



# Sea Breeze

Costa Verde District, CGCI, Pacific Region, NGC

Riviera Garden Club

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## From The Presidents

It's the Diamond Jubilee year for Riviera Garden Club...60 years. Last month we enjoyed a delightful Diamond Jubilee Potluck luncheon where many members wore BLING and shiny clothes. Next spring we will enjoy another Diamond Jubilee celebration at a breakfast meeting in RGC member, **Pat Heilmann's** garden. Later, after our meeting, we will form carpools to tour other Riviera Garden Club members' gardens. Our program chairman, **Laurie Vaillant** LOVES nature and with her programs this year,

she has planned for us to learn more about monarch butterflies, hummingbirds, bees, and saving seeds. In November we have our fall bus trip planned to visit the Los Angeles County Arboretum in Arcadia. Members are still maintaining various public areas at local libraries and parks in Torrance. We have again created a "gifting committee" to brainstorm community outreach ideas. Later the whole Riviera Garden Club membership will decide how to implement the best ideas to enrich and benefit

our community....perhaps through local donations or civic projects or workshops. We are excited about celebrating our 60th year! The RGC presidents wish you a fun-filled holiday season! Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas or Happy Chanukah and Happy New Year.



Marilyn Rubin & Kathryn Joiner

## Member News & Tidbits

### WELCOME NEW RGC MEMBERS

- Marie Hoffman
- Lucy Torres
- Nancy Sewell
- Bernice Slocovich
- Regina Taylor
- Sally Wakita
- Diane Hayden

### NEW MEMBER TEA

Thursday, Nov 17th  
 10am to 12 Noon  
 Kathryn Joiner's Home  
 165 Vista del Parque  
 Redondo Beach  
 RGC officers will give the new members an overview of what our garden club does in the community and in return, the club will learn more about each member.

RSVP →

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## Member News & Tidbits

**RSVP** before Nov 7th by phone or email to:

***Kathryn Joiner, co-president***

***(home) (310) 373-3023***

***(cell) (310) 429-1820***

***(email) kathrynjoiner@gmail.com***

**Stella Leontsini's** beloved daughter **Suzanne McDermott** died.

**Marjorie McKarns** has a serious fall. She is recovering at home.

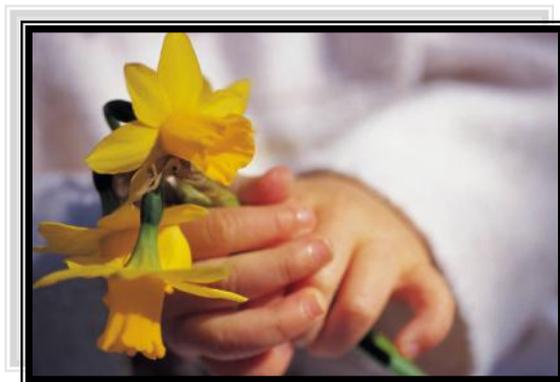
**Sheila Kutkus** is bedridden from acute sciatica and may need surgery.

**Mary Eninger** is having hip replacement surgery Wednesday, October 26 at Little Co. of Mary Hospital.

**Dave Sargent** is successfully recovering from surgery.

**June Stevenson** is facing surgery in the near future.

*Members may want to send  
Get Well or Condolence Cards*



## Member Birthdays

### November

Marilyn Barker	6
Meredith Grenier	8
Geneva Martin	9
Charlie Sappington	18
Pati Johnson	19
Ruth Vogel	20
Todd Aotorne	24
Diane Connell	28
Marilyn Rubin	30



### December

Janette Schaefer	2
Julia Blake	5
Lola Ungar	10
Irma Maggio	21
Claudeene Lyon	30

## Calendar of Events

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### **Nov 8—Tuesday (one week early due to Thanksgiving)**

RGC Board—9:30am—home of Marilyn Rubin  
4414 Greenmeadows, Torrance (310) 374-4483  
(YES, we know it is election day!)

### **Nov 15—Tuesday**

RGC Bus excursion and lunch to LA County Arboretum in Arcadia. For more information contact Lynn Fernandez. 310-729-5973 or lynn.fernandez2003@cox.net

### **Nov 17 - Thursday - 10am-12pm**

New Member Tea at Kathryn Joiner's home  
165 Vista del Parque (310) 373-3023  
(cell) 310-429-1820

### **Dec 4 - Sunday - 11:30am-2:30pm**

RGC Holiday Luncheon  
Los Verdes Country Club  
7000 W. Los Verdes Dr, Rancho Palos Verdes

### **Dec 7 - Wednesday - 10:30am**

Costa Verde District General Meeting-  
Program: Holiday Theme Decorating Contest  
SCBG, Hall. Fee \$5. Potluck

### **Jan 17 - Tuesday - 9:30am**

RGC Board - hosted by Geneva Martin  
241 Via Los Miradores  
(310) 378-9767

### **Jan 24 - Tuesday - 9:30am Torrance**

RGC General Meeting - Airport  
All About Bees hosted by Keith Willingham



## Poet's Corner

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By Charlie Sappington

Ahh! Fall

The season we love most of all!

The colors so bright,

Changing from orange, yellow and red to  
brown,

With crispy leaves falling all around.

The most beautiful sunsets of the year,

The sun, golden and crimson, as it sets,

The clouds, pink and blue at dusk,

We are blessed!

We welcome the holidays so quickly upon us.

Hurry, hurry we must!

Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas are  
fun and jolly for all.

Please don't forget the wee ones so little and  
small.

The children do so enjoy these times.

The gifts we share with loved ones are from the  
heart.

They keep us near and not far apart. Enjoy it  
all through the FALL.

## Riviera Garden Club—The Early Years by Kathryn Joiner

The first meeting the Riviera Garden Club (RGC) held was in August of 1957. The following year in May of 1958 RGC hosted a Silver Tea event. There were over 100 guests including members from other local garden clubs. Each participant was presented with a dainty handmade pink Lily of the Valley name tag. This event included a flower show. The Riviera Garden Club's 19 floral arrangement entries were judged on "points of design, color and condition."

Two entries were awarded Blue Ribbons. One was a crescent shaped arrangement placed inside a silver egg boiler using red garnet roses, pink gladioli, blue delphiniums and candy tuft flowers. The other Blue Ribbon winning entry was created using passion flowers and natural foliage inside a driftwood arrangement.

The 1958 RGC officer installation dinner meeting was held at the La Venta Inn overlooking the inn's beautiful gardens. A new tradition was created at this time in which a marjoram plant was to be

passed from one RGC member to another during the coming year. Symbolically, each member was to share in the growth of the marjoram herb plant as *she* shared in the growth of the new garden club. (note: There were **no male members** in the RGC in the early years.)

Anne Bryce Fonville was the first president of the Riviera Garden Club serving from 1957 to 1958. In later years, as new garden club presidents were elected, their first function was to announce the winner of a permanent award entitled

the Anne Fonville Award. The Anne Fonville award was a silver bud vase, a perpetual trophy, awarded each year to a Riviera Garden Club member who contributed most significantly to the activities of the fledgling garden club.

Originally, the Riviera Garden Club was organized and founded for the purpose of furthering the members' knowledge of gardening and flower arranging. Another goal was to promote the beautification of the

community. By 1961 RGC civic outreach included major landscaping projects and plantings in the upper Riviera at Los Arboles Park (aka Rocketship Park) and along the Vista Montana hill. Shrubbery was planted along the one side of Vista Montana while 25 evergreen Ash trees were established on the other side of that street. Do you know if these trees and shrubs along Vista Montana are still there after over 55 years?

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THE NEXT ISSUE OF SEA  
BREEZE***

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*In 1957, the Riviera Garden Club held it's first meeting.*



## Riviera Homeowners Association and Riviera Garden Club Monthly Landscape Awards

These monthly landscape awards are given by a joint committee comprised of members of the Riviera Garden Club and the Riviera Homeowners Association. For more information visit:

[Hollywoodriviera.org/Riviera-landscapes/](http://Hollywoodriviera.org/Riviera-landscapes/)



*Oct. 2016—The Piersol Family  
116 Via Segó*



*Sep. 2016—The Cincotta Family  
5318 Calle de Arboles*



*Aug. 2016—The Pellerito Family  
235 Paseo de las Delicias*



*July 2016—The Lane Family  
515 Paseo de las Reyes*



*June 2016—The Antaky Family  
324 Calle Mayor*



*May 2016—The Brenner/Marcuse Family  
110 Via Los Miradores*

## Excursions

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### LA Arboretum Bus Tour \$25

Bus Excursion to the Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden, 127 acres of a botanical garden and historical site nestled into hills near the San Gabriel Mountains, in Arcadia, California.

Meet at 9 a.m. at Lago Seco Park at the southeast corner of the park at 238th and Ocean Avenue in Torrance . Return time is approximately 4 p.m. Lunch included.

Contact Lynn Fernandez (310) 729-5973 or Lynn.Fernandez2003@Cox.net.



**Come One, Come All!**

**Riviera Garden Club Holiday Luncheon**



**When:** Sunday, Dec 4th 2016 11:30 am—2:30 pm

**Where:** Los Verdes Country Club,  
7000 W. Los Verdes Dr, Rancho Palos Verdes 90275

### Entertainment

#### Delicious Lunch Choices\*

1. Fresh Grilled Salmon
2. Artichoke Heart & Sun-Dried Tomato Chicken Breast
3. Vegetarian Pasta

Please send a \$35 check made out to Riviera Garden Club by Nov 28th to Pam Barrett, 2782 Saddle Rd, Rolling Hills Estates 90274—(310) 548-3926

*\*Include your lunch choice with your reservation.*

## Community and Helpful Information

### Pacific Coast Highway Safety Improvement Project

Work began **Monday October 17** on the safety improvements along PCH. These improvements consist of tree removal, a new guard rail, and fencing. Work will proceed through January 2017 Working hours are weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3pm. **Southbound PCH between Janet Lane and Calle Mayor will be reduced from two lanes to one during working hours.**

The **Riviera Homeowners Association RHA** will continue to work with Torrance Public Works, Caltrans, and our neighbors along PCH to promote the best outcome for this project. It's important to note that the second project phase for incorporating new landscaping is tentative for now, and dependent on the outcome of the first, safety-related phase.

Condensed from the [Riviera Homeowners Association weblog](#).



### How to Get California Garden Clubs e Newsletter Golden Gardens

**ONE:** On your computer type in California Garden Clubs. Go to the [californiagardenclubs.com](http://californiagardenclubs.com) website.

**TWO:** Click on the [californiagardenclubs.com](http://californiagardenclubs.com) website. Now scroll down and look on the left for the words **Quick Find**.

**THREE:** Click on **e newsletters**. You will see Newsletters in **green** on the left. Click on **subscription form** at the bottom in **green**.

**FOUR:** Fill out the **green** form with the white spaces entitled **subscribe today**. Be sure to check the box **Golden Gardens eNews**. Add your e mail address, your first and last name, **Riviera Garden Club** and then **Costa Verde District**. Click on **SUBMIT**.

**FIVE:** That is it! The **Golden Gardens** e newsletter will now come every one or two months to your email.

## Riviera Garden Club

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Do you have something to share  
for our next newsletter?

Email your articles to  
Marie@HoffmanMurphy.com

Articles must be submitted by  
December 15th.

We're on the Web  
[www.RivieraGardenClub.org](http://www.RivieraGardenClub.org)

## Classifieds: Garden Haves and Needs!

Do you have garden items you no longer need  
or want?

Send the information to the editor.

Members can contact each other directly.

