



The Vine

Sierra Madre Woman's Club April 2010



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The House Mouse

News and Notes from Essick House



I'll bet you were wondering what happened to *The Vine*. It may be getting to your house a bit later than usual, but I think we'll have to forgive our editor for being a bit behind this month. Her mom, **Edna Peyton**, passed away on March 27.

In happier news, the first Opportunity Drawing was held at the March 24 luncheon meeting. The winners were **Snooky Greger, Karlene Englert, Miep Tulleners, and Bess Pancoska**. **Colleen McKernan**, who was our guest speaker, brought two prize baskets from Savor the Flavor which were won by **Cathy Gunther and Lillias Eubanks**.

Did you know that there is a nice, high, handicapped-style toilet in the Foyer Restroom? I heard that some members didn't even know there was a restroom there! Next time you come into Essick House, look for the door straight ahead of you. That's where the "secret restroom" is located.

The ladies who attended the district Fashion Show had a blast! Some of them took home prizes including **Joan Hufnagel, Betty Mackie, Phyllis Chapman, Janet Ten Eyck, Dixie Coutant, Karlene Englert, and Shirley Anhalt**.

Do you like Casino Nights? Enjoy supporting good works? If so, you should know about **Project Cuddle's** "Flip Flop Formal" on May 22 at the Santa Anita Race Track Front Runner Restaurant. Project Cuddle is a non-profit organization providing safe and legal alternatives to baby abandonment. For information call **Dixie Coutant, 355-4908**.

Maria Padgett, one of our newest members, sends greetings and wants everyone to know the reason she has not been to a meeting lately is that she is working full time at her husband's business.

If you play piano, please let **Mike Ruggles** know. The Board is looking for someone who can help with music at club meetings.

Club Calendar

Wed., Apr. 14, 11 a.m. Luncheon meeting with Dr. Boyd Flinders speaking about *Bone Health, Your Questions Answered*.

Wed., Apr. 28, 1 p.m. Tea Meeting with Loreen Baca from the Lincoln Training Center explaining how they are *Turning Disabilities into Possibilities*.

Sat., May 8, 11:30 a.m. Mother's Day Tea. Tickets \$20 adult, \$8 children.

Wed., May 12, 11 a.m. Luncheon meeting with *Real Women, Real Harmony, Real Fun* brought to you by the Sweet Adelines Barbershop Quartet.

District Doin's

Federation Liaison Betty Mackie: 355-9858

• **April 16-17 Convention!** Two days of fun, fellowship, entertainment, club awards, and installation of district officers. Treat yourself to an overnight stay so you can attend the receptions and join in on our after-hours adventures. There will be time to relax, opportunities to make new friends, and lots of fun. We'll carpool and room share. Don't miss this once-a-year event.

Call **Betty Mackie, 355-9858**, for further information or reservations.

~ Membership • Phyllis Chapman~
Phone: 355-3928

Please welcome our newest members:
Atay, Aliye "Allie" (3/10)
2034 Park Rose Ave.,
Duarte, 91010 626-359-4587
Reyes, Maria (Derek) (4/3)
home: 855 W. Locust St.,
Ontario, 91762
work: 200 E. Duarte Rd.
Monrovia, 91016
909-223-4697

Please note these in your yearbook.

You know how it is with an April day
When the sun is out and the wind is still,
You're one month on in the middle of May.
But if you so much as dare to speak,
A cloud comes over the sunlit arch,
A wind comes off a frozen peak,
And you're two months back in the middle of March.

~ from "Two Tramps in Mud Time" by Robert Frost

~ Ways and Means News • by Rosemary Morabito • 818-415-6189 ~

Mother's Day Tea

Saturday, May 8, 2010 at 11:30 a.m.

Tickets \$20 Adult ~ \$8 Child

All are invited to Essick House for our Second Annual Mother's Day Tea to be held in partnership with the Sierra Madre Public Library. This year our guest will be Judith Helton, who will portray author Laura Ingalls Wilder. Judith has been performing as various personalities since 1976. Judith will bring props and include the audience in her performance. In 1996 Judith was presented the Lifetime Achievement Award from Professional Artists in Schools Awards. Ms. Helton is also listed on the rosters of the Music Center on Tour, Los Angeles and The Orange County Performing Arts Center.

Judith's research on Laura Ingalls Wilder included trips to Laura's former homes and to museums in South Dakota, Minnesota, Missouri, and New York State. She has also conducted interviews with people who have known Laura or members of her family. In 1994 Ms. Helton was honored to portray Laura Ingalls Wilder at Laura's home in Mansfield, MO.

Ms. Helton's performance is, no doubt, enhanced due to her Midwestern roots. She is a native of Carbondale, Illinois, and majored in theater at Southern Illinois University. After graduation, she performed in resident acting companies in Baltimore, Milwaukee, Houston, and San Diego. International journeys with a theater company from San Jose, CA, included Edinaburgh, Scotland World Theater Festival, and Dublin and Cork, Ireland. Her performances are based on the *Little House* books by Laura Ingalls Wilder and are presented by arrangement with the copyright owner, Little House Heritage Trust. (Information was taken from Judith Helton's Biography.)

~ Wistaria Thrift Shop News • by Elma Flores • 287-7339 ~

April Wistaria Shop Calendar

April 3 & 17 - Shop Open, Saturday

April 29 & 30 - End of the Month Sale

Volunteers are givers, not takers!

We did it, we had a fun, successful, and profitable Spring Sale. Everyone pitched in and did a super terrific job. We had been preparing for this event since February, and it was well worth it. Thank you to one and all who helped us; we couldn't have done it without your help. We want to thank **Cindy Barnard's** brother and **Sheila Pierce's** son for helping us. And, of course **Steven Drolet** for once again joining us and assisting—what would we do without his help? Thanks also to **Ruth Kirkby's** husband, **Oron**, for the deliciously flavorful pork & beans prepared especially for us. Many thanks to the girls from Sierra Madre Middle School, **Amadea Tanner** and **Natalie Olivades**, for helping us all day Saturday. We had our student crew from Sierra Madre Middle School and Chris McGuiness' Christian Service Class from Alverno High School who also came to help during the week. The biggest thanks of all goes to our Tuesday/Wednesday Crew for working so hard and organizing this successful event.

Volunteer of the Month ~ How fortunate we are to have this lady working with us. She is outgoing and fun to be with. Her inner beauty is evident in her thoughts, stories, and actions. The linen department is always ready for our customers. She prices, organizes, washes, and irons everything before she puts it out on the shelf. The word "NO" is not part of her vocabulary; all you need to do is ask and you will hear "yes" or "I'll see what I can do." She has great ideas, is well informed, honest and religious; gives valuable suggestions, and usually has an interesting anecdote to reinforce whatever she is talking about. She's a joy to have around. She also has a lot to do with the on-going success of our shop as she originally went door-to-door asking for donations and letting the community know that we existed! **Marilyn McKernan** is our volunteer of the month.

Interesting Notes ~ We welcome **Jeannie Borgehahl**. She is working in the shoe department, and is doing an excellent job. We're all happy to have her with us, and appreciate all that she is doing for our Thrift Shop. **Cindy Barnard** is back! She is in good health and working with us. **Flo Mankin** is recuperating and doing well. We miss her and are waiting anxiously for her return.