



January 1, 2022

Dear Manteca Garden Club Members,

Happy New Year! Can you believe its 2022! If you are like me, you are anxious for a wonderful new year full of fun times with family and friends, good health and positivity. It is exciting to be in a new year.

What a way to end 2021 with such a lovely holiday luncheon. Thanks again to Alene and Linda S., our Co-VPs, for their planning and execution of a fabulous time. Everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch at Chez Shari and had fun with games and eating yummy desserts! I had a hard time with the holiday trivia but so many of you got so many answers! Who knew Montgomery Ward first published a booklet with Rudolph in 1939?

Thanks to our wonderful treasurer Bev for handling the money for the luncheon. We had 48 garden club members and guests attend. We have so many helpers in our garden club. Its really wonderful. Many members came early to help Linda S. and Alene set up, including Scott, who was a great help with taking pictures too, and Linda R. at the front desk with Bev. Thanks to Sandie and Michele for sharing our gift giving in December for St. Jude's and MUSD youth. For the rest of you, thank you. We appreciate your support always.

As we move into January, we will begin with our sign ups for rose teams which start in April and run through October. Susan M., Linda R. and Eric have been our catch-all with the trimming of the roses and grounds. We will need lots of help, for with it comes with the weekly rose dead heading. We will start with the rose team leads who pick the date and time for the rose team. Then members can sign up under the teams. Remember, when you sign up, it's only a five-week rotation, once that week, and only about 30 minutes of your time. We are the club responsible for creating the rose garden and we need to support it with the rose care too.

Our main rose pruning for the year is scheduled for Saturday, January 15, at 11a.m. at the Senior Center. We will need help pruning the roses! Its fun and you will learn about the care of roses. I will be sending out reminders until that day!

Our annual, only fundraiser, is scheduled for May 7, 2022. Anita and I have confirmed three houses for our tour. Thanks to Tom and Lorna P. for agreeing to be in the tour too. They expressed how important the tour is for our club, they understand we need help in ramping up houses since we haven't had a tour in two years and they are willing to show their home. It is a lovely garden, back and front, so we are very lucky! We have a couple of follow-ups for houses in January. We need your help in finding houses in case these don't work out. We must have 5-6 houses by February 1 to have a tour. We plan on a tour committee meeting in early February as we finalize the gardens on the tour. It's important to know that without a tour, we will not have the funds to continue with our nonprofit giving. I hear people say, it will work out, but remember, it will work out only if we are working on it!

We have six more months of enjoying our garden season. Our board and I hope you all will stay involved and even get more involved in our club with decision making. We will need new board members in the coming year and everyone is welcome to be in one of those positions! Our garden club is a lot of fun - we learn new things, make friends and have new experiences as we participate and stay involved.

Here's wishing you a Happy New Year and a wonderful 2022. Thank you for being a garden club member and thank you for participating in our club.

Paula