

September 1, 2020

Hope you are staying cool Blue Ribbon Manteca Garden Club Members. And we hope you and yours are staying well.

We are sorry to say we won't be able to gather for our first garden club meeting in September. After speaking with Brandy at the recreation department and Samantha at the library, there is no news on opening any meeting facilities! We are keeping our fingers crossed for a safe October meeting.

Your Garden Club board and many committee members are still continuing to care for the business of the Garden Club. Recently Bev, our treasurer, paid our yearly donation \$200 to Stanislaus Wild Care Center. The care center is a wonderful organization and they welcome direct donations at any time. Their recent newsletter expressed how busy they have been with wild animals in their care.

Bev is ready to send out the scholarship money we awarded this year as students get their school IDs to us. Thanks to the many members for donations into scholarships to keep that fund strong for next year too. We are planning a garden tour for sure, May 8, 2021.

Thanks to Beth for continuing to send our Sunshine greetings. And we are happy they have just been birthday greetings over the last couple of months. Please take care and stay well!

Recently, John from the golf course asked if we would still have our holiday lunch. I said yes, if we can! His business has really slowed down and he asked me to remind you all that his downstairs grill is open every day with outside deck seating. It's a beautiful location too, not just a parking lot. Please go grab a breakfast, lunch or happy hour at Uncle Frank's Grill. John has been fair and generous to our club for many years. It's great if we can support him now.

One way we have been meeting is during rose trimming with small rose teams. It has been nice to see a few members, socially distanced, with masks on as we trim. Thank you rose teams.

Barbara keeps us updated on our website, <u>www.mantecagardenclub.org</u> and if you are on FB, check out our posts. A big thanks to Cate for continuing with the monthly informative newsletter. Be sure to check it out for tips as we go into Autumn. https://mantecagardenclub.org/gardeners-corner/

And thanks for sending in your dues of only \$25 and continuing to support our club during this unusual time. As Gayle Foster has said, we are doing the business of the garden club as we move through this pandemic. Contact Bev directly if you have questions about your dues.

Stay well and we sure miss seeing everyone.

Paula