



December 1, 2021 – A Blue Ribbon Club

Dear Manteca Garden Club Members,

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year! Wishing you a healthy and happy holiday season!

What an interesting speaker at our last meeting by the Sacramento Orchid Society. Such beautiful unique plants. I learned a bit, about overwatering and that orchids like tight roots! Thanks to Co-VPs Linda S. and Alene for the great speaker! Patty, garden club member, has shared an article with me about the California Orchid Trail. Did you know there are over six orchid growers in the Santa Barbara, Carpinteria and Malibu area? For more information on the Orchid Trail, check it out on: California Orchid Trail - www.californiaorchidtrail.com

A big thank you to Eric for sharing The Plant of the Month and to Sandie for doing Penny Pines and raffle collections. Thanks to the members who helped with set up, throughout the meeting and break down! It's nice to see so many of you stepping up to make the meetings happen successfully! We missed Bev, our treasurer, at the meeting. She is so good at the money stuff!

Thanks to Michele, our secretary, who is leading the effort to give to MUSD homeless students this holiday time. Thanks to Sandie for the giving inquiry for St Jude's too. If you have suggestions for giving in the future, please let a board member know so we can consider the recipients in the future.

Our holiday lunch is **December 13** starting at noon with lunch served at 12:30. Our Co-VPs have been busy planning a nice luncheon for us. We have over 35 members signed up and paid!

We are so lucky John, from Chez Shari, doesn't charge us a room fee for our monthly meetings. Linda S. and I are purchasing two plants for John from the club. He would place them in his bathrooms. We think it's a nice thank you from our club.

We need houses for our May 7th garden tour. We have reached out to former homeowners to see of their interest in supporting us this next year and posters have been shared in key areas by Jeanette as well as posts on FB, Next Door Neighbor and our website. Give Anita your house leads, maybe even yours!

It's wonderful we are up to **57** members! We look forward to all of you joining in the volunteer work we do for our nonprofit. One event coming up soon is our annual rose pruning. Do you need to work hard? **No.** Do you need to know about pruning roses? **No.** Will you be helping the club care for a rose garden started by our club in the 1980's? **Yes.** Will you enjoy seeing other garden club members? **Yes.** Will it take long? **No,** only about 90 minutes when we get members helping. Come out to the senior center garden rose on January 15 at 11:00a.m. Bring your gloves and pruning shears if you have them. If not, you can borrow them! Thanks for participating in our club duties.

Again, we wish you a safe, healthy, happy holiday time. We are so lucky we have each other and are able to spend time together. We are thankful.

Paula