



The & Vine

Sierra Madre Woman's Club January 2010



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Got Computer?

With the cost of postage and copy services continuing to rise and many of our club newsletters getting mangled in the mail, some of our members have requested to have *The Vine* sent to them in email. What a great idea! Each month, the club pays over \$100 to copy and mail the newsletter to each member, while email is FREE! 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

Did you see **Anne Montgomery's** Nativity collection at her Open House? I hear they range in size from one that is fit into in a mini-matchbox to a gorgeous woven wall hanging. Each of the 104 on display throughout her house is different and they are made of every material imaginable.



Anne gave tours while her husband **Monty**, spiffed up in a bright Christmas vest, greeted the guests. There was a huge table filled with special holiday treats as well as hot apple cider and coffee so folks could relax and visit a spell. What a nice way to help everyone get into the Christmas spirit.



Jan O'Day, Karlene Englert, and Elma Flores bundle up against the cold as they sell homemade baked goods during Dickens Village on Kersting Court, downtown Sierra Madre. With our reputation for delicious treats at good prices, the table was emptied before the event was over.

Club Calendar

Fri., Jan. 8, 8:45 a.m. SGVD Board Meeting
Club reports are due. Carpool leaves for Covina at 8:45. Contact Betty Mackie, 355-9858.

Wed., Jan. 13, 11 a.m. Luncheon Meeting and a visit with Mayor Mary Ann MacGillivray.

Mon., Jan. 18 Submissions for the February newsletter due to Dixie, dixie@coutant.com

Wed., Jan. 27, 1 p.m. Tea Meeting – Therapy dogs and their handlers from Arcadia Methodist Hospital will show their stuff. This program is sure to make you smile. Come pet a pooch and learn how they help patients.

Sat., Jan. 30, 11:30 a.m. Celebrity Luncheon
For information on this event, contact Rosemary Morabito, 818-415-6189.

Wed., Feb. 10, 11 a.m. Luncheon Meeting – You won't want to miss Kevin Montgomery and his daughter performing *Songs for You*.

District Doin's

Federation Liaison Betty Mackie: 355-9858

• **Jan. 8 Board Meeting in Covina** Club reports due.

• **Jan. 28 Craft Entry Turn In** Anyone interested in entering items for the district competition, please let me know as soon as possible.

• **Jan. 29 Birthday Council, Crafts and Boutique Festival** in Santa Fe Springs. This is always a great meeting. Join the fun and see the lovely crafts created by members of all the clubs in our district. A special *Heart Touch* program with luncheon served by the Santa Fe Springs Woman's Club, plus the Birthday March to raise funds for the SGVD Academic Scholarships. A great day for only \$12. Reservations due to me by January 6.

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

~ Membership • Phyllis Chapman~
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New address for **Laura Aguilar**
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760-643-7663

Please note these in your yearbook.



Beverly Clifton arranges craft items on the Holiday Boutique table before the December club meeting.

Have you heard that **Sylvia Lorhan** will be moving north in January? And, **Rosemary Morabito** is moving to Corona! She will still be involved with the club, but will have a much longer drive. The club bought a copy of *Southern California Story, Seeking the Better Life in Sierra Madre*. That's the book the Historical Society has been working on for so long. The book will be kept in the club's Historical Archives.

I have some sad news. **Betty Hansen's** husband, **Bob**, passed away. And our dear **Leona Glowienke**, who was a Wistaria Shop worker for so long, passed away in October after several months in the hospital.



Kika Downey displays one of the holiday decorations she created for the Boutique.



Dixie Coutant loads the last of forty-one Angel Project gifts into her car before delivering them to Foothill Unity Center's distribution warehouse.

I want to thank all the people who made the Holiday Boutique a success – those who made items or brought things to sell, everyone who baked or made other goodies, and, of course, all the members who shopped.

A special thanks also to my two helpers, **Shirley Anhalt**, who cashiered and **Ana Ptasinski**, who helped with the setup and took charge of the opportunity drawing.

It was a fun holiday event.

- Beverly Clifton

While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to a horse-drawn Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand-printed sign that read:

Energy Efficient Vehicle
Runs on oats and grass
Caution – do not step in exhaust

~ Keep Saving Your Stuff ~
*Remember to save your used postage stamps, needles and yarn for chemo caps and lap afghans, and pull tabs. Bring these items to any club meeting and place them in the collection box or give them to the project chairmen. Postage Stamps to **Lillias Eubanks**, Yarn to **Dixie Coutant**, and Pull tabs to **Cathy Gunther**.
Thank you for your help with these projects.*

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

January Wistaria Shop Calendar

January 1 & 2 Shop Closed

January 16 Shop Open Saturday

January 18 Holiday Shop Closed

January 28 & 29 End of the Month Sale

Volunteers make a world of difference!

With the holidays behind us we return to our little shop ready and eager to get it ready for our customers. There are still many holiday items marked down for clearance so stop by – you may see something that you must have for next year. Good news this month, the end of the month sale will be for everything in the shop – so don't miss out.

Volunteer of the Month ~ We are so happy that this lady is part of our group. Every Tuesday she arrives with a box of donut holes for us. She cleans and scrubs each item until they are super clean and only sends the best into the shop. We all agree that she is helpful, that we can't do without her, and is essential to the shop. She is a beautiful person with great love for her co-workers, plus generous and thoughtful with everyone. But what we all love the most about her is her spicy sense of humor. **Ruth Kirkby** is our volunteer of the month.

A Note from our Hearts ~ Flo Mankin, we love you and are all sincerely sorry for the loss of your brother.

Christmas Begins

By Howard Thurman

When the song of angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are departed,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost
To heal the broken
To feed the hungry
To release the prisoner
To rebuild peace among brothers
To make music for all to hear.

May the blessings, peace and joy of the holidays remain with you and yours throughout the year to come. Now that the Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and our other beloved traditions are behind us will you find it in your hearts to renew your commitment to your faiths, beliefs, and our club and community to work with us for the betterment of our community and the people within it? Please call **Rosemary Morabito** at (818) 415-6189 for volunteer opportunities to work in the Wistaria Thrift Shop. We need you! – *Elma*

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NEW YEAR *Greetings*



January Club Activities

January 8 – SGVD Board Meeting, Covina, *carpool 8:45 a.m.*

January 13 – Luncheon Meeting with Mayor MacGillivray

January 27 – Tea Meeting with Therapy Dogs from Arcadia Methodist

January 30 – Celebrity Luncheon