

December 2018



PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE:

The Garden Club's by-laws was updated to reflect the Club's present-day operation. The amendments to the constitution was presented by Co-President **Yen Bachmeier** and was voted to approve by the board on November 5, and by the membership at the general meeting on November 12.

We had an excellent turn out for our 16th annual Book Fair and Food Drive. **Neal Sofman**, owner of Bookshop West Portal and his helpers **Susan Tunis** and **Katerina Argyres**, literary specialists, came and shared their knowledge and enthusiasm for the newest books on this year's literary list. Members who purchased books that day received a 20% discount.

Our 16th annual Fall Community Service was a success. We thank **Toni Buckley** for coordinating this effort. Our gift of \$1,015 was matched by the Black Rock Thanksgiving grant, which will result in \$2,030 going to the SF-Marin Food Bank! Thanks to you and to the Forest Hill community for your generosity in this holiday season. Guests were greeted with a beautiful bouquet of flowers at the clubhouse entrance. We thank the talented **Nancy Hagosian** and **Anna Bolechowski** for arranging it. After the presentation, everyone was invited to savor the abundant and delicious treats at the refreshment table. A huge thank to **Ingeborg McGlynn** and the team of artisan pastry chefs including **Clorinda Aldrich, Angela Carnegie, Kathe Farrell, Kathleen Fong, Darlene Hartman, Eva Monroe, Pansy Waller, and Barbara Swor** for providing these nourishments. We are grateful for **Old Goat Mel** who came to help with the set up and take down.

A photo slideshow of the this event can be viewed at:
<http://foresthill-sf.com/gardenclub/BookFair+FoodDrive2018/>

December will be a joyous month at the club. We will start with a decorating party on Sunday, the 2nd. Please come at 10:00 AM and help us to transform the clubhouse into a holiday setting. You will be treated with a delicious hot lunch by Co-President **Kathe Farrell**. The Holiday Dinner Party is on Monday, the 3rd at 6:00 PM. Our chef-in-residence **Sima Talai** is cooking up a fabulous succulent lamb extravaganza for you. Come and share the joy of holiday celebration with your Forest Hill friends and neighbors. It promises to be a fantastic party!

Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful holiday and a very happy New Year!

— *Yen Bachmeier and Kathe Farrell*

Meetings and Events

Sunday, December 2 – Deck the Halls - Presidents' Luncheon

10:00 AM Party set up - Trees decoration
Hot lunch provided.
RSVP: **Kathe Farrell** at (415) 269-2876 or KatheMCFarrell@gmail.com

Monday, December 3 – Holiday Dinner Party - Theme "Christmas in Forest Hill"

06:00 PM Cocktail Reception - Manhattan & Martini bar open
06:30 PM Buffet Dinner with background music
Contact **Kathe Farrell** for ticket availability

NOTES:

Up-coming Event:

January 21: Sloat Gardens - Plant Talk