

The & Vine

SIERRA MADRE WOMAN'S CLUB SEPTEMBER 2010

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thrift Shop Reopens **Thursday, September 2, 2010**
Thrift Shop Closed **Monday, September 6, 2010 (Holiday)**
Thrift Shop is Opened **Saturdays, September 4, 18, & 25**
September 23, 24, 25, & 27 **END OF THE MONTH SALE**

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

11 a.m. Executive Board Meeting
1 p.m. Blue & Gold Membership Tea
Program: Greg Golden, Pianist
Music From The Heart
33rd Anniversary Piano Concert

Wednesday, October 13, 2010

9 a.m. Executive Board Meeting
11 a.m. Business Meeting
Noon Luncheon
1 p.m. Rich Snyder: *Earthquake Video*
Christophere Nygeres:
"Back To The Land"

Saturday, October 23, 2010

1:00 – 4:00 Games tea

Wednesday, October 27, 2010

11 a.m. Executive Board Meeting
1 p.m. Tea
Program: Mike Ruggles
Silver Service Tea

President's Message

It is with great joy, sorrow, and anticipation that I write to you today. I'll start with the joyful part. New Officers stepped up and were guided by the veterans before them. The officers got busy learning their jobs, developing new relationships, working together to develop and implement a plan for the year. Some of your Officers and Board Members (**Phyllis Chapman, Beverly Clifton, Dixie Coutant, Karlene Englert, Betty Mackie, Anne Montgomery, Rosemary Morabito, and Mike Ruggles**) attended Leadership Training Day at District. Furthermore, we received some training! Two of our club members, **Dixie Coutant and Betty Mackie**, hold District Offices this year and so we have additional linkage with District because of their efforts. **Elma Flores** and her committee worked very hard to compile a Club Yearbook that we can be very proud of. **Mary Carney and her committee** developed a program list for the year that has many wonderful surprises within it. Mary has a multi-sensual focus in her programs and attempts to add taste, smell, touch, and kinetics into her programs as well as sight and sound. This should be very interesting! **Phyllis Bugh** took over as our new President Emeritus, Active. We had the most successful Open House at the Forth of July thanks to advertising through the City of Sierra Madre and mention on the local news. **Mike Ruggles and her crew** met the challenge and welcomed 300 guests. **Lillias Eubanks** performed her usual miracle with the decorating. **Phyllis Chapman** was on hand to welcome our guests. **Teresa Chaure** did another great job with the Concert in the Park. LA Lyon did a terrific job with the music and we hope to be able to sponsor them again next year.

Sorrows met us, too. Some of our members have experienced health problems. **Snooky Greger, Flo Mankin, and Ruth Wolter** continue to heal after surgeries. We missed them at their usual activities and keep them in our thoughts. Ruth and Flo were sorely missed by the Tuesday Crew and Snooky was missed at all of her usual activities. The Concert in the Park was not the same without our Golden Girls but we made do. One of our Past Presidents, **Ruth Tiegler**, passed away and some were able to attend her Memorial Service. We will miss her letters and updates from Kokomo, Indiana. **Lucille Flanders** also struggled with health issues and resigned as President Emeritus, Active. We miss her very much and hold her in our hearts, as well. **Marilyn McKernan**, who was instrumental in making the Wistaria Thrift Shop the success that it is today, resigned from the Tuesday Crew due to a full-time job at the rectory. We will miss her but wish her well. She will remain with the Club as the Philanthropies Chairwoman and as a Scholarship Chair. We continued to feel the void left when **Edna Peyton**, a Board Member and mother of **Dixie Coutant**, passed away. Many of us continue to mourn her loss with Dixie. **Martha Spriggs**, after many years of dedication, resigned her position as Rentals Chairwoman due to health concerns. We will miss her and keep her in our thoughts, as well.

Our anticipation stems from the excitement that we feel over the opportunities present in the year ahead in our Wistaria Thrift Shop. Under the leadership of **Elma Flores**, many new improvements have taken place over the summer and the Tuesday Crew has been hard at work. The Shop now boasts a washer and dryer for the first time in Club History! This idea was part of **Marilyn McKernan's** parting wish for the shop. **Annie Scalzo** and her committee stepped up to the plate to chair the Rentals and have been working hard to administer that important Club Department. They have been working very hard and will make the rentals a very solid endeavor. **Beverly Clifton and**

Betty Mackie have been working to organize and file Club records and eliminate old, unnecessary papers. **Karlene Englert** has been devoting her efforts to the up-keep of the house and has overseen the cleaning from top to bottom. There are steps being taken to gather estimates on painting the exterior of the clubhouse. This information will be presented to the Board and Membership at the beginning of the year. We anticipate many exciting District Events this year and hope that many more will join in District Activities. We also know that **Phyllis Chapman** continues to work hard at bringing in new members and look forward to another good year in terms of membership. Our new newsletter editor, **Terri Cummings**, has been working diligently to get our news out to you, with the help of **Anne Tyler** and we are all grateful to them for the important jobs that they fill.

Most of all, my anticipation stems from the fact that we begin a new club year together and share an important journey of friendship, community service, fellowship, support, and healing. May each of your lives be filled with peace, blessings and opportunity.

Rosemary Morabito, President

DISTRICT DOINS

Federation Liason: Betty Mackie - 355-9858

- **Friday, September 10** - First Board Meeting of year in Covina
 - **Friday, October 8** - Fall Council, Lunch reservations \$12.00 to be held at Covina Woman's Club.
 - **Saturday, October 16** - Area "C" Conference hosted by San Gabriel Valley District at Cal Poly, Pomona
Lunch reservations \$25.00
 - Carpool available to the above meetings.
 - Attend Tea Meeting, September 22, for more detail on October events.
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S.O.S. - SAVE OUR STAMPS

“Thank you to those who have turned in their used postage stamps, cut carefully so there is a quarter inch paper border around the stamps. The Garden Club is also saving stamps and I turned in 5 ozs. last June. This project is ongoing for Norway Health Association, helping handicapped children in Norway. **Sons of Norway** is pushing this project in our country. If stamp is fifty plus years old, please send with its envelope.” **Lillias Eubanks.**

Lillias continues: “Many thanks to the House Mouse!. You did a great job of keeping Essick House informed. You have been a great help to our Editor, Dixie, and her helpful husband, Stan.

Ruth Teigler, Sierra Madre Woman's Club President 1996-1997, passed away on April 21, 2010. Ruth was a member of our club for 23 years and continued her membership even after moving to Kokoma, Indiana, to be close to her daughters. Ruth was instrumental in the club sponsoring a bell on the El Camino Real and publishing a club cookbook. She remained active until her move, donating a glass display case for the Memorabilia Room and items from her personal collection to the club's historical archives. On Saturday, July 17, her ashes were interred between her beloved husband Karl and her son Tim. Club members **Betty Mackie, Marilyn McKernan, and Dixie Coutant** attended the service at the Sierra Madre Pioneer Cemetery.

Phyllis Chapman speaks: “Dear Members: The Club begins on Wednesday, September 22, with our Annual Membership Tea. Do you know someone who might be a prospective member? Please call me (355-3928). I will be happy to contact the person, mail information about our Club and then send an invitation to attend the tea. New members are needed!!! in this busy, busy Club. Many thanks.”

Note from the **editor**: If you have any items or pictures of interest that you want included in **The Vine**, the deadline is the twelfth of each month.

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~Wistaria Thrift Shop News~

By Elma Flores

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September Wistaria Shop Calendar

September 2 Shop Reopens
September 6 Shop Closed

September 4, 18, & 25 Saturday Shop Open
September 23, 24, 25, & 27 End of the Month
Sale

*"Never shall I forget the days I spent with you. Continue to be my friend, as you will always find me yours."
- Ludwig van Beethoven*

The Best Little Shop in the San Gabriel Valley has reopened its doors. We have all been working throughout the summer months. We resumed a regular schedule on August 17 and enjoyed our first lunch together since May. Everyone returned relaxed and happy to be back.

Listed are a few changes that were needed in order to have our shop run efficiently:

- We now have a will call. For club members merchandise will be held for 7 days. For our customers we will hold their merchandise for 24 hours. Any merchandise not pick up within the time frame will be returned to its department.
- No IOUs will be accepted.
- We will no longer be using plastic grocery bags. It was decided that brown bags would be more appropriate.
- Thrift shop volunteers please refrain from going up to Essick House as much as possible. We now have a new refrigerator, and have had a pull bar installed in the shop restroom for your use.
- Only authorized volunteers may go to the back part of the shop. General club members please refrain from entering this area. This is for safety and security reasons.

We look forward to seeing all of you, so stop by to say- Hello, and do a little shopping. We have some great items priced very reasonably.

Help! We need volunteers to work in the Thrift Shop. Positions available are for cashier, clerk, or helping with the merchandise in the shop. Please call Elma Flores at 287-7339 or lenelma@sbcglobal.net

GREAT QUOTE

*"Women and cats will do as they please,
And men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea."
By Robert Heinlein*