

Sierra Madre Civic Club Newsletter



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President's Message:

August is a busy month for family activities, vacations, and just enjoying the summer; therefore, Club voted to "go dark" and not have a general meeting.

However, that does not mean there was no activity! Committees met, eat outs were set up, plans put into motion for the fall.

Virginia Mullaney is amazing in taking on the Halloween Window Painting---a huge task! There are meetings, letters to be written, contacts to be made. Susan Gallagher has been busy getting the word out to the world on our activities. And our new Eat Out ladies, Judie Cimino and Joan Crow had us gathering at Paco's.

Alice and Eric Clark graciously hosted the Board Meeting in August, and Margaret Switzer is busily assembling this newsletter! The lady who has an awesome job is Maggie Ellis! She has the task of writing a summary of the year's activities. Just gathering all the reports from all the chairs is daunting! I would be so remiss if I didn't acknowledge our new treasurer, Linda Heller. She stepped in and took on the huge task with such a positive attitude and patience. Club is so lucky to have so many bright, hardworking, talented members!

I had the wonderful opportunity to meet with Clarissa Lowe from the City of Sierra Madre. She graciously spent over an hour with me sharing all the city scheduled activities in Sierra Madre. Some involve Civic Club participation others do not. This was so helpful as I am not a resident of Sierra Madre and not aware of all that is offered. And,

more importantly I got to spend time with Clarissa and get to know her!

I hope the summer winds down smoothly as we prepare for fall. Enjoy every minute; stay as healthy as possible. **A big thank you to each and every one of you** for your dedication to both club and each other. Club members will continue to do what we do best--take care of club business and each other.

Jeanne Martin



First Vice President Dean of Chairs

Wonder of wonders, we have a Halloween Window Painting chair. Virginia Mullaney has taken hold of that scarecrow and is shaking the stuffing out of it. She has filled the open spots on the HWP committee. They've had their first meeting, so, as you will read, they are ready to roll. I will add that Susan Gallagher, Publicity, is ecstatic with what Virginia is giving her to alert the schools, kids, and merchants about Halloween.

It was a little odd at Board to realize that we didn't need to plan for clipboards and announcements for the August general meeting. The Board, however, did meet, as required in the by-laws.

The Archive Committee met at Joan Crow's to do a first-pass annual toss of duplicate Archive material. Although it was a battle between the tossers and the hoarders, we managed to remain civil and still fill Joan's big blue recycle bin. We put aside some photographs from past years that will be available for adoption at the September General Meeting.

Alice Clark

SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE

Please join us on Sunday, September 22, 2019 for the matinee performance of **THE JOY LUCK CLUB**, a play based on the best selling novel by Amy Tan.

Four older Chinese American women play Mah Jong and socialize regularly at their Joy Luck Club. This play is a story about these women and their complex relationship with their American born daughters. The play moves from China in the early 20th century to San Francisco in the 1980's, as these 8 women struggle with culture, generational gaps, and expectations. This is truly an immigrant story!

Please call the Playhouse to make your reservations. 355-4318

Irene Nakagawa, Joan Crow & Judie Cimino,
Playhouse Chairmen

AMENITIES

ALICE CLARK- has been given the "go ahead" by her doctor to remove her back brace periodically.

BONNIE DIENER-I did a quick visit with Bonnie on August 12. She is "gingerly" getting around and healing well. She sees her medical team later in August for her updates, and, hopes to attend the September meeting. She is being well tended by husband Rod, sister Kathy and Penny, the yellow lab. Bonnie asked me to express her sincerest thanks to club members for happy thoughts, cards and prayers. If you care to pay a short visit, call first.

RON AND JEAN COLEMAN--seldom do we get a husband-wife team. Ron is anxiously awaiting his next surgery in late September. Jean is on limited mobility but healing well. Ron stated they are both gaining weight because of all the delicious meals club gals have been delivering and their lack of exercise at this point. PLEASE NOTE: Meal Train has been extended thru mid-September. I will help those of you to sign up, if you require help.

JACQUE PERSING--is still on the mend and doesn't require club's assistance at this point.

Pat Krok, Amenities Chairman



Second Vice-President, Ways and Means

Thanks to Judie and Joan for organizing an eat-out at Paco's on August 20th and to those that attended. I'm sure we will know the results at the next meeting. Thank you everyone!

Make sure to keep saving your eggs for next year's 4th of July confetti egg sale and don't forget to save ink cartridges and cans and bottles too.

Ralph's

Good news for those that have already registered their card for Ralph's Community Rewards. You don't have to reregister this September 1. Received the following from Ralphs: Everyone that is currently enrolled will roll over for the 2020 year, they can always go online and verify their personal account starting September 1st.

If you have not registered your card (or don't have a card)... You can sign up!!

1. Visit Ralphs.com and sign-in or register for a Ralph's online account.
2. Click the *My Account* button and select *Account Settings*.
3. Scroll to *Community Rewards* and search for Sierra Madre Civic Club or enter our group number CG599
4. Select us under *Organization Name*. Click Save!

NOVEMBER SHOPPE

The clipboard will make the rounds at the September meeting. You have had all summer to stock supplies and practice those unique items you just can't wait to donate for this event.

Heather Sheets & Pat Krok Shoppe Chairmen



Luncheon News



ALOHA SPRING

I'm sure by now you have heard that our Spring Luncheon is planned for April 18, 2020. I am still in need of people to fill some of the chairmanships (kitchen, reservations, auction facilitator and volunteer coordinator). I will have the sign-up sheet at the September general meeting. The first official luncheon meeting will be on Thursday, October 17th at 7 p.m. at my home, 263 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Unit H. There is no guest parking so you will have to park on the street. My condo is in the center of the complex. Enter by the driveway next to the "Pumpkin house". I will have some balloons out to help you find your way!!!

Geri Wright

EGGS. FOOTBALL EGGS

College football and Mary Bickel (the egg stuffing phenom) are both starting the end of August. What does she need? EGGS!

No pressure but let's surpass last year's record of 600 dozen.

Take your eggs to Mary's house or my house. Empty 12-egg cartons also accepted. We have a lot of empty ones, but better safe than sorry.

I will be doing an egg cracking demonstration before or during our next General Meeting.

Carol Cerrina, Confetti Egg Chairman

Third Vice Presidents, Membership

In July we said farewell to two longtime members of Civic Club. Suzanne and Hank Decker moved to North Carolina close to where one of their sons and his wife live. They are very happily redecorating their lovely home (at least Suzanne is having fun). Suzanne says she'll be back often because of her family still living in Sierra Madre. On July 29 the staff at the Sierra Madre Library hosted a retirement party for Meegan Tosh who'd worked there 10 years. Many Civic Club members were there to wish Meegan and David well as they make the move to Arizona. They will be buying the former home of David's parents who have moved into a retirement facility. Their new home is close to those of David's siblings so in both cases, our loss is their family's gain. Their addresses will be in the new roster, but if you want to contact them in the meantime, their new addresses are:

Suzanne Decker
109 Crickentree Drive,
Cary, NC 27518

Meegan Tosh
7432 N. 79th Lane,
Glendale, AZ 85303

And speaking of the new roster, hard copies were given to four eagle-eyed members to help me edit. Thanks to Sue Quinn, Alice Clark, Margaret Switzer, and Jeanne Martin for being extra eyes – I've looked at it so much I was beginning to see what I wanted to see rather than what was actually there. The final rosters should be ready for distribution at our September meeting.

See you then.

*Helen Stapenhorst &
Jane Zamanzadeh*



A few Club members were on hand to say farewell to Meegan at her Library retirement party: Judy Webb-Martin, Joan Crow, Marlene Enmark, Meegan, Jan Greteman, Fran Syverson, Judie Cimino

Some of Suzanne's friends sent her off with breakfast at Nano Café



Pat Krok, Anita Thompson, Suzanne Decker



Marcia Bent, Suzanne, Judie Cimino, Vickie Vernon, Sue Quinn



Front table of Carol Cerrina, Darlene Traxler, Judie Cimino, Karlene Englert, Vickie Vernon, Nancy Fox and Jane Zamanzadeh

2018-2019 Summary of Reports

It's always inspiring to write up these summaries. Figure that Club has about 85 members and then just look at the truly astonishing amount of work that's been done, the events held, the support given to community events, the money raised and donated. Civic Club members are just amazing!

Maggie Ellis, Report Writing Chair

Board of Directors

President (Marcia Bent) Presided at all board and general meetings, created agendas for both, appointed a Parliamentarian, established the calendar, attended as many Club-sponsored events and committee meetings as possible, responded to member inquiries or problems.

1st Vice President, Dean of Chairs (Jeanne Martin) Solicited chairs for all her committees, organized and distributed procedure books. Checked with chairs to see if they wanted to be on the agenda, facilitated reports and clipboards at the meetings and financial matters, arranged for the outgoing President's gifts.

2nd Vice President, Ways & Means (Susan Clifton) Was responsible for fundraising, with a special focus on the annual fundraiser. Confetti Eggs, Recycling, Yard Sale and Concerts in the Park were other money-makers she kept tabs on.

3rd Vice President, Membership (Jane Zamanzadeh) Set out the name tags at each meeting, greeted guests and tracked their progress towards becoming members. Introduced new members at the general meetings, planned an all-member mixer, arranged the installation of new officers, collected membership dues, produced a roster.

Recording Secretary (Sharon Murphy) Recorded the minutes at the board and general meetings. Distributed the board minutes to the board and the general meeting minutes to the Communications Secretary.

Communications Secretary, Correspondence (Alice Clark) Arranged for newsletter printing, wrote appropriate letters, reported correspondence at meetings.

Communications Secretary, Newsletter (Sue Quinn) Produced a monthly newsletter!

Communications Secretary, Website (Judy Cimino) Sent events flyers and monthly newsletters to the webmaster.

Treasurer (Suzanne Decker) did all things financial: paid the bills, reconciled the checkbook, filed tax forms, assisted with the annual fundraiser, and submitted monthly reports at meetings.

Parliamentarian (Bonne Diener) Report not received.

Committee Reports

Amenities (Marlene Enmark) Made reports to membership of sickness and distress situations, and a new baby!

Archives/Historian (Margaret Switzer & Joan Crow) Held monthly meetings at the library, where our records are stored, to preserve and organize materials collected. Items were cataloged, duplicates disposed of. The committee assisted present officers and committees, providing information as needed. Some interesting items discovered were sent to the newsletter. Usually had lunch afterwards!

Beautification (Irene Nakagawa & Joan Crow) Maintained the City Hall rotunda, adding seasonal decorations. Judie Cimino and Nancy Dorn created a Wonder Woman scarecrow to display.

Birthday Meeting (Judy Webb-Martin) Organized Club's 75th birthday meeting, where past presidents, Honorary Life members and charter members were saluted. Fran Syverson researched Club's history and Ellen O'Leary created a video of photos Judy gathered from the library archives.

Community Outreach (Linda Heller) Organized a great deal of support for Friends Indeed, collecting items and checks at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Bought some canned meats too, and was treated to a tour when the items were delivered. Linda was moved by Club members' generosity.

E-blasts (Alice Clark) When requested, sent group e-mails to Club membership.

Education Awards (Sharon Lefler) Orchestrated the application and selection process for the awards, then awarded them at the May meeting. There were 10 applicants, \$1,000 was awarded to 5.

Friends of Civic Club (Geri Wright) Kept track of non-members who help with our activities. Honored them at the installation meeting and listed them in the newsletter.

Graphic Arts (Sue Quinn) Formatted and, when necessary, created art for all kinds of items (e.g. a brochure for the board, a logo for Casino Night, etc.)

Halloween Window Painting (Karma Bell) Facilitated the painting of downtown merchants' windows. Distributed flyers to the schools, reviewed the submitted art, registered the budding artists, oversaw the three-day event, and then judged the results by age category.

Holiday Party (Colleen McKernan & Friends) Party at Colleen's house, with a musician and food catered by Sierra Fusion. The committee members made desserts. Festive!

Hostessing (Prudy Levine) Recruited and assigned hostesses for each month's meeting.

Huck Finn (Jan Gretelman & Susan Clifton) Signed in anglers, weighed their catch.

Inspiration (Pat Krok) Read a selection (humorous, spiritual or just food for thought) prior to each general meeting. Members asked to have the selections printed in the newsletter.

Membership Wear (Heidi Hartman) Members could take an item of clothing, or a hat or tote, to be embroidered with Civic Club logo etc. at the T-shirt factory outlet. Heidi had a few samples made to show to the members.

Mt. Wilson Trail Race (Heidi Hartman) Attended Trail Race meetings, organized volunteers for bag stuffing, Friday registration, the Pasta Feed, Saturday registration, and souvenirs.

Philanthropy (Darlene Traxler) Solicited applications, created a winnowing ballot, then the next month a ballot to determine the amount of support for each applicant. Awards were handed out to the recipients at the City Council meeting.

Photography (Birgitta Gerlinger) Made sure there were plenty of photographs of Club events.

Playhouse (Joan Crow and Irene Nakagawa) Organized Sierra Madre Playhouse outings, with dinner afterwards.

President's Aide (Pat Krok) No activity this year.

President's Book (Nancy Dorn & Jan Gretelman) Created a record - 2 books - of the president's year, one for her and one for the Archives. Photos, news articles, you name it, went into the books. Nancy was the designer.

Property Manager (Marlene Enmark & Anita Thompson) Cleaned out the storage unit, added shelving, put items in plastic storage boxes so they were stackable.

Publicity (Susan Gallagher) Sent the media photos and press releases about our events.

Report Writing (Maggie Ellis) Hunted down reports. Wrote this swell summary.

Wistaria Vine (Mary Lou Caldwell) Recruited and assigned 44 docents – would have like to have had a few more. Over 4,000 visitors viewed the vine!

Ways & Means Committee Chair Reports

2018 Concert in the Park (Nancy Beckham) Secured the Alumni Acoustic Band for a July date. Members put up flyers, baked cookies, worked shifts. There was a raffle too! Cleared about \$300.

2018 Community Yard Sale (Ellen O'Leary) Report not received.

July 2018 Confetti Eggs (Geri Wright, Marlene Enmark, Sharon Murphy & Darlene Traxler) Eggshells were donated by members, and this committee stored them until ready, gave some to the early stuffers, then held an egg-stuffing party to get them all filled. The eggs sold out! Net profit: \$1,374.

Recycling – Cans & Bottles (Chandy Shair) Received plastic bottles and aluminum cans from members and took them to the recycler. Earned \$389.91!

Recycling – Ink Cartridges (Janet Gillespie) Received empty printer ink cartridges and shipped them off. Earned \$76.95!



September Calendar

5	Thu	7:00 PM	Board Meeting at Margaret Switzer's house
12	Thu	7:30 PM	General Meeting – Hart Park House
18	Wed		Newsletter Deadline
22	Sun		Sierra Madre Playhouse -- 355-4318

September Birthdays

9/2	Geri Wright	9/18	Donna Andersen
9/17	Virginia Mullaney	9/20	Gwen Robertson
9/17	Jennifer Haag	9/23	Meegan Tosh
9/18	Nancy Shollenberger	9/24	Judie Cimino



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