



*Jardineros Meeting on Wednesday, **March 1 at the Las Placitas Presbyterian Church***

Hello friends,

Lassie or Rin Tin Tin? Or perhaps Little Orphan Annie's Sandy or Marmaduke? Who is your favorite famous dog? Recently, the indefatigable rescue dogs bringing life back to buried victims of the Syria-Turkey earthquakes have achieved worldwide hero status.

You'll have the opportunity to see the dog heroes of Sandoval County in action at our next Jardineros meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 1.

Guiding these dogs will be our program speaker Shannon Farrell, lieutenant with Public Health and Safety Outreach for the Sandoval County Fire Department. She will be sharing information about the Sandoval County K9 Search and Rescue team and about our county's Community Medicine Program.

For our March 1 meeting, we'll start with light refreshments and visiting at 9 a.m. and then gather at 9:30 a.m. in the Las Placitas Presbyterian Church sanctuary for the program. That will be followed by more socializing and eating, and then closing with a business meeting, announcements and Happy Dollars.

Thanks to all of you who are participating in our interest groups and especially to those who are leading these groups. Newish members Amy Atkinson and Joanne Ruhl are now heading up the Delectable Dining and Backyard Birders groups, respectively. And Carole Patterson is in the process of starting a new book club. Veteran Jardineros members Carol Ninkovich and Cathryne Richards are leading a new Poker Pals group.

Our favorite balloon pilot Kelli Ballengee is starting a new hot air balloon interest group. Kelli says that group activities will include fun and interesting opportunities, such as visiting our nearby wonderful Anderson-Abruzzo International Balloon Museum, attending ballooning events and participating on a balloon crew. Meeting topics and frequency will depend on interests of group members, so please let Kelli know if you are interested in this special new group.

There also has been discussion about organizing a gardening interest group – quite appropriate for Jardineros! – and a group for art/design enthusiasts. To help our interest groups and members connect and stay organized, Linda Hughes on the Membership Committee is now serving in a liaison role. So please contact Linda if you have questions or requests about Jardineros interest groups.

Prior to our March 1 meeting, please review the Feb. [1meeting minutes](#). Minutes are also posted in the annual meeting binder on the Jardineros website.

Just a heads up – the scheduled speakers for our upcoming April and July meetings will be switching months. Also, as a reminder, our monthly meetings for April through September will be held in the Gracie Lee Meeting Room of the Placitas Community Library. Then, we'll return to the Las Placitas Presbyterian Church for meetings in October through December.

If you haven't yet picked up your 2023 Jardineros yearbook/directory, which contains our monthly program schedule and other helpful info, yearbooks are available at the Placitas Library.

May your March be filled with lucky shamrocks and friendly leprechauns – with no banshees and less wind and tumbleweeds than normal for Placitas in March!

Linda L.



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When March arrives  
with sweeping gales  
That bend the trees  
and split the sails,  
And people have  
a lively chase  
For hats that will not  
keep their place,  
Then to the field  
the Brownies bring  
Their home-made kites  
and balls of string.

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