

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



Four eight-foot tables laden with donated gifts.



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

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"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!

Trish Schooley, Event Chair



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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

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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

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 shceese, 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 sandwhich 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 Paticia Fuguay **Hostess:**

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 Methadist 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.

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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.

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

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



Dave Mehl shows plants to members in ordience.



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



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



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

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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.



Boy Scout hads Veteran a carnation.





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 Civalleri, 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!

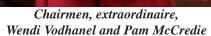
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HOLIDAY

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.





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 troup #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*.



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

sumbmitted by Betty Hercus, Event Chair



Boy Scout perform Flag Ceremony



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



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

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Bacj 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.

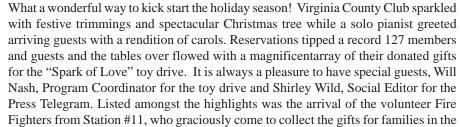


L-R: Checking in are Sandy Davidson, Lynn Gesner, Lynette Jordon, and Dee McKinney.

Donna Becker, Kay Berg

Seated: Sumera Wacker, Ruby Wool, Joan Knight

Seated: Luciann Maulhardt, Margaret Kern.



Trish Schooley, Event Chair

Wednesday, December 14th, 2016



denotation. Thank you all for making it so meaningful!

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

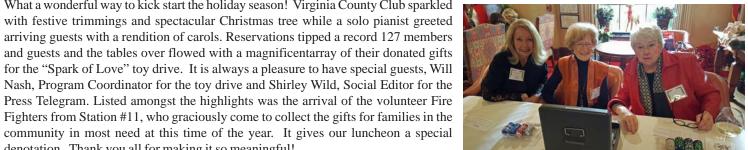


HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

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



Members and guests enthusiastically enjoyed the festivities!



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 funny girl, Cathy Black hamming it up!



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



Our wonderful pianist, Rick Olsen.

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