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Board of Directors' Corner

GARDEN GROVE VOLUNTEERS

Garden Grove is blessed. Almost everybody waves and truly cares about their neighbors. We are more friendly than most places and it's contagious. If you don't already, you have the opportunity to participate. Get infected with the lifestyle of friendliness, keeps a good thing going.

We have many volunteers, which is satisfying in itself and **helps to keep our HOA fees lower than other communities**. If you are a volunteer, take a bow! If you would like to be active but are a little reticent, there are many opportunities to pitch in. Most people have skills they don't feel are valuable; even if it is just an interest in being community involved. Join a committee or raise a different interest to the office or the Board. Don't just be a complainer.

The Board of Directors are volunteers; many of whom didn't realize how much work it takes to be productive. But they are very dedicated and involved!

Next comes the Social Club, led by Linda Ferkinhoff. Over many years, we continue to have a full and vibrant series of excellent and low-cost activities. She has been helped by many volunteers and continues to provide essential leadership. Everyone is automatically a member of the Social Club. Please bring your ideas to the monthly meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

The Grounds Committee led by Jay Schoff and Judy Kemp has been especially active of late. You may have noticed the changes in plantings at the front gate. Others have been clearing out brush, still others voluntarily water the plants around the pool and other areas. Now they are looking to improve the lighting at the front gate areas; a potential sense of pride for all of us.

The Architectural Advisory Committee chaired by Ken Woitaszek helps those who can no longer inspect the exterior of their homes and keeps the community looking attractive; thereby preserving our property values. If you feel that the annual inspections are hard on you, please accept that your compliance is appreciated by all.

The Stormwater Management Committee, now led by Lloyd Woods, has been working on the infrastructure throughout the community. The stormwater drainage system and the retention ponds are the key sources of proper drainage within the community. Repairs are being addressed as the budget allows for the betterment of the community's future.

The Safety Committee tries to keep us safe, led by Gordon Kemp. Denise Crapo pushed for the AEDs and training in the clubhouse. It has been roundly supported by the community and you could save the life of your loved one or neighbor. It is NOT HARD to do but it does take caring. Tripping hazards on the perimeter sidewalks have been addressed. The dangerously sloping sidewalks in front of the clubhouse are folded into Rita Billheimer's ongoing efforts for the Past & Present Memory Walkway, giving members the opportunity to support the walkway by making your own mark, or by memorialize those who have enjoyed or contributed so much to this unique community. Sign up in the clubhouse.

Speeding is an ongoing issue and the Board has just voted to improve the signage as recommended by the Safety Committee. **To really be effective it takes you** to provide direct but polite feedback to the few who habitually speeders. Don't complain to a friend, speak to the few offenders directly. Usually, they don't realize that it is they we complain about; so be polite. If you happen to run into someone who is belligerent, report them to the office.

The www.GardenGroveVero.com website has the potential to be a vibrant up-to-date source of valuable information for all our residents. Ken Woitaszek chairs the website & has a great team. The real challenge is in gathering the information to keep it up-to-date. A website is a useful tool for reporting activities of the Board, the committees and other items of interest to our residents as well as a resource for Garden Grove relative documentation. Maybe you always thought of being a journalist!

The Finance Committee reviews all the line items in the annual budget and tries to balance keeping our annual fees low with keeping the community safe and attractive. A vital benefit to us all.

The Rules Committee chaired by Rich Sack. Every society needs rules. The rules committee balances the rules that are necessary and those that aren't. Perhaps you have ideas on the subject.

The Violation Hearing Committee is also an essential committee. What rules are enforceable and what are not?

Please consider contributing to community involvement. It increases your circle of friends and is personally rewarding. Some of you are already fully committed volunteers in ways that we don't know about. But for those of you who consider involvement but haven't quite decided, please feel most welcome to jump in.

**REMINDER TO ALL THE BIRDS
THAT ARE HEADED NORTH**

Please make sure that all of your outdoor furniture is removed from your porches & patios. That would also include any potted plants, garden hoses, trash/recycle containers & ornaments that could be damaged in a summer storm.

Hurricane shutters can be used as long as the guidelines for installation are followed.

"Get Well" card sent to:

- Pat Reinhard
- John Ross

Contact Antoinette Watson at 772-631-7851 if you know of someone that could use a SUNSHINE Greeting.

Thanks to all Garden Grove friends who have expressed in one way or another their sympathy for the loss of our beloved dog Kadir. He loved you all but in special way your own mascots.

"Guido and Pam Deganello"

GARDEN GROVE BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will be meeting next on Wednesday, April 17th at 11:00 in the Clubhouse. The book we will be discussing is "The Tuscan Child" by Rhys Bowen. This book is a tale of wartime love and betrayal, and a town that would prefer to forget.

The Book Club is open to everyone and you can join us anytime if you are interested in reading and discussing the book for that month. Book lists are available in the Clubhouse Library.

We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month and several of us go out to lunch afterward. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sheila Dilley at 727-741-0494.

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♥ BRIDGE SCORES ♦

Tues, Mar 5

1. Rayma Kreider
2. Marilyn Armstrong
3. B.J. Marnie

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Tues, Mar 19

1. Rayma Kreider
2. B.J. Marnie
3. Gordon Kemp

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Tues, Mar 12

1. JoAnn Staszewski
2. Marilyn Armstrong
3. Rayma Kreider

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Tues, Mar 26

1. Phil Dickinson
2. Rayma Kreider
3. Gordon Kemp

OWNER/RESIDENT PLANT DEBRIS

REMINDER: Your lawn debris should not be piled at the street on weekends. It can be out on Monday, in hopes that Waste Management will pick up, if they don't since we know they are not reliable then we know the lawn crew will take care of it on Wednesday. But after Wednesday, we shouldn't see any debris piles until Monday. THANK YOU !!!

Garden Grove Bowling League

Since last month's newsletter we've had some great scores by our regular and substitute bowlers:

Scratch Game – Men

- 200 Bob Barnes
- 195 Chuck Armstrong
- 193 Mike Bonfiglio

Women

- 188 Mary Scorpati
- 182 Joann Doherty
- 181 Sharon Reid

Scratch Series

- 543 Mike Bonfiglio
- 521 Chuck Armstrong
- 493 Rob Tierman
- 473 Mary Scorpati
- 461 Sharon Bonfiglio
- 456 Sharon Reid

The league will finish up the season on April 11th with an Award's Banquet on Thursday, April 18th.

If anyone is interested in being a regular or a substitute bowler for next season (October 3, 2024 through April 10, 2025), please contact Jerry Tierman, next year's President, at 573-480-7459.

SHUFFLEBOARD

Our shuffleboard courts are located behind the swimming pool. The courts were upgraded last year and are in very nice condition. All of the equipment for maintaining the courts and playing the game is located in the storage shed. Instruction manuals are included if you are interested in learning to play. Come have some sun.

For info contact Marilyn Armstrong 830-330-0556.

LADIES GOLF

Please join us for Ladies Golf on Friday afternoons. Times may vary weekly depending on tee time availability (usually 2 - 3 PM). We play nine holes. We play for fun and we have a good time. For info contact Marcia Collins 603-305-1236.



What do you get when you cross a dog and a tulip? A collie-flower ☺

THE Social Clubs

PAST EVENTS:

--LADIES LUNCHEON: A group of 13 ladies went to Cooper's Chop House and Seafood for lunch on Wednesday, March 13. We had a lovely table on the outside porch (in the old Mr. Manatee location). The restaurant has been transformed into a fine dining location. Our meals were delicious, but the desserts were to die for. A little pricey, but worth every penny.

--THEATER GOERS: On March 14, a small group from Garden Grove dined at Kinky Boots at Riverside Theater. It did not disappoint.

--ST. PATTY'S DAY PARTY: *The older the fiddle the sweeter the tune.* Saturday, March 16 we had our annual St. Patty's Day party, a definite fan favorite. This year was no exception; 5:30 cocktails kicked the party off followed by an excellent dinner catered by 14 Bones. Kent Taylor Brown then made sure we danced our dinner away with great tunes. But of course, we have to give a shout out to our very own GG ladies, who with Patti Frost's instruction was able to dance an Irish dance.

Patti Frost, Anne Fiden & Sue Peterson Chaired this event putting in a lot of hard work. However, like all our events success is a team effort and they had a great behind the team group. So, THANKS to everyone who helped.

Our chore list was also a great success. Though your job might have seemed little it is a big deal when chairing an event.

UPCOMING NEWS

--LADIES LUNCHEON: We will be venturing back to Cooper's Chop House & Seafood again on April 10. If you would like to be included on the list, please contact Shirley Johnson at 772-538-6868.

--THEATER GOERS: If you are interested in joining the group for Riverside's final main stage production of the season, On Your Feet, The Gloria and Emilio Estevan Story. We are scheduled to attend Thursday, April 18 at 2 PM. If you would like to join the group, please go online or into the theater itself and purchase your seats. Then, let Shirley know if you would like to be included in the pre-performance lunch.

Season renewals begin March 19; new season subscriptions may begin purchasing tickets April 9.

SHOWS: The Fox on the Fairway (Oct 22-Nov 10); Mystic Pizza (Jan 7-26); Singing in the Rain (Feb 25-Mar 23); Beautiful-Carole King Musical (Apr 15-May 11).

--BINGO: Bingo during the month of April will continue to be off schedule: April 3 & 24. Notice the date change due to the rescheduling of the pool party.

--FIRST FRIDAY // April 5 3:00 – 5:00: People have asked if we could bring our First Friday's back. Of course we can! A few years ago, every Friday we would gather at the pool with some snacks and whatever you wanted to drink. We will gather at the pool the first Friday of each month. It is a great way to unwind and catch up with your GG friends. You do not have to go in the pool, and the snacks do not have to be something you spent hours making, just snacks. NO glass containers this includes wine and beer bottles. PLEASE transfer your wine to a thermos type container and bring a plastic tumbler to drink from. We will not be providing ice so bring your own. If it should rain consider it cancelled. Our first will be April 5 from 3-5. Everyone is still welcome to use the pool even if you do not plan on taking part.

--MY HOUSE TO YOUR HOUSE:

April 8 & 9--All season we have been collecting treasures just for you. Get your friends and family and head over to the clubhouse between 9-3 on Monday & 8-12 on Tuesday. You won't be able to beat the prices.

If you have any last-minute things for the sale, please let Pam Gagnon (817 233 8930) or Linda Ferkinhoff (907 362 2389) know. Baked goods may be dropped off the day of the sale. (please indicate if they have any nuts in them)

--SCAVENGER HUNT: Saturday, April 13 @ 1:00. Meet at the clubhouse in groups of 2-5 people or just come and we will put you on a team. Please sign up on the clipboard outside the office so we have an idea on how many people to expect. You will have 45 minutes to take pics on a cell phone from a designated list. All of the items will be in Garden Grove. You may walk, ride bikes, use cars, or golf carts as your means of transportation. We will cancel if it is raining.

--POOL PARTY: The pool party has been rescheduled for Wednesday, April 17, cost \$5.00 PP to help cover the cost of Smitty. Reservations will be taken at the clubhouse from 10-12 on April 3.

--BAND NIGHT: The final Band Night for the season will be Saturday, April 27, \$10 PP music will be Shepard-N-Green. Cocktails will be 6:30-7:00 the band playing 7:00-9:00. Sign up will be April 17 from 10:00-12:00.

--HELPERS: I am continuing to ask people to lend a helping hand at the beginning & end of events. I am asking that you let the person in charge know how you would be willing to help. Some jobs might consist of returning all the salt & pepper shakers to the kitchen, remove all the centerpieces by placing them on the ledge, OR making sure the ice buckets are emptied and in the kitchen. The events are all a lot of fun but there is also a lot of time and energy that goes into them. If we could minimize the work with more involvement, it would be FANTASTIC. AND ALWAYS, ALWAYS PLEASE CLEAN UP YOUR OWN TABLE BEFORE LEAVING. (even if you leave before the end)

MAY

DERBY –May 4



Every Day Activities

Water Aerobics - 8:00 & 9:15 AM

Monday

Tennis - 8:30 AM (mixed)
 Aerobic & Chair Exercise - 9:00 AM
 Mah Jong - 6:00 PM
 Hand & Foot - 6:15 PM

Tuesday

Tennis lady's - 9:00 AM
 YOGA - 10:00 AM
 CHAIR YOGA - 11:00 AM
 Canasta - 12:00 PM
 Bridge - 1:00 PM
 Practice Bowling - 2:00 PM (optional)

Wednesday

Tennis - 8:30 AM (mixed)
 Aerobic & Chair Exercise - 9:00 AM
 Crafts - 1:00 PM
 Poker lady's - 1:00 PM
 Hand & Foot - 6:15 PM

Thursday

YOGA - 10:00 AM
 CHAIR YOGA - 11:00 am
 Bowling League - 2:00 PM

Friday

Tennis - 8:30 AM (mixed)
 Aerobic & Chair Exercise - 9:00 AM
 Mah Jong - 9:30AM
 Ladies Golf - 2:00 PM
 Hand & Foot - 6:15 PM

Saturday

Golf - 7:00 AM
 Open Tennis - 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM
 YOGA - 10:00 AM
 CHAIR YOGA - 11:00 AM
 Shuffleboard - 11:00 AM

APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10:00 RULES Mtg 10:30 SAFETY Mtg	2	3 11:00 Grounds Mtg ----- 6:30 BINGO	4	5 1 st Fri at pool 3-5	6
7	8 My House to Yours SALE 9:00-3:00	9 My House to Yours SALE 8:00-12:00 Social Club Mtg 9:30	10 10:00 AAC Ladies Lunch	11	12	13 SCAVENGER HUNT 1:00
14	15	16	17 11:00 Book Club POOL PARTY 3-6	18 BOWLING BANQUET	19 MEMORIAL SERVICE	20
21	22 EARTH DAY	23 FULL MOON	24 6:30 BINGO	25 10:30 Board Mtg	26	27 BAND NIGHT 6:30
28	29	30	EXERCISE CLASS seated or standing 9:00 M-W-F	YOGA Tues-Thurs & Sat 10:00 Floor Yoga 11:00 Chair Yoga		May 4 Derby Day

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