



The Vine

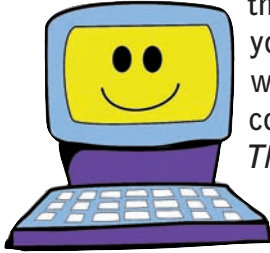


Sierra Madre Woman's Club February 2010

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The Vine Online!

What's so special about receiving the club newsletter via computer? Three things—you receive it at least four days earlier than the folks who get their copy mailed, you can make the printing as large as you want it, and the photos are clear and in color! You don't need to use email to read *The Vine* online. Each month, we will post *The Vine* on our club website so you can read it there or download and print it.



So far, eleven members are receiving the newsletter via email. Each month, they get an email with the latest issue of *The Vine* attached AND a link to *The Vine* Online.

Our club saves about \$1 EACH month for EVERY copy of *The Vine* that is NOT sent through the Post Office.

If YOU would like to receive *The Vine* by email, please send me an email at dixie@coutant.com ~Thanks, Dixie

The House Mouse

News and Notes from Essick House

I hope you will be at the luncheon this month. I heard **Anne Montgomery** say that her son, **Kevin**, will be joined by **Gayle Bluemel**, the Principal of the Sierra Madre School, as well as his daughter, **Chelsea**, and a professional pianist.



Kevin and **Gayle** have performed and recorded together in several professional groups. This is one program I don't want to miss!

Speaking of **Sierra Madre School**, we can help its students by saving the **Box Tops for Education** and **Labels for Education** that come on so many items. These two programs give free equipment to schools in exchange for the labels and box tops. They have given millions of dollars of equipment to thousands of schools. So, don't toss those bottles, boxes, cartons, and cans until you cut off the proof of purchase. The labels are



found on Campbell's, Franco American, Swanson, Pepperidge Farms, SpaghettiOs, V8, and Prego containers. Box tops are on items by Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, Nature Valley, Yoplait, Nestles, Hershey, and Green Giant. Also look for them on products by Cottonelle, Huggies, Avery, Ziplock, Scott, Depend, Hefty and more! Cut them out and bring them to any club meeting or give them to **Dixie Coutant**.

Club Calendar

Wed., Feb. 10, 11 a.m. Luncheon Meeting. Don't miss this program! Back by popular demand, **Kevin Montgomery** will *Put a Song in Your Heart*. This time, along with his outstanding pianist, Kevin is bringing some special folks to help him; his daughter, **Chelsea** and Sierra Madre School's principal **Gayle Bluemel** who has appeared many times with Kevin. It will be an unforgettable day, so bring a friend and enjoy the show! Remember, reservations are a MUST for luncheons. Call Anne Schryver, 355-6928.

Fri., Feb. 12, 9:30 a.m. SGVD Board Meeting Carpool leaves for Covina at 8:45. Contact Betty Mackie, 355-9858.

Thurs., Feb. 18 Submissions for the March newsletter due to Dixie, dixie@coutant.com

Sat., Feb. 20, 11 a.m. SGVD Fashion Show at the Pomona Valley Mining Company. Tickets \$30. Contact Betty Mackie, 355-9858.

Wed., Feb. 24 1 p.m. Tea Meeting with Judith Swan of the Daughters of the American Revolution

Fri. & Sat., Mar. 5 & 6, 9 a.m. Wistaria Shop Spring Sale in the Essick House and Wistaria Shop. Contact Rosemary Morabito, 818-415-6189

District Doin's

Federation Liaison Betty Mackie: 355-9858

• **Feb. 12 Board Meeting in Covina**

Carpool leaves at 8:45.

• **Feb. 20 Fashion Show** at the Pomona Valley Mining Company in Pomona. There will be raffle baskets to win as well as an opportunity drawing. It promises to be another fun day.

• **Mar. 12 Spring Council** Photography and Art by clubwomen and students will be on display. Reservations for luncheon \$12. Carpool leaves at 8:45.

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

Remember to save your pull tabs! **Cathy Gunther** weighs them and delivers them to the Ronald McDonald House in Pasadena. Those little pieces of aluminum add up. **Cathy** has turned in over 60 pounds to date! And, remember to keep cutting those used stamps off of all your mail for **Lillias Eubanks**. Leave a quarter-inch margin so the stamps can be sorted and sold by the handicapped children of Norway.

I hope you are going to recycle your cards to help kids! For more than forty years, **St. Jude's Ranch for Children** has provided a safe, nurturing home and therapeutic treatment services to more than 1,000 abused, abandoned and neglected children. At St. Jude's, the children make "new" cards out of old cards! The benefits are two-fold: customers get creative, hand-made cards and the children receive payment for their work and learn the benefits and importance of "going green." They need all types of greeting cards, so save your Christmas cards, AND your Birthday, Easter, Thank You and All Occasion cards, too. They use only the front part of the cards, so please bring just the fronts to turn in at the meetings or give them to **Dixie Coutant** by February 24.



Imagine if you could help a child read, an adult succeed in his job, and a senior maintain her independence. You can do just that by donating your used prescription eyeglasses to the Lion's Club. Our own **Ruth Kirkby** collects all the prescription eyeglasses that are donated to the Wistaria Shop and delivers them to the Lion's Club. If you have any glasses you no longer use, bring them to any club meeting, the Wistaria Shop, or give them to **Ruth**.



Okay, one last thing for you to collect. Complimentary hotel toiletries including shampoo, body lotion, shower caps, soaps, and other items are needed at the **YWCA WINGS** Shelter. **WINGS** was founded in 1978 as a 24-hour rape crisis help line and has grown to include a full-service shelter for battered women. It helps approximately 1,500 women annually. Please bring any new toiletries you wish to donate to a club meeting or give them to **Dixie Coutant**.

Several City employees attended the January luncheon. In addition to **Mayor MacGillivray**, there were **Councilman Joe Mosca**, **City Clerk Nancy Shollenberger**, **Police Chief Marilyn Diaz**, **Fire Chief Steve Heydorff**, **Library Director Toni Buckner**, **City Manager Elaine Aguilar** and her **Assistant Laura Aguilar**. The Mayor gave a lot of information about the city and the budget. Then **Chief Diaz** told us that Sierra Madre is a Beta Site for a new individual disaster preparedness program that will be headed by **Detective Donna Carson**.

At that same meeting, I heard that Sunshine Lady **Janice Kacer** fell and fractured her pelvis; **Mary Jane Baker** is down with shingles; and **Flo Mankin** is in rehabilitation with a new hip! I recommend that you send a get well card to each of these members. There was some good news at the meeting, too. Lovely **Lucille Flanders**, once again, appeared in a newspaper ad for The Fair Oaks, and **Sun Lui**, a counselor for the Asian Youth Center in San Gabriel, joined the club!

~ Membership • Phyllis Chapman~
Phone: 355-3928

Please welcome our newest members:

Ruggles, Mrs. Joanne
220 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Apt. B,
S.M. 355-3904

Lui, Miss Sun
36 Sierra Madre Blvd.,
Arcadia, CA 91006 626-382-9095

Please note these in your yearbook.

Thank you, Lillias Eubanks!
Without **Lillias Eubanks**, the Woman's Club would not have a record of its recent history! **Lillias** helps keep our club's Historical Archives current by watching for any newspaper articles about the club and club members, then cuts them out, and brings them to club. **Lillias** also donates photos of club activities. Because of her dedication and work, we will be able to look back and remember the people and events that have made our club so special.

The Best of Friends

The best of friends
Can change a frown
Into a smile
When you feel down.

The best of friends
Will understand
Your little trials
And lend a hand.

The best of friends
Will always share
Your secret dreams
Because they care.

The best of friends,
Worth more than gold,
Give all the love
A heart can hold.

- Jill Wolf

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

February Wistaria Shop Calendar

February 1 - End of the Month Sale
February 15 - Holiday Shop Closed

February 6 & 20 - Shop Open Saturday
February 25 & 26 - End of the Month Sale

Volunteers have a talent they are willing to share.

We are in full swing at the shop. Sierra Madre's residents have all been busy cleaning out their closets, garages, back yards, and car trunks. We have received loads of donations throughout the month. We were all so very happy to see and have Karlene Englert back from her visit to Washington. It took more than one of us to do what she accomplishes by herself. Our Rosemary Morabito was in Texas for a short vacation with her husband—we missed her, and were happy to have her back with us.

Volunteer of the Month ~ Liked and appreciated by all of us, this lady has a good sense of humor to go with her difficult assignment. She's fun to chat with, is dedicated, hard working, with a great deal of energy. She needs this energy to keep her area clean and organized for our customers. She never complains; she just does a great job with Uncle Bill's House. When she is gone she is missed not only by us, but our customers too. Yes, Eva Poet is our volunteer of the Month.

A Note from our Hearts
For Our CARE-BEAR-FLO

We hear you're feeling not so well;
It's no fun being sickly.
Please know we care about you,
And hope you get well quickly.

When you're gone, you're sorely missed;
A bit of our world turns dark.
So take good care, recuperate,
And bring back your special spark!

Save the Date!

Wistaria Thrift Shop Spring Sale

Friday and Saturday

March 5 and 6, 2010
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All are invited!

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

Watch for:

Wistaria Shop Spring Sale

Friday and Saturday, March 5 & 6, 2010

To volunteer call Rosemary Morabito, 818-415-6189

Fashion Show

Saturday, March 27, 2010

To volunteer call Mary Alice Cervera, 626-294-9016



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