



The Vine

Sierra Madre Woman's Club March 2010



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Dues Are Due!

Fill out the Membership Form included with this issue of *The Vine* and return it with your \$30 dues payment to Phyllis Chapman by **March 24**

Calling All Emerald Ladies

It's time to honor our lovely ladies who are 90 years young! If you, or someone you know, will have celebrated a 90th birthday by March 24, please call Dixie Coutant, 355-4908, so we can include all our Emerald Ladies in our Reciprocity Tea celebration.

The House Mouse

News and Notes from Essick House



You know me and my big ears, at the last meeting, I heard that **Dorothy Webster**, who has been such a faithful worker setting up the house for teas and lots of other club activities, is having a difficult time with medical issues. **Nan Murphy** and **Mary Jane Baker** are also homebound right now and could use a bit of cheer. I know how nice it is to get a card when I'm not feeling well, so won't you take a few minutes to send some sunshine into their day? Speaking of sunshine, Sunshine Chairman **Janice Kacer** is feeling a bit better. **Jan O'Day** was in the hospital for several days. She is home again but on strict orders to get lots of rest.

It sounds like the District Birthday Council in Santa Fe Springs was very nice. There were beautiful handmade items at the Crafts Show, a luncheon with Valentine cupcakes for dessert, a funny skit by the Montebello Women's Club, and an informative speaker from the Heart Touch Project. During the Club President's March, **Janet Ten Eyck** presented the club's \$100 donation for the District's Scholarship Fund. **Betty Mackie**, **Karlene Englert**, **Dixie Coutant** and **Phyllis Chapman** also attended the annual event. It seems like these district events are fun and interesting. Why not attend one and see how you like it?

Club Calendar

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.

Wed., Mar. 10, 11 a.m. Luncheon Meeting with Colleen McKernan of Home Health Care Partners presenting *Senior Safety Secrets*.

Thurs., Mar. 11, 5 - 7 p.m. Chamber of Commerce Mixer at Essick House.

Fri., Mar. 12, District Spring Council. See *District Doin's* below for details.

Fri., Mar. 19 Submissions for the April newsletter due to Dixie, dixie@coutant.com

Wed., Mar. 24, 1 p.m. Reciprocity Tea. We have invited our District officers and presidents of local clubs to join us as we celebrate our 103rd anniversary with a special program from the Arboretum on *The History of the Lucky Baldwin Ranch*.

Sat., Mar. 27, 11:30 a.m. Fashion Show with clothes by Magnolia of Arcadia.

Tues., Mar. 30 Azusa Women's Club Auditions. See *District Doin's* below for details.

District Doin's

Federation Liaison Betty Mackie: 355-9858

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

• **Mar. 30 Auditions at Azusa** A day of great entertainment and a delicious lunch for only \$12. Carpool leaves at 8:45.

• **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.



Monty and Anne Montgomery's son, Kevin, and granddaughter, Chelsea, with help from two long-time friends, put on a fabulous musical program at the February 10 luncheon.



Author Janice Cantore autographs a copy of her book *The Kevlar Heart* for Janet Ten Eyck at the Celebrity Luncheon.

Be Prepared!

Federated women since 1889 have been in the forefront of positive change in our country. Continuing that tradition, we have the opportunity to help develop a nationwide preparedness project. Each of us is invited to take the *Sierra Madre Individual Preparedness Program Survey* to our neighbors, get them to fill it out, and return the surveys. Those who have Internet access can take the survey on line. It doesn't take more than two minutes to complete.

And then? We can encourage everyone we know to be more prepared for emergencies. We can challenge the other clubs in our district, area, state and country to take the lead in encouraging individual preparedness in the event of major events—snowstorms, floods, mudslides, earthquakes, or fires.

What do you think? **Mary Carney** is our connection to this larger project, and she has copies of the surveys if you want a handful to distribute and return. Please call for more information. Thanks, Mary, 355-6225

~ Membership • Phyllis Chapman ~
Phone: 355-3928

Please welcome our newest members:

Borgedahl, Mrs. Jeannie (7/23)
1515 Las Lunas St., Pasadena 91106
Home: 795-1408 Cell: 394-6765

Lampman, Mrs. Barbara (4/15)
1531 N. Santa Anita Ave.
Arcadia 91006 355-8979

Please note these changes:

Sun Lui's birthday is (4/15)

Sylvia Lorhan's new address is
1155 North Hill Avenue,
Pasadena, CA 91104 794-1115

Martha Griffin's new address is
California Mission Inn
2417 Mission Dr., Room 250
Rosemead, CA 91770 291-2246

Please note these in your yearbook.



Elma Flores and Rosemary Morabito pause while cooking for the Celebrity Luncheon.

May there always be work
for your hands to do;
May your purse always hold
a coin or two;
May the sun always shine
on your windowpane;
May a rainbow be certain
to follow each rain;
May the hand of a friend
always be near you;
May God fill your heart
with gladness to cheer you.

SOS = Save Old Stamps

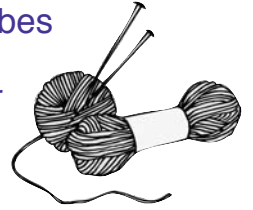
Thanks to many who turned in their used postage stamps after the holidays. So many I can't mention names. Please remember to cut carefully, so there is a ¼-inch paper border around the stamps. Some are cut too close and those can't be used.

This is an ongoing project that helps the handicapped children in Norway, so please continue Saving Old Stamps. Garden Clubs are also collecting stamps. On February 1, I turned in one-quarter-pound of stamps.

Thank you! **Lillias Eubanks**, 355-6735.

Chemo Caps and Lap Robes

Thanks to **Anne Tyler** and **Mary Cooper** who turned in more of their cute Chemo Caps we are on our way to another delivery of those comfort-giving hats.



Elma Flores made a lap robe to start our new project of hand-made afghans that will be given to wounded members of the armed service through local Veterans Administration Hospitals.

If you are interested in helping others with your hands and needles by creating caps or small afghans, please contact **Dixie Coutant**, 355-4908.

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

March Wistaria Shop Calendar

February 25 & 26—End of the Month Sale

March 5 & 6—Spring Sale

March 25, 26, & 29—End of the Month Sale

March 1, 2, 3, & 4—Shop Closed

March 20—Shop Open Saturday

Volunteers give a helping hand and a willing heart.

What a great group of volunteers we have: not even the rain keeps them away from coming in to work. The Tuesday and Wednesday crew and the shopkeepers all reported to work on their scheduled day. It doesn't get much better than that. Our ladies are not only hard working, but dependable too. Great job, ladies! The shop was kept up regardless of the weather, and customers came in to find it all set up for Valentine's Day with many great items.

Volunteer of the Month—She's one of the kindest persons that we are so lucky to have as part of our group; always arriving to work before most of us, and usually one of the last ones to leave; always working quietly—only taking time out to greet us and give us a hug, a gentle hug that's full of love. She keeps our linen department organized and fully stocked, we miss her help and her beautiful and engaging smile. We're all praying for her to make a full recovery. **Flo Mankin** is our volunteer of the month. Xoxoxo from all of us, to our Flo.

A note of interest—**Barbara Cline**, **Elma Flores**, and **Rosemary Morabito** are putting together a recipe book that will contain recipes from the kitchens of our Thrift Shop volunteers. Coming soon—for your kitchen and your family's delight!

Annual Spring Sale

Friday and Saturday, March 5 & 6, 2010

Our little hive is humming as our busy bees prepare for our Annual Spring Sale. The buzz is that **Liz Levie**, **Annie Scalzo** and **Sheila Pierce** have wardrobe offerings worth their weight in pollen. **Genevieve Stubbs'** gems glisten in the morning dew, and **Marilyn McKernan** is preparing her linens with worker bee **Elma Flores** helping. **Karlene Englert** offers a honey of a deal on many of her home décor items and **Esther Macias** has been busy as a bee getting her toys ready to display. Elsewhere in the hive, **Cindy Barnard** and **Jeannie Borge Dahl** are getting shoes and purses ready for a sweet display. We're not bringing up a sticky subject when we speak of **Ruth Kirkby's** work in the kitchen cleaning all the items that need to be displayed. **Barbara Cline** puts a shine on things as she works alongside Ruth. **Eva Poet's** Little House is abuzz with activity, and **Joanne Anthony's** arts and crafts are filling the baskets to the brim. Worker bees **Gayle Licher** and **Barbara Watson** are constantly working hard on books, CDs, and videos, making sure they are in their proper place in the comb. **Ruth Wolter** buzzes around to make sure that cards, office supplies, and stationery are all displayed. **Carole Axline** is busy waxing her frames to get pictures ready for the big event. **Sue Poulsen** and **Sandy Thistlewaite** have been getting the bags ready for the sale. Then there is our sweet pea, **Flo Mankin**, who is with us in spirit. If anyone would like to join the hive and help with the sale, please call **Rosemary Morabito**, 818-415-6189. Give us a buzz and we'll bee off together!

Ways and Means News

Our heartfelt thanks is extended to Martha Griffin for donating a considerable amount of her estate to the Sierra Madre Woman's Club Wistaria Thrift Shop. Many of her friends in the club remember her beautiful wardrobe, accessories, and home decor and the ladies at the shop were thrilled and humbled to be able to collect some of her treasures to benefit our club. Martha now resides at the California Mission Inn, 2417 Mission Dr., Rm. 250, Rosemead, CA 91770. Her telephone number is (626) 291-2248. Thank you, Martha. We hope that you find happiness in your new home!



Wistaria Thrift Shop Worker, Flo Mankin, has returned to her daughter, Pam's home after her hip replacement surgery. She is in terrific spirits and is doing a great job on continuing on with her recovery. Hats off to you, Flo. We hope to see her back with us again soon. Please keep her in your thoughts. Cards may be sent to her home address and messages left on her home phone.

Thank You

Thank you to all of the women who helped at and participated in the Celebrity Luncheon in January. The day was a lot of fun and added another happy memory to our Sierra Madre Woman's Club repertoire! Plus we acquired another good read for our libraries!



Wistaria Thrift Shop
Annual Spring Sale
Friday and Saturday
March 5 and March 6, 2010
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Essick House and
Wistaria Thrift Shop
550 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, CA
(626) 355-7739

Shop will be closed from February 27
through March 4 to prepare for the sale.

Save the Date: Sierra Madre Woman's Club and the Sierra Madre Public Library present: Judith Helton as Laura Ingalls Wilder at the Mother's Day Tea. Saturday, May 8, 2010, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tickets \$20.00 Adult and \$8.00 Child 12 and under.