

Greetings!

Happy Spring !??!

This said under grey clouds and small snow flakes coming down on the daffodils. Hard to believe that in a couple of months we will be griping about it being too hot.

Big news--voting results are in!

For expansion of membership: For: 32 Against: 83 Abstain: 7 No response: 3 total of 125 votes

Approval of benevolence donations: For: 117 Against: 3 Abstain: 4 No response: 1 total of 125 votes

Thanks to all of you for taking the time to vote. Benevolence checks are ready and will be given to Erica Wendel-Oglesby to either deliver or mail.

I am looking forward to Pastor Drew Henry's presentation on the history of the Las Placitas Presbyterian Church. It is the 125th anniversary of its founding. Drew has some remarkable stories about the first pastor here, Don José Ynés Perea. There will be photos of the founding families, of the original buildings and of the latest expansion. The book written about the history, "Century of Faith" will be available for purchase. (Here is my library side--it is also available for check out at Placitas Community Library.) It is not just about the church but about the history of this area. A couple of things that caught my eye--it was a 16 mile round trip to a church to be married, baptized or buried. Walking. In the case of a funeral, carrying a body without benefit of embalming. (Yuck-o) The other--the role of women. Placitas women planted the gardens, plastered their houses, prepared the meals, spun wool and made clothing, bore numerous children, fought along side the men during Indian attacks and still had the energy to kick up their heels at the fiesta dances. Wonder-women!

A bit of housekeeping, the programs for July and September have been switched. My mistake. The website master calendar reflects this change.

See you Wednesday the 3rd. I have heard that the Easter Bunny has lots of treats in store (Yum-o)

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