

Jardineros
de Placitas
MINUTES
January 14, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Rose Gardiner at 9:35 a.m. at the Las Placitas Presbyterian Church.

A quorum was present.

Pam Buethe, Program Coordinator, and Sue Overley introduced our guest speaker:

Meredith Davidson, Curator, 19th & 20th Century Southwest Collection;
New Mexico History Museum/Palace of the Governors

Her presentation was:

“Hunting for Harvey: Curating Fred Harvey History at the New Mexico History Museum and Palace of the Governors”

Ms. Davidson provided an informative talk about Fred Harvey. She discussed the founding and history of the Fred Harvey Company with emphasis on its New Mexico holdings and answered questions about the Indian Detour and Kachina Room at ABQ airport. Much of the information presented is featured in the current Fred Harvey exhibit at the New Mexico History Museum.

Rose Gardiner introduced Pat Quick, Chair of the 50th Anniversary Celebration.

Pat announced that the 50th Anniversary Celebration will be held on May 6, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at the Sandia Hotel and Casino. She said that the event will be “memorable.” Reservations and the \$XX event payment can be made following today’s meeting.

Pat and helpers unveiled the celebration banner entitled “A Joyful Journey: 50 Years of Sharing and Caring.” The banner was designed by Barbara Rosner.

Rose Gardiner announced that the 2015 Yearbooks will be distributed following the meeting.

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2014 Constitution and Bylaws Chair Linda Suydam installed Jardineros de Placitas 2015 officers Kathy Bruch, President; Karen Cox, Treasurer; and Susan Arreola, Corresponding Secretary. Absent officers will be installed at the February meeting

Rose Gardiner (for President Kathy Bruch) announced names of the chairs of the 2015 Standing Committees.

Rose Gardiner thanked our Greeters: Maxine Breland and Sharon Sanfelippo, who filled in for Judith Roderick.

Rose Gardiner thanked our Refreshment Committee: Ginny Davis, Judy Gajkowski, Jean Kolod, and Margaret Bolshazy.

BUSINESS REPORTS

MINUTES:

Susan Arreola (for Recording Secretary Kathleen Levine) announced that the December, 2014 meeting minutes are posted on the website. December minutes were approved as written with no corrections or additions.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Corresponding Secretary Susan Arreola announced that we received thank-you notes from St. Vincent de Paul and Paws and Stripes.

TREASURER:

Treasurer Karen Cox reported that our beginning balance was \$XX. Income: \$XX. Expenses: \$XX. Ending balance for the month of December, 2014 was \$XX.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Co-chair Sharon Sanfelippo announced the names of the guests present and introduced the new members present.

New Members introduced were: Cheryl Dix (January), Suzanne Neri (October), and Linda Novy-Doll (January)

There is an opening for Greeter for the July meeting. Please contact Sharon Sanfelippo or Dorothy Coelho to sign up.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pam Buethe indicated that there are still spaces available for the Trippers' next event to the Santa Fe School of Cooking on January 22. See Pam Buethe if you have not signed up and wish to attend.

Judith Austin reminded members that the February collection would be for St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank.

Pat Quick stated that the Benevolence Committee will be meeting on Feb. 16. Their recommendations will be brought to the March Board and membership meetings.

Linda Heath announced an upcoming Trippers event Sept. 29 to Oct 1 to Chama to ride the Cumbres Toltec railroad. Information will be emailed shortly. Questions can be directed to Linda Heath, Elaine Carey, or Patt Cain.

Jennise Phillips announced that the Yearbooks will be distributed following the meeting.

The next meeting will be held on February 4. The program will be "Traces from the Past: The History and Archaeology of Kuaua Pueblo."

HAPPY DOLLARS

Seven members made "Happy" announcements and contributed their Happy Dollars.

ADJOURN

Kathy Bruch adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Arreola, Corresponding Secretary

**JARDINEROS de PLACITAS
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 4, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Bruch at 9:40 a.m. at the Las Placitas Presbyterian Church.

A quorum was present.

Wendy Wilkins, Program Coordinator introduced our guest speaker:

Ethan Ortega, Ranger and Anthropologist with studies in Archaeology.

His presentation was:

Traces from the Past — The History and Archaeology of Kuaua Pueblo.

Mr. Ortega gave us a delightful talk, describing the efforts taken to move the walls and paintings after excavation and what the museum now offers visitors.

President Bruch announced a basket would be passed for this month's Community Service collection for St. Vincent de Paul. The collection coordinators are Judith Austin and Jill Kennedy.

A total of \$XX was collected today.

President Bruch asked that Members stay, if at all possible, for a group photo after the meeting.

—BREAK—

2015 Constitution and Bylaws Chair Rose Gardiner installed Jardineros de Placitas 2015 officers Ellen McMahon as Vice President and Kathleen Levine as Recording Secretary.

President Bruch thanked our Greeters Susan Fleming and Linda Keim.

President Bruch thanked our Refreshment Committee: Kathy Friedman, Bonnie Hayes, Diane Shepard and Nancy Yates.

(These ladies came up with a clever plan. Smoothie Stations. Each offered a different flavor and the chef's hats added a winning touch.)

BUSINESS REPORTS

MINUTES:

Recording Secretary Kathleen Levine announced that the January meeting minutes are posted on the website.

January minutes were approved as written with no corrections or additions.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Corresponding Secretary Susan Arreola announced one thank you note from Algodones Elementary School.

TREASURER:

Treasurer Karen Cox reported a beginning balance of \$XX.

Income: \$XX Expenses: \$XX

Ending balance for the month of January, 2015 was \$XX

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The member count stands at 190.

Historian, Kathleen Levine presented the 2014 History Book to the club and gave 2014 President, Rose Gardiner her copy.

Membership Co-chair Sharon Sanfelippo announced that there were 7 guests present and named several new members: Roz Corriere and Paul Ordogne.

New members today: Roger Moose and Susan Craycraft.

Membership Co-chair Dorothy Coelho asked that those who did not receive the member update emails to notify her.

Also, if an corrections or additions are necessary please let her know.

Community Service:

Adopt-a-Highway crew will be meeting on February 21, 2015.

Haven House is in need of household goods and toiletries for the April collection.

Sue Overley, coordinator for the reading program, related there is a reader gap on Thursdays this month at Placitas Elementary School.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Constitution and Bylaws chair Rose Gardiner made note of several corrections in the new Directory:

Member Profiles is not on the Standing Committee.

Judith Roderick is the Co-chair for Backyard Birders.

President Kathy Bruch also added a correction to the Directory:

According to the Bylaws, the past president is not an officer of the club but is a member of the Board of Directors.

Pat Quick, Chair of the 50th. Anniversary celebration was introduced.

The party at Sandia Resort will be held on May 6, 2015. The fee is \$25.00 per person.

Pam Buethe is taking reservations and payment.

Diane Shepard is the lead on the program for the event.

Pat stated that when the club was first organized in 1965 there were 30 members and they held a Garden Show at member's homes. The ladies were not referred to by their first names, they carried their husband's full names with a Mrs. preceding.

Jennise Phillips, Yearbook Chair stated there were still 45 books left to be picked up.

Tina Thomas announced the February 24, 2015 Trippers' outing to Kelly Jo's has not been filled.

The cost is \$37.00 and a minimum of 20 members will be required. There will be wine.

Sharon Sanfelippo announced the April Trippers' email should be sent again to Bonnie Hayes.

The next meeting will be held on March 4, 2015. The program will be:

Let's Get Physical.

It is requested that you come dressed in comfortable active wear as there will be some group physical exercises. Program Coordinator: Geri Verble

HAPPY DOLLARS:

Nine members made "Happy" announcements and contributed their Happy Dollars.

ADJOURN:

President Kathy Bruch adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Levine Recording Secretary

JARDINEROS de PLACITAS

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 4, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Bruch at 9:32a.m. at Las Placitas Presbyterian Church.

A quorum was present.

Program Coordinator Geri Verble introduced Jardineros member Shirley Sloop to give some background on the presenters of this month's program: Let's Get Physical. Maintaining your Physical Health with Sledge Morgan, MPT and Jason Cox, DPT. Mountain View Therapy Services.

The program consisted of modalities for maintaining strength, flexibility and balance as we age.

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President Bruch thanked our **Refreshment** Committee Kelli Ballengee, Shirley Ericson, Shelly Haase and Linda McClain.

Kathy also thanked our **Greeters** Susan Arreola and Clardel Walker.

Membership Co-Chairs Dorothy Coelho and Sharon Sanfelippo introduced two guests who became members today: Winnie Hoeksema and Barbara Pacente.

As of today the **member count** stands at 193.

BUSINESS REPORTS

Minutes:

Recording Secretary Kathleen Levine announced that the February Meeting Minutes were posted on the website.

February Meeting Minutes were approved with no corrections or additions.

Correspondence:

Corresponding Secretary Susan Arreola received a note from Ishana Norman, Counselor at Carroll Elementary thanking us for helping 44 families with food, clothing and toys during the holiday season. Also, enclosed was a note from "Alex" thanking us for his school supplies and backpack.

A note from Ms. Amanda the nurse at Algodones Elementary thanked us for some treats we gave her.

A note of appreciation was sent from Mary Boatright letting us know she was home and up walking.

Treasurer:

Treasurer Karen Cox reported a beginning balance of \$XX.

Income: \$XX Expenses: \$XX

Ending balance for the month of February, 2015 was \$XX

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Audit:

Audit Chair Sandy Liakus Pilcher presented the end of 2014 Audit Report. (See attached)

Pat Quick **motioned** to approve the Audit Report and Joan Lucero made a second to the motion. **Motion passed.**

Benevolence:

Benevolence Chair Pat Quick presented the 2015 Benevolence Request and Committee Recommendations. (See attached)

The committee met on 2/16/15. There were 19 members present and 13 letters of request.

These Committee Recommendations will be voted on at the April 1, 2015 meeting.

Community Service:

Community Service Co-chair Pat Sporn reminded us there will be a collection for Haven House at April's meeting. Baby supplies and personal items for mothers. Trial size items are not being collected. If you have them and wish to donate, Casa Rosa will accept these items. You may also bring a check.

Coordinators: Jean Marie Kolod, Carol Ordogne and Linda Suydam.

Reading program and school support coordinators Sue Overley and Susan Fullas received a note from Algodones Elementary Principal Laura Greenleaf. Susan Fullas read the note in which Ms. Greenleaf thanked our reading volunteers and related how much the kids look forward to our visits.

Also, Placitas Elementary is in need of a grant writer. If anyone is adept at writing grants please notify Placitas Elementary School.

Announcements:

Rose Gardiner, **June Program Coordinator** along with Barbara Hill reminded us to "Show Our Stuff" for the June program.

50th. Celebration Chair Pat Quick shared many interesting facts with regard to the early days of Jardineros de Placitas, going through the year's activities from 1967-1975. (See attached)

The 50th. Anniversary Celebration is May 6, 2015 at Sandia Resort.

Reservations are being taken by Pam Buethe. The cost is \$25.00 paid to Jardineros de Placitas. There will also be vegetarian options.

March 21, 2015 marks the date for the **Dedication of the Library Labyrinth.**

This Dedication also includes acknowledging the **Volunteer Experience** and their work. It will begin at 3:30p.m.

There will also be a **Fundraiser** for **Casa Rosa** inside the Library with refreshments beginning at 5:00p.m.

The next meeting will be held on April 1, 2015.

The program is: Therapeutic Riding

Certified instructors work with children on goals set by parents and therapists.

Program Coordinator: Wendy Wilkins

Happy Dollars:

Nine Happy Dollars and their Happy Announcements were shared.

Adjourned:

President Bruch adjourned the meeting at 11:33a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Levine, Recording Secretary

JARDINEROS de PLACITAS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
April 1, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Bruch at 9:35 a.m. at Las Placitas Presbyterian Church. A quorum was present.

Program Coordinator Wendy Wilkins introduced Sarah Veeder, Manager of the NMSU Therapeutic Riding Program. Ms. Veeder explained how certified instructors work with children on goals set by parents and therapists.

Benevolence Chair Pat Quick asked for a vote on the distribution of funds already requested for 2015. President Bruch had reviewed the organizations and amounts to be contributed for this year. Motion to approve by Rose Gardiner. Second to the motion Wendy Wilkins. Motion passed.

50th Anniversary Chair Pat Quick along with guest Dian Shelfer brought out the original hats worn at the 4th of July parade and sang a "Why the Name Jardineros" tune. Reservations for the celebration are still being taken by Pam Buehe. The ticket cost is \$25.00 per person. A total of 94 tickets have been sold.

BREAK

President Bruch thanked our Refreshment Committee: Linda Suydam lead, Pat Sporn, Jennise Phillips and Kathy Joyner. Kathy also thanked our greeters Elaine Carey and Erin Height.

Membership Co-chairs Sharon Sanfelippo and Dorothy Coelho stated that the member count now stands at 195 as two members signed up at today's meeting.

BUSINESS REPORTS

MINUTES: Recording Secretary Kathleen Levine announced that the March meeting minutes were posted on the website. March meeting minutes were approved with no correction or additions.

CORRESPONDENCE: Corresponding Secretary Susan Arreola had nothing to report.

TREASURER: Treasurer Karen Cox reported a beginning balance of \$-----. Income: \$-----. Expenses: \$-----. Ending balance for the month of March, 2015 was \$-----. Webmaster's note: dollars are deleted for the website; if you need this information, contact the Treasurer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Service Chairs Pat Sporn and Linda Suydam headed up a collection for Haven House and beside personal items, donations of \$----- were collected at the meeting. The chairs thanked the attendees for their generosity and contributions. Also, there is a need at Haven House for women's pajamas. Coordinators for the Haven House Collection are: Jean Marie Kolod, Carol Ordogne and Linda Suydam.

June Program Coordinators Barbara Hill and Rose Gardiner stated there are still open spots for the "Show Your Stuff" art show.

Karen Cox thanked all volunteers for the food, hard work and cleanup help at the labyrinth dedication and Casa Rosa fundraiser at the Library.

The next meeting also known as "A Joyful Journey Celebrating Fifty Years of Sharing and Caring" will be held at Sandia Resort on May 6, 2015, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

HAPPY DOLLARS

Fourteen Happy Dollars and their happy announcements were shared.

ADJOURNED: President Bruch adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Levine, Recording Secretary

**JARDINEROS de PLACITAS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
MAY 6, 2015**

President Kathy Bruch started off the festivities at the Sandia Resort and Casino at 11:00 a.m. by stating "Today we want to celebrate and honor members as well as the work we do to make Placitas and the surrounding communities a better place to live. Along with the many members who helped put on this special celebration, I want to say Thank You for attending."

Diane Herrera Shepard then took over as the Mistress of Ceremonies.

Pat Quick asked us to raise our glasses for a champagne toast.

After dessert Karen Cox and Rich Reif were thanked for the delicious cupcakes they made.

The program started at around noon with many members dancing their way through the Pharrell Williams' song "Happy." Ellen McMahon was then introduced and spoke of the club's benevolent work and contributions leading into a "Making a Difference" video.

The officers were then introduced and the program continued by honoring past presidents with a video. Another video with accompanying interview conducted by Geri Verble with 43 year member Ruth Ives, gave all of us assembled an idea of what the club was like at its beginning.

Ruth, along with two past presidents, Bobbie West and Mary duLin, all of whom were in attendance, were named as Honorary members of Jardineros de Placitas.

President Bruch acknowledged and thanked the hardworking and very capable 50th Anniversary Event Committee.

Then many Happy Dollars were donated along with wild tales of new law firms, mountain climbing adventures, and the good news of a long awaited grandchild and the results of a year long endurance test to wellness.

Rozanne and Todd Hakala received many thanks and kudos for their terrific efforts in capturing the heart of the Jardineros de Placitas organization.

Kathleen Levine, Recording Secretary

JARDINEROS de PLACITAS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
June 3, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Bruch at 9:30 a.m. at Las Placitas Presbyterian Church. A quorum was present. This abbreviated meeting was held in the hall of the church which was filled with club members perusing the wares of twenty members "Showing Their Stuff." The program was titled "Christmas in June" and was coordinated by Rose Gardiner and Barbara Hill with ten percent of sales to support our Benevolence fund.

President Bruch thanked our Refreshment Committee: Harriet Neal, Sandy Stoy, Committee Chair Ivona McCrary, Joan Lucero lead, and Tina Thomas. Kathy also thanked our Greeters Claudia Moraga and Suzanne Neri.

Minutes: Recording Secretary Kathleen Levine announced that the April meeting minutes were posted on the website. April meeting minutes were approved with no corrections or additions. The May meeting minutes were unofficial and needed no approval.

Correspondence: Corresponding Secretary Susan Arreola had too many thank-you notes for this abbreviated meeting and stated she will share all of them at our July meeting.

Treasurer Karen Cox reported a beginning balance of \$-----. Income: \$-----. Expenses: \$-----. Ending balance for the months of April and May, 2015 was \$-----. The budget report for the 50th celebration is awaiting one invoice. Any surplus dollars will be put back into the budget. Webmaster's note: Dollars are deleted for the website. If you need this information, contact the Treasurer.

Committee Reports: Casa Rosa board member and liaison Linda McClain explained that now Casa Rosa operates on Saturdays as a grocery market style food bank. Individuals can shop for fresh produce, breads and meats instead of the prepackaged boxes given out prior. Those folks interested in helping can become "Smile Partners" on Amazon and dollars are always needed and much appreciated. One dollar (\$1.00) donated buys \$9.00 of food through Roadrunner.

No Happy Dollars Today.

Adjourned: President Bruch adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.
Respectfully submitted, Kathleen Levine, Recording Secretary

JARDINEROS de PLACITAS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
July 1, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Bruch at 9:30 a.m. at Las Placitas Presbyterian Church. There was not a quorum present.

Program Coordinator Geri Verble introduced our speaker Susan Harper, a retired Adjunct Professor, PhD in the UNM Health and Sports Sciences Department. Dr. Harper spoke about empowering women to face their fears and discover their strengths by completing a high ropes course.

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President Bruch thanked our Refreshment Committee, Carol Ordogne, Lead, with Diane Kessler and Melinda Petersen. Kathy also thanked our greeters, Judith Roderick and Ginny Davis.

Membership Co-chairs Dorothy Coelho and Sharon Sanfelippo introduced a new member, Mary Carey. This brings the member count to 199.

BUSINESS REPORTS

Minutes: Recording Secretary Kathleen Levine announced the June minutes would wait for a quorum and approval at the August meeting.

Correspondence: In Susan Arreola's absence Kathleen Levine read several thank-you notes from various organizations that benefited from our Benevolence Committee and Community Service donations. Eighteen thank-you notes were received from students in the reading programs at Algodones Elementary and Placitas Elementary schools. Also, a note from outgoing Algodones principal Laura Greenleaf was read thanking the reading volunteers from Jardineros de Placitas. These notes will be posted on the website.

Treasurer: Karen Cox reported a beginning balance of \$-----. Income: \$-----. Expenses: \$-----. Ending balance for the month of June, 2015 was \$-----. Webmaster's note: Dollars are deleted for the website. If you need this information, contact the Treasurer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Benevolence: Nothing to report.

Community Service: Co-chair Linda Suydam stated that backpacks and school supplies would be collected at the August meeting for Algodones, Bernalillo and Placitas Elementary schools. Bernalillo will offer a list of their needs. Quilting dates for Haven House quilts are August 7 and August 21, 2015. Cash was requested to purchase backing materials. Adopt-a-Highway coordinators Jim and Harriet Neal asked for volunteers for the August 15, 2015 pickup day. Ms. Suydam stated that the Casa Rosa collection was a success with a total of \$----- donated. Summer Serenade will not be held this year at the Senior Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Show Your Stuff at the June meeting was a success and the Program Committee will decide whether to make it an annual fixture.

Roger Moose would like to start a new photography group and asked that those wishing to improve their skills consider joining.

Mary Boatright announced that the 4th of July parade will begin at 11:00 a.m. All volunteers need to meet at 9:30 a.m. to decorate the Jardineros de Placitas float.

The next meeting will be held on August 5, 2015. The program is: Michael McCullough, a member of the Choctaw Nation. He is known for his strong, vibrant original paintings of the Southwest. Program Coordinator: Clardel Walker.

Happy Dollars: There were eight Happy Dollars today.

Adjourned: President Bruch adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted on July 1, 2015, Kathleen Levine, Recording Secretary

JARDINEROS de PLACITAS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
August 5, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Bruch at 9:40 a.m. at Las Placitas Presbyterian Church. There was a quorum present.

Program Coordinator Clardel Walker introduced our speaker, artist Mr. Michael McCullough. Mr. McCullough showcased his fine abilities with a painting demonstration that captured the attention of all present. His humor and authenticity were a welcome addition to his presentation. Also, the painting he worked on was auctioned off for this month's children's back-to-school collection. The auction of the painting generated \$260.00 for the collection. The artist's generosity was applauded by the membership.

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President Bruch thanked our Refreshment Committee, Judith Roderick, Lead, Marie Smrt Sanchez, Wendy Wilkins, Annie Gross. Kathy also thanked our Greeters, Barbara Hill and Rose Gardiner.

Membership Co-chair Dorothy Coelho introduced five guests and two new members, Sue Ortiz and Christine Fortier which brings the member count to 202.

BUSINESS REPORTS

Minutes: Recording Secretary Kathleen Levine announced that the June and July minutes were posted on the website and asked if there were additions or corrections. The June and July minutes were approved as written.

Correspondence: Corresponding Secretary Susan Arreola read a note from Casa Rosa thanking us for the donation of \$----- from the Labyrinth Dedication Event at the Library.

Treasurer: Treasurer Karen Cox reported a beginning balance of \$-----. Income: \$-----. Expenses: \$-----. Ending balance for the month of July, 2015 was \$-----. Also, the June program "Show Your Stuff" generated \$-----.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Services: Adopt-a-Highway coordinator Harriet Neal stated that the crew would meet August 15, 2015, at 8:00 a.m. Location: Mile Marker 5. Jo Anne Fredrikson announced the need for more volunteers for the Haven House quilting project Friday, August 7, 2015, 9:30 a.m. to noon at Connie Goodwin's home. Friday August 21, 2015 from 9:30 a.m. to noon the quilting group will meet at Jo Anne Fredrikson's home to complete the quilts.

Boxtops are again being collected for Algodones and Placitas Elementary Schools. Susan Fullas stated she will be meeting the new principal at Algodones Elementary School to find out the procedure for our participation in their reading program. School supplies coordinator Pam Buethe announced that 61 backpacks were collected along with a total of \$--- ---.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ellen McMahon, Program Chair, stated the Program Committee would meet at the Library on August 11, 2015 at 9:30 to collect suggestions for speakers for the 2016 meetings.

Backyard Gardeners Chair Karen Cox announced that a Hypertufa class will be held on August 15, 2015 for those interested. Karen also stated the date for this year's Noche Encantada would be December 12, 2015 and will be held at the Sandia Resort.

President Bruch informed the group that any info for the Announcement page should be forwarded to our Webmaster Judy Blinn.

The next meeting will be held on September 2, 2015. The program speaker is club member Kelli Ballengee and the coordinator is Ellen McMahon. Her topic will be learning more about hot air ballooning, her fun hobby.

Happy Dollars: There were 18 Happy Dollars today.

Adjourned: President Bruch adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted on August 6, 2015, Kathleen Levine, Recording Secretary

**JARDINEROS de PLACITAS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 2, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Bruch at 9:40 a.m. at Las Placitas Presbyterian Church. There was a quorum present.

Program coordinator Ellen McMahon introduced our speaker Kelli Ballengee who explained to us the finer points of hot air ballooning beginning with the history and continuing on to the present day logistics of flying here in New Mexico. Her presentation was not only informative and well-prepared but Kelli also managed to sneak in some clever and humorous anecdotes.

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President Bruch thanked our Refreshment Committee Nadine Burton, Susan Arreola, Elaine Carey, and Geri Verble, lead. Kathy also thanked our greeters Judith Austin and Rich Burton.

Membership Co-chair Dorothy Coelho stated that the member count stands at 206 with our newest member Marsha Mowery.

BUSINESS REPORTS

Minutes: Recording Secretary Kathleen Levine announced that the August minutes were posted on the website and asked if there were additions or corrections. The August minutes were approved as written.

Correspondence: Corresponding Secretary Susan Arreola read a thank-you note from Nora Timmons for the \$----- Jardineros donated to the Placitas Community Library for the children's summer reading program.

Treasurer: Treasurer Karen Cox reported a beginning balance of \$-----. Income: \$-----. Expenses: \$-----. Closing balance, end of August: \$-----. Karen also gave a report on the proposed budget for 2016 which will be voted on at the October, 2015 meeting. webmaster's note: Dollars are deleted for the website. If you need this information, contact the Treasurer.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair of the Nominating Committee Tina Thomas presented the slate of officers for 2016. The elections will be at the October, 2015 monthly meeting.

The 2016 slate of officers: Vice-President: Ellen McMahon; President: Kathy Bruch; Corresponding Secretary: Susan Arreola; Recording Secretary: Kathleen Levine; Treasurer: Ivona McCrary.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Services Co-chair Pat Sporn stated children's winter wear would be collected at the October, 2015 monthly meeting. These would include hats, gloves, scarves and coats in different sizes. The 30 quilt collection for Haven House will also be presented at that meeting. Members were encouraged to volunteer and to even try out different volunteer roles.

50th Anniversary Chair Pat Quick mentioned that five decades of banners, yearbooks and the 50th Yearbook will be on display at Placitas Community Library. The celebration will be held on September 11, 2015 from 5 - 7 p.m.

Sue Overley and Susan Fullas asked for volunteers for the reading programs at Placitas and Algodones Elementary Schools.

Last Adopt-a-Highway for 2015 will take place in November.

Dues collection: send dues check to Jardineros de Placitas, P. O. Box 704, Placitas, NM 87043, or bring your check to the October meeting and give to Karen Cox. Ms. Judy Blinn was the first up to the plate with her dues. November 15, 2015 is the solid cutoff date for entries into the 2016 Yearbook.

Noche Encantada Chair Karen Cox announced that the Christmas Party will be held on December 12, 2015 at Sandia Resort in the new Golf Events Center.

Diane Shepard is teaching an English Studies program at Bernalillo High School.

Don't forget to check out the signup sheets for Committees.

Happy Dollars: There were twelve Happy Dollars and their Happy Announcements shared today.
Adjourned: President Bruch adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted on September 8, 2015
Kathleen Levine, Recording Secretary

**JARDINEROS de PLACITAS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 7, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Bruch at 9:40 a.m. at Las Placitas Presbyterian Church.

There was a quorum present.

Nancy Hawks introduced our Speakers Bob and Judy Gajkowski who explained the history of the Dia De Los Muertos, the festive celebrations held to commemorate loved ones and the welcoming back of the spirits of deceased friends and family. The talk was very entertaining with notes of interjected humor.

Collection: Elementary Schools: Winter Wear Collection
Coordinators: Susan Fullas, Sandy Pilcher, and Tina Thomas

— BREAK —

President Bruch thanked our **Refreshment Committee:**

Vicky Kimmel, Lead with Dorothy Coelho, Diane Shepard and Erica Wendel-Oglesby and guest Mimi Mycroft

Kathy also thanked our **Greeters:** Bonnie Hayes and Marie Smrt Sanchez

Membership Co-Chair Dorothy Coelho stated that the member count stands at 209.

Membership Co-Chair Sharon Sanfelippo introduced several of the seven guests who remained for the meeting and also the names of new members were mentioned: Sheryl Tucker, Linda Lockett and Susan Brown.

BUSINESS REPORTS

Minutes: Recording Secretary Kathleen Levine announced that the September minutes were posted on the website and asked if there were any additions or corrections. The September minutes were approved as written.

Correspondence: Corresponding Secretary Susan Arreola read a thank you note from Ms. Amanda at Algodones Elementary acknowledging the gifts of clothes and remarking on what big hearts we have in Jardineros de Placitas.

Treasurer: Treasurer Karen Cox reported a beginning balance of \$XX Income: \$XX Expenses: \$XX

Ending Balance for the month of September, 2015: \$XX

Karen also stated that dues need to be paid by 11/15/2015 to be included in the yearbook.

NEW BUSINESS

It was decided that **Bylaws Chair** Rose Gardiner would present the officers for election. Kathy Bruch, President, Ellen McMahon, Vice President, Kathleen Levine, Recording Secretary, Ivona Mccrary, Treasurer and Susan Arreola, Corresponding Secretary. Rose thanked the nominating committee: Tina Thomas, Erin Height, Nancy Yates, Barbara Hill and Betty Closser.

Rose Gardiner motion to accept new officers.

Second to the motion Rozanne Hakala **Motion passed**

The **Nominating Committee Members** for 2016 were presented.

Judy Labovitz, Susan McWilliam, Pam Buethe, Margaret Bolshazy, and Melinda Petersen.

Vote on the budget presented at last month's meeting. There were no questions.

Motion to accept the budget for 2016 Linda Suydam

Second to the motion Wendy Wilkins **Motion passed**

A motion was called for permanent shades for the sanctuary in the church requesting \$XX which is 1/3 of the total cost of \$XX, monies to be drawn from our at large expenses.

Board motion to amend that expense to \$XX, a one time donation to the church for solar shades to be added to the budget.

President Bruch amendment to the motion to donate \$600.00 to pay for shades.

Paid in January with the annual rent as a one time donation.

Second to the motion Susan Arreola.

Sandy Pilcher amendment to designate funds strictly for shades.

It was noted then by Harriet Neal that the aforementioned motion would include that designation.

Sandy Pilcher withdrew her amendment.

Motion carried. 54-Yes votes 3-No votes

Sign up Sheets for Committees again this month and New Interest Groups will be announced at the November meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Benevolence/50th. - Good turnout at the Library exhibit.

Community Services: Co-Chair Linda Suydam stated that they would continue with the same collections and that volunteers are needed.

Harriet and Jim Neal will continue on as coordinators for Adopt-a-Highway.

The next collection day is 11/7/15 at 9:00 a.m.

There is a sign up sheet on the table in the hall for those interested in volunteering. November Turkeys/Hams for Blessings Day. Nancy Hawks reminded us that the turkeys remain \$16.00 a piece at the market in Bernalillo. Teachers and counselors throughout the Bernalillo school system choose the neediest families to help.

The presentation of quilts was a spectacular display of creativity and ingenuity.

There were 32 quilts for Haven House. Terrific effort ladies!

Community Services Co-Chair Linda Suydam also mentioned a new agenda at the Recycling Center was in the works. They are attempting a team approach of three people each Saturday on a rotating basis. Any members looking for a volunteer opportunity please consider them.

Constitution and Bylaws would like to implement an improvement in Parliamentary procedures.

Rozanne Hakala was the photographer today for the website.

Jennise Phillips Yearbook Chair stated she has purchased a new efficient program for the new Yearbook. The new program will alphabetize members' names by first name.

Karen Cox Chair of Noche Encantada stated we are set at Sandia Resort for the Holiday Party and she is now scoping out bands for the entertainment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sign up sheets for new Interest Groups in November

HAPPY DOLLARS

There were 29 Happy Dollars today.

Adjourned:

President Bruch adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted on October 8, 2015

Kathleen Levine, Recording Secretary

**JARDINEROS de PLACITAS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 4, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Bruch at 9:42 a.m. at Las Placitas Presbyterian Church.

A quorum was present.

Diane Shepard introduced our Speaker Mr. Jorge Silva-Banuelos, Director of Valles Caldera. Mr. Silva-Banuelos explained how the Caldera was formed, how the ownership changed over the years until the government became involved and is in turn maintaining, developing and protecting this beautiful park for future generations.

BREAK

President Bruch thanked our **Refreshment Committee:**

Betty Closser (Lead), Georgia Edminster, Nancy Hawks and Jill Kennedy

Kathy also thanked our **Greeters:** Paula Norris and Nancy Yates

Membership Co-Chair Dorothy Coelho stated that the member count stands at 210 with new member Elissa Chazdon joining at today's meeting.

Membership Co-Chair Sharon Sanfelippo introduced several of the eight guests who remained for the meeting and also the names of new members were mentioned: Linda Hardin, Virginia Watkins, Kay Bishop, James Wiesner, and Ted Heath.

BUSINESS REPORTS

Minutes: Recording Secretary Kathleen Levine announced that the October minutes were posted on the website and asked if there were any additions or corrections.

The October minutes were approved as written.

Correspondence: Corresponding Secretary Susan Arreola read a thank you note from The Placitas Artist Series acknowledging that our donation helped support the publishing of their Program Book for the new season advertising upcoming concerts and includes the businesses that support music and art in our community.

Another thank you note and accompanying photos from Roberta Radosevich, Executive Director of Haven House thanking us for the 30 quilts made by several members of our club. Many have been handed out and two are hanging in their intake room making it homey and inviting.

Treasurer: Treasurer Karen Cox reported a beginning balance of \$XX

Income: \$XX

No expenses

Ending Balance for the month of October, 2015: \$8111.54

Karen also reminded the membership present that dues need to be paid by 11/15/15 in order to be included in the yearbook.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Services - December Collections will include toys and books for elementary age children.

Signup sheets for Adopt-a-Highway are out on the hall table. The next collection date is Saturday November 7, 2015 at 9:00a.m. at mile post 5.

Nancy Hawks reported that 80% of the turkeys needed have already been bought.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Interest Groups: Spirits and Suds and Dining Out. Their signup sheets are on the table in the church hall as are the signup sheets for all of the Interest Groups.

Noche Encantada Chair Karen Cox reminded everyone that the cost per person is \$65.00 and the party will be held at Sandia Resort on 12/12/15.

Also the 50th. Anniversary book can still be purchased until 11/15/15.

The 34th Annual Placitas Holiday Fine Arts and Crafts Sale is the same weekend as the Placitas Community Library Book and Bake Sale. There will also be a sale at the Little Mission Church the same weekend. November 21st and 22nd.

HAPPY DOLLARS

There were 13 Happy Dollars today.

ADJOURNED:

President Bruch adjourned the meeting at 11:30a.m.

Respectfully submitted on November 4, 2015

Kathleen Levine
Recording Secretary

**JARDINEROS de PLACITAS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 2, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Bruch at 10:02 a.m. at Las Placitas Presbyterian Church.

A quorum was present.

President Bruch thanked the Greeters Pat Sporn and Linda Suydam, also the Board members and Program committee members for the delicious and varied food selections offered.

Kathy introduced and thanked Erin Height and Janet Schmidly, the Coordinators for the Toy Drive and also thanked the membership for their generous contributions.

BUSINESS

Minutes: Recording Secretary Kathleen Levine announced that the November minutes were posted on the website and asked if there were any additions or corrections.

The November minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer: No Treasurer's report. There have been repeated requests.

Changes to the Constitution and Bylaws were given up for a vote.

Proposed:

12. Each year the Board of Directors may name a member of the Club excluding current officers to receive an Award for Outstanding Service. The award shall be presented at a Club meeting. No discussion

Motion to accept proposal Jennise Phillips. Second to the motion Barbara Hill

Motion passed with unanimous vote.

Proposed:

Standing Policy #10 Eliminated

Add to Bylaws Article IX Section 8: The Nominating Committee shall have at least one former officer as a member and with the exception of the committee chair, no

current board member shall be on the Nominating Committee. No discussion
Motion to accept proposal Karen Cox. Second to the motion Erica Wendel-Oglesby
Motion passed with unanimous vote.

Standing Policy #8

Proposed:

Participation in Club interest groups is restricted to Club members and a guest.

Wendy Wilkins - Participation in Club interest groups is restricted to Club members.

Each member may bring a guest. Limited discussion

Motion to accept Wendy Wilkins' proposal Nadine Burton. Second to the motion Judy Labovitz

Motion passed with unanimous vote.

Article 9, Section 1

Proposed:

Add: Each committee shall have only one chair. A vice chair may be selected by the committee to perform the duties of the chair and vote in the chair's absence. Discussion ensued.

Motion to table Article 9, Section 1 Susan Fullas. Second to the motion Tina Thomas

Motion passed with unanimous vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Outstanding Service Award Recipient was Geri Verble.

See attached for her introduction.

The January meeting will take place on the second Wednesday, January 13th, 2016

The program will be the workings of our own Jardineros de Placitas and the Speakers

will be the Board and Members. Coordinator: Kathy Bruch

The January Greeters are Barbara Hill and Rose Gardiner.

Refreshments provided by Judy Gajkowski, Rozanne Hakala, Jennise Phillips and Nancy Ullery.

The installation of Officers will also take place at the January meeting.

Member Ruth Ives is celebrating her 93rd. birthday on December 7, 2015.

HAPPY DOLLARS

There were 16 Happy Dollars today.

ADJOURNED

President Kathy Bruch adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted on December 3, 2015

Kathleen Levine, Recording Secretary