

# Sierra Madre Civic Club Newsletter



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## *President's Message:*



I think it is a California tradition that we have a mega heat wave when it is time for the school year to begin and for life to switch from summer to fall! There is no exception this year; we have heat, thunderstorms and wild fires, but this year is different on so many other levels. We are in the midst of the Coronavirus pandemic; nothing is normal; everything takes lots more time and planning. Our lives depend on technology; zoom meetings, zoom instruction, and social distancing.

In spite of these constraints, Civic Club, with the talent of hard-working members, is moving forward! Our Vice Presidents are being creative and determined. Nancy Beckham, as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Dean of Chairs, has her committees filled, organized and working. And in true Nancy fashion, she is working double time being supportive and helpful with new ideas and approaches. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Ways and Means, is an office held by Carol Cerrina and Geri Wright. They have the daunting task of helping Club raise the money so we can continue giving back to the community. They are collecting and supporting many ways to raise money from the new -- a "virtual tea" -- to much larger projects. The subcommittees continue on with the "traditional" fund raising -- recycling,

online sales, and eat outs. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Membership, position is shared by Helen Stapenhorst and Gwen Robertson - - two busy ladies keeping track of current members, recruiting new members, and updating our roster.

Three separate Vice President positions, but in true Club fashion everyone helps, supports, and contributes to each other's responsibilities -- a reminder of our motto of "friends working together!" And, together Club can accomplish anything! We have new members (a special welcome to Jill Franks who we have put to work already!); we have perspective members; we have meetings to keep us connected and e-blasts to keep everyone in the loop. And, most important we have a lot being planned and to look forward to. Events may be different, but they will still happen and be fun, good, creative and supported. Sierra Madre Civic Club is determined, focused, and flexible in doing all we can to continue our tradition of supporting the community while adding to the quality of life and activities. Above all we will take care of and support each other and our activities while staying safe and healthy! What a pleasure to be part of such a group!



*Jeanne Martin*

## *First Vice President, Dean of Chairs*

The August meeting had several things presented under the First Vice President. Although there has been no volunteer to chair the **Community Outreach Committee**, the chances are that we should not be out in public with this virus continuing to spread. Working out in the community makes people quite uncomfortable right now.

However, I am happy to announce that Jane Zamanzadeh has volunteered to organize things for some fun activities that will culminate in a zoom **Holiday Party**. Date to be announced, but she is looking for volunteers to help with ideas and activities. Please contact her if you are interested in helping. More information will be forthcoming.

Jean Coleman explained a bit about the **Friends of the Civic Club** and will continue to add names to her list as the year progresses with those people who are not members who help us in a variety of ways.

Several committees are working quietly, while others cannot because their activities cannot take place right now. **Archives** has been meeting and the **Beautification Committee** has also been busy at work.

**Membership Wear** Chairman Jane Zamanzadeh organized a sale of Civic Club masks, and as more than 60 were ordered we were able to purchase the masks for \$9 each. They will be distributed by some of our potential new members as their committee activity required to join Civic Club. Everyone can wear the masks at the Eat Out at Nanos in September.

**Halloween Window Decorating**, under the leadership of Karma Bell, Jean Coleman, and Wendy Senour, will be quite different this year because whatever the committee decides will be following social distancing procedures. The concept is to pass out pre-cut butcher paper to families and let the families or the children in the family create a window display. There will be no paint involved, and therefore no window washing. Families can use whatever media they wish to create the window display .... crayons, markers, colored pencil, etc. There will also be no judging, just decorating fun for anyone who wishes to do this; one display per family. Because the committee has yet to meet, things still need to be discussed with the city and the committee, and we will look forward to hearing more about this activity in September.

*Nancy Beckham*

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## *Second Vice-President, Ways and Means*

### **50/50 Raffle:**

If you have not entered the drawing you can still participate. We only have 9 meetings left so all you have to do is send Carol a check (made out to Civic Club) or cash for \$18.00.

### **Ralph's**

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!

### **Reminders**

Remember to contact Ellen if you have something to sell. She is doing a great job of selling things on Craigslist. Also don't forget to keep saving eggs, ink cartridges and plastic bottles for recycling.

Be sure and check out the articles for details on the **Eat Out, Confetti Eggs, Make Believe Tea Party Fundraiser** and **Historic Walk Booklet**.

*Carol Cerrina & Geri Wright*

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## **EGGS EGGS EGGS**

Thank you to all the ladies who have started to save eggs. Mary Bickel has started to stuff the eggs, with or without College football (GO OHIO STATE).

Take empty eggshells to Carol Cerrina

Thanks

*Carol Cerrina and Mary Bickel, Egg Chairmen*

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## **EAT-OUT**

We would like all members to try to support Club's first Eat-Out of the year. It will be held at Nano Cafe in Sierra Madre, 3 days, Tuesday - September 15, Wednesday - September 16th, and Thursday - September 17th. All days 7 AM - 9 PM!

Right now there will be outside dining and take out. Please print the flyer that accompanies the newsletter email, or download the file to your phone, and bring it to the restaurant so that Civic Club can receive the 10%. Our thanks to new member Jill Franks for creating the flyer. If possible, it would very thoughtful for members to thank the owner Jackie for the support she has given Club over the years. Please wear your new Civic Club mask. Stay strong and healthy.



*Judie Cimino and Joan Crow, Eat-Out Chairmen*

## MAKE BELIEVE TEA PARTY FUNDRAISER



Marcia Bent and Kathy Coyne would like to announce a Civic Club fundraiser that will take place during the whole month of October.

We will ask Civic Club members, their family and friends to enjoy a cup of tea using the tea bag that we send with the invitation.

After they enjoy their tea, we will ask them to make a monetary donation to Civic Club to help us support our wonderful town's community events.

Shortly, we will be emailing members to solicit names of family and friends who you would like us to contact for a donation. We think that most people that you would invite to our Annual Luncheon would be glad to make a donation to this cause.

*No donation is too large or too small.*

Included in the invitation will be a tea bag and a stamped self-addressed envelope.

If you have any questions, please contact either Marcia or Kathy. We thank you for your support.

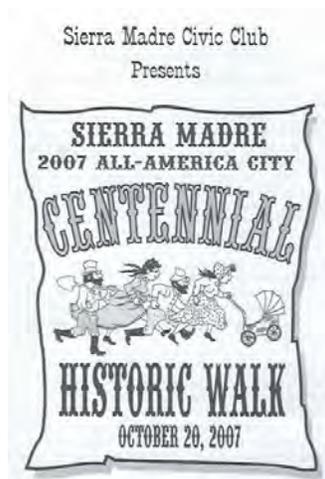
*Marcia Bent and Kathy Coyne, Make Believe Tea Party Chairmen*

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## HISTORIC WALK BOOKLET

Another new committee will be forming over the next few weeks under the leadership of Judy Webb Martin. This committee will be working on creating the second edition of the **Historic Walk Booklet** that was created for the Centennial Celebration in 2007. The committee plans to sell the booklet as a fundraiser. There is interest in this booklet from local businesses and organizations. John Johnson, the original printer of the project sent the Civic Club the original artwork. With some adjustments, some additional material on additional historic homes, and the redoing of the ads the hope is to have it ready to be printed Spring of 2021. If you have any interest in the committee, please contact Judy Webb-Martin. She will let you know when the committee will meet.

*Nancy Beckham for Judy Webb-Martin, Historic Walk Chairman*



## *Third Vice Presidents, Membership*

Thanks to all who attended the August General Meeting, we have now welcomed our first Civic Club 'Zoomber.' We are delighted that **Jill Franks**, neighbor of Jean Coleman, talented graphic artist, mother, wife and Sierra Madre enthusiast is joining with us. Jill was able to complete her socially distanced but very useful service prior to membership working on a project with Jean.



There are people out there who share our desire to help our community and it is our responsibility to find them! Civic Club leaders and committee chairs are looking for socially distanced, well-masked ways for interested people to fulfill their membership requirements. Don't let a pandemic keep you from sharing your interest in Civic Club with others.

What a great time to phone a friend or neighbor who may be looking for a way to be involved and who appreciates our community. We have our next potential members welcome 'gathering' set for the half hour before the October meeting. Phone a friend!

*Gwen Robertson & Helen Stapenhorst*

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## *New Member at the August Zoom Meeting*



We couldn't meet in person, but we were still able to welcome new member Jill Franks and present her with her Roster and clipboard.

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## Parliamentarian

### Bylaws Review Committee

The Bylaws Review Committee met in August and drafted an amendment and two Board Resolutions that will align our bylaws with *Robert's Rules of Order* and allow Civic Club to hold electronic meetings. These were approved by membership at the August General meeting and can be read in the attached minutes of that meeting.

Many thanks to my committee, which consists of Linda Heller and Sharon Lefler, Jeanne Martin who serves as an ex-officio member, and Margaret Switzer, who has provided history and expertise that have been so helpful. Their knowledge and wisdom have been a great support! We will be meeting again to consider possible additions regarding electronic meetings after we've reviewed the changes in the 12th Edition of *Robert's Rules of Order*, due out on September 1. We will also be looking at all the Bylaws to determine if other changes need to be made.

**Reminder: Your input regarding the bylaws is welcome. Please email any suggestions to me by August 31 at [sleeq@aol.com](mailto:sleeq@aol.com)**

### Board Job Descriptions

Because several current Board members, by the end of Club year, will have served in their positions for the maximum two years allowed by our Bylaws, there will be many opportunities for other Club members to serve on the Board during the 2021–2022 year. The Nominating Committee will spring into action in March, but it's never too early for members to start thinking about any positions they might be interested in. To that end, attached to the emailing of this newsletter is a document which provides an overview of each officer's responsibilities. Please take a look and see if there's an office that would be a good match for you. Throughout the year, you might want to consider taking note of what these officers are doing and asking them any questions you might have. Being on the Board can be a rewarding experience. Besides giving you a great opportunity to serve Club, you get to work with some wonderful people and learn a lot about how Club works. New faces are always welcome, and remember, positions can be shared if you don't want to go it alone.

*Sue Quinn, Parliamentarian*

### A MEETING

Sometimes I just want it to stop. Talk of Covid, protests, looting, brutality. I lose my way. Become convinced that this “new normal” is real life.

But then I meet an 87year old who talks of living through Polio, diphtheria, Vietnam, protests and yet is still enchanted with life. He seemed surprised when I said that 2020 must be especially challenging for him. “No”, he said slowly looking me straight in the eyes, “I learned a long time ago to not see the world through the printed headlines, I see the world through the people that surround me. I see the world with the realization that we love big. Therefore, I choose to write my own headlines. “Husband loves wife today.” “Family drops everything to come to Grandma's bedside.” He patted my hand, “Old man makes new friend!”

His words collide with my worries, freeing them from the tether I had been holding tight. They float away. I am left with a renewed spirit. My headline now reads “woman overwhelmed by the spirit of kindness and the reminder that our capacity to love is never ending.”

Anonymous

*August Inspiration, Jill Girod*

*Alice Clark was the winner of the first  
Virtual 50/50 drawing*



Carol Cerrina had the basket all ready with our names on individual cards. Alice Clark was the lucky winner!



## September Calendar

3	Thu	7:30 PM	Board Meeting – via Zoom
9	Wed		50/50 Contributions due to Carol Cerrina
10	Thu	7:30 PM	General Meeting – via Zoom
16	Wed		Newsletter Deadline
15-17	Tues	7:00 AM	Eat-Out at Nano Cafe
	to	to	
	Thu	9:00 PM	

## September Birthdays



2-Sep Geri Wright  
18-Sep Nancy Shollenberger  
18-Sep Donna Andersen  
20-Sep Gwen Robertson  
24-Sep Judie Cimino



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