

AGUA DULCE WOMEN'S CLUB

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January 2020

1/2 General Meeting, 6:30 PM
 1/20 Board Meeting, 7:00 PM

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A Message from the ADWC President Nicole Higdon

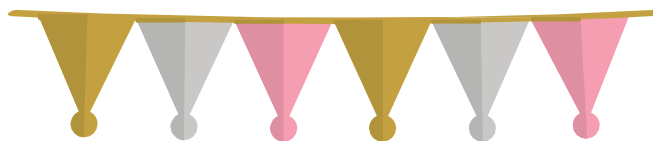
January is here, the air is brisk, holiday spirit is still lingering, and many New Year's resolutions are being made. On behalf of the new Board, we hope you all had a wonderful holiday, spent quality time with loved ones, and enjoyed yummy treats too.

As your new President for the 2020 year, I would like to introduce myself to everyone. My name is Nicole, I live in Agua Dulce, I work in the front office at our local school, iLEAD Agua Dulce. I'm a Mother of two, and I have been an ADWC club member for about five years now. I joined this club when I was in the midst of major transitions in my life. I had left a career I loved to be a stay at home mom, and I was living in a new town. I decided to join the club to get involved in our new community, hopefully make some friends, and partake in philanthropic opportunities. Thanks to the ADWC, I was able to do all of the above. I really love this club and in my short five years as a member, I have already made tons of memories, all of which I will cherish forever.

It hasn't all been sunshine and roses and I know there has been some friction within the club. However, I am truly hopeful that this year we can put that behind us and move forward together. This club has a lot of history and has meant a great deal to many people. It is my hope that we can continue to do good, support one another, help each other, and maintain the legacy that was set before us. I will do my best to keep the club positive, productive, and moving forward while preserving and honoring its history.

I am looking forward to a productive year and to working with all of you.

Happy 2020 to all of our cherished members. *Nicole*



Please note: Board meetings will be at 7:00PM this year, not 6:30PM, to better accommodate board members' schedules. They are still on the third Monday of the month. All are welcome at the board meetings.



January 2nd Meeting

Social Time 6:30PM

Meeting 7:00PM

White Elephant 7:30PM

White Elephant Gift Exchange

Please bring a wrapped gift if you would like
to partake

Where did the term
"White Elephant" come from?

According to Google, "The term white elephant refers to an extravagant but burdensome gift that cannot be easily disposed of, based on the legend of the King of Siam giving rare albino elephants to courtiers who had displeased him, that they might be ruined by the animals' upkeep costs."







January

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“January,
The first month of the year,
A perfect time to start all over again,
Changing energies and deserting old moods,
New beginnings, new attitudes”

— Charmaine J Forde



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day	2 ADWC Meeting 6:30-Bring a White Elephant Gift	3	4
5	6	7 	8 Anne Marengo Stella Varela Terri Tersigni	9 Ana Lopez 	10 Lotte Franck 	11 Charleen Mullin Nicole Higdon
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 MLK Day ADWC Board Meeting 7:00	21	22	23 Lynda Davidson 	24	25 Mary Nores Kristen Hicks Karen Starrantino
26	27	28	29	30 Geri Albert 	31 	

“January is one of the newer months to the calendar we know today, named for the god of beginnings and transitions, Janus. Janus presided over the beginning and ending of conflict, and hence war and peace.”

Renovation Committee Update

We need your input! The Renovation Committee has met twice and has made some progress as we are replacing many loose electrical plugs and doing maintenance on our electrical system. We will continue to do work in this area until the electrical is completely sound.

We are now at the point where we need your thoughts or feelings about what you would like to see changed or improved. If there is something that bothers you or some functionality you might have suggestions for, let us know. This is the time. We want everyone's input. For example, someone requested higher toilet seats and grab bars in the restrooms, and many have pointed out the bi-level floor. While some things may have a high cost, if the majority want it changed, it may be worth it!

We are in the information gathering stage, so please make your thoughts known, even if you think no one else will be interested. Please email me, in order of importance the items you would like to see fixed.

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or you can write it down and hand deliver it to me at the next meeting

We appreciate your time and consideration of this topic.

Thank you for your input.

Patty Rankin and the Renovation Committee

Santa Visited the ADWC

Santa returned to the clubhouse on December 7th. The visit was a great success, mostly excited kids, very few



tears to be seen. It would not have been possible without all of Santa's helpers. Thank you to all who donated the delicious cookies, brownies, coffee, and hot chocolate. And thank you to Julie White, Adele Parrillo, Mary Johnson, and Karen Cayley for decorating and getting everything set up and ready for the kids. Olivia Chediak and her mother Janice staffed the Santa Letter station making sure the letters were prepared and put in Santa's mailbox. Mary Johnson acting for "Mrs. Claus" sent out replies from Santa to the 62 kids who mailed a letter.



Of course, special thanks to Tony Bromley for stepping in to be Santa. He did a great job. Cheryl Bromley and Maile Baird-Steelgrave were once again Santa's elves handing out candy canes, stuffed animals, and ornaments. Karen Cayley put together all the sample ornament crafts for the tables (practice for her near future as a grandmother).

Mike Crone supplied the Christmas tree again. Terri Tersigni and Toni Pearlman helped also, and thank you Toni for the cleaning and sweeping.

I apologize to anyone that I have forgotten to mention.

Pam Baird



Parade of Tables was a Huge Success

The 26th Annual Parade of Tables was another exciting extravaganza! The large community hangar at the Agua Dulce Airport was transformed into a festive experience with a vast array of raffle baskets along with quilt and shopping spree raffles, a fabulous photo booth set up, and the true stars of the show...26 beautiful and unique tablescapes. This year's event had a special focus...the importance of Community Emergency Preparedness. In light of the recent local earthquakes, the ever-present danger of wildfires, and the potential for Power Safety Power Shutoffs, emergency preparedness and having emergency supplies on hand is a priority for the community.

As guests arrived, the friendly greeters directed them to their respective tables. The Vasquez Performing Arts group, The Heard, paraded around the room singing Christmas Carols and got everyone in a cheerful holiday mood. Julie White, 2019 Parade of Tables Chair, welcomed everyone to the event and then introduced the Canyon Coyotes 4-H Club members who led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Stephanie Kiesow gave a lovely invocation. Then our Master of Ceremonies, Don Henry, local business owner and Town Council President, took the stage to introduce Los Angeles County 5th District Supervisor, Kathryn Barger. Supervisor Barger expressed her thanks to the Agua Dulce Women's Club and presented a Commendation in recognition of the dedicated service and contributions for the benefit of the community. She then presented a surprise check for \$5,000 for the purchase of Emergency Supply Kits for the community.

Our MC, Don, then recapped the Agua Dulce Women's Club service and contributions provided this past year that included financial support for the local youth organizations, high school scholarships, and elementary school awards. Additionally, the Women's Club hosted many community events...2 Pacific Crest Trail Hiker Meet & Greet Luncheons, 2 Kids Meal & Movie Nights, 2 Fish Frys, Rummage Sale and Holiday Gift Bonanza, Free Chili Dinner for 150+ during power outage, Santa Clarita Valley Food Pantry Food Drives, and Santa's Visit to Agua Dulce, as well as serving as the Community Collection Point during power outages.

A delicious lunch of spinach salad and assorted breads, breaded chicken breast with creamy mushroom sauce, green bean almondine, creamy mashed potatoes, and pumpkin spice cake for dessert was provided by Kristina's Kreations. The servers were volunteers from the Vasquez High School Culinary Program. The coffee kiosk was also provided by the Culinary Students.

Guest Speaker, Karen Cayley, stepped up to talk about her personal experience facing a disaster when her home was destroyed in the Buckweed Fire. Karen and her husband were home when they were faced with a rapid moving wildfire approaching their home. Fire fighters arrived and told them they needed to evacuate ASAP. Karen was struggling to gather up important items, pets, and anything else she could grab before they got out. Then she didn't know where to go...so she went to the Command Post that was stationed at the Agua Dulce Airport. It was there that she was introduced to local resident, Dave Aiello, who offered his home to Karen and her husband. Karen, who was fairly new to the area was overwhelmed by the outpouring of community support. They eventually rebuilt their home, and Karen was

determined to become part of the community that embraced her. She joined the Women's Club and served as the Board Secretary for 2019. Karen has first-hand knowledge of the importance of emergency preparedness. Her story while difficult to tell, was a testament to the resiliency of the community of Agua Dulce.

For over 70 years, the Agua Dulce Women's Club has been the Community Collection Point for community events. Mary Johnson spoke about the importance of having a 3 Day Emergency Supply Kit and the importance of being prepared as a community. She introduced Fund A Need for Community Emergency Supply Kits and appealed to the guests to donate kits for community distribution. The generosity of the 2019 Parade of Tables guests purchased 66 kits for personal use and donated enough to provide 100 community members an Emergency Supply kit. BRAVO!

School officials in attendance were recognized and thanked for their dedicated service. Representatives from Waste Management presented a check to Julie White for \$2,500 to go toward the building fund. And Liz Seelman, of Southern California Edison, presented a check to Julie for \$5,000. Thank you to our generous donors!

Raffle Basket winners were announced. Silent Auction winners claimed their winning bids. The quilt raffle winner was Karen Jewett and the \$500 shopping spree winner went to Florcita Alvarez-Galoosian. And the People's Choice award for their favorite table was presented to Table 25, Rachel Hilton, Marcia Bennett, and Jennifer Hilton's Alice in Wonderland Table.

This year's event was fun, festive, and successful. Thanks to all the guests, sponsors, donors, and table hostesses. I know of more than one hostess that was making plans for her table theme for the 2020 event!

2019 Parade of Tables Committee

Julie White, Chair	Shawneen Rubay
Karen Jewett	Yolanda Aiello
Pam Baird	Mary Nores
Mary Johnson	Maile Baird

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