

“SPARK OF LOVE TOY DRIVE”



The volunteer lifeguard, firefighters, paramedic and engineer crew from Station #9, with President, Sandy Davidson and Trish Schooley, Event Chair.



At left: Firefighter/Paramedic, Justin Verga, loaded gifts.



Photo left:

Two eight-foot tables end-to-end and back-to-back were laden with toys! In addition were three razors and helmets.

Thank you all for your toy contributions to the fire department, whose members volunteer and arrange distribution of the toys to different organizations and families in areas where they are most needed. This year more consideration went toward the older children. **Special thanks to Julie Taboada, Linda Silver and Judy Taylor for purchasing three razors with helmets, sporting equipment and gift cards with \$350 worth of donated money from members.** Special thanks also to Will Nash, who co-ordinates this worthy cause, and to all the firemen, lifeguards, police and Channel 7 who assist ...what a difference you make!



Back Row: Lifeguard, John Okaniwa; Captain, Chris Milburn; Firefighter, Ryan Rose; Firefighter/Paramedic, Justin Verga; Engineer, Philip Gonsal; Firefighter/Toy Drive Coordinator, Will Nash; **Front Row:** Shirley Wild, Social Columnist for the Press Telegram; Meredith Medanich; President, Sandy Davidson; Shirley Knopf; Margaret Hay and Tamara Achauer.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

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o **Happy New Year** The days have a little more light at the end (finally), it's time to prune roses, and *Downton Abbey* returns – life is good!

o *Teatime in the Garden* is the inspiring theme for our April 14 **Flower**

Show. The room for floral and horticultural entries has moved *upstairs* this year to the Bridge Deck at LBYC and there will be easy access after lunch. Did I mention it is slightly *larger than* the room used in the past? We all need to dig down and *fill the tables* with our plants and creations. Chairman Margie Burri has included the “rules”, please read and let your creative juices flow. *Start planning now.*

- o Our speaker in January is **George Chapjian**, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Marine and an important partner in all that our club does on the island. Please attend and welcome George warmly.
- o We can all be proud of the beautiful NIGC Christmas luncheon. We had a record number of guests, our events are a lovely way to showcase our club. Thank you to Trish Schooley and her twelve member committee for a gracious afternoon.
- o December in Naples: sewage spill and Ravenna bridge closing, 90 min. power failure during the Boat Parade, several serious traffic accidents at Second and Ravenna. Drive carefully and know whom to call if something is amiss, don't wait for someone else to report problems. Trish Schooley, our roster editor, has composed a thorough list of phone numbers on the last page

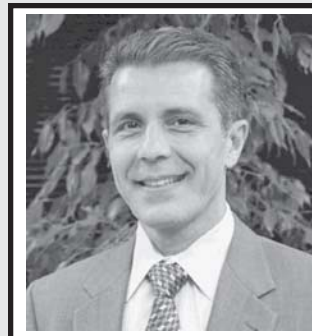
of our roster.
Green Grows our Island.”

Sandy

NEXT

General Membership Meeting
Monday, January 12, 2015

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



George Chapjian,
Director of
Parks,
Recreation
and
Marine.

Come and meet George Chapjian who will speak on, *“Betwixt and Between”* - the challenges facing Long Beach Parks, Medians and Marinas.

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General Membership Meeting

Door hostess: Patti Clark
Flowers: Patti Martin
Refreshments: Norma Kober, Priscilla Lane,
Marianne Huntley, Lynette Jordan

GARDENER'S GALLEY

Grilled Salmon Fillets with Balsamic Glaze
From the kitchen of Lynn Danielson

1/2 cup balsamic vinegar
1/2 cup dry white wine
2 Tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1 clove garlic, minced
Olive oil
2.5 to 3.0 ounces salmon fillet

Combine first 5 ingredients in a medium sauce pan. Boil until reduced to 1/3 cup, about 17 to 20 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Can make 1 week ahead and refrigerate. If so, re-warm over low heat before using. Prepare BBQ, med high heat, brush salmon lightly with olive oil; sprinkle with salt and pepper. Grill, flesh side down first, until just opaque in center, about 5 min per side. Transfer to platter or plates and drizzle warm glaze over the top. May broil or pan-sear as an alternative.

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



NEXT BOARD MEETING

January 27, 2015
2:30 p.m.

Hostess: Margaret Dineen-Kern
Co-hostess: Patti Clark

BUNCO

Start the New Year right
with the "Bunco Babes"

January 12th, 2015
Monday evening at 7:00p.m.
Ginny Clark's house
214 Angelo Walk

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

ANNUAL BRIDGE LUNCHEON

The annual Bridge Luncheon is scheduled
at LBYC for Thursday, April 30th.
For those in the Round Robin this year,
Ladies, please have your games finished and
scores turned in to:
Jeannie Hughes
by Friday, May 1, 2015.

Email address change:

Jan Dark
janicefdark@gmail.com

The Story Teller

The finals of "Long Beach Searches for Its Greatest Storyteller" were held December 28 at a sold-out Long Beach Playhouse. Among the contestants was perky **Barbara Jordan**, NIGC First V-P. Barb was a winner in the August round of the competition but she is no stranger to the stage. She has been telling stories to family and friends for years and performed in melodramas on the Goldenrod Showboat in St. Louis. Barbara's story was warm and humorous, her presentation well paced, and yes, she mentioned the Garden Club.

Congratulations to Barbara, the first place winner; she will perform again on Jan. 25 at Malarkey's Irish Pub.



Way to go, Barbara!

New Members on Committees

New members will work on a committee during their first year, beginning in Fall of 2014. The club hopes this energy will continue throughout their active membership, providing needed "woman power" for our many activities.

The clipboard went around Marilyn Bittle's decorated luncheon table at the New Member Orientation and Luncheon in October; Lynette Sewell, Membership Vice-President, described activities, committees and beautification areas. The response was terrific, see below.

Chairing one of these committees? Please note names and add the new members below to your committee:

Bonnie Clark Hospitality, Median Beautification, Christmas Luncheon 2015

Jan Dark Horticulture, La Bella Fontana, Flower Show 2014

Marta Griffin Beautification, May Day 2015

Marianne Huntley Recording Secretary, Flower Show 2014

Mary Jo Kerr Hospitality, Book Club Coordinator, Telephone

Carol Mehler Beautification, Arbor Day 2015

Lynn Shober Beautification, Arbor Day 2015

Wendi Vodhanel Median Beautification, Flower Show 2015, May Day 2015

Lynette Sewell, First Vice-President Membership, co-ordinates this program.



Mark your calendars!



Excursion to
Greenwood
Gardens

May 6th, 2015

*This beautiful garden will
be in full iris bloom.
Stay tuned for details!*

submitted by Susan Bell, chairman

Thanks to Don Easterby

Don pulled the rabbit out of the hat this December. He scheduled Merchants Landscape to pick up every city property and empty every trash can in Naples *each December morning* this year. The result were spotless public areas by 8 am. The tidy areas this year were a big improvement and our club is grateful to him.

Photo right:

Don Easterby, center, during planting of new palm trees on 2nd Street median earlier last year.



Ad Hoc Committee on Fundraising

Barbara Jordan, First Vice President, is chairing an Ad Hoc Committee that will analyze all our income sources and their profitability and efficiency. Barbara has appointed her committee: Tamara Achauer, Ginny Clark, Priscilla Lane, and Barbie Litterst.

HORTICULTURE

Tips for Mulching your Garden



*“My garden was a wilderness
of weeds that mimicked woes
And then love came
and at a touch each weed became a rose.”*

Mary Gilmore, 1907.

Spreading three inches of mulch retains moisture, saving 20-30 gallons of water per day, leaving three inches mulch-free around trees and two inches mulch-free around plant stems.

Weeds can be controlled by mulch and persistence. Consider future generations and bird/insect life before using herbicides. It is best to think of weeding as a therapeutic pastime, good for you and good for your garden.

Best of all, you can obtain a load of mulch, free from the City of Long Beach, at www.longbeach.gov/city_manager/sustainability/buildings.n.neighborhoods/mulch.delivery/request.form.asp. They deliver a pick-up truck bed full of mulch. Obtaining smaller amounts is possible at any nursery. As we continue to have water limitations, mulch is a great tool.

submitted by Jan Dark, chairman

Flower Show, April 14th

“Tea Time in the Garden”

Included in this newsletter are the rules for the 2015 Flower Show. Now is the time to begin planning your entries, especially if you are entering in the Horticulture Division and need to get any new plants started. It should be a spectacular event at LBYC and all members are encouraged to “talk to their flowering plants letting them know that around April 14th they need to be showing their beauty”!





From left: Shirley Wild, Social Columnist, Press Telegram; Will Nash, coordinator of Spark of Love Toy Drive; President, Sandy Davidson.



Standing: Marilyn Bittle and Judy Powell.
Seated: Patti Biggerstaff, Jeanie Miller, Marge Hohly.



Enjoying the fireplace from left are: Lynette Sewell, Shirley Knopf, Terri Marte Greco, Sharon Civalieri and Margaret Hay.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

December 10, 2014

Once again our members shone with generosity! The Spark of Love Toy Drive has become a lovely Christmas luncheon tradition as tables were laden with gifts, along with three razors and helmets. The red carpet lined with poinsettias welcomed members as they entered the beautifully decorated clubhouse and a joyous social hour followed. In attendance as honored guests were Will Nash, coordinator of the Spark of Love Toy Drive and Shirley Wild, Social Columnist for the Press Telegram. The Christmas carol, "Deck the Halls" was led by Past President Marilyn Bittle and Judy Powell accompanied on piano. The day is only as successful as the effort of members who participate by attending the luncheon and those behind the scene...you all play a part. Thank you for your gracious contributions in making it all come together.

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

submitted by Trish Schooley, Event Chairman



Back row from left: Donna Malbon, Carolyn Marchi, Laurie Scanlin, Will Nash, Eileen Ryan, Helen Roelfsema, Glenda Castillo.
Front row from left: Jan Dark, Helen Thompson and Ginny Clark.

Virginia Country Club



Above: Barbara Jordan presented Sandy Davidson with gift from the board for her dedication as President.



Enjoying a "selfie" moment are:
Back row: Cynthia Hall, Linda Schoen, Barbara Jordan.
Front row: Loretta Luskin and Kathy Alshin.

At right standing: Ann Mari Gardner, Yvonne Calkins, Sharon Harrison, Sally Schmitt, Ruth Gries
Sitting: Sandra Spalter, Will Nash and Gloria Gesselmen.



Above right, Reservation chair, Shirley Knopf, assisted by Kay Berg



Manning the beverage table are from left: Margaret Hay, Meredith Medanich and Tamara Achauer.



Above standing: Tina Everson, Will Nash, Lynette Jordan and Carol Sage.
Seated: Roberta LaBounty, Marianne Huntley and Patti Davis.

