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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Happy Winter Everyone!

2024 is upon us! I hope you all are happy, healthy, and excited for the new year.

The club saw some great things this last year! As a reminder, here's a list of several things we accomplished.

- Annual Membership Luncheon
- Community Fish Fry
- Senior Luncheon
- Our Grand Re-opening of the renovated clubhouse
- Scholarship Awards
- Kid's Movie Night
- PCT Hikers Luncheon
- Summer Rummage Sale
- Back to School Giveaway
- Agua Dulce Country Fair & Parade
- Halloween Trick or Treat
- Veterans Day Luncheon
- Holiday Tree Lighting
- Annual Parade of Tables
- Santa's Secret Shop
- Gift Boutiques
- American Red Cross Blood Drives
- CPR Class
- CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Training

JAN 2024

**-General Meeting
January 4**

**-Board Meeting
January 15
6:30pm
on Zoom**

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Our local 4H group and Royal Court were able to use our clubhouse throughout the year as well (free of charge of course). How wonderful is it that we can offer our beautiful clubhouse to them?

This club can't be successful without all the hard-working volunteers that help make these philanthropic and fundraising events so amazing. Straight from our By-Laws:

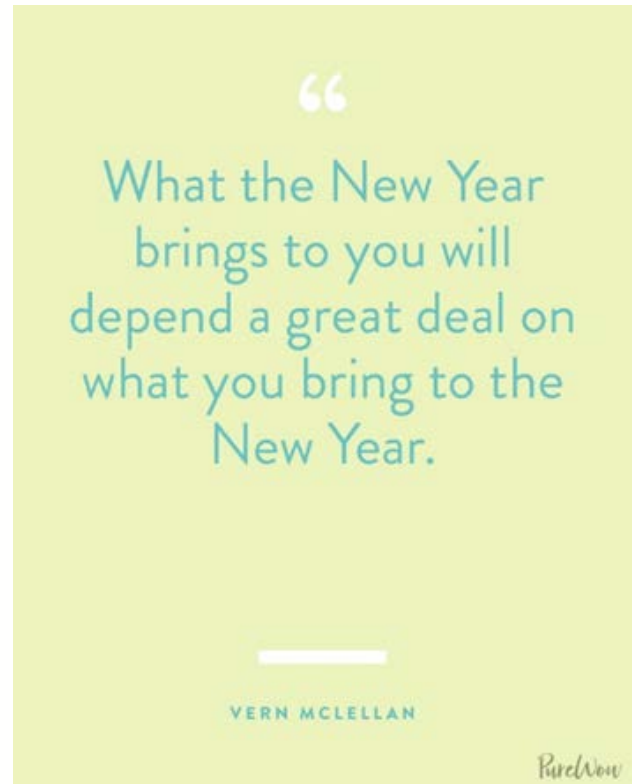
Article II - Mission Statement

The Agua Dulce Women's Club is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization, founded by women of the community in 1948 whose mission is to put caring and commitment into action through community based philanthropic and scholarship programs. The Agua Dulce Women's Club maintains and preserves a historic clubhouse for use by local community organizations.

Thank you to each of you who volunteered your time to help this past year; and to the 2023 Board, thank you from the bottom of my heart. As Patti Duce always says, "Nothing is as big as the heart of a volunteer."

Warmest Regards,

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DECEMBER MEETING - INSTALLATION

Alana Altmayer generously offered her home for December's meeting. The meeting started with socializing; followed by the installation; and then a gift exchange. Board of Directors for 2024 are as follows: **President: Kat Hupp, Vice President: Anne Marengo, Secretary: Tracy Dulle, Treasurer: Yvonne Shechter, Facilities: Karrie DeMott, Rentals: Adrianna St. Pierre, Programs: Oralia Espinoza, Membership: Renée Bianco, Editor: Angela Phillips, Health & Wellness: Barbara Bernero, and Media/Marketing: Missy Wilson.** Hors d'oeuvres were provided by **Alana Altmayer** and **Barbara Bernero.**



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THE SASSY 2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



(L-R) Tracy Dulle, Renée Bianco, Karrie DeMott, Missy Wilson, Angela Phillips, Barbara Bernero, Kat Hupp, Anne Marenco & Oralia Espinoza.



Outgoing Membership Director and the evenings MC, **Patti Duce**, congratulating and thanking **Kat Hupp**, President, for her 1st term and inducting her in for her 2nd term.

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SECRET SANTA SHOP

The annual Secret Santa shopping event for children in the community started days in advance with chairs, **Adele Parrillo** and **Amanda Buchan** and committee members unloading, sorting, displaying and pricing all items for the kids to do their shopping for their parents, grandparents, siblings and friends. The children came in with their shopping lists and were escorted around the tables as they picked out their items, paid for them and then had each gift wrapped while parents waited on the porch sipping hot coffee & chocolate and enjoying homemade cookies.

Committee members: *Debbie Marr, Oralia Espinoza, Tracy Dulle, Angela Phillips, Christine Johnson and Karrie DeMott* along with volunteers *Gavin Parrillo, Maddy Gares, Celeste Brooks, the Agua Dulce Royal Court, Anne Marengo, Stephanie Triska, Megan Marquiss, Nicole Slamer, Atali Espinoza, Summer Walters and Gordy Buchan.*



Before the shopping began, the children got to meet Santa Claus (**Gordy Buchan**) & Mrs. Claus (**Amanda Buchan**) and were given a gift to take home.

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Another Happy Santa Claus Visit!

by **Amanda Buchan**

What a great community outreach Santa's Secret Shop has become! About 80 excited kidlets came to see Santa and shop for their family and friends. It is so fun to watch those little faces light up when they find that "perfect" gift. Between the year-round efforts of our "donation-seeking" elves and some thrifty elf shopping - from hand knitted hats, cars for kids & adults, tools, jewelry and everything in between - there were great gifts for pretty much anyone you could think of! The "helper" elves did an amazing job assisting the shoppers to pick the just-right gift for each person on their list, and the "wrapping" elves put their creativity on high-drive, making sure there were beautifully wrapped, under-the-tree-ready gifts. The event is a lot of work but brings so much in heart-warming hugs and smiles! And what a positive way to introduce the ADWC to new members of the community.

A big thank you to all who volunteered and donated. And remember, as you pack away your Christmas this year, please put aside your extra gift bags (we ended up with just 2 left this year) and tissue paper (we ran completely out), as well as any "great" gift items you received but have no use for. We will gladly collect them throughout the year! And just an aside, this event not only benefits the families who attend, but left-over items that Santa has stored for a couple of years, or that won't keep until his next visit, are donated to the Meadowlark PTO Santa Shop. They were so excited when we rolled in with 12 boxes of items for their shop. Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas, until next year!

Thank you Lee Sola for the pictures of some very happy gift recipients!

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Hello Santa!



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COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM "CERT" TRAINING GRADUATION

On Dec 5th, 13 community members graduated from the CERT program. Seven others will graduate as well after attending a makeup class. Each graduate received a backpack with CERT supplies and a certificate from 5th District LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger..

Following a major disaster, police, fire and medical professionals may not be able to meet the demand for emergency medical attention. Residents & neighbors may need to rely upon one another to help with immediate life saving needs, particularly in isolated neighborhoods that may be cut off from the main roads. **Are you ready?** Look for more CERT classes coming to the ADWC.



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CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF DONNA "L-ROD" SAUFLEY

Donna's husband Jeff, her son Tom, and a small circle of friends hope you can join them in Agua Dulce on the weekend of April 13-14 as they gather to celebrate her remarkable life, share stories and remembrances, and be together in the kind of community spirit that Donna was always able to foster.

Please RSVP as soon as possible using this link:

[RSVP LINK](#)

MEMBERS - **Lee Sola** will be taking a collection to help with the expenses for the meal on 4/13 in which **Susan Slates** will be procuring, preparing and serving. If you can donate \$5-\$10 towards this it would greatly be appreciated. Lee, or a designated person, will be at the **January 4th** meeting for this collection.

Thank you in advance!



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LETTER OF THANKS TO THE AGUA DULCE WOMEN'S CLUB



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Reminder Dues are due! \$40

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or send a check to the ADWC

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Tentative dates for 2024!

- 1/27 - Make A Difference Day ★
- TBD - Membership Luncheon
- 3/22 - Fish Fry
- 3/24 - American Red Cross Blood Drive
- 3/30 - Egg Hunt / Boutique
- 4/20 - PCT Luncheon
- 5/4 - Youth Dance
- TBD - Rummage Sale
- 6/26 - ARC Blood Drive
- 9/21 - Country Fair & Parade
- 9/11 - ARC Blood Drive
- 10/31 - Trick or Treat
- 11/11 - Veterans Day Pancake Breakfast
- 11/23 - Holiday Boutique
- 12/7 - Parade of Tables
- 12/11 - ARC Blood Drive
- TBD - Santa's Secret Shop
- TBD - Tree Lighting

★ *Flyer Below*

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January Birthdays



Birthstone - Garnet

Barbara Bernero - 1st

Sierra West - 4th

Anne Marengo - 8th

Stella Varela - 8th

Lotte Franck - 10th

Nicole Higdon - 11th

Charleen Mullin - 11th

Lynda Davidson - 15th

Mary Nores - 25th

Happy Birthday

MONTHLY HOROSCOPE FOR ALL ZODIAC SIGNS

On the 1st of January, planet Mercury ends its period of apparent retrograde motion at 10:08 PM (EST); communications will flow much better now. Significant decisions can be made, especially those you've been holding off on. Look at the unique perspectives that you got the past few weeks and measure them with your natural checks and balances, now back in place. See Mercury Retrograde Dates.

On the 20th of this month, the Sun and planet Pluto enter the sign of Aquarius. It takes Pluto from 18 to 31 years to travel through a zodiac sign, so its placement in a natal chart represents a generational tendency. For all of us, its current placement represents the focus of our issues.

Capricorn—where it was—is concerned with form, foundations, governments, goals & how society is structured. Its passage into Aquarius hints that we may be looking at how we are in groups, challenges to freedom & what is good for humanity now. It will be important to look at all sides & be open to discussion as we navigate our future. As Aquarius can be somewhat detached, don't let it lull you into a lack of concern for what is happening in our world; vote, attend school board meetings, and check on elderly neighbors if the power goes out or there is a big storm.

<https://www.almanac.com/monthly-horoscope-december>

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

From Member Debbie Fireman-Marr *member since 2022*

CRANBERRY/CHEESE BREAD

PREHEAT OVEN 325°

8 OZ CREAM CHEESE
1 CUP BUTTER
1 1/2 CUP SUGAR
1 1/2 TSP. VANILLA
4 EGGS
2 1/4 CUPS FLOUR
1 1/2 TSP. BAKING POWDER
2 CUPS CRANBERRIES(RINSE)
1/2 CUP CHOPPED NUTS,RAISINS,ORANGE PEEL
OR CHOC CHIPS. (OPTIONAL)



BLEND CHEESE, BUTTER, SUGAR & VANILLA; ADD EGGS ONE AT A TIME AND BEAT AFTER EACH EGG; ADD 2 CUPS FLOUR & BAKING POWDER MIX ALL TOGETHER.
TAKE 1/4 CUP FLOUR TO CRANBERRIES IN SEPERATE BOWL. FOLD INTO BATTER.
AT THIS TIME FOLD IN ANY OPTIONAL ITEMS.

GREASE & FLOUR LOAF PAN(S)
MAKES 2 LARGE LOAF PANS OR 5-6 SMALL
BAKE @ 325° FOR 1 1/4 HOURS
OVENS MAY VARY



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Run water line to fridge

Kitchen drawer/cabinet alignment



Paint

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY!

Wash windows

Replace tp holder

Install first aid kit



Install AED

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