, and to all the firemen, lifeguards, police and Channel 7 who assist in making a difference throughout our City! Thank you Members for making this such a joyful occasion!

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Naples Islands Garden Club



PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE:



Happy New Year everyone and welcome to all the new experiences we have to look forward to in our Garden Club. January always gives us a new and brighter outlook on things to come so I’m hoping all of you will take the time to go to your calendar and mark on it all of our upcoming meetings and events. Remember, the general meetings are always on the 2nd Monday of each month and you can find all of our upcoming events on page 8 and 9 of your roster.

I want to give a special word of thanks to Marge Holy for organizing our wonderful excursion to the Bembridge House and lunch at George’s Greek Café was fantastic. Thank you also to Trish Schooley and her committee for another warm and wonderful Christmas Luncheon at Virginia Country Club. We had our largest crowd ever and I hear many compliments regarding the event from our members and guests. Thanks to all of you for your generous donations to the LBFD “Spark of Love”.

“Put on your pearls girls and let’s have some fun!!!!

Barbara

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NEXT General Membership Meeting Monday, January 9, 2017

Gloria Dei Church, 5872 Napes Plaza, Long Beach
12:30 p.m. Social 1:00 p.m. Meeting



Medicinal Plants

by

*Loretta
Allison*

Do you know how some plants can help your health?
Come and find out what is healthy for you!

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General Membership Meeting

Door hostess: Margaret Dineen-Kern
Flowers: Dee Mattern
Refreshments: Susan Bell, Linda Schoen,
Rose Nason, Judy Taylor, Debbie Tebrich

GARDENER'S GALLEY

Smoked Salmon-Wasbi Tea Sandwiches

Thank you member for this recipe

1 tablespoon wasabi powder
2 teaspoons water
8 ounces cream cheese, room temperature
12 very thin slices whole wheat bread
8 ounces thinly sliced smoked salmon
2 teaspoons grated lemon peel
3 tablespoons chopped fresh dill

Mix wasabi powder and 2 teaspoons water in medium bowl to form paste. Add cream cheese; using electric mixer, beat until well combined.

Place all bread slices on work surface. Spread each with wasabi cream sheese, dividing equally. Top 6 bread slices with smoked salmon, dividing equally. Sprinkle lemon peel, then dill over salmon. Top with remaining bread slices, cheese side down. (Can be made 2 hours ahead. Wrap sandwiches individually in paper towels and refrigerate.)

Trim crusts. Cut each sandwich in 4 triangles. Transfer to platter cut side up.

Flower Show Theme

"The Wonders of Spring"
Long Beach Yacht Club
March 21, 2017

NEXT BOARD MEETING

January 23, 2017

2:30 p.m.

Home of: Patti Clark
Hostess: Patricia Fuquay

BUNCO

Start the New Year right with the "Bunco Babes"

January 9th, 2017
Monday evening at 7:00p.m.
Marilyn Bittle's house

141 Syracuse Walk
Remember to bring \$5.00 in singles and that "Christmas elephant" in a bag.
call: Jeanie Miller (562) 433-0566

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 4, Patti Martin
January 7, Carolyn Powers
January 30, Kathy Owens
January 30, Paulina Thompson
January 30, Marge Hohly
January 31, Yvonne Calkins



"Helping Others at All Times"

Happy November Birthday to Margaret Russell!

Wearing her 100th birthday sweater, member Margaret Russell celebrated her

104th birthday

with friends at her home in Naples. Pictured with her here is long time friend 94-year-old Betty Suttie. You ladies are wonderful ~ and very treasured!



Pack 105 Cub Scouts

Pack 105, Naples School, receives an annual contribution (\$125) from our club and uses it to buy white card board trash receptacles which they utilize at Halloween and the boat parade. Over 30 scouts participated in the set-up and clean-up for the boat parade; the Sunday morning group is pictured here with Sarah Sangmeister, on the right, one of the leaders.

Helped by parents driving cars, the Scouts collected the trash containers which were placed throughout the island and taken to dumpsters.

"Giverny, Claude Monet's Garden"

Trish Schooley will present her National Award winning video of this beautiful garden edited to music!

Monday, February 6th
9 a.m. coffee, 9:30 a.m. Meeting and Program
Placentia/Cornerstone United Methodist Church
2050 Valencia Avenue, Placentia. CA92870
Silent Auction for
District Horticultural Scholarship
\$5pp

The Orange County District of CGCI is hosting their Winter District Meeting. Clubs will contribute a variety of plants, gift certificates and garden items to a silent auction to fund the district horticultural scholarship. **Please put this on your calendar and help support our affiliation with Orange Country District.**



The team of members who gathered to set luminarias around the fountain, share some holiday spirits at the completion of the mission.



With a collection of Christmas carols, the Bay Shore Community choir entertained those who came to listen.



Joyful little children were given small instruments and invited to join the carolers.

LUMINARIA NIGHT

December 12th, 2016



Glowing with luminarias and the back drop of lighted apartments, Bella La Fontana stands as a jewel in the center of Naples Islands.



Volunteer members set luminarias around the fountain.



Residents join in the singing.



L-R: Speakers Todd and father Dave Mehl gave most inovative program on Tower Gardens.



Dave Mehl shows plants to members in ordience.



L-R: Todd Mehl; Program Chair, Marianne Huntley; President, Barbara Jordon and Dave Mehl.

November Program

“Tower Gardens”

Our November program was very interesting and very progressive! Dave Mehl introduced his son, Todd, of Gray Avenue Farms. He is a leader in the current movement to help people learn to grow their own salad ingredients and vegetables hydroponically, (water only, no dirt). He is instrumental in educating farm to table restaurants and teaching children to grow their own food. Todd shared a fabulous photo presentation showing children in schools in the inner city, along with densely populated areas of New York City, growing their own salad fixings on their roof tops! We are grateful to both Todd and Dave for the generosity of their time in educating us. We are always happy to learn new ways to grow what is healthful for us to eat and can help those less fortunate with access to good foods!

Submitted by Marianne Huntley, 1st V-P



Tower garden in Santa Barbara set up by Gray Avenue Farms at private home.



Dave Mehl with member Rose Nason and guest ?????



The committee L-R: Margaret Hay; Paulina Thompson; Carol Mehler; Event Chair, Betty Hercus; President, Barbara Jordon; Patti Clark.



Veterans L-R: Stan Poe, ???Willard, Howard Davis.



L-R: Barbara Jordon, Marilyn bittle lead the "Star Spangled Banner, Betty Hercus, Paulina Thompson.



Boy Scout hads Veteran a carnation.



Boy Scouts Honor Guard.



Coffee and donuts were served at the event.

FUNDRAISER



Left: Debbie Ball and Patti Clark catch up at the event.



Below: Peggy Papazia and Lisa Mauck sell raffle tickets.



Above L-R: Joyce Levinson, Betty Hercus, Christine Gibson, Cindy Cardarelli.



Above L-R: Sharon Civalieri, Cindy Murphy, Linda Frame and Rose Nason.

LA BELLA BABES

Under the auspice of Sandy Davidson, fifteen ladies turned out in red aprons to spruce up the park for Veterans Day. Well done...you are so appreciated!

Barbie Barker-Litterst
Lauren Bennett
Ann Devlin
Sandy Davidson
Edie Graber
Jan Hamilton
Barbara Jordon

Norma Kober
Lynn Little
Ruth SaaDiana
Schmelzer
Lynn shober
Julie Toaboda
Debbie Tebrich
Dorothy Thomas



HOLIDAY

November 6, 2016

Much fun and merriment was had by all, at our annual Garden Club Fundraiser held at the Standing Ovation Flower Gallery. It was a fabulous afternoon of shopping and visiting with friends while nibbling on delicious tea sandwiches and scrumptious treats! Thank you for all your time and support in making this event a great success and raising money to go towards our Naples Beautification Projects.



*Chairmen, extraordinaire,
Wendi Vodhanel and Pam McCredie*



*Above L-R: Marion Beckman, Dawn Doeve,
Mary Jo Kerr and Lynne Clarke.*



*L-R: Lynette Sewell pours champagne for Nancee
Tinsley, Susan Bell and Marianne Huntley.*



*Susan Bell and Jeanie Miller check in guests
as they arrive for the festivities at Romance Etc.*



*Pam McCredie has help from friend Rebecca????
as Mary Griggs pulls number for lucky drawing.*

Veterans Day

November 11, 2016

Wow, another great day in Naples!!! This year's Veterans Day event was a huge success...we handed out 100 programs and still needed more! Everyone was treated to a glimpse of the future with Boy Scout troupe #105's presentation of the colors and pledge of allegiance...what outstanding young people! Suzie Price gave an exceptional post-election speech referencing unity in our nation and thanking the Veterans for preserving our freedom. Each veteran attending was recognized and thanked for their service. The event closed with Marilyn Bittle leading the group in song with *God Bless America*.

submitted by Betty Hercus, Event Chair



*Chairman, Betty Hercus and Paulina
Thompson lay the beautiful Veterans' wreath.*



Boy Scout perform Flag Ceremony



*Above: Third District
Councilperson, Suzie Price,
spoke profoundly to those
attending the event.*



*At left:
Boy Scout Troupe #105
stand proudly at the park.*



Back row L-R: Event Chair, Trish Schooley; Shirley Wild, Columnist for Press Telegram; Will Nash, Coordinator of Spark of Love; President, Barbara Jordon; Past President Kathy Owens. Seated: Luciann Maulhardt, Margaret Kern.



L-R: Checking in are Sandy Davidson, Lynn Gesner, Lynette Jordon, and Dee McKinney.



**L-R back row: Dee McKinney, Lynette Sewell, Donna Becker, Kay Berg
Seated: Sumera Wacker, Ruby Wool, Joan Knight**

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

What a wonderful way to kick start the holiday season! Virginia County Club sparked with festive trimmings and spectacular Christmas tree while a solo pianist greeted arriving guests with a rendition of carols. Reservations tipped a record 127 members and guests and the tables over flowed with a magnificent array of their donated gifts for the "Spark of Love" toy drive. It is always a pleasure to have special guests, Will Nash, Program Coordinator for the toy drive and Shirley Wild, Social Editor for the Press Telegram. Listed amongst the highlights was the arrival of the volunteer Fire Fighters from Station #11, who graciously come to collect the gifts for families in the community in most need at this time of the year. It gives our luncheon a special denotation. Thank you all for making it so meaningful!

Trish Schooley, Event Chair

Wednesday, December 14th, 2016



Back row L-R: Kathy Kilderbeck, Wendi Vodhanel, Pam McCredie, Ann Devlin, Kathy Owens as Carolyn Powers finds name tag.



L-R: Marianne Huntely, Margie Burri and Linda Frame



L-R: Lisa Mauck, Margaret Hay and Ania Sullivan were our bean counters at the beverage table!



L-R: Mary Jo Kerr, lady in Progress, Lynn Misajon and Cindy Murphy enjoying their friendship.



Jeanie Miller and grand-daughter April stand before the beautifully decorated Christmas tee.



L-R: Carol Reed, Linda Pillsbury, Norma Kober and Cathy Black hamming it up!



Members and guests enthusiastically enjoyed the festivities!



On left, Linda Landes with carolers from the Bay Shore Community Church.



Our wonderful pianist, Rick Olsen.