



Greetings!

How did the song go--Rainy Days and Sundays Always Get Me Down? (Actually it was Mondays so a little poetic license...)

Actually I do love the rain. (We had quite the hurricane on Friday evening.) And I do like Sundays. Reading, reflecting, lazy cats everywhere. I can almost smell the roast beef that my mother made every Sunday.

But today I want to tell you about the meeting on Wednesday knowing that we will all be together, chatting, laughing, eating. But I can't, again. Yes, we will have a terrific program and we will get to "see" each other but it is finally sinking in that we will probably meet this way for the rest of the year. I know many of you are way ahead of me on this but my combined powers of hope and denial have been overcoming reality. That has me a bit in the dumps today. Sorry.

So, I will put on my happy face and tell you about the Zoom meeting on Wednesday. I apologize again for not being better prepared for the last meeting. Sharon and George Arthur, Jodi Lawrence and I have been practicing for this one! George will be presenting a program on Pablita Velarde. Many of you are familiar with her art and that of her family. She has a fascinating life story. Please join us for the program and a few business matters after. The meeting will be open at 9am just to make sure everything works. The program will start at 9:30am. [Attached is information on the ins and outs of Zoom meetings.](#) *And you will receive the Zoom meeting invitation in your email box on Tuesday afternoon.*

Our August community service collection is for Haven House --the only domestic violence agency serving Sandoval County. Because of COVID-19 issues, they are requesting checks or gift cards from Walmart or Target. Physical items are not being accepted at this time. Checks should be made out to Haven House and your check or gift card should be mailed to Geri Verble. Geri's address is in your yearbook. Thank you to Geri and to Ivona McCrary for coordinating this.

Some information on a couple of community involvement needs. These would normally be made at the meeting as announcements but I am including them here so everyone will know about them.

I received this from Rebuilding Together Sandoval County. They are looking for a volunteer to serve on their board of directors who has a financial background, preferably a CPA. They always need volunteers and support. It's such an interesting time when the safest place we can be is in our homes and it's hard to imagine that some of our neighbors are living in unsafe homes. RTSC is working to make home improvements during this time, mostly using paid contractors, so any financial support would be greatly appreciated.

Days for Girls is a non profit organization which enables more women to have access to quality, safe and sustainable hygiene. According to their website (<http://www.daysforgirls.org>) girls and women around the world have to resort to unhealthy ways to manage their hygiene. Days for Girls provides a safe, beautiful, washable and long lasting alternative that can be used month after month. As you would suspect, there is an amazing group in Placitas who have been certified to make these kits. Please contact Cheryl Ferrell by email (her email address is in your Yearbook) if you are interested in helping.

One final thing--the Nominating Committee will be meeting to find those of you who are wonderful and willing (wonderfully willing??) to be on the Board next year. Please take some time to consider being an officer or committee chair. You will do good work while getting to know community members and other Jardineros better.

I hope all of you are being safe and looking out for each other. There are two more cases of COVID in Placitas. Please don't let any of you become another case. Support our local merchants, wear your mask, wash your hands, keep your distance--socially speaking--see you Wednesday.

Karen Cox, President.
Jardineros de Placitas