Dear Manteca Garden Club Members,

Happy New Year! Can you believe it is 2023? I sure can't! We hope you all had a nice holiday time with family, friends, goodies to share, good health and happiness.

Thanks to our vice presidents, Linda and Alene for planning such a lovely luncheon. We appreciate their thoughtful planning for the special event.

It was a nice experience hearing about how our gift card giving is helping children in our school district. Thanks to our secretary for executing the giving time by purchasing and contacting MUSD so they could come by to meet us. This is our third year giving to homeless children and we hope we can continue doing this in future years. It is so important to support our children.

Thanks to Sandie for taking the lead on the St Jude's holiday giving and to Bev, our treasurer, and many members for helping to put giving bags together. A huge thank you to Angie for making the actual giving bags.

As we move into the new year, we will be planning our 2023 garden tour. Our tour meeting will be held after the monthly garden club meeting on January 16.   This is a change from your yearbook so make that date change. Thanks to the members who will take on chair positions and to all for being docents on our only fund raiser. In addition to scholarships funds, this is how we raise money for gift checks and gift bags during the holiday season.

We look forward to seeing so many of you at our rose pruning on February 4 at 10:00 a.m. at the Senior Center. If we have many helpers, we should be done in 90 minutes. Bring along your family and friends too. We will have rose team sign ups at our January meeting for rose team leads!

Going into this new year we will be asking you to serve as president or vice president. Our club needs board members to continue our nonprofit work. There are always lots of people to help everyone.

Thanks to everyone for a very nice Garden Club 2022. We look forward to friendship and fun with all of our members in 2023.

Paula