

Sierra Madre Civic Club Newsletter



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President's Message



They did it again, painted the downtown from Montecito and Baldwin Avenues to Lima! I do hope that you were able to participate in this happy event and enjoyed the fantastic creativity of our local children. It is such fun just being in

the midst of things during the painting and hearing parents reminiscing about their own times painting windows. I am so proud of our continued involvement with this special Civic Club project.

Our October general meeting was such a delightful and delicious event opening with the first

Membership Social of the year. As I called the meeting to order following the social I looked out to see all of the tables filled with smiling faces. Thank you, Mary and Jane, for creating such a special time. And thank you to the members who asked for more opportunities to socialize—messages received!

It is difficult to believe that it is already November, a time of year when we celebrate many and varied traditions, a time of year when we gather friends and memories and consider ways to help others. Look for information soon from Linda Heller, our Community Outreach Chair, with her suggestion for this year's project.

Happy Thanksgiving!

—Marcia Bent



Delicious goodies provided by the Hostessing Committee helped make the All Member Social festive and fun. Shown clockwise from left are: Kathy Coyne; Dianna Damir and Ellen O'Leary; Joan Crow and Judie Cimino with Scarecrow #99, Maxine Hart House; Pat Krok; Marlene Enmark, Bonnie Diener, Suzanne Decker, Marcia Bent; Jane Zamanzadeh.

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1ST VICE PRESIDENT, DEAN OF CHAIRS

SMCC, chairs, and members are in overdrive with activities and events. And to make things more interesting, we were greeted with a very atypical October rain complete with lots of thunder and lightning. This was followed up by our Santa Ana winds with “breezes” strong enough to “trim” trees, topple others, and cause power outages.

Through it all, Club members continue with planning and organizing activities and events. Vickie Vernon, Karma Bell, and Mary Higgins, with support from many, have the **Halloween Window Decorating** in full swing. Heidi Hartman continues with suggestions for “wardrobe enhancement,” and Geri Wright is starting a list of “**Friends of Civic Club**” so we do not leave anyone out of our thank yous at year’s end. **Beautification**, as reported by Joan Crow, took care of the wisteria vine trimming, and wearing her other hat, Joan and her cochair, Irene Nakagawa, have plans for us to attend the Sierra Madre Playhouse on Dec. 16. A clipboard was passed for the **Annual Holiday Party** being organized by Colleen McKernan. This is an event NOT TO BE MISSED on Saturday, December 8.

Other committees hard at work include **Philanthropy** with Darlene Traxler as chair, and Linda Heller is looking for groups that may need our support through **Community Outreach**. **Education Awards** will start after the first of the year when Sharon Lefler, the chair, will hopefully be feeling better. And of course, we

have our ever vigilant Marlene Enmark keeping us informed about the general health of members and families and any needs that should be addressed. We can always depend on Alice Clark to keep us informed and on task with her **e-blasts**. A quick reminder to all committee chairs and members to **WRITE/CONTRIBUTE** to the newsletter! As Sue Quinn mentioned at the meeting, the Newsletter is our history. We want to have future generations of Club members understand and be aware of all we do.

Speaking of all we do, Club does so much for the community, events, and organizations with time and monetary contributions. However, we must not forget how much we do for each other! What a group of kind, caring, thoughtful, concerned ladies! We care and we share with good news or news of help needed. At this time of being thankful for the riches of our lives, I have to say one of my greatest gifts is being part of Club. I know if I should ever need help, support, an extra set of hands, or a shoulder to lean on, Club members are there! What a total gift!

Happy Thanksgiving to one and all whether you travel to be with family/friends, they come to you or you are at home—may you be safe, healthy, and remember to be thankful we have each other!

—Jeanne Martin

2ND VICE PRESIDENT, WAYS AND MEANS

Happy November!! I am sure we are all saying the same thing, “Where did the year go?” If you were unable to attend the October meeting I just want to update you on a few Ways and Means happenings.

Holiday Shoppe – will be hosted by Pat Krok at the November meeting, so please bring your check book and come ready to shop. If you are interested in adding to the items for sale, please contact Pat. *55 Days until Christmas....sorry just had to say it!*

Ralphs Rewards – I recently registered my Ralphs Rewards card online at *ralphs.com* and now every time I shop, Civic Club makes money. Thanks to eight club members who have been registered for some time, our last quarterly earnings came to over \$92 (times 4 = \$368 just for shopping). If you haven’t already registered your card



or have not renewed your participation (required every September), please do so and in December I can help you after the meeting if you bring your card with you.

Annual Fundraiser – if you weren’t at the meeting, I am sure you have already heard by now that we will be taking a break from the Salad Luncheon and be hosting a Casino Night. If you are interested in being on the planning committee, please e-mail me at susano355@verizon.net and I will let you know when and where our first meeting will take place. In the meantime, mark Saturday, March 23, 2019, on your calendar as a night of celebrating Club’s 75th birthday, Vegas style.

Thank you for always supporting Ways and Means!

—Susan Clifton

3RD VICE PRESIDENT, MEMBERSHIP

All Member Social: Thank you to the many members who attended our first All Member Social before the last General Meeting. It is unclear if Club history and anecdotes were exchanged, but there was lots of laughter, many faces and names connected, and extra time to enjoy the goodies provided by the October hostesses. A good time was had by all.

Three guests attended the October meeting: Diana Clark (fourth visit); Donna Madsen (second visit); and Dianna Damir (first visit). All three are interested in becoming members. If you haven't met them yet, be sure to introduce yourself at the next meeting.

Speaking of new members: This year we are celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Civic Club.

That kind of tenure means there has been a commitment from Club members not only to support its mission but also to promote its future by recruiting new members. Think about friends and neighbors who might enjoy being members of the Civic Club and invite them to a meeting.

Roster: If you haven't picked up your 2018–2019 Club Roster yet, they will be available again at the November meeting. Alternatively, make arrangements with Mary Higgins to pick it up. You can reach Mary at 355-1959 or marychiggins04@gmail.com.

—Mary Higgins and Jane Zamanzadeh

NOTE FROM THE TREASURER: A FEW GUIDELINES THAT NEED TO BE FOLLOWED

When collecting checks from merchants or fellow members please do not hold them. They need to be deposited ASAP. It isn't fair for the member or the merchant to have to wait for their check to be cashed.



If you have checks to be deposited, please be sure to present them when deposits are called for. The checks will be deposited on the Friday after the meeting.

If you are not able to attend a meeting, and you have a deposit, please send the checks with a fellow member or bring them to the Treasurer prior to the meeting and they will be deposited on time.

Thanks for your understanding.

—Suzanne Decker

PARLIAMENTARIAN

At the November meeting I will be asking for volunteers to join the By-Laws committee. This committee reviews our by-laws and standing rules. We may meet once or twice, depending on the number of changes that may or may not be necessary.

If you are a member of many years, or a new member, you are welcome to join. Thanks for your consideration.

—Bonnie Diener

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AMENITIES

It is my pleasure this month to report that two of our members and one husband are experiencing positive forward strides in healing from their varied health issues.

Gil Persing, husband of Jacque, has been released to complete his recuperation at home following numerous hospitalizations and rehab facility stays since March. To quote Jacque, Gil is walking and talking and very happy to be home.

I spoke to Amy Putnam on the phone yesterday, and I can tell you, she has made excellent progress following her stroke last year. So much so that she and husband Glenn were leaving the day after we talked to drive to Las Cruces, New Mexico, where they intend to stay until January in what will become their permanent home sometime before the end of 2019.

Darlene Crook is recovering from her surgery at the expected pace and sounds as cheery as ever. And as

many of us saw at the October meeting, our Susan Clifton was up and around spreading her usual enthusiasm following her health scare.

Amenities sent Nancy Dorn a condolence note for the loss of husband Gary.

I am sorry to report that Sharon Lefler, who has been struggling for 15 weeks with Shingles, followed by Chicken Pox (same virus), has had a another breakout of Shingles. Her doctors are sending her to another specialist for extensive evaluation. She is home and continues to tell me that while she appreciates our love and support, her needs are being taken care of with her daughter's help. She wants me to mention that doctors vary on whether Shingles is contagious or not. When asked, one doctor said, "It's possible!" In other words, they don't know.

—Marlene Enmark



HALLOWEEN WINDOW PAINTING CONTEST

The Halloween Window Painting contest has been a continuing success! Thanks to the efforts of Pat Alcorn and her helpers, we have a total of 98 windows available for the kids to paint, starting down from North Baldwin, through Kersting Court and all the way down the Boulevard past Lima.

Thanks to Carol Cerrina, all the schools were sent electronic flyers, and, as of the deadline for students, we have about 60 teams that signed up to paint.

Thanks to Heidi Hartman, 65 student volunteers signed up to tape off the paint areas of the merchants' windows on October 25. Thanks to Margaret Switzer, all student teams were matched up to the taped-off windows, ready to paint. And thanks to Darlene Traxler, who made sure there was plenty of paint for all those teams.

Thanks to Mary Higgins for taking care of our volunteers from taping through judging. And thanks to Jean Coleman for securing and leading all the judges.

Thanks to all the sponsors who help ease the costs of this long-standing community event.

We will have all the winning teams and merchant windows for you at the next general meeting and in the next newsletter.

—Karma Bell and Vickie Vernon



Vickie and Karma sport their cute Halloween headgear at the October meeting.





HOLIDAY PARTY

Please join us for Christmas at the home of Colleen and Kevin on December 8 at 6:00 p.m. The flyer is attached to the newsletter. Note that the time is changed from 6:30 to 6:00. Send \$30 per person to Suzanne Decker no later than November 29. We hope to see you all there!

—The Holiday Party Committee

MEMBERSHIP WEAR

Ladies! To remind you of your opportunity to get clothing you like with Civic Club logo or “Sierra Madre Civic Club” printed on YOUR shirt, all you do is find the shirt you love, one that fits you and feels good on your skin! Bring it to me or take it directly to the T-Shirt factory on [Rosemead Blvd. 50 S Rosemead](#). \$6.00 embroidery.

Giving it to me?

- Place a sticky note where you want the logo or club name, in the spot you desire,
- Note whether it will be logo or cursive club name
- Leave \$6.00 and I will get it done for you by the next club meeting.

Do it yourself? Take your new shirt, not yet washed, directly to the Factory and they will assist you.

We are sold out of visors, but send me a note if you are interested in one by next club meeting and I will see if enough members want one to make it reasonable to buy in bulk. Otherwise, get a visor or baseball cap and take it in to be embroidered for \$6.00.

If you have new ideas you’d like me to consider, feel free to let me know. 626-533-0724 or heidihartman355@gmail.com

I have for sale

- a white runners cap with logo —\$13
- blue denim long-sleeved shirt size L with club name embroidered—\$18

THANKS!

—Heidi Hartman

HOSTESSING

I am working on completing the Hostessing Calendar for the remainder of the year. Everyone will receive a copy when it is completed. At that time, you will have the opportunity to find someone with whom to trade dates in case you have a conflict.

Thanks to Darlene Traxler, Marlene Enmark, and Sharon Murphy for attending the “facilitator training” provided by the city. It will truly “facilitate” the job of assigning responsibilities.

Prudence Levine

PHILANTHROPY

The Philanthropy Committee met in October to review philanthropy procedures and present guidelines and a timeline to Club for the 2018-2019 Club year. The Committee consists of Judie Cimino, Jean Coleman, Linda Heller, Jane Zamanzadeh and myself.

There are (3) Philanthropy forms that go out in our Civic Club Newsletters.

#1 The Philanthropy Application will come out with the January and February Newsletters. Deadline for these applications are March 1, 2019. Applications received after that date will not be accepted. Only Civic Club members may submit a philanthropy application.

NOTE: The not-for-profit organization must provide services that are easily accessible, and that are of benefit to the adult and/or youth population of Sierra Madre and/or benefit the community of Sierra Madre, **or**: The organization's funding goes to support the preservation of Sierra Madre's historical landmarks and treasures.

The committee is requesting only one application for each nonprofit be submitted this year. (Example: the Library or Creative Arts Group or Woman's Room)

#2 If these applications meet the criteria the **SMCC Philanthropy Ballot #1** will come out with the March Newsletter. This ballot is a yes/no ballot only to determine if the membership even wants to support the applicant's project. These Ballots are due at or before the March 14 meeting. Ballots received after this date will not be accepted.

#3 FINAL PHILANTHROPY BALLOT #2 Plus Project Description comes out with the April Newsletter and is due at the April 11 meeting. The second vote is to determine the number of dollars for each philanthropy based on a weighted vote by the members voting. So, if there are 12 applications, members write "12" for their favorite and all the way down to "1" for their least favorite. The actual tally sheet requires that only Active or Active Honorary life members shall vote. All Ballots must be signed, unsigned Ballots will not be counted.

After this Final Ballot is tallied and the Treasurer gives us the amount Club may spend, the committee meets and will determine the number of dollars for each philanthropy based on a weighted vote of members voting.

I would like to point this out: **WHEN BALLOT #1 AND BALLOT #2 COME OUT IN OUR NEWSLETTERS YOU HAVE ONLY TWO WEEKS TO REVIEW AND SUBMIT YOUR VOTE BY MAIL OR E-MAIL TO ME.**

You work very hard throughout the year raising money for Club; you need to have a voice on how the money is spent. Please VOTE!!!

Thanks for Voting.

—Darlene Traxler, Philanthropy Chair

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEES

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ON-LINE SALES!

As many of you know, I've been selling items donated by club members through Craig's List or Next Door with the proceeds going to Civic Club philanthropies. I've sold everything from stainless steel dog bowls to new Disney toys to kids' furniture to an antique sewing machine. It's hard to tell what items will sell on line, but if you have something in mind, send me a quick photo of it and I can let you know my opinion of whether it's worth the effort or whether you should just call Goodwill to come pick it up.

If we do decide to try and sell it online, here is a summary of the information that I need. Not all of the information is essential, but the more I know, the better! The easiest thing for me is if you email me this information, along with photos of the item.

- What is the item and what is it made of?
- What is its age, general condition, brand?
- What are the dimensions?
- Do you have a minimum price that you'd like to set for this item?

I can store smaller items at my house while trying to sell them, but I ask that you keep larger items at your home. I will arrange with the buyer and you a date and time for pick-up and, if you'd like, I can meet the buyer at your house for the pick-up.

If you have any questions or want to sell something, please email me at plautoleary@roadrunner.com

It's a win-win-win! You get things out of your house, they find a new home, and we make money for Civic Club!

—Ellen O'Leary

NOVEMBER SHOPPE: MEET THE ARTISANS

ELLEN O'LEARY—Ellen enjoys all sorts of maker activities including quilting, knitting and ceramics. She's been finding relaxation in the ceramic studio for over 20 years and will have a variety of functional ware for sale at the November meeting.

SHIRLEY WOLFF—Shirley was taught to knit by her mom when she was about five. She loved it and made a sweater for herself when she was seven. Shirley knitted through high school and remembers sitting in the back of a science class, which did not appeal to her, knitting under the lab bench. When work and family entered her life, she put a hold on her knit work. After she retired, she met Nan Carlton at Curves and was invited to join the Bean Town Knitters. She has become more interested in lace knitting and made two scarves for this year's luncheon raffle.

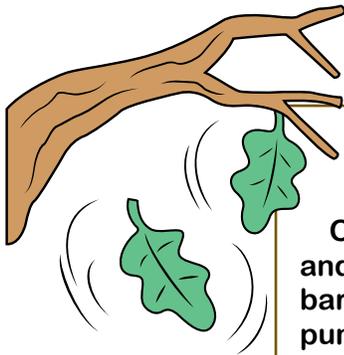
PAT KROK—Pat learned to knit (more or less) from her best friend in the 6th grade. She hung up her needles for about 30 years and began again 10 years ago. Since then, she is never not knitting. Pat enjoys stringing beads and dyeing fabrics. She gets a kick out of the fact that people will pay money for her items. She saw a lady wearing a Christmas scarf she knit for club at the Mall a few years back.

—Pat Krok



FOOD FOR THOUGHT—INSPIRATIONAL

OCTOBER



October, baptize me with leaves. Swaddle me in corduroy and nourish me with split pea soup. October, tuck tiny candy bars in my pocket and carve my smile into a thousand pumpkins. O'automn, O'teakettle, O'grace.

Rainbow Rowell



Presented by Pat Krok, Inspiration Chair, at the August Meeting

November Calendar

1	Thu.	7 p.m.	Board Meeting at Sue Quinn's
8	Thu.	7:30 p.m.	General Meeting at Senior Center
14	Weds.		Newsletter Deadline

November Birthdays

11/4	Mary Higgins	11/13	Pat Krok
11/5	Jill Girod	11/14	Mary Bowser
11/7	Sue Quinn	11/28	Mary Steinberg
11/9	Irene Nakagawa	11/30	Susan Clifton
11/13	Jeanne Martin		



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