

JARDINEROS de PLACITAS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

December 6, 2023

Jardineros Holiday Buffet

Jardineros members socialized and enjoyed a holiday buffet provided by the 2023 Board members.

Business Meeting

President Linda Lockett opened the business meeting at 10:15 am.

Vice President Janice Grann thanked the Refreshment Committee and the wonderful decorating planning by Sue Ortiz with help from the Plant Whisperers and the Board. She announced the program on Practicing Gratitude by Charey Fox for January 10, which will be held at the Las Placitas Presbyterian Church, where all of our 2024 meetings are scheduled.

Jan Kennedy representing St. Vincent de Paul's Blessings Day talked about the impact of the Blessings Day program and thanked Jardineros for our Community Service collection this month, which was energetically led by Cheryl Weber and guided by Community Service chairs Debbie Webster and Margaret Bruch. We raised more than \$2,200!

Linda recognized today's Refreshment Committee members – our 2023 Board members – Vice President Janice Grann, Treasurer Nancy Evans AKA Boots, Recording Secretary Jean Roberts, Corresponding Secretary Sharon Arthur, Benevolence Chair Jennise Phillips, Community Service Chairs Debbie Webster and Margaret Bruch, Membership Chairs Cindy Bourne and Ruth Clark, Nominating Committee Chair Kathy Hays, Refreshments Chair Jane Garland, Yearbook Chair Jayne Schultz, Past President Karen Cox, History Chair Cathryne Richards, Constitution & Bylaws Chair Chris Daul.

A special thank you to our greeters for the day, Jennise Phillips and Jayne Schultz, who we neglected to recognize during the meeting.

Linda recognized 2023 Jardineros Interest Group chairs and members:

Joanne Ruhl, Birders
Harriet Neal, Bueno Gusto
Amy Atkinson and Katie Thomas, Creative Collective
Amy Atkinson, Delectable Dining
Kelli Ballengee, Game Night
Debbie Webster, The Happy Bookers
Barbara Hill, Healthy Living

Mike Carey and Jennise Phillips, Out To Lunch Bunch
Susan Brown, Page Turners
Cindy Bourne, Plant Whisperers
Jeff Doll, JPG – Photography
Karen Cox, Libro Sin Nombre
Pat Quick, The Lunch Bunch
Karen Croxton and Carol Ninkovich, Mah Jongg
Jim Delongchamp, Money Matters
Linda Lockett, Non-Fiction Book Group
Carol Ninkovich and Cathryne Richards, Poker Pals
Kathy Hays and Linda Lockett, Trippers
Kelli Ballengee, Up, Up and Away
Cheryl Weber, Wine & Food Fans

She also noted that Ted Heath is forming a new dining and theater group for 2024.

Linda recognized special projects during 2023:

- July 4 Parade float, led by Ivona McCrary; Highway 165 Clean-up led by Cheryl Betterly; Audit Committee led by Barbara Hill; Webmaster Deborah Gullo.
- Special help provided by Margaret Bruch, Kathy Hays and others for the Placitas Volunteer Fire Brigade's 50th birthday (community event) celebration this year.
- Calendar and notecards collection for Meals on Wheels coordinated by Sharon Arthur.
- Initial planning for 60th anniversary celebration in 2025, led by Cathryne Richards.

Officer and Committee Reports

Minutes: The minutes of the November meeting were approved.

Membership Committee: Co-chair Ruth Clark recognized new Jardineros members.

Treasurer: Nancy Evans asked 2024 officers to submit 2024 budget requests, and reminded anyone with 2023 bills or reimbursement requests to submit those quickly. She also asked that anyone who needs to pay 2024 dues do so as soon as possible

Announcements, Happy Dollars, and December Birthdays

Linda Lockett announced the 2023 Outstanding Service Award honoree, Cindy Bourne.

Linda announced that Carol and Paul Ordogne, active and wonderful Jardineros members, are moving to Maryland.

Lynnette Fields announced the Giving Tree at the Placitas Library to help make the holidays more joyous for youngsters in our area.

Linda Lockett reminded members of the Holiday Open House at the library on Sunday, Dec. 10, 1:30, featuring storytellers and a musical presentation by The Young Voices of the Santa Fe Opera arranged in coordination with Placitas Artists Series.

Linda Hughes announced that a gourd art show is open now at the library.

Allen Bourne announced an opening event for an art exhibit with work from him and other Placitas artists at the NM Cancer Center this Sunday afternoon, Dec. 10.

Linda announced sad news about the recent passing of a new Jardineros member, Dartha Hargrove, who enjoyed the Plant Whisperers interest group. She recognized Dartha's son Alan, also a Jardineros member, and her husband Coy, who were in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Roberts, Recording Secretary

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November 1, 2023

Business Meeting

President Linda Lockett opened the business meeting at 9:35 am. She welcomed Jardineros members and guests, and she reminded everyone to sign up for 2024 committees and interest groups, particularly the Refreshments Committee. Ted Heath announced a potential new interest group that would meet periodically for dinner and a play.

Linda also reminded everyone to pay their yearly \$75 dues for 2024 no later than November 18 to be listed in the yearbook/directory.

She announced that the December 6 meeting will be our traditional holiday buffet and party at the Las Placitas Presbyterian Church.

Linda thanked Refreshment Committee members Phil Clark (lead), Ted Heath, Eleanor Jugle, Linda Kelly, Thomas Richards, Katie Thomas, and Refreshments Committee Chair Jane Garland.

She also thanked today's greeters, Pam Criscuolo and Barbara Otter.

Officer and Committee Reports

Minutes: The minutes of the October meeting were approved.

Treasurer: Nancy Evans reported that the checking account balance as of the end of October was \$8,612.57, largely increased over the previous month because of incoming 2024 dues. The saving account balance at the end of October was \$3,686.97

Community Service: Margaret Bruch announced that the recipient for next month's collection would be for Blessings Day. Cheryl Weber said she could start collecting money now or in December.

Membership: Ruth Clark reported that we gained two new members this month.

Announcements

Sandy Johnson spoke about the upcoming Bureau of Land Management (BLM) meeting on November 14, 5:30-7:30 at the Placitas Community Library. The BLM wants to hear public comments regarding their proposal to withdraw the Buffalo Tract and other parcels of land near Placitas from mining for 50 years.

Margaret Bruch encouraged attendance at the November 4 open house celebrating the Placitas Volunteer Fire and Rescue Brigade's 50th anniversary.

The November 18-19 Placitas Holiday Market will feature vendors at seven locations.

Sharon Arthur is collecting calendars for Meals on Wheels.

Linda Lockett reminded everyone that Karen Croxton's Litter Critter creation is up for auction.

Happy Dollars and Birthdays

Linda wished happy birthday to all members who have November birthdays. There were five Happy Dollar announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.

Program

The program this month, "Show Your Stuff," featured arts and crafts for sale by many talented Jardineros members. The sale was open to the public this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Roberts, Recording Secretary

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September 6, 2023

Program

The meeting began at 9:30 am with Jardineros President Linda Lockett and other members drumming, led by our program speaker, Peter Colton. Peter spoke about drum circles and led the group in more drumming. Vice President Janice Grann presented him with a token of appreciation.

Business Meeting

After a short break, President Linda Lockett opened the business meeting at 10:50 am.

Linda welcomed members and guests. She introduced the new Placitas Library Director, Lynne Hynes.

Margaret Bruch introduced Steve Snider and Sandy Escarcida who spoke about this month's special collection for the Placitas Volunteer Fire Brigade. The Brigade is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year and is holding a special community event on November 4, 2-4 pm.

Vice President Janice Grann reminded everyone that the November program would be "Show Your Stuff," and she urged members to consider participating. For that month, the business meeting will start at 9:30 am at the Presbyterian Church, and Show Your Stuff will be held from 10 am to noon. Participants can set up the day before, and details will be sent out via email.

Linda thanked Refreshment Committee members Barbara Hill (lead), Betty Temple, Karen Cox, Amy Atkinson, Lisa Fink, and Refreshments Committee Chair Jane Garland.

She also thanked greeters Susan Craycraft and Marilyn Levandoski.

Linda distributed an information sheet and discussed the Board of Directors' recommendation to raise our annual membership dues from \$60 to \$75 for 2024. She explained that costs have risen, and the increase would enable us to maintain our level of benevolent giving.

Officer and Committee Reports

Minutes: The minutes of the August meeting were approved.

Nominating Committee: Committee Chair Kathy Hays announced nominations to fill officer positions in 2024. Anyone wishing to self-nominate should contact Kathy within the next seven days before ballots are emailed later in the month.

Treasurer: Nancy Evans reported that the checking account balance as of the end of August was \$3,592.37. The largest expenses for the month were the checks written for our benevolence donations, totaling \$6,050. The saving account balance at the end of August was \$3,782.06.

Community Service: Margaret Bruch announced that \$523 was collected today for the Fire Brigade. The committee also will need a co-chair for 2024 to replace Debbie Webster when she steps down at the end of this year.

History: Cathryne Richards reminded members that our 60-year anniversary is coming up in two years, and she is recruiting volunteers for the planning committee.

Benevolence: Linda reported that checks totaling \$6,050 were distributed last month to 11 non-profit organizations serving people and animals in need in Placitas and our surrounding area.

Membership: Linda welcomed two new members to Jardineros, Tom Richards and Deb Kehrer.

Announcements

The Placitas Garden Tour is scheduled for September 10.

Members can sign up for interest groups during the next two monthly meetings. The Wine and Friends Group needs co-chairs for 2024.

Cathryne Richards announced that a team of Master Gardeners will be teaching how to garden in Placitas. Anyone interested can sign up on the library website for Homescape Solutions Design Workshop, and flyers are available at the library.

Happy Dollars and Birthdays

Linda wished happy birthday to all members who have September birthdays. There were three Happy Dollar announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Roberts, Recording Secretary

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August 2, 2023

Opening Meeting

President Linda Lockett called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Linda welcomed members and guests. She introduced Estella Weitz, Haven House Executive Director, who spoke about the work that the organization does. Linda noted that Tina Thomas and Barbara Otter were collecting donations for Haven House, which is this month's Community Service donation recipient.

Vice President Janice Grann announced that our September 6 program at the Placitas Community Library would be Peter Colton speaking about drum circles. Janice encouraged everyone to bring a drum or anything else that could serve as a percussion instrument. She also noted that the November program would be "Show Your Stuff," and she urged members to consider participating.

Program

Lisa Avila introduced today's speaker, Capt. Shannon Farrell with the Sandoval County Fire Department, who spoke about CPR, AEDs, and heat safety.

Business Meeting

After a short break, Linda opened the business meeting at 11:02 am.

Linda thanked Refreshment Committee members Linda Novy-Doll, Erica Wendel-Oglesby, Joanne Ruhl, Refreshments Committee Chair Jane Garland, and Jane's sisters Susan Decker and Karen Tarr.

She also thanked greeters Pam Criscuolo and Ivona McCrary.

Officer and Committee Reports

Minutes: The minutes of the July meeting were approved.

Treasurer: Nancy Evans reported that the checking account balance as of the end of July was \$9,616.37, which included income of \$300 in dues and \$19 in Happy Dollars and name tags. The saving account balance at the end of July was \$3,785.54.

History: Cathryne Richards reported that she is adding materials every month and welcomed photos.

Membership: Ruth Clark reported that Carl Allen, Sandy Johnson, Sue Ortiz, and Rebecca Pulford have returned as Jardineros members. New members for the month were Ellie Blossom, Cheryl Burns, Carol Davis, Doris Murphy, and Sherri and John Streicher.

Benevolence: Linda reported that members had approved the Benevolence Committee's recommendations for 2023 donations, for a total of \$6,050, to be distributed this month:

\$400 – Animal Protection of New Mexico
\$750 – Casa Rose Food Pantry
\$300 – Happy Rascal Ranch
\$800 – Haven House
\$250 – KUPR
\$750 – Peanut Butter and Jelly Therapeutic Pre-School
\$300 – Placitas Artists Series
\$700 – Placitas Community Library
\$600 – Placitas Elementary PTO
\$750 – Rebuilding Together Sandoval County
\$450 – Sunrise Veterinary for Placitas Animal Rescue

Community Service: Barbara Otter announced that she and Tina Thomas collected \$1,058 so far for Haven House. Their website includes a list of needs, including artwork.

Announcements

Lisa Fink and Sandy Johnson reminded members that the Placitas Garden Tour is scheduled for September 10.

Cathryne Richards announced that in September, a team of Master Gardeners will be teaching how to garden in Placitas. Anyone interested can sign up on the library website for Homescape Solutions Design Workshop.

Happy Dollars and Birthdays

Linda wished happy birthday to all members who have August birthdays. There were seven Happy Dollar announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Roberts, Recording Secretary

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July 12, 2023

Opening Meeting

President Linda Lockett called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Linda welcomed members and guests. She also recognized Ivona McCrary, chair of the Fourth of July Parade Float Committee, and her enthusiastic helpers, as well as Cheryl Betterly, chair of the Highway 165 cleanup and her dedicated helpers. The Jardineros Jammers, who performed with their kazoos on the Jardineros float in the parade demonstrated their abilities.

Program

Dianna Stone introduced today's speaker, Dr. Mike Murphy, who presented the program "Climbing Mount Everest."

Business Meeting

After a short break, Linda opened the business meeting at 10:55 am.

Linda thanked Refreshment Committee members Margaret Bruch (lead), Chris Daul, Geri Verble, Carol Ordogne, Nadine Burton, and Refreshments Committee Chair Jane Garland.

She also thanked greeters Carol Horner and Charlotte Perry.

Officer and Committee Reports

Minutes: The minutes of the June meeting were approved.

Benevolence: Jennise Phillips announced recipients for the 2024 Jardineros benevolence donations. The list will be sent to members for approval.

Treasurer: Nancy Evans reported that the checking account balance as of the end of June was \$9,297.37, which included \$23.00 in income. The saving account balance at the end of June was \$3,785.06.

Membership: Ruth Clark reported that we had three returning members in June.

History: Linda thanked Kathy Hays for picking up boxes of Jardineros archived material that the Sandoval County Historical Society planned to throw out. Cathryne Richards reported that she is sorting and organizing the materials.

Announcements

Margaret Bruch announced that the library will hold a reception for the July art exhibit on Friday, July 14.

The Placitas Garden Tour is scheduled for September 10.

The Trippers are planning an overnight trip in August to Arizona, which will include a four-hour train ride on the Verde Canyon Railroad. A few spots are open for the visit to Tinkertown in July.

Cathryne Richards announced that in September, a team of Master Gardeners will be teaching how to garden in Placitas. Anyone interested can sign up on the library website for Homescape Solutions Design Workshop.

Sharon Arthur is collecting calendars for Meals on Wheels.

Happy Dollars

Linda wished happy birthday to all members who have July birthdays. There were three Happy Dollar announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Roberts, Recording Secretary

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June 7, 2023

Opening Meeting

President Linda Lockett called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Linda welcomed members and guests.

Debbie Webster introduced representatives of our Community Service recipient organization for June, Watermelon Mountain Ranch, a Sandoval County no-kill animal rescue and adoption center. The representatives, Susie Lewis and her dog Sir Quincy, spoke about their wide array of services and facilities, and Susie thanked Jardineros for our ongoing support.

Vice President Janice Grann announced that our July 12 program at the library will be “Climbing Mount Everest,” by Dr. Mike Murphy.

Program

Janice introduced today’s speaker, art and antique appraiser/historian Ellen Castrone, who presented the program, “Appraising Fine Art, Furnishings, and Antiques.” Ellen demonstrated how appraisals are done, using three examples provided by Jardineros members.

Business Meeting

After a short break, Linda opened the business meeting at 10:55 am.

Janice thanked Refreshment Committee members Kathy Hays (lead), Karen Cox, Joan Chamier, Lynnette Fields, Charlotte Perry, and Tricia Lund.

She also thanked greeters Ivona McCrary and Chris Daul.

Officer and Committee Reports

Minutes: The minutes of the May meeting were approved.

Treasurer: Nancy Evans reported that the checking account balance as of the end of May was \$9,274.37, which included \$16.34 in income, and expenses of \$602 for the post office box and our website. The saving account balance at the end of May was \$3,784.59.

Corresponding Secretary: Sharon Arthur read thank you notes from St. Vincent de Paul and Animal Protection of New Mexico.

Audit Committee: Barbara Hill reported that she and Nancy Evans reviewed the 2022 Jardineros treasurer records and found them reasonable and complete with only a \$1.92 error, which was corrected.

Community Service: Jacque Moise announced that she and Tina Thomas are collecting for Watermelon Mountain Ranch, and that the organization could also use towels.

History: Cathryne Richards presented the 2022 History Book to Linda Lockett. A copy also will be in the library lobby for members to review.

Programs: Janice Grann announced that the Program Committee is planning a survey to better understand the types of programs of interest to members.

Benevolence: Jennise Phillips reported that the committee will be proposing that Benevolence and Community Service avoid duplicate contributions, and that we spend more of the money we have on hand. Both issues will be discussed at the Board meeting on Thursday, June 8.

Announcements

Ivona McCrary announced that the kazoo band will rehearse for the 4th of July parade on Wednesday, June 14. She asked for more volunteers to help decorate the float, which will be done in the parking lot behind Casa Rosa.

Cheryl Betterly reminded members that volunteers are needed for the June 17 Adopt-A-Highway cleanup between mile markers five and six, at 8 am. Volunteers are also needed to help clean up after the 4th of July parade, July 8 at 8 am.

Linda Lockett announced that honorary member Ruth Ives passed away on May 5 at age 100. Her photo is in our 2023 yearbook/directory at the end of the member listings.

Happy Dollars

Linda wished happy birthday to all members who have June birthdays. There were six Happy Dollar announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Roberts, Recording Secretary

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May 3, 2023

Opening Meeting

Vice President Janice Grann called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Janice welcomed members and guests, and she reminded everyone that the 26th Annual Placitas Studio Tour is scheduled for May 13-14. She also read the list of talented Jardineros members who will have their studios open.

Janice announced that our June 7 program at the library will be “Appraising Fine Art, Furnishings, and Antiques,” by Ellen Castrone. Janice also urged members to consider participating in our November 1 “Show Your Stuff!” program. In addition to arts and handicrafts, members could demonstrate a skill or whatever “stuff” they would like to show.

Program

Dianna Stone introduced today’s speaker, Deanna Encinias, who presented the program, “The Cultural Roots and History of Flamenco.” Deanna brought five of her students to demonstrate flamenco dancing, singing, and musical skills. She noted that the annual flamenco festival in Albuquerque in June is the largest such festival in the world outside of Spain.

Business Meeting

After a short break, Janice opened the business meeting at 10:48 am.

Janice thanked Refreshment Committee members Ivona McCrary, Linda Heath, Sharon Arthur, Cindy Bourne, and committee chair Jane Garland.

She also thanked greeters Ted Heath and Joanne Ruhl.

Officer and Committee Reports

Minutes: The minutes of the April meeting were approved.

Treasurer: Nancy Evans reported that the checking account balance as of the end of April was \$9,860.03.

Corresponding Secretary: Sharon Arthur read a thank you note from the president of St. Vincent de Paul.

Membership: Janice noted that membership is now 164, including five new members and two returning members. She also mentioned our new Plant Whisperers interest group for green- or brown-thumb gardeners. Anyone interested in joining should contact Cindy Bourne, Linda Hughes, or Dianna Stone. Linda Hughes noted that links for resources and other information are on the Jardineros website.

Community Service: Margaret Bruch announced that our collection for June will be for Watermelon Mountain Ranch, organized by Jacque Moise and Tina Thomas. Representatives plan to attend our next meeting and will bring a small dog.

History: Cathryn Richards said she will present the History Book at the June meeting, but she thanked Wendy Ingram and Karen Croxton for photos and Cheryl Betterly for her assistance with the book.

Announcements

Ivona McCrary announced that she has 24 kazoos for the 4th of July parade, and the new kazoo ensemble will hold their only practice in June. She encouraged members to participate.

Nancy Durrell is housebound after a hip replacement and a subsequent broken hip. Members are urged to reach out to her.

Sandy Liakus announced that the first Canyon Blues and Jazz performances at the Merc parking lot begin May 7.

Happy Dollars

Janice wished happy birthday to all members who have May birthdays. There were seven Happy Dollar announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Roberts, Recording Secretary

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April 5, 2023

Opening Meeting

President Linda Lockett called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Linda welcomed members and guests, and she introduced representatives from the recipient organization for the April Community Service donation, God's Little Angels. This organization helps children in need and their families through St. Vincent de Paul.

Vice President Janice Grann announced that our May 3 program at the library will be "The Cultural Roots and History of Flamenco," by a flamenco instructor and some of her students.

Program

Janice introduced today's speaker, Glenn Harper, Range and Wildlife Division Manager of the Santa Ana Pueblo, who presented the program, "Land and Wildlife Preservation on the Santa Ana Pueblo."

Business Meeting

After a short break, Linda opened the business meeting at 11:30 am.

Linda thanked Refreshment Committee members Carol Horner, Nancy Evans, Elaine Carey, Ruth Clark, Jennise Phillips, and committee chair Jane Garland.

She also thanked greeters Susan Brown and Barbara Hill.

Officer and Committee Reports

Minutes: The minutes of the March meeting were approved.

Treasurer: Nancy Evans reported that the checking account balance as of the end of March was \$10,099.03. Nancy also presented the proposed Jardineros budget for 2023 for online voting in the next few days. She noted that the proposed budget includes rent, now that the credit we carried has been depleted. The proposed budget also includes an additional \$275 for the website. The net shortfall is \$27, which she expects will be covered during the year by miscellaneous income such as Happy Dollars. Linda noted that the budget also includes a tentative expenditure for AV equipment, which would be paid from remaining memorial donations in our savings account.

Membership: Linda noted that our membership is slowly increasing.

Community Service: Tricia Lund announced that we have received \$715 so far for the April collection for God's Little Angels, the St. Vincent de Paul program providing children's necessities for families in need.

Announcements

Ivona McCrary encouraged members to participate in the Placitas Fourth of July parade.

Kathy Hays announced that the Bernalillo Indian Arts Festival, May 6-7, is looking for volunteers. Contact Sue Overley or Kathy Hays.

The Placitas Studio Tour is on Mother's Day Weekend, May 13-14, 10 am-5 pm. A preview art exhibit will begin April 28 at the Placitas Library.

Happy Dollars

Linda wished happy birthday to all members who have April birthdays. There were two Happy Dollar announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Roberts, Recording Secretary

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March 1, 2023

Opening Meeting

President Linda Lockett called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Linda welcomed attendees and reminded members that meetings from April through September will be held at the Placitas Community Library. She also noted that the Las Placitas Presbyterian Church celebrated its 129th birthday this past weekend.

Vice President Janice Grann announced that our April program at the library will be “Land and Wildlife Preservation on the Santa Ana Pueblo,” with speaker Glenn Harper, the Range and Wildlife Division Manager at the Pueblo. This program was originally scheduled for July, but the April and July programs are switching.

Program

Lisa Avila introduced today’s speakers, Lieutenant Shannon Farrell, of Sandoval Fire Department’s public health and safety outreach, and her husband David Farrell. Shannon spoke about the fire department’s K9 search and rescue program, and their dogs demonstrated their skills.

Business Meeting

After a short break, Linda opened the business meeting at 11:15 am.

Linda thanked Refreshment Committee members, Betty Vreeke, Kathy Friedman, Susan Craycraft, Tricia Lund, Julie Laub, Kathy Hays, and committee chair Jane Garland.

She also thanked greeters Jan O’Boyle and Jodi Lawrence.

Officer and Committee Reports

Minutes: The minutes of the February meeting were approved.

Treasurer: Nancy Evans reported that the checking account balance as of the end of February was \$10,097.03, which included \$314 in income from dues and donations. The savings account balance as of the end of February was \$3,783.85.

Membership: Pam Crisculo introduced three new members: Judd and Lisa Fink and Robert Grann.

Community Service: Margaret Bruch announced that we received additional donations for the February collection for Rebuilding Together Sandoval County. The total collected was \$1,246. The April collection will be for God's Little Angels, the St. Vincent de Paul program providing children's necessities for families in need.

Announcements

The Trippers event for March 30 at Jane Butel's School of Southwest Cooking still has a few openings.

Happy Dollars

Linda wished happy birthday to all members who have March birthdays. Happy Dollar announcements netted \$13.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Roberts, Recording Secretary

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February 1, 2023

Opening Meeting

President Linda Lockett called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Linda welcomed attendees and reminded members to pick up their 2023 yearbooks. After the meeting, all remaining yearbooks will be available at the library for pickup.

Margaret Bruch introduced Brad Wood, Board President of Rebuilding Together Sandoval County, the recipient of this month's Community Service collection. Mr. Wood described the mission of his nonprofit organization, which provides home rehabilitation for county residents in need, and he urged us to let his organization know of anyone needing their help.

Lisa Avila announced that our March 1 program will be about the Sandoval County Fire Department's K9 Search and Rescue capabilities, featuring Lieutenant Shannon Farrell and a couple of her canine colleagues.

Program

Lisa Avila introduced today's program speaker, Katie Dix, Executive Director of the Friends of the Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge.

Business Meeting

After a short break, Linda opened the business meeting at 10:55 am.

Linda thanked Refreshment Committee members, Karen Croxton, Nancy Evans, Barbara Hill, Marilyn Levandoski, Kathy Hays, and committee chair Jane Garland.

She also thanked greeters Eleanor Jugle and Margaret McHenney.

Officer and Committee Reports

Minutes: The minutes of the January 2023 meeting were approved.

Treasurer: Nancy Evans corrected the checking account balance reported previously for the end of December, which didn't include a few checks; the correct balance is \$10,235.71. The checking account balance as of the end of January was \$9,893.03, which included \$433 in income from dues and Happy Dollars, and \$775.68 in expenses for the 2023 yearbooks and the history book. The savings account balance as of the end of January was \$3,782.25.

Corresponding Secretary: Sharon Arthur read a thank you note from the Placitas Community Library Board for the baskets of wine contributed to the library fundraiser. The basket project was coordinated by the Community Service Committee.

Membership: Linda Lockett announced that we now have 154 paid members, including four new members who joined in January. We ended 2022 with 168 members, including 20 who joined during the year.

Community Service: Margaret Bruch announced that we collected \$1,055 today for donations to Rebuilding Together Sandoval County.

Announcements

Kelli Ballengee announced that she is forming a hot air balloon interest group if members are interested.

Happy Dollars

Linda wished happy birthday to all members who have February birthdays. There were seven Happy Dollar announcements.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Roberts, Recording Secretary

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January 11, 2023

Opening Business

President Linda Lockett called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Linda welcomed attendees and reminded everyone that our meeting schedule for 2023 will be January through March and October through December at the Presbyterian Church, and April through September at the Placitas Community Library. She also reminded everyone to pick up their 2023 yearbooks.

Linda introduced Vice President Janice Grann, who highlighted our February 1 meeting program, “Valle de Oro: A Wildlife Refuge in Our Own Backyard.” Janice turned to Dianna Stone to introduce the speaker for January.

Program

Dianna introduced today’s speaker and program, Bob Kanegis, on “The Essence of Storytelling.” He noted that Liz Mangual was unable to join him today.

Business Meeting

After a short break, Linda re-opened the business meeting at 11:05 am.

Past President Karen Cox installed the 2023 Jardineros officers: Linda Lockett, President; Janice Grann, Vice President; Jean Roberts, Recording Secretary; Sharon Arthur, Corresponding Secretary; and Nancy Evans, Treasurer.

Linda thanked Refreshment Committee members Margaret McHenney, Cheryl Betterly, Linda Hardin, Vicky Kimmel, and committee chair Jane Garland.

She also thanked greeters Elaine Carey and Vicky Kimmel.

Officer and Committee Reports

Minutes: The minutes of the November and December 2022 meetings were approved.

Membership: Ruth Clark announced two new members, Amy Atkinson and Katie Thomas. Amy has already agreed to chair the Delectable Dining interest group, and Linda noted that chairs are still needed for Crafts and Amigos de Cine.

Community Service: Marilyn Levandoski announced that the February collection will be for Rebuilding Together Sandoval County. Linda also thanked Marilyn and Susan Craycraft for chairing the committee in 2022. She also noted that Jardineros members contributed more than \$7,200 for six non-profit organizations in 2022, in addition to the \$6,550 donated via our Benevolence Committee.

Linda also recognized the outstanding work by Karen Croxton on our 2023 yearbook and by Kathy Hays on Noche Encantada held in December. She added that Jane Schultz has agreed to take over the yearbook duties.

Announcements

The Trippers planning meeting is scheduled for January 19 in the Gracie Lee Room of the library. The Trippers will also enjoy their annual Santa Fe Cooking School event on January 26.

Happy Dollars

Linda wished happy birthday to all members who have January birthdays. There were two happy dollar announcements.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Roberts, Recording Secretary