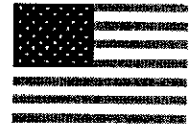


# Garden Clippings



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## Board of Directors' Corner

At the Board of Director's Meeting on June 25<sup>th</sup>, a representative from Elliott-Merrill Management Company discussed the transition and some of what we can expect from the new company. A few of the important items to note are: local communication and local banking.

All owners of record will receive a letter from Elliott Merrill prior to August 1st giving instructions on how to set up the automatic payments for your monthly association fees. Your current automatic payments will no longer be in effect. Any account balance will remain the same and carry over any credit or over-due balance you may currently have.

Your current payments through FirstService Click-Pay system will be cancelled at the end of July, but it is recommended that once you see that your July payment has cleared your bank, it doesn't hurt to cancel it:

---If you are on the FirstService Click-Pay system and have access to your on-line account, you can cancel any future payments to Click-Pay and remove your account information.

---If you pay direct from your bank Bill-Pay system, then you will need to cancel that auto bill-pay. Your auto Bill-Pay from your bank will not cancel automatically.

We will receive instructions to set everything back up from Elliott Merrill.

Of course, your monthly fee has not changed it is still \$320 per month.

August 1<sup>st</sup> will be here before we know it and there will no doubt be a few glitches along the way, but the sooner we learn about the processes the easier the transition will be.

There are no scheduled Board Meetings until September 24<sup>th</sup> but should the need arise, we will provide you with advanced notice.



## HURRICANE TREE TRIMMING

Will begin in mid-July

## HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

In an effort to "be ready", should the need arise, gather your "Important Papers" to one location or have them digitally available. This would include:

- Insurance papers - home, health & auto.
- Proof of ownership:
  - Home - deed, tax bill, homestead exemption receipt, recent power bill.
  - Auto - title or registration.
- Contact phone numbers - family, friends, doctors, insurance company. During emergency situations, you can't always rely on adequate cellular phone air signal.
- Credit cards, bank account numbers
- Small valuables
- Take photos of the outside of your home as well as the inside. Also, take photos of valuable items that might be too large to take along (paintings, antiques, etc.).

Keep items to a minimum, because if you are displaced for any length of time, you may end up carting this around in the trunk of your car.



SUNSHINE CLUB

*"Sympathy" cards sent to:*

- Decker Family - loss of Bob
- George Haming - loss of wife Linda
- Joe Chase - loss of wife Flo
- Richard Meltz - loss of brother Ed

***"Get Well" cards sent to:***

- Ann Sterling                      - Elaine Clifton  
- Marty Sinnott                   - Dave Parrillo

*An open letter to our kind and compassionate family at Garden Grove. When Flo and I lived in the community you were the ones who looked out for her. You danced with her, laughed with her, and always made sure Flo got home safe. She loved you all. We want to say thank you for all the cards, notes and phone calls. Flo will be missed but never forgotten.*

*Sincerely, Joe Chase, Kelly and Paul Wimmer*

*Dear Garden Grove Friends,*

*We just want to thank you all for the beautiful arrangement, the kind thoughts & prayers, and all the masses requested to be said in Mom's honor & memory. We are very grateful.*

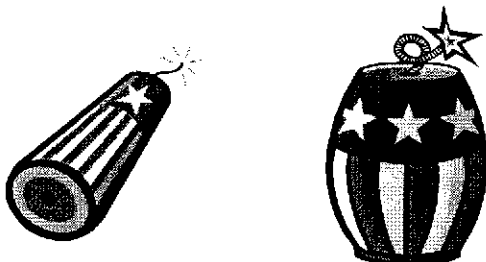
*Sincerely, George White, David, Diane & Gigi*



### ♥ BRIDGE SCORES ♦

Tues, June 2

1. Guest
2. B. J. Marnie
3. Gordon Kemp



## Garden Grove Bowling League

**It's time to start thinking about bowling  
for the 2026 / 2027 season.**

GARDEN GROVE BOOK CLUB

The GG Book Club will meet next on Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse. The book we will be discussing is "The Language of Flowers" by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. This story follows Victoria Jones, who, after aging out of the foster system, uses a unique talent for knowing the meaning of flowers to connect with others.

August's book choice is "And Then We Hit A Rock" by Greg Buenzli. This book is a humorous travel memoir about his family of five, plus a dog and a cat, moving onto a 46-foot sailboat for a year of adventure, which turns out to be full of unexpected challenges like shipwrecks, pirates, and hurricanes, rather than the idyllic, "Margaritaville" they imagined.

The Book Club meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 11:00, everyone is welcome to attend anytime. After our meeting, several of us like to go out to lunch.

If you have any questions or would like to be included in any correspondence regarding meetings, please contact Sheila Dilley at 727-741-0494.

## 2026 Hurricane Go-Bag and Stocking Up

It's easy to put off hurricane preparations this year because the forecast is for only 3 major hurricanes. But it only takes one and procrastination can become a trap. The people you see lamenting on TV after major disasters, are the ones who unwittingly foreclosed their options. They

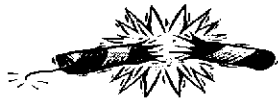
1. didn't prepare ("we've never seen one like that before"), or
2. didn't make timely decisions. They plan to decide later if things get bad. But by then it's already too late. Evacuating once flooding starts, or roads become obstacle paths, can be dangerous.

At least do the minimum now when you can be relaxed about it. It's easy.

1. Stock up before the inevitable shopping panic. If the electricity goes out for an extended period, you need at least a gallon of drinking water per person per day. Any excess non-perishable food can be eaten later or given away.
2. Prepack your go-bag. Top it off with a check list of last-minute additions. Know your evacuation destination.

If you've already prepared, congratulate yourself! Remember to let your hurricane coordinator know your plans.

# THE Social Clubs



## PAST EVENTS:

--**LADIES LUNCHEON:** The Garden Grove ladies shared a wonderful lunch at Tuohy's Downtown. Vero skies drizzled, but we were on a world of our own on the outside courtyard! Our group was smaller than usual, so we all fit around one of the large round tables which were conducive to lively conversation.

--**TRIVIA:** If you were unable to join us for Trivia night, we missed you. Thank you to all who were there! We were a small but competitive group! Thank you to all my helpers who made light work of both set up and clean up. Special thanks to Kelly Patterson, Collette Wilkinson, Leo Suplee, Amy Cavasinni, and Antoinette Watson.

--Congratulations to the team of Kelly & Jeff Patterson, Jean & Bobby Dillon, and Gina & Scott Tilton-winners of the Garden Grove Trivia trophy!

Antoinette Watson was the winner of the 50-50.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

--**JULY 4 BBQ:** Saturday July 4 from 4:00 - 6:00 we will have a BBQ at the clubhouse. It is \$5.00 PP. The clubhouse will provide hamburgers & hot dogs but we ask you bring a dish to share. Deadline for sign up is July 3. If for some reason you are unable to attend but you want us to cook for you, we are doing deliveries-let Linda know at 907 362 2389.

--**BINGO:** Linda is taking a bingo break for the months of July & August. Sept. 2 will be the next scheduled Garden Grove bingo.

--**POKENO:** in place of bingo Collette will teach us how to play POKENO. It is like bingo but using a deck of cards. There are 4 chance to win per game. It will be \$2.00 per game / 5 games. There will not be a 50/50 but snacks are welcome. It will be the 1st & 3rd Wednesday in July & August at 6:30.

--**RICK'S AMERICANA:** Our July Rick's Americana will be Sunday, July 26. This is a no fuss; no set up & clean up after yourself event. An evening to get out of the house and listen to some music.

BYOB & come as you are. Bring finger food for sharing happening at 5:30 PM.

-Additional information contact Collette Wilkinson 978 578 0209

--**LADIES LUNCHEON:** In July, we will gather at the Twisted-Lime on Wednesday, July 8. Please call/text Shirley Johnson if you would like to join in the fun. Tentative reservations will be placed around July 1 and the final count will be confirmed on July 7. (772 538 6868).

--**SOCIAL CLUB MEETING:** There will not be a July or August meeting. The next meeting will be Sept. 8.

--**TRIVIA:** June's winners are eager to take on both new and returning challengers! Please join us on July 17 at 5:00 PM for our monthly Trivia challenge and finger-food buffet.

As we mingle with the competition, we'll share the buffet, and pull the 50/50 winning ticket around 6:00 pm followed by six rounds of Trivia.

Winners take-home bragging rights and the Garden Grove Trivia Trophy! Please call/text Shirley at 772 538 6868 to reserve your spot no later than Thursday, July 16 at noon. If we do not meet our minimum, we will let you know that our event is postponed.

You may register a team of up to six players or just register yourself and join a team when you arrive. Feel free to bring a guest!

Once we have our minimum of 12 competitors walk-ins will be welcome. Hope to see you there!

--**THEATER GOERS:** If you are interested in subscribing for the 2026-2027 season, please contact Shirley Johnson phone or text at 772 538 6868 to discuss possibilities.

Pricing is a little different for this season as well as the configuration of a season ticket; however, it can be worked out to everyone's satisfaction with a little bit of preplanning.

While we would like to stick to a matinee, the day of the week can change. We have attended Thursday for the past few years.

--**IDEAS:** If you have any thoughts or ideas for possible events for next season, please let Linda know. You don't have to be the host but your help would be appreciated.

## **THINGS BREWING FOR UPCOMING SEASON:**

\*High Tea (women only)

\*Talent Show

\*Murder Mystery

\*Octoberfest . . . to name a few

\*Jerry may plan another painting class in Nov.

So --if you are getting rid of any vintage tea pots or vintage tea cups OR if you know of an Octoberfest band. . ? PLEASE let Linda know 907 362 2389

## AUGUST

-possible Ice Cream Social

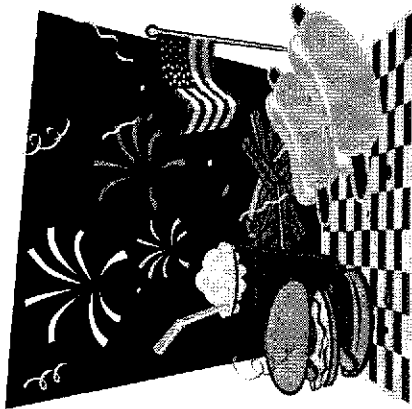
## HUMOR:



I finally figured out why we are a called GROWN ups!

ANSWER:

It's because we GROAN every time we get up!



### Every Day Activities

Water Aerobics - 8:00 & 9:15 AM

#### Monday

Tennis - 8:30 AM (mixed)

Aerobic & Chair Exercise - 9:00 AM

Mah Jongg - 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 - 12:30 PM

Bridge - 1:00 PM

#### Wednesday

Tennis - 8:30 AM (mixed)

Aerobic & Chair Exercise - 9:00 AM

Poker lady's - 1:00 PM

Hand & Foot - 6:15 PM

#### Thursday

YOGA - 10:00 AM

CHAIR YOGA - 11:00 AM

#### Friday

Tennis - 8:30 AM (mixed)

Aerobic & Chair Exercise - 9:00 AM

Mah Jongg - 10:00 AM

Ladies Golf - 2:00 PM

Hand & Foot - 6:15 PM

#### Saturday

Golf - 7:00 AM

Open Tennis - 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM

# JULY

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

|                                 |    |    |                                            |    |                      |                                           |
|---------------------------------|----|----|--------------------------------------------|----|----------------------|-------------------------------------------|
|                                 |    |    | 1<br>6:30<br>Pokeno                        | 2  | 3                    | 4<br>July 4 <sup>th</sup><br>BBQ<br>4 - 6 |
| 5                               | 6  | 7  | 8<br>Ladies<br>Lunch                       | 9  | 10                   | 11                                        |
| 12                              | 13 | 14 | 15<br>11:00<br>Book Club<br>6:30<br>Pokeno | 16 | 17<br>TRIVIA<br>5:00 | 18                                        |
| 19                              | 20 | 21 | 22                                         | 23 | 24                   | 25                                        |
| 26<br>Americana<br>BYOB<br>5:30 | 27 | 28 | 29<br>Full Moon                            | 30 | 31                   | August<br>1                               |

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