

JARDINEROS DE PLACITAS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 5, 2024

The June meeting was called to order by President Janice Grann at 9:30 a.m.

OPENING

President Grann thanked today's Karen Croxton and Pam Criscuolo for making the Jardineros table at Placitas Appreciation Day a big success.

Jud Fink spoke about PACE (Placitas Adult Community Education) programs and plans and invited members to attend and volunteer topics for the classes.

Karen Cox described the results of the survey of members on Benevolence and identified the proposed donations for 2024. She announced the electronic voting would be held shortly.

Cathryne Richards reported on the 2025 60th Jardineros Anniversary celebration(s), explaining the committee of 12 was working on it diligently. She announced there will be a showing of the film from the 40th anniversary at the Library on June 14.

Janice Grann reminded the members of the plans for the 4th of July parade and urged them to help decorate the float on July 3rd and join the kazoo band that will ride on the float and perform during the parade.

Ted Heath told members of the events coming up by the Dinner and A Show interest group.

Jacque Moise and Annie Gross introduced Susie Lewis from Watermelon Mountain Ranch, the June non-profit Community Service contribution organization. Susie spoke about the shelter and described uses for the donations that are collected.

Cheryl Betterly and Diana Stone introduced the program and speaker for the meeting.

PROGRAM

The speaker of the month, Professor Melanie Mitchell of the Santa Fe Institute, presented and spoke on “How Artificial Intelligence Will Change our Daily Lives”. She has been working in AI for over 20 years and her talk identified the progression of the technology and how it works. She illustrated where AI often fails and why, as well as when AI provides consistent benefits. Members had many questions and Professor Mitchell covered further insights during the dialogue.

BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Thank You: President Grann thanked the greeters and the refreshment committee for the meeting including Susan Arreola, Charlotte Perry, Joanne Ruhl, Pam Criscuolo, Joan Chamier, Lesa Probst, Tricia Lund, and Kathy Hays.

Minutes: The minutes of the May meeting were approved.

Treasurer’s Report: The balance in the Jardineros account of \$13,452.68. This is the balance prior to the benevolence donations, which will be distributed after the online vote.

Community Service: This month’s collection for Watermelon Mountain Ranch was \$2,336.00.

Program Committee: Cheryl Betterly identified the July program will be speaker Tony Hull on the topic of the James Webb telescope.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Dollars were pledged, and there were announcements of upcoming events at the Coronado Monument and members who are ill.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00.

Respectfully submitted: Sharon Arthur, Corresponding Secretary

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May 1, 2024

Opening Meeting and Program

President Janice Grann opened the business meeting at 9:30 am. She welcomed members and guests.

Janice made several additional announcements:

- The sad death of former member Gail Maduena on April 16.
- Congratulations to the Plant Whisperers Interest Group for their assistance with the plant sale portion of the library's Spring Fling on April 20. They solicited donations of plants from local nurseries and handled sales, netting \$1,256 for the library.
- The Placitas Studio Tour will feature 13 Jardineros members or their spouses. A preview at the library will be available through May 12.
- The June Community Service Collection will benefit Watermelon Mountain Ranch.

Karen Croxton reminded everyone that Jardineros will have a table at the June 1 Placitas Appreciation Day, sponsored by the Placitas Chamber of Commerce.

Ivona McCrary asked for volunteers to help build the Fourth of July parade float, serve in the kazoo band, and pass out balloons.

Karen Cox announced that the Benevolence Committee will send members a survey asking for opinions on current donation recipients and for suggestions for organizations the committee should consider.

Janice announced an opportunity for members to shadow current officers, committee chairs, and interest group chairs to learn whether the job would fit their interests and abilities. Currently, opportunities are available to shadow the chairs of Membership, Refreshments, Yearbook, and Corresponding Secretary.

Janice also announced the June program, Artificial Intelligence. The speaker will be Professor Melanie Mitchell from the Santa Fe Institute.

Janice introduced today's program, "A Walk Down Memory Lane," presented by Cathryne Richards. Cathryne provided a look at the history of Jardineros as we get ready for our 60th Anniversary next year.

Cathryne presented a 2023 Jardineros History Book to past President Linda Lockett, in appreciation for her service.

Business Meeting

After a short break, President Janice Grann opened the business meeting at 10:50 am. She recognized today's greeters, Ted Heath and Eleanor Jugle. She also thanked Refreshment Committee members Thomas Richards, Katie Thomas, Karen Cox, Tricia Lund, Ivona McCrary, and Sharon Arthur.

Officer and Committee Reports

Minutes: The minutes for the April meeting were approved.

Treasurer: On behalf of Nancy Evans, Janice reported that, as of the end of April, we had \$13,820.58 in our checking account and \$1,654.64 in our savings account. She noted that \$2,133.45 had been transferred from savings to checking to pay for our new AV equipment.

Announcements, Happy Dollars, and Birthdays

Janice wished happy birthday to all members who have birthdays this month.

There were four happy dollar announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Roberts, Recording Secretary

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April 3, 2024

Opening Meeting and Program

President Janice Grann opened the business meeting at 9:35 am. She welcomed members and guests, and she announced a special welcome to past President Rose Gardner, who is visiting from her home in Arkansas.

Janice made several additional announcements:

- The sad death of former member Winnie Hoeskema on March 30
- The Plant Whisperers Interest Group assistance with the plant sale portion of the library's Spring Fling on April 20
- The Jardineros table at the Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Placitas Appreciation Day on June 1. Karen Croxton is organizing plans for our representation there.
- The Placitas Studio Tour on May 11 and 12. A preview of the artwork is on display at the Albuquerque Sunport, and at least 11 Jardineros members are participating in the tour this year.

Janice also announced the May program, "A Walk Down Memory Lane," presented by Cathryne Richards. Cathryne will provide a look at the history of Jardineros as we get ready for our 60th Anniversary next year.

Janice introduced Suzanne Neri, who spoke about the work of God's Little Angels, which is the recipient of this month's Community Service collection.

Linda Lockett introduced our speakers for today's program, Jessica Fox and Jay Blackwood, who presented "The Wonders of the Sandia Peak Tram."

Business Meeting

After a short break, President Janice Grann opened the business meeting at 10:52 am. She recognized today's greeters, Ivona McCrary and Betty Vreeke. She also thanked Refreshment Committee members Jane Garland (lead), Eleanor Jugle, Sharon Arthur, Ellie Blossom, Betty Vreeke, and Lesa Probst.

Officer and Committee Reports

Minutes: The minutes for the March meeting were approved.

Treasurer: Nancy Evans reported that, as of the end of March, we had \$11,628.55 in our checking account and \$3,788.09 in our savings account.

Audit Committee: Barbara Hill and Joan Mallen reported that the committee has reviewed the 2023 income and balance sheets and found no changes needed.

Corresponding Secretary: Sharon Arthur read a thank you note from KUPR, one of the recipients of our Benevolence Committee donations.

Community Service: Susan Craycraft announced that the committee has collected \$770 so far this month for God's Little Angels.

Announcements, Happy Dollars, and Birthdays

Janice wished happy birthday to all members who have birthdays this month.

There were five happy dollar announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Roberts, Recording Secretary

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March 6, 2024

Opening Meeting and Program

President Janice Grann opened the business meeting at 9:33 am. She welcomed members and guests.

Vice President Cheryl Betterly announced the April 3 program, “Wonders of the Sandia Peak Tram,” presented by Jessica Fox. She also noted that today’s program would be the first to use our new upgraded A/V equipment. Cheryl welcomed new program ideas from members.

Dianna Stone introduced today’s speaker, Dr. Mark McCormick from the University of New Mexico. He presented a program on his work on slowing the aging process, entitled “Who Wants To Live Forever?”

Business Meeting

After a short break, President Janice Grann opened the business meeting at 11:02 am. She recognized today’s greeters, Susan Brown and Jean Roberts. She also thanked Refreshment Committee members Jane Garland (lead), Karen Croxton, Nancy Evans, Jayne Schultz, Betty Temple, and Tina Thomas.

Officer and Committee Reports

Minutes: The minutes for the February meeting were approved.

Treasurer: Nancy Evans reported that, as of the end of February, we had \$11,492.02 in our checking account and \$3,788.06 in our savings account. She also noted that the 2024 budget was approved in the recent vote by the membership.

Community Service: Tricia Lund reported that she has made signs for each monthly collection that will be placed on the greeters table. She also created a sheet to record donations collected at each meeting.

Adopt-A-Highway: Cheryl Betterly announced that the February highway cleanup was rescheduled because of snow. The new date is Saturday, March 9, 9am, mile marker 5.

Trippers: Linda Lockett announced that the next outing will be an April 11 trip to Acoma. A visit to Las Golondrinas is being planned for later in the spring.

Yearbooks: Jayne Schultz confirmed that members are picking up yearbooks at the library.

Announcements, Happy Dollars, and Birthdays

Janice wished happy birthday to all members who have birthdays this month.

There were four happy dollar announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Roberts, Recording Secretary

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February 7, 2024

Opening Meeting and Program

Vice President Cheryl Betterly opened the business meeting at 9:30 am. She welcomed members and guests and noted that President Janice Grann was absent due to illness.

Cheryl announced a delay in the February Community Service collection for the Placitas Elementary Parent Teachers Organization (PTO) until the PTO can regain its 501(c)(3) status.

She also announced that the March 6 program at the Placitas Presbyterian Church will be, “Who Wants To Live Forever?” by Dr. Mark McCormick. Cheryl welcomed new program ideas and urged members to consider serving on the committee.

Linda Lockett introduced today’s speaker, Laura Paskus, a producer at PBS focusing on environmental issues. She presented “Loving a Changing World—While Still Fighting for Justice.”

Business Meeting

After a short break, Vice President Cheryl Betterly opened the business meeting at 10:37 am. She recognized today’s greeters, Pam Criscuolo and Ellen McMahan. She also thanked Refreshment Committee members Jane Garland (lead), Kathy Hays, Nancy Evans, Claudia Moraga, and Jill Kennedy.

Cheryl announced that the Board has decided to move ahead with the purchase of audio-visual equipment, as approved by the membership in the 2023 budget. We plan to have the new equipment for the March meeting.

Officer and Committee Reports

Minutes: The minutes of the January meeting were approved. Cheryl noted that the January 25 Board meeting minutes have been posted on the website.

Treasurer: Nancy Evans noted that we were slightly over budget in 2023, but that she has reworked the 2024 budget based on funds available as of the beginning of January rather than on the previous budget. She has also added minor tweaks, such as sharing the cost of a new battery for the church’s AED unit and seed money so that 60th Anniversary plans can move forward. The new A/V equipment will come from money reserved in our savings account. Jardineros members will receive an email shortly to vote on the revised budget.

Nancy also reported that the checking account balance as of January 31 was \$13,461.47, and the savings account balance was \$3,788.03.

Membership Committee: Cheryl introduced a new member and noted that yearbooks are now available at the library.

Community Service: Karen Cox announced that the committee plans to send a survey to the membership, seeking ideas for Jardineros donations to additional organizations.

Adopt-A-Highway: Cheryl Betterly reminded the group that the next highway cleanup will be on Saturday, and that she is watching the weather.

Dinner and a Play Group: Co-Chair Ted Heath announced that the group will attend the Vortex Theater production of “The Art of Raising Anything” on Thursday. He welcomed others interested in joining the group.

Trippers: Linda Lockett announced that the next outing will be a visit to the Telephone Museum on March 21.

60th Anniversary Committee: Cheryl reminded members to contact Cathryne Richards if interested in working on the committee.

Announcements, Happy Dollars, and January Birthdays

Several members announced upcoming programs at the Placitas Community Library, including “The Art of Staying Alive,” by Shannon Farrell, this coming Saturday, and a February 24 program on geology.

The Placitas Facebook page organizers have scheduled happy hours at the Range on the first Tuesday of every month, 4-6 pm.

Cheryl wished happy birthday to all members who have February birthdays.

There were seven happy dollar announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Roberts, Recording Secretary

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January 10, 2024

Opening Meeting and Program

President Linda Lockett opened the business meeting at 9:30 am. She welcomed members and guests, and she recognized the Program Committee for their work to set up programs for 2024.

Linda introduced former president Pat Quick, who conducted the installation of officers for 2024: Janice Grann, President; Cheryl Betterly, Vice President; Jean Roberts, Recording Secretary; Sharon Arthur, Corresponding Secretary; and Nancy Evans, Treasurer. After the installation, all new officers assumed their positions.

Vice President Cheryl Betterly announced the February 7 program to be held at the Placitas Presbyterian Church, “Loving a Changing World—While Still Fighting for Justice,” by Laura Paskus, a producer at PBS who focuses on environmental issues. Cheryl also welcomed program ideas and urged members to consider serving on the committee.

Cheryl introduced speaker Charey Fox, an expert on learning to express gratitude at Source Community Healing Oasis, who presented the program, “Practicing Gratitude.” Charey recommended two books on gratitude, “The Magic,” and “40 Days to a Joy-Filled Life.”

Business Meeting

After a short break, President Janice Grann opened the business meeting at 10:50 am. She recognized today’s greeters, Joanne Ruhl and Tamara Smith. She also thanked Refreshment Committee members Jane Garland (lead), Lisa Fink, Marilyn Levandoski, Carol Horner, and Nancy Evans.

Officer and Committee Reports

Minutes: The minutes of the December meeting were approved.

Treasurer: Janice provided the treasurer’s report on behalf of Nancy Evans for the previous two months. The checking account balance as of November 30 was \$13,197.03, and the savings account balance was \$3,686.97. The checking account balance as of December 31 was \$13,711.08, and the savings account balance was \$3,787.92.

Corresponding Secretary: Sharon Arthur read donation thank you letters from Rebuilding Together Sandoval County, the PAS outreach program for children, Seed2Need, Casa Rosa, and Animal Protection of New Mexico.

Membership Committee: Janice introduced five new Jardineros members.

Community Service: Margaret Bruch reported that Jardineros members provided \$11,000 in Community Service donations in 2023, possibly a record for our organization. The committee will be collecting donations for the Placitas Elementary Parent Teachers Organization.

Yearbooks: Janice noted that 2024 yearbooks are available in the Fellowship Hall today.

Adopt-A-Highway: Cheryl Betterly announced that an email will come out soon with the date for the next highway cleanup.

Dinner and a Play Group: Co-Chair Ted Heath announced that more than 30 people signed up for this new interest group, so he plans to have everyone make their own dinner reservations and purchase their own tickets. He and his co-chair, Judy Labovitz, will provide a list of upcoming plays and nearby restaurants. Ted and Judy will hold an organizational meeting on January 16, 10:30, at the Placitas Library.

Trippers: Kathy Hays and Linda Lockett will hold a planning meeting on January 18, 1:30, at the library. The Trippers will visit the Santa Fe Cooking School on January 24.

Announcements, Happy Dollars, and January Birthdays

Janice announced the dates for 2024 Board of Directors meetings, open to all members: January 25, April 25, July 25, and October 10. Meetings will be held at the Placitas Community Library in the Gracie Lee Room.

Diane Shepard is teaching a conversational Spanish class every Wednesday from 10-noon at the Placitas Community Library. No experience is needed.

Janice wished happy birthday to all members who have January birthdays.

There were twelve happy dollar announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Roberts, Recording Secretary