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Letter From The President

by Jeffrey Katz



There's the noise of everyday life, the politics, the dissatisfaction, the striving for things that are ultimately unrewarding. And then, in the midst of the groaning din, there arise those moments when all one's efforts seem to have finally borne fruit. There's a Yiddish word for that. (Get ready for a first for *The Gazette*.) And only an exilic people could have possibly come up with "nachas," a word which describes a joy beyond all reckoning, a joy beyond the power of

all other words to express, a joy that exists only in that sublime sense of at long last ... returning home.

For those lucky enough to access it, they understand that there is a mystical quality to Floral Park. When you walk our streets, you can hear the houses speaking to you. Or perhaps it's the voices of those who lived here in the 1930s and 1940s. (My wife swears there is a "good" ghost in our home.) The experience often triggers a replay, in my mind, of Terrence Mann's speech in "Field of Dreams" anticipating the crowds that will come to watch a game in an Iowa cornfield – "It will be as if they dipped themselves in magic waters. The memories will be so thick, they will have to brush them away from their faces."

So, in this edition of *The Gazette*, I take the opportunity to say, "thank you," to our progenitors, whose souls of the past created the beauty of today.

I say "thank you" to Ellen Koldewey, Angel Barnes and the remainder of the Beautification Committee who, for the last two years, have led the Floral Park reforestation initiative. Planting a tree is one of the most selfless acts we can do. Most of us will not be "here" to enjoy the splendor of the oaks when they reach maturity.

I say thank you to the homeowners who went all out this past Halloween season decorating their homes. The pandemic has altered the lives of our children in so many ways – not the least has been the cancellation of trick or treating. But, watching cars cruise by our homes with kids' eyes wide open in amazement, you begin to grasp the power we have to impact the lives of others.

I say thank you to our FPNA board members – some of whom (Julie Humphreys, Beverley Schauwecker, and Sandy DeAngelis) have held their posts for more than two decades.

But, for us to truly express our gratitude, it means that we must embrace our responsibility today to create the past of tomorrow. Meaning, the experiences that we craft in Floral Park today replenish the memories and nourish the uniqueness that Floral Park homeowners will experience in the future.

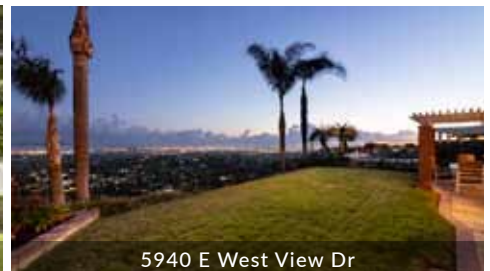
So, I implore each of us to say "thank you" to Floral Park by giving back in appreciation for all it has given to us. This holiday season, please consider:

- Signing up for an automatic monthly contribution to membership
- Decorating "all out" for the Holidays (for the kids)
- Joining the FPNA Care & Compassion Committee
- Becoming a block captain for our Neighborhood Watch
- Participating in Floral Park events.

I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and much "nachas."

THANK YOU!!

There is no way we can say enough to thank our incredible neighbors! You have made it a record breaking year! We are set to close 50 houses in 2020! Below are just a few...



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Homes Get Festive for Walk of Lights

Every year we look forward to Floral Park getting festive for the holidays. This year will be no different. In this most difficult time, we invite you to string the lights and decorate your home with a vengeance, because, as the song says, "We need a little Christmas right this very minute!"

Judges will be roaming the neighborhood on Tuesday, December 15, to take in the display of lights and decor and choose winners in the following categories:

MOST BEAUTIFUL
MOST CREATIVE
MOST WHIMSICAL
MOST OLD FASHIONED
BEST USE OF LIGHTS

Then, on Thursday, December 17, from 6:00-7:00 PM, join your neighbors and friends for the Annual Walk of Lights as we tour the neighborhood to view the twinkling lights, festive decorations and fanciful blow-ups to ring in the holiday cheer! We will have a map of all the homes, including the winners of the Holiday Decorating Contest, at FloralPark.com/calendar.

Drink & snack stations will be set up throughout the neighborhood for merry-making fun. We are looking for a few volunteers to host drink/snack stations this year. We promise you will have the best time! This year, however, our stations will be a bit different as we observe strict safety guidelines for social distancing and masks will be required. For information on hosting, email membership@FloralPark.com.



From The Editor

The year is almost over, and none too soon! But as crazy as 2020 has been, it's also been a year of exciting "firsts." Our new Care & Compassion committee of volunteers organized a food and clothing drive for Santa Ana's Southwest Community Center. (*If you missed it, they still welcome your donations*). We awarded a record number of scholarships this year to Santa Ana high school and college students, and as a neighborhood, we made donations to ten local charities that provide valuable services to our community.

It is the first year for the Halloween/Autumn Home Decorating Contest and Doggies & Donuts event; and our biggest ever neighborhood-wide display of LGBTQ Pride. This is also our first year of the *Floral Park Gazette* and we're honored to have the support of a record number of new media sponsors.

But this was also the first time we had to deal with a global pandemic which changed our world in ways we never would have anticipated. It brought about our first year without our annual home & garden tour, summer block party, chili cook-off, Cinco de Mayo or holiday celebration. It was our first time having the general neighborhood meeting via Zoom. And certainly, greeting each other masked and from a distance of 6-feet was new for all of us!

But some things don't change, like the sense of community and belonging that we have here in Floral Park. As long as we need to, we'll continue to come up with new and creative ways of being neighborly in the midst of this pandemic. Michael Jordan once said, "Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it." And that's exactly what we plan to do!

Letters to the Editor

I love this issue. Several articles brought tears to my eyes and I feel so blessed to live here. I immigrated to the USA 34 years ago from the friendliest, most neighborly country (Ireland) in the world. Since then, I've lived in NYC, Connecticut, Cowan Heights and Tustin. After the isolation of Cowan

Heights, I thought I would have to leave California to find community elsewhere as I was convinced it didn't exist in this state. Fortunately, my husband remembered Floral Park where his grandparents built a home in the 1940s. Subsequently, we found our little slice of heaven here and I finally feel "at home." Great job on in the issue, and we love the new neighborhood shout out column.
—Denise Ryan

After living in Floral Park for seven years, my husband and I relocated to the Bay Area for his job. We spent seven years there before happily returning to Floral Park. We love being back in this community of friends and one of the things we most look forward to is receiving our Floral Park newsletter, which we both read from cover to cover! Every issue reminds us of why we moved back into this community and why we're so happy to be back.

—Stacey Clinesmith & Kevin Barber

Kudos to all who put the Floral Park Gazette together. Love the gorgeous layout and the information contained throughout! Thanks for keeping us informed.
—Jern Faiz

Thank you for sharing this story (*The Princess of Heliotrope Drive*). I always walked with my children to Fisher Park and walked around the neighborhood. My daughter is now 31 and, when she comes to visit me, always asks to go for a walk in Floral Park. We are always amazed about some houses' uniqueness.

—Silvia Rodriguez
Washington Square

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HOLIDAY COOKIES 101

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etting out milk and cookies for Santa is a tradition that goes all the way back to the third-century when children would put out goodies on Saint Nicholas Day (December 6) for the kindly bishop who would reward good behavior by putting treats in children's shoes. Today, we continue the ritual to make sure Santa has plenty of carbohydrates to fuel his world-wide trek. It also adds a little bit of last minute bribery.

Yes, it's that most wonderful time of the year when freshly baked cookies are in abundance. Whether it be gingerbread, Rugelach, or classic sugar cookies, every family has their holiday favorites that come out every year at this time. Like most traditions, the origins of holiday cookies is as old as the holiday itself with customs that go all the way back to solstice rituals.

The Winter Solstice marks the longest nights and shortest days of the year. From here on, the days get longer and the nights shorter which is a reason to celebrate. And celebrate they did with food before the famine of winter. By the Middle Ages, solstice festivities took on a religious moniker, and while the tradition of

feasting remained much the same, the tastes changed drastically with the opening of trade routes to the Far East. Unlike tarts and pies, cookies could be easily shared, hence the beginning of our modern holiday cookie tradition.

When we think of traditional holiday flavors, we think of cinnamon, nutmeg and ginger—the same spices used by medieval bakers. Our modern gingerbread cookies would have been a familiar treat back in the Middle Ages with their spicy taste. Even the use of molasses is something the medieval baker would have used since sugar was rare. Gingerbread has existed in some form since sugars and spices were brought back to Europe by soldiers in the Crusades. However, it was not until Queen Victoria and Prince Albert included it with a variety of other German Christmas traditions that the gingerbread cookie became primarily associated with Christmas. Gingerbread “men”, however, didn’t come about until the 1500s when Queen Elizabeth I had the cookie shaped into that of her favorite courtiers.

In the 1700s, holiday cookies may have been a bit like hardtack (a simple type of biscuit known for its longevity used on long sea voyages, land migrations, and military campaigns). One cookbook author recommended placing them in a pot in the cellar for a few months to soften them up.

Thank goodness, today’s holiday cookies can go from the baking sheet directly into the mouth without having to ripen! Yet the longevity of cookies still means that they can be kept on hand and exchanged with family, friends and neighbors all throughout the festive season.

Before the holiday became commercialized, giving gifts didn’t mean a trip to the mall or Amazon. Most gifts were hand-made sweets and crafts. Cookies were the exchangeable item of choice and were made in large amounts with love and care.

Centuries ago, royalty would have their likeness carved into boards

into which the dough was pressed. Eventually metal outlines were added, creating the earliest cookie cutter. In the 19th century, inexpensive tin cookie cutters made their debut. By the 1920s, aluminum replaced tin in mass production and by the 1940s, plastic started replacing metal.

In 1948, Nettie Williams McBirney, a Tulsa inventor, entrepreneur, and writer of a cooking column under the pseudonym Aunt Chick, patented a set of red plastic cookie cutters shaped like Santa’s face, a stocking, a star and a Christmas tree. Princess Margaret ordered them for her nephew, Prince Charles’s, fourth birthday in 1952 and they became an immediate hit. Wrigley’s Gum once purchased cutters as a premium and sold 70,000 of them in six weeks.

Decorating Santa’s hat with red

snap biscuits traditionally cut out in flower and heart shapes. Scandinavia has Pfeffernüsse, a cookie that also dates from medieval times when spices were used exclusively in holiday baking. Mexico has Repostería, a type of shortbread cookie that’s lightly baked and dipped into a cinnamon sugar often served with coffee, and Austria has Springerle, a centuries-old, anise-flavored cookie.

Our modern sugar cookie was created by the Moravians, who settled in the Nazareth area from Germany during the mid-18th century. Pennsylvania adopted the Nazareth sugar cookie as the official state cookie in 2001.

Today, the fun (and aromas) of baking seasonal cookies this time of year has become as traditional as decorating trees. And on a side note, sharing these tasty treats with your

Christmas **COOKIES** *and* **HAPPY** *hearts,* *this is how* *the* **HOLIDAY** *starts.*

sugar, frosting his beard with shaved coconut, and decorating his eyes with raisins became a cherished family tradition. Hugely popular in the 1950s and ‘60s, Aunt Chick’s cookie cutters are still available today online.

Today, countries around the world still celebrate the season with cookies. Norway has its Fattigmann, a traditional cookie dating back to the Middle Ages that is deep fried in unsalted fat. The Netherlands have Kerstkransjes, round cookies with a hole in the middle, typically using almond chips as decoration. Sweden has Pepparkakor, crisp, thin ginger-

neighbors also helps to get you on Santa’s nice list!

We asked Floral Park bakers for their favorite holiday cookie recipes to share with you. Here are the top five:

SNOWBALLS

by Jill Brumett (19th Street)

Every Christmas for decades, my family and I would look forward to my mom making her secret recipe for snowball cookies (a.k.a. Russian Tea Cakes), little crunchy, nutty snowballs of yumminess! Turns out, the recipe came straight out of the Betty Crocker Cookbook!

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HOME ALONE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

CELEBRATING SAFELY DURING THE FESTIVE SEASON



Chances are, we're all going to be home for the holidays...literally! A vaccine for COVID-19 isn't expected to be widely available until next year and a winter wave of the pandemic seems inevitable as flu season begins. But while the holidays will surely look a whole lot different this year, the festive season is still alive and well in Floral Park!

Some of our favorite customs may have to take the year off, but others will surely take their place as we find new and creative ways to keep us all in the holiday spirit.

THANKSGIVING

When we think of Thanksgiving, we inevitably think of the three Fs: family, food, and football. While this year's feast won't be looking quite like a Norman Rockwell painting with extended family gathered around the dining room table, the tastes and gratitude of the day are still on the menu. The CDC recommends we get more intimate this year and limit our feast to members of our own household or have it outdoors, as family gatherings have increasingly become a ma-

ajor source of viral spread. Luckily, the weather in Floral Park is usually perfect around this time of year making it easy to move the festivities outside. Another alternative is to have food delivered to those who can't or shouldn't attend and celebrate together on Zoom. Some of our local eateries such as Polly's Pies and the Santa Ana Elks Lodge will be offering pre-ordered Thanksgiving dinners to go.

Medical experts have called foul on big football viewing parties. Instead, enjoy the games from the comfort of your own home where you can stretch out in your favorite chair and enjoy a second helping of pumpkin pie.

For many of us, the day starts with the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, a Turkey Day staple for the past 94 years. The only time there hasn't been a parade is during World War II because rubber and helium were needed for the war effort. This year, the parade goes virtual for the first time. Who needs live crowds or a traditional parade route as long as we still have giant character balloons, spectacular floats, street performances, Santa Claus and the Radio City Rockettes?

For many, the holiday ends with

Black Friday. This year, the best deals will be online. No more standing in line before dawn and fighting over TVs with the hordes. Like in a gentler time, many stores will be closed on Thanksgiving Day. And with stores running at limited capacity, it's unlikely to be business as usual. Many stores like Macy's will make it easier with home delivery options and curb side pickup. So sleep in, grab another cup of coffee and do your shopping virtually. And don't forget to support the small businesses that support our neighborhood. You'll find links at FloralPark.com/sponsors.

CHRISTMAS

Every year, Floral Park turns North Park Blvd. into North Pole Blvd. with real snow, crafts, horse-drawn trolley rides and a visit by Mr. & Mrs. Claus. But there's no snow in the forecast this year. With Orange County in the purple tier, the annual Floral Park neighborhood holiday party is taking the year off. Even Santa has had to halt to all nonessential travel.

However, this doesn't mean that the Grinch finally gets to steal Christmas. You may have noticed trees, snowmen and lights appearing throughout the



neighborhood shortly after Halloween. Floral Park is ready to spread some shiny, bright holiday cheer with a home decorating contest that's bound to strain the power grid. Judging takes place on Tuesday evening, December 15. And then on Thursday evening, December 17, we'll be strolling the neighborhood to admire our handy work at the annual Walk of Lights... always a festive occasion!

HANUKKAH

The annual lighting of the menorah in front of Jeff & Suzee Katz's home on Heliotrope Drive will still be happening this year as it's an outdoor event that falls within safety guidelines. Just make sure to wear those Hanukkah blue masks and keep your distance from others. Big, typically crowded events celebrating the Jewish holiday (December 10-18) are unlikely to occur the same way they have in years past. Instead, the tradition will likely become more intimate by lighting candles and playing dreidel with the family at home. The same bodes true for any Kwanzaa candle lighting ceremonies, which this year will take place from December 26 to January 1.

HOLIDAY CONCERTS

Every year, we ring in the season by watching the talented kids from the Orange County School of the Arts at the big tree lighting ceremony at South Coast Plaza. This year we'll be watching previous performances on YouTube instead as large gatherings and indoor performances have taken a hit from COVID-19. While there'll be no live performances of *A Christmas Carol*, *Nutcracker* ballet, or *Fiesta Navidad* with Mariachi Los Camperos at Segerstrom Center, many organizations, including the Philharmonic, will be providing free recordings of performances on TV or streaming device. And, of course, non-stop carols, the Hallmark Channel

and all your favorite yuletide movies will be here to make the season merry.

New Year's

For the first time in 114 years, there will be no crowds in Times Square counting down as the famed New Year's Eve ball drops. It's still going to drop, but the whole evening will be virtual. As for big New Year's Eve parties, the same social distancing guidelines apply. Keep in mind that when alcohol

*"Everyone has this traditional, emotional, warm feeling about **THE HOLIDAYS** and bringing a group of people, friends and family, **TOGETHER IN THE HOUSE** indoors. We really have to **BE CAREFUL** this time that each individual family evaluates the **RISK-BENEFIT** of doing that."*

—Dr. Anthony Fauci

is involved, people are more inclined to drop safety protocols and engage in riskier activities. Best bet: relax, stay at home and view the celebration on TV or watch Irving Berlin's *Holiday Inn* and order takeout or delivery from our local eateries. Cheers to a brand new, healthier new year!

THE BOTTOM LINE

If you are still thinking about getting together with loved ones during the holidays this year, there are a few key questions to ask yourself:

WHAT IS THE VIRUS DOING WHERE I LIVE, AND WHERE I'M GOING? If your plans include travel, think about whether you'll have to come in close contact with other people along the way. If you are traveling, it's important to keep a distance from others, make interactions brief, keep hands clean, and wear your mask.

CAN WE BE OUTSIDE? Being inside for hours at a time in spaces that are not well-ventilated is a recipe for viral spread. According to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the safest way to deal with

indoor holiday meals is to share them only with people who live in your own household—in other words, those whose germs you're already exposed to on a regular basis. But if you're in a position to accept a little extra risk, you may feel comfortable organizing a small, outdoor dinner with friends and family who live in the community.

ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IT MAY BE SAFER TO STAY HOME AND CONNECT WITH PEOPLE IN OTHER WAYS.

Start having hard conversations now with the people you care most about regarding the possibility that you might have to stay put, stay apart or stay home this season. While it may be uncomfortable to acknowledge, life is going to be different than it used to be for a while longer. Many experts expect it may take well into 2021

until we can gather safely in big groups for weddings, holidays, and neighborhood block parties. But, that day will come and when it does, we'll be ready!

For a link to CDC and State of California holiday guidelines and free testing locations, go to FloralPark.com/news.

**Don't get coal
(or worse)
this holiday:**

**Wear A Mask
Wash Your Hands
Social Distance!**





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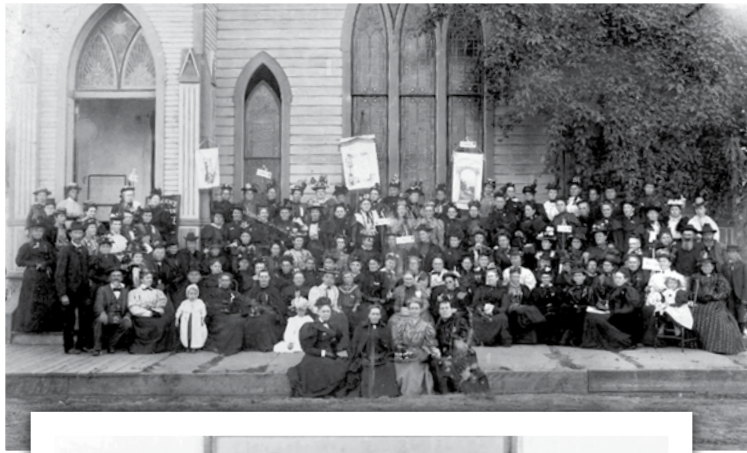
DRY TIMES IN

by Dylan M. Almendral

Before we take a journey into the “blind pigs” of Santa Ana past, there needs to be a shot of history lesson.

The story of prohibition in Santa Ana begins long before the Volstead Act of 1919. Various elevating elixirs have been part of the culture of Santa Ana and greater Orange County since the era of Spanish colonization and the Rancho period. What is now Orange County used to be the wine region of California long before Napa and Sonoma. Wine and beer are cultural staples for our Germanic cousin colony to the north, Anaheim. Before there were oranges and walnuts, the cash crop was grapes and barley. Beverages of a spirituous nature, save for small family-run operations that produced brandy from wine grapes, were not part of the OC consumer culture. That would change in 2016 with Orange County’s first legal distillery of spirit, Blinking Owl Distillery in our very own Santa Ana. There’s more, but those stories are for another day over a dram, save for the fact that Orange County voted to “go-dry” in 1900, 19 years prior to national prohibition, but more on that later.

OK, lesson’s over, maybe. In Santa Ana there existed a group of women known as the WCTU, or the Women’s Christian Temperance Union, their sole purpose was to rid the world of “the devil’s drink” while also putting forth Christian values in the community in the form of education



Photos top to bottom: Santa Ana Register headline: 25,000 Officers To War On Bootleggers — Arrests In All Parts Of Nation Expected; Women's Temperance League members seated outside the First Methodist Church on 6th and Bush in Santa Ana; WCTU members pose in front of sign; Authorities empty barrels of illegal booze from a warehouse in Santa Ana in 1932.

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and charitable causes. It is because of these ladies that the Santa Ana Public Library exists. So, I have them to thank for my job of 3 years in that institution. While I'm grateful to these women for the job, I'm sure they wouldn't be happy to know where some of my money goes on certain days of the week.

Local members of the WCTU were usually the wives of the business-elite of Santa Ana, religious leader or widows as for some strange reason Santa Ana had many wealthy widows purchasing properties here in the early 20th century. They would hold demonstrations in the street, lecture anywhere they could be heard and campaigned from court rooms to bedrooms in order to see the city and county positively cleansed of all forms of intoxicating liquors.

Now, these ladies had a legitimate gripe. Anyone walking Santa Ana in the late 1800s, especially in downtown, were greeted with a familiar scene; a man, presumed properly pie-eyed, relieving himself in the alleys adjoining the public streets. This would result in a \$10 fine, along with a night in Brunner's basement on charges of public drunkenness, and indecent exposure. Prior to prohibition, there were many saloons along the north side of Fourth Street between Broadway and Sycamore, as well on Sycamore between Fourth and Fifth Streets. Children who attended Central School where the YMCA building now stands were cautioned to avoid the area by going east to Main Street or west

Photos top to bottom: Santa Ana Register headline: Eighteenth Amendment Repealed; celebrating the end of prohibition and the legalization of alcohol.





This innocent looking built-in cabinet and bookcase, built in the back room of the historic 1930 Walker House on Riverside Drive in Floral Park, is actually a Prohibition Bar. The back panel of the bookcase (upper left) reveals hidden storage for illegal booze (upper right) and the cabinet slides open to house an entire bar (lower right). Hillis House, built on Heliotrope in 1930, also features a false wall in the back of the maids closet that conceals hidden storage capable of housing an ample supply of bootleg hootch. (photos by Emily J. Davis Photography)

Fourth Street. Further, in the Santa Ana Register in 1926, Lecil Slaback, a student at Julia Lathrop Junior High School, won a state-wide essay contest sponsored by our dear matronly friends of the WCTU. He writes “Saloons were the cause of much sickness as they were so dirty and unhealthy, usually crowded with dirty, slobbering men, who spat around on the floor and seats wholly disregarding any tendency to cleanliness or decency.” Really paints a picture, right?

These ladies were successful in their trilling, and in the general election of 1900, Orange County voted to go dry. There were some dissenters though, of course, including Anaheim and the 4th precinct in Santa Ana, among others. Guess where the 4th precinct was? If you guessed Floral Park, that would be incorrect because Floral Park isn’t that old. The 4th precinct is actually downtown and 4th Street! Downtown Santa Ana has historically always been the center of “good times for food and

drink” in Orange County.

So, Santa Ana goes dry in 1900. What happens? Almost nothing. Fines were raised on those caught in the act of producing, transporting, distributing and imbibing of the sauce and drinking establishments went partially underground. During this time, wine was omnipresent. The local Japanese immigrant population was making sake, Mexicans were fermenting tepache, a type of fruit-based beer. Other beverages from the local flora and white dog moonshine were being made in small operations throughout the county, particularly in Trabuco. Most law enforcement officers turned a blind eye. Not much changed that is, until that horrid 1st day of January 1919 when Prohibition went national.

This is where the fun begins. Within a week, alcohol was flowing in to the California coast from Canada and to the Caribbean via Mexico. Home-grown operations were quickly established in barns and basements. The quality and quantity of booze one could buy was

stratified based on status, just like it is today. You had your budget bourbons and your private selections. As far as race, folks bought from within their own ethnic groups, as it was believed to be a more trust-worthy product. Some sellers did the same, but most didn’t care about race, the ends (money) justified the means (crossing the railroad tracks).

It is estimated that 75% or more of the alcohol illegally imported into this country came through the west coast with its largely unguarded shoreline this is due to the fact that the Eastern seaboard was much more developed and therefore controlled. Far more of the California coast was unsupervised and that is a fact to this day. There was also alcohol being brought over the Great Lakes from Canada. The Los Angeles Times in 1926 estimated that \$10 million in Scotch whiskey was imported through Southern California annually.

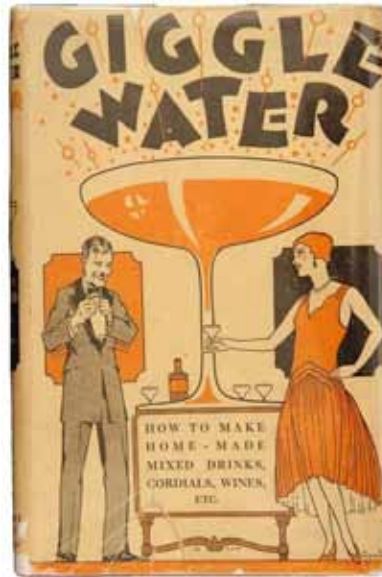
Now the popularized Hollywood version of secret drinking establishments operating in commercial cores of cities

was not the case here in Santa Ana. Purchasing alcohol and taking it with you was far more common overall than a clandestine drinking establishment, aka speakeasy. More often than not, these places were run out of private homes or out in the country, such as the largely undeveloped town of El Toro or out in one of the cabins in Trabuco canyon, away from the eyes of Johnny Law.

In the particular case of Floral Park, there is an example of a prohibition bar set up in a private residence with a large amount of hidden storage and security measures in place in order to warn people to “hide the hooch”. The Walker House, built on Riverside Drive in 1931, is one such example, with a wet bar hidden in a wall and an adjoining hidden storage area behind a bookcase that served as the central stash for illegal booze. The mechanisms used in this secret bar lend themselves to being original to the home. The owners of the home were doing unusually well during prohibition, owning a small chain of pharmacies in Santa Ana and Newport. They also owned a very large mixed-use property with an unheard of 99-year lease on the Balboa Peninsula, the first of its kind in the county. This business was an entire city block, with shops on the first floor and 18 hotel rooms on the second floor. The pharmacy business was booming, especially with its proximity to the harbor...which was a known entry point for liquor shipments. But who am I to tell? I am just a historian.

Altogether, this is an amazing find and keenly illustrates the Prohibition era in Santa Ana.

The case for this home to have been the site of many “wet parties” is furthered by the fact that on top of its hidden features, there was also a “look out” and alarm system for the servant of the home to alert the party-goers or other staff of a visit from the cops. A bust would result in the alcohol being confiscated, held in the basement of the county courthouse and then dumped into the sewer in front of the



“Giggle Water” was one of many slang terms for liquor during Prohibition and served as the title for Charles S. Warnock’s 1928 book on home-made cocktails and other alcoholic drinks.

court house once a month.

Enforcing prohibition wasn’t that easy and there were risks, especially to officers involved in raiding bootlegging operations and speakeasies. In 1923, Santa Ana Mayor Tubbs declared that the city should give every cooperation to county and other officers in raiding “Blind Pigs,” and that precautions should be taken not to leave the city unprotected or liable if a city officer were hurt. Therefore, only off-duty city police should be used.

Their efforts showed success. A headline in the Santa Ana Register in November 1924 read: “County-wide Raids Result in 60 Arrests!” C.S. Kelley, Santa Ana druggist, surrendered to federal authorities on \$2,000 bail on charges of violating the national prohibition act. Also arrested were local pharmacists C.E. Gard, E. Dietrich and R. Hupp. (These druggists had a real thing going!) A surprise liquor raid conducted by scores of federal, county and city police officers led by secret service operatives of the Anti-Saloon League swept Orange County and filled the jails. One of the largest finds was the home of Santa Ana waitress Carrie Buckley, where they found a cellar with 17 gallons of wine. When officers raided her home, she admitted she had a little wine “for my own consumption.” The youngest

case recorded was that of a 12-year old Santa Ana girl who was arrested along with her father and spent the night in jail. Officers claimed her father made whiskey and forced his daughter to sell it.

Today these raids would be comparable to having the SWAT Team visit your house, doors and windows kicked in, guns out.

It is interesting to note that during Prohibition, many doctors could prescribe their patients with medicinal alcohol for certain “cases of nerves”. Catholics for instance were allowed to produce wine for the sacrament under the Volstead Act, enough wine for their household, and if a little extra was made and sold to the neighbor down the street – nobody had to know.

Alcohol could still be had because it was utilized for industrial purposes, such as in mechanical jobs. Industrial methanol is incredibly poisonous, but many bootleggers used it to fortify their booze, leading to an increase in alcohol poisoning. Cocktails, spirits mixed with other ingredients such as fruit juice, lemonade, or cream dramatically disguised the taste and increased the popularity of bathtub gin.

By the 1930s, it was clear that Prohibition had become a public policy failure. The 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution had done little to curb the sale, production and consumption of intoxicating liquors. And while organized crime flourished, tax revenues withered. With the United States stuck in the throes of the Great Depression, money trumped morals, and in 1933, Congress easily passed a proposed 21st Amendment that would repeal the 18th Amendment. Prohibition was over and Santa Ana went back to well...the way it was. Except with paved streets and fewer horses.

As we observe the anniversary of the end of Prohibition let’s remember the wise words of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt as he signed the repeal of the 18th amendment on December 5, 1933: “What America needs now is a drink.”

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Native American Heritage Month

What started at the turn of the century as an effort to gain a day of recognition for the significant contributions that the first Americans made to the establishment and growth of the U.S. has resulted in a whole month being designated for that purpose.

One of the first proponents of an American Indian Day was Dr. Arthur C. Parker, a Seneca Indian, who was the director of the Museum of Arts and Science in Rochester, N.Y. He persuaded the Boy Scouts of America to set aside a day for the “First Americans” which they did for three years. In 1915, the annual Congress of the American Indian Association meeting in Lawrence, Kansas, formally approved a plan concerning American Indian Day. It directed its president, Rev. Sherman Coolidge, an Arapahoe, to call upon the country to observe such a day. Coolidge issued a proclamation on Sept. 28, 1915, which declared the second Saturday of each May as an American Indian Day and contained the first formal appeal for recognition of

Indians as American citizens.

The year before this proclamation was issued, Red Fox James, a Blackfoot Indian, rode horseback from state to state seeking approval for a day to honor native Americans. On December 14, 1915, he presented the endorsements of 24 state governments at the White House. There is no record, however, of such a national day being proclaimed.

The first American Indian Day in a state was declared on the second Saturday in May of 1916 by the governor of New York. Illinois legislators followed suit in 1919. Presently, several states have designated Columbus Day as Native American Day, but it continues to be a day we observe without any recognition as a national legal holiday.

Finally, in 1990, President George Bush declared the month of November as a time to celebrate the rich and diverse cultures, traditions, music, crafts, dance and histories of native people as well as acknowledge their important contributions. It’s also an opportune time to raise awareness about the unique

challenges native people have faced both historically and in the present, and the ways in which tribal citizens have worked to conquer these challenges.

Orange County is home to two tribes of native Americans whose way of life goes back thousands of years. The Tongva (or Gabrielino) lived on the flatlands north of Los Alisos Creek in what is now northern Orange County. The Acjachemen (or Juaneño) lived in the coastal foothills and mountains of southern Orange County.

Both tribes established villages atop ocean bluffs in foothill valleys, along rivers, and beside springs which offered a rich food supply and many natural resources. They soon became part of a flourishing trade network that stretched from the Channel Islands to the Colorado River.

Between 1769 and 1840, the region was irrevocably changed with the arrival of the Spanish, with disease, invasive species and livestock, forcing the tribal people to resettle around the missions where they provided a huge

labor force. They helped construct the missions, cultivated the land and became proficient “Vasqueros” or cowboys working thousands of head of cattle and horses.

As they relocated to the missions and “converted” to Catholicism, they gave up many of their traditions and art forms, adapting their weaving to mission baskets and their tribal clothing to a distinct Mexican style.

In 1821, Mexico gained its independence from Spain and the government sold mission lands to ranchers. Three decades later, California was ceded to the United States following its success in the Mexican–American War. In 1994, the state of California finally recognized the Gabrielino-Tongva Tribe and the Fernandino-Tongva Tribe although neither has gained federal recognition. Currently, an estimated 1,700 people self-identify as members of the Tongva or Gabrieleño tribes.

Currently, Native Americans make up one of the highest rates of any ethnic group in the US, serving in every branch of our military. Today, 31,000 courageous men and women from Native communities serve on active duty in our Armed Forces.

You can read about the Gabrielino-Tongva tribe, past and present, on

their web site: gabrielinotribe.org. NativeAmericanHeritageMonth.gov has links to blog posts from the Library of Congress, teachers guides from the National Endowment for the Humanities, essay and artwork related to manifest destiny in the West by the National Gallery of Art and lesson plans from the Smithsonian Institute.

There’s a guide for children about the Gabrielino tribe at bigorin.org. The Early California Population Project (huntington.org/ecpp) is a database developed by the Huntington Library providing public access to all the information contained in the California mission registers from 1769–1850. It includes baptism, marriage, and burial records of each of the California missions, providing historical information on the Indians, soldiers, and settlers of Alta California.

Locally, the Bowers Museum has an ongoing exhibition on the First Californians with photos, artifacts, baskets, tools other items. Educational guides are available online for teachers of children in grades K-5 as well as audio tours of the exhibit. For links, go to Bowers.org.

Illustration: California Mission Indians playing a game by Louis Choris, 1816. Below: exhibit of artifacts from California’s indigenous peoples at the Bowers Museum.

Floral Park Book Club Reveals New Picks

The Floral Park Neighborhood Book Club is set to reveal its selections for the next three months. The club meets monthly via Zoom and presents a great opportunity to meet new people and make friends with common interests. Their next meeting is Friday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m. and new members are welcome to join.

November’s meeting focused on Lisa Wingate’s #1 New York Time bestseller, *A Book Of Lost Friends*, a new novel inspired by historical events in the post-Civil War South.

For information on joining and the list of books for December, January and February, contact Suzee Katz at SusanKatz2525@gmail.com.

“Reading is a discount ticket to everywhere.” – Mary Schmuch

Photos Needed For Floral Park Book

Arcadia Publishing is looking to create a book on Floral Park but they need your help. It takes between 180 and 240 historical photographs to create a book within their *Images of America* series. So if you have any old photos of your home, the neighborhood or previous residents, they would love to hear from you.

Arcadia Publishing is an American publisher of neighborhood, local, and regional history of the United States in pictorial form. They currently have 19 books on Santa Ana history including *Early Santa Ana*, *Santa In Postcards*, *Santa Ana 1940-2007*, and *Railroads and Depots of Orange County*.

If you have photos to contribute, please contact Dylan@GentlemanHistorian.com. To view their list of books, go to ArcadiaPublishing.com.





THE HISTORIC ELLIOTT HOUSE

When Harry T. Ball and Allison C. Honer first developed Floral Park, they started with a plot of land that stretched from the west side of Flower to the West side of Greenleaf, from the north side of 17th Street to the north side of Heliotrope, plus an additional 5 lots on either side of Flower. In addition to being realtors, Ball & Honer were also builders. They would go on to build the 1935 Art Deco Santa Ana City Hall building, the El Toro Marine Base and the Honer Shopping Plaza.

To kick off the development, and to show off their design and building skills, they constructed four distinct showcase homes on the four corners of Heliotrope and 19th Street, each home built in a different architectural style. They were to serve as examples of the superior craftsmanship and construction they offered in the popular home designs of the times. It was a decidedly optimistic move for Ball & Honer in the middle of the Great Depression, but their business record was successful enough to allow them to move forward.

They started with a Spanish Colonial Revival home followed by an English Tudor Revival home in 1930. They would complete the four corners with an Art Deco home in 1937.

But by far, the most elaborate home is the third house built on the northwest corner in 1931. It is a distinctive 4,149 square foot, 5-bedroom, 5-bathroom home in the Italian Renaissance style and features an elegant reception hall, vaulted living room with beamed ceiling, carved stone fire place and private library. Each of the upstairs bedrooms has its own tiled bathroom and balcony. In addition to the grand magnesite staircase, there is a back staircase for staff and maid's quarters on the lower level. Construction costs were said to be \$20,000, a significant sum at the time.

The home, which sold for \$35,000, first became the residence of a wealthy widow, Mrs. Marie Turley. The Turleys, who lived in Huntington Beach, had purchased nine lots in the city's oil district in 1913 which they leased to the West Whittier Oil Company and Standard Oil. Her husband Stephen passed away in 1923.

She immediately set to work having the home detailed to her liking. A crew of artists were brought in from Italy to create an elaborate mural in the library (each wall depicting a different season), and paint designs on the ceilings in the



reception hall, breakfast room, dining room, on the beams in the living room and details on the bathroom walls.

Prominent in Santa Ana society, her trips to Hollywood and San Francisco as well as her voyage through the canal to Europe were noted in the Santa Ana Register. The newspaper even makes special mention of the lovely sound of her chime doorbells.

The Register reports that she later leased 160 acres of her land holdings in Costa Mesa to the government for a bomb making operation in 1941.

Marie's daughter, Helen, graduated from Santa Ana Polytechnic High School in 1933. She went on to marry and move to Hollywood, where she was sued in 1937 for \$145 by the Madden Pharmacy for "certain necessities of life and other goods, wares and merchandise" for which she failed to pay.

The home became the residence of Dr. Arthur C. Elliott in the 1940s. Dr. Elliott maintained a practice in Anaheim. He reportedly built an office on Los Angeles Street across from Union Station for his ear, eye, nose and throat practice in 1941. Mrs. Elliott was active in the Orange County Assistance League, founded in Santa Ana in 1935 by Mrs. James Irvine. The Elliots lived there for more than 50 years until 2001 when their trust sold it to the third owners, the Paddocks.

In 2003, the home was listed on the Santa Ana Register of Historic Places as a historic landmark and in 2014, the home was purchased by the Ness family who have painstakingly restored it to its original grandeur. The kitchen, remodeled several times over the decades, now reflects its classic 1930s roots. Original crystal chandeliers still hang in the dining room and hallway. Elaborate lighting fixtures were carefully hand-crafted to duplicate the originals that hung in the grand reception hall. The original tile bathrooms are still intact, and the beautiful hand-painted murals still adorn the walls and ceilings.

One of Floral Park's iconic estate homes, the historic Elliott House is as stately and grand today as it was in 1931! *For more photos and information, go to FloralPark.com/homes.*



Whenever you want to recognize a neighbor for any occasion, whether it be a birthday, anniversary or even an act of kindness, give them a shoutout in the Floral Park Gazette.

Special double congratulations to **Peter & Evan Jackson** on not only the purchase of their home at 2339 North Heliotrope, but more importantly, the adoption of their adorable son, Ace! As you see them out strolling around the neighborhood, be sure to stop and tell them CONGRATULATIONS!—KS

Thank you **Helen Jones** for sharing the bearded iris with me! KW

Thank you **Jan Magdaleno** for painting King Bobo's portrait. We love it and you! —K&GW

Gratitude goes to **Ashley Irene** of Heirloom Potager for donating plants, expertise and manual labor to Floral Park's pocket park.

Thank you **Gene Andres, Jerri Cunningham, Ashley Goltz, Kathy Pierson, Jeff Katz, Ellen Koldewey, Lauren Marshall, Denise Silva, Debbie W., Nanci Zinngrabe, and Susan** from Heliotrope, for working in the cold to keep Sarah Mae Downie Herb Garden so beautiful! —CS

Happy birthday to **George Will, George Honer and Tammy Heider**, who all turn 60 this year!

To Russ who quietly places scarecrows on the benches in Sarah Mae Downie Park - thank you! They bring

a smile to everyone. I hope the Santa Claus returns after Thanksgiving!

To **Jeff Katz**, who helped us move a heavy piece of furniture and **Mike Smith**, who painted over some graffiti on our back wall! —TS

To the owners of **Jack the Cat** - what a sweet cat, he's the mayor of Heliotrope Drive!—TS

To **Ellen Koldewey**, Floral Park has never had a better tree advocate. Thank you for your tireless efforts. Your legacy will outlive us all!—DB

To **Connie and Bob**, thank you for being the best bird sitters ever! —J&M

Gratitude to **Rachel Borack** for heading up the Care & Compassion committee. Your time and efforts are much appreciated! —M&J

A big thank you to **Jeff and Nancy Smith** who donated five large plants for the shady part of the butterfly garden at Sarah Mae Downie Park. Then new neighbors, **Allison and Mark Thompson**, with lots of boxes yet to unpack and a large pod still in their drive, donated a Saturday morning to digging holes in rocky soil in which to plant them!

Sincere thanks to the thoughtful neighbors who helped us get through our move from Ross to Victoria and to the wonderful neighbors who fed us during this stressful time. We are forever grateful for our special neighbors and neighborhood! —**Denise and Patrick Ryan-Johnson**

WHAT'S UP? READERS!

ON THE TOWN

by Ed Trotter

The first rain of the winter season has been visited upon us but it was more of a reminder of what might come but not much more than that. In spite of the news on the day I write this that there are great hopes of a COVID-19 vaccine, pandemic persists. But so do we. Winter beckons, course, and indoor dining may be restricted so we must turn our attention to options to dine out, and that literally means “out” as in outdoors. With that in mind, over the past month or so we’ve taken to experience local opportunities for al fresco dining.

Of course, October can be a milder month. Outside was pleasant. November has taken its annual drop in temperatures but restaurateurs are a creative lot by nature. So, expect for us to have to grin and bear it outside but with heating.

Our local culinary treks began with Felix Continental Café on the circle in Orange and I mean literally ON the circle. We were seated where cars are usually parked. Felix Café has been a fixture for more than four decades, with a tilt toward breakfast. Over the years, I’ve eaten a good number of breakfasts but this time we decided to make it a Friday event.

The nice thing about outdoor dining is that there is a good bit of buzz about you. That evening brought some particular joy as what appeared to be a local swing club was having a gathering right on the circle. We had our own entertainment just a few yards (socially distanced, of course) from our table. It was quite a lively place, feeling almost European.

But, we also had some wonderful Cuban and Cuban inspired food. I had paella Valenciana, always a favorite

there. Others had roasted pork, a Cuban holiday dish; the Felix Café Combination (everything moving or swimming in Cuba); and pierna de Puerco, leg of pork slowly roasted in its own drippings. A very nice evening to be sure. Viva la Habana!

Soon thereafter it was Sunday brunch at Chapter One. Again, a blocked off street provided ample seating, well spaced for healthy living. Well placed overhead sails provided abundant shade on a warm, sunny day.

Chapter One has been serving Santa Ana for nearly a decade and is continually reinventing itself. It is absolutely true that DTSA is an incubator for young, innovative chefs. Chapter One is an outstanding example. It’s exciting to see the coming, going, and staying of a variety of shops. Here, Sandy’s favorite is duck fat fries. I have to admit, they are fantastic, particularly when they come piping hot as they always do.



We started off with roasted brussels sprouts with crispy pork belly, sweet sherry, chimichurri all topped off with a fried egg, a fantastic beginning. Mains included chilaquiles; Tapsilog (soy marinated beef); and Crab Benny, eggs Benedict made with jumbo lump crab cake, black forest ham, cilantro-jalapeño hollandaise. To say the least, no one went home hungry. As mentioned above in another context, innovative.

A tour of downtown wouldn’t be complete without stopping at Lola Gaspar on the Second Street promenade. It’s always like coming home. The staff feel like family to even an occasional patron. On one recent evening we made our way downtown to enjoy the vibes.

More than about any other restaurant, you feel as if you are somewhere in Barcelona on a side street just off La Rambla, that glorious major footway through the city. While not quite the architectural splendor of Barcelona, DTSA has its own uniqueness but that’s another story. Sit outside Lola Gaspar and watch the foot traffic meander by. It’s very soothing.

But, you also get to enjoy excellent food and drink. Established in 2008, Lola Gaspar will make it 13 years by Christmas or so as a successful operation, surviving (so far) an economic slowdown and the current pandemic. What to have there? Anything and everything. You can have a nice variety of quekas, Spanish slang for quesadillas. Ingredients include cheese, of course, but you can choose from chorizo con frijoles, lamb barbacoa, and even a vegan offering of mushroom chorizo.

And as with Chapter One, the menu changes over time and over the year.

And, while I’m not a mixed drink lover, everyone I’ve ever been there with has raved about the imaginative cocktails available. And, if you’re looking for something that’s not on the menu, just ask. They’ve probably made it many times.

Finally, I have to mention Benchmark, the newest kid on the block. Eating there is like eating at home, not for the food but for the company. It is a very rare occasion that one can eat there without meeting a Floral Park neighbor. Most recently, on a real estate team birthday event, we saw at least two other groups from the ‘hood. Much of this is due to Pedro and Duane’s hospitality but it’s also just a fun place to dine.

Most people go right for the gochujang chicken that gets its name from the flavorful, spicy Korean sauce that one writer says “will become your new favorite barbecue item.”

Favorite appetizers are artichoke fondue with hand-made Bavarian pretzels and another variation of Brussels sprouts, heavier on the crispy pork belly, topped with a sherry maple gastrique touched off with a bit of chili. Those are all killers.

Sandy loves the crispy skin salmon, and I like every dish on the menu. I meant to get the papperdelle with porcini cream dressing but got sidetracked by the chicken noted above. Next time. One of the party had the Benchmark burger which is extremely popular.

Benchmark is built to be outdoors but is expanding over the coming months into space next door and has become a destination point for fine culinary experiences across the county.

So, get yourself an extra wrap and be prepared to help our neighbors make it through the winter. The spring is coming and we want them to be ready to party when the pandemic is finally defeated. I see the sun arising in the east.

Be careful out there and have the best holidays you can under the circumstances.

All four restaurants offer outside, patio dining as well as menus for pick-up or delivery via GrubHub, Postmates and UberEats.



Rabbi Shuey lights the menorah at last year's neighborhood Hanukkah ceremony.

Menorah To Light Up Neighborhood

On Tuesday, December 15, Jeff and Suzee Katz will host their fourth annual Floral Park menorah lighting. This year, the gathering will take place on the fifth night of Hanukkah (or Chanukah) at 6:30 p.m. in their front yard located at 1919 North Heliotrope Drive. The ceremony is open to all Floral Park

and West Floral Park neighbors regardless of religion. Jeff and Chabad Rabbi Shuey Eliezrie will share a brief universal message of the holiday.

Hanukkah is the Jewish Festival of Lights and remembers the rededication of the second Jewish Temple in Jerusalem in Israel in the 160s BC. Historically, Hanukkah candles used to be lit outside — outside the front door. It was only fear of persecution that took the Hanukkah candles back inside.

The Floral Park ceremony re-introduces the custom of lighting a giant menorah in a public place to bring back the original spirit of the day. “Hanukkah candles are the light brought to the world when we are unafraid to announce our identity in public, live by our principles and fight, if necessary, for our freedom,” said Katz.

Hanukkah begins on the evening of Thursday, December 10 and ends the evening of Friday, December 18.

Masks and social distancing will be required at this event. For information, email President@FloralPark.com.



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The Joys of a Home Orchard

by Ashley Irene, Heirloom Potager

Fresh peach cobbler and warm apple pie, juicy citrus and perfectly ripe pears can all be available without leaving your yard. Sounds like a dream, right? The truth is, starting a home orchard is easier than you might believe and doesn't have to take up a significant amount of space

in your yard. The fall season is a perfect time to plant many fruit varieties for a spring and summer harvest.

Like any home garden, light and space are the most important factors in selecting a location for a new tree, whether you plant in a beautiful container or directly in-ground. The majority of fruit trees prefer full sun (6-8 hours/daily) and need enough space for them to grow healthy roots. Adding compost and all-natural fertilizer helps trees grow stronger and improve fruit yield.

Dwarf varieties, trees that are grafted on rootstock that doesn't grow to traditional size, make for beautiful patio accents that can be grown in pottery or other architectural containers. Trees planted in containers provide an extra space to add edible flowers and herbs to your landscape too.

Fruit trees can also be structurally trained into a natural fence and garden delight through the French technique of espalier. Training trees this way controls the plant growth in a flat plane, usually against a wall, fence, or trellis. Apple, pear, and fig trees are great options for an espalier accent in the garden.

Bare root or potted tree? Barefoot trees are an affordable option for adding beauty and food into your landscape design. Purchase bare root trees from a reputable online nursery or by visiting a local greenhouse. Bare root trees often expand the options available to a home grower and are ready to plant upon arrival.

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trees personally, Orange County is home to several quality nurseries. Mimosa nursery in Anaheim specializes in unique fruit varieties including wax apples, jujubees, and lychees. Flowerdale and Laguna Hills Nurseries also have great selections of both tropical and classic fruit trees in dwarf and full-size options that are perfect for adding beauty and value to your property.

If you'd like to learn more about starting your own home orchard, stop by on a morning walk where you'll most likely find me in the potager garden at 2416 N Riverside Drive.

Fatal Virus Attacks Neighborhood Roses

There is a killer on the loose and it's been spotted throughout Floral Park. The murderer's name? Witches Broom, aka Rose rosette disease, aka RRD for short.



The disease is spread by microscopic eriophyid mites, also called rose leaf curl mite. These mites are so small they're invisible to the naked eye and are carried on the wind. Though rose rosette disease was first identified in wild rose bushes in the 1940s, it has spread to susceptible multiflora roses.

The telltale signs are new growth, rapidly elongating stems, and sections of multiple stems that are thick, red, have distorted leaves, and are covered with many thorns. Symptoms of witches' broom, leaf discoloration, and/or distortion are often visible on

one branch or more and may spread randomly across the entire plant

If you want a confirmed diagnosis before digging up your prize roses, report it to www.Rosette.org/reporting along with photographs of your plants. They'll get back to you and let you know if your roses are infected.

Miticides, used for the control of spider mites, are not effective for controlling rose leaf curl mite.

RRD is incurable and the only option is to pull up and destroy the infected plant, roots and all. Wrap the plants in a plastic bag and put them in your brown trash.

The disease may also transmit via gardening tools, so disinfect your pruners with rubbing alcohol, Lysol or a 10% household bleach solution when you move from one plant to another as you prune.

Know that this disease travels via wind and is already in the neighborhood. If you see it, remove and destroy your infected plants.

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Be A Floral Park Patron & Support Neighborhood Preservation

by Kevin Shuler & Tammy Heider, Membership Co-Chairs

How much do we all LOVE living in this neighborhood? Do you enjoy your neighbors and the community we all share? We trust the answer is a resounding positive YES! With that in mind, we ask you to think about all the wonderful attributes, services and events our Floral Park Neighborhood Association provides that make our experience of living here so special:

- Neighborhood Beautification (trees, flowers, Sarah Mae Downie Park upkeep, street lamp painting).
- Scholarships to Santa Ana students for continued growth.
- Home Tour showcasing selected homes and driving recognition and interest to our neighborhood.
- Source for expertise in the Historic Registry and Mills Act, working to make Floral Park a historic district.
- Last but not least, the social events that help connect us to one another.

We need your help in order to continue providing these services. Without the annual Floral Park Home & Garden Tour as our primary source for much needed funds, we are making a special appeal for your support. Please consider becoming a Floral Park Patron by making a contribution to keep our community thriving.

The best way is to set up a recurring, monthly donation at FloralPark.com/shop. With this option, you never need to remember when it is time to renew. You can also make a one-time donation using the same link, but please consider a recurring donation. (Just think of it as another monthly app fee like Netflix that you don't even notice in your bank account!) You can also send a check to FPNA, P.O. Box 11366, Santa Ana, CA 92711-1366, noting Membership Donation on the check.

Our neighborhood association is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and your donation may qualify as a tax deduction, so you'll want to check to see if your company has a matching contribution program and be a hero! We appreciate your support!



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Neighborhoods Unite To Honor Veterans at Jack Fisher Park

On the “eleventh day of the eleventh month,” nearly 100 neighbors gathered at Jack Fisher Park for a Veterans Day ceremony and celebration.

The event, sponsored by all five neighborhood associations in the Fisher Park area, was a moving ceremony that included the participation of veterans from each division of the U.S. military. Girl and Boy Scouts from local Troop 28 contributed to the event by leading the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance and choreographing the lowering and folding of the flag while taps was played.

The event was conceived and planned by Nancy and Rick Collins and Jeffrey Katz. Katz delivered a stirring message regarding the meaning of the day and imploring us to make the promise to our veterans: “I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.”

City Offers Free COVID-19 Testing

The city of Santa is offering free COVID testing for residents 3-5 times a week at various locations. Santa Ana College offers testing on site Wednesdays and Thursdays in the gym and on Saturdays and Sundays through a drive-thru location in the parking lot. Additionally, their mobile clinics rotate through Santa Ana parks and schools.

As someone who is required to return to work in person, I have utilized these free testing sites several times for peace of mind and to ensure my personal health and safety. It is one extra step I can take to do my part during the pandemic.

I have gone to both the park sites and the Santa Ana College drive thru location and it couldn't be easier. No appointment is necessary, though recommended. Fortunately, I have not had to wait more than 10-15 minutes. Once registered, the clinicians guide you through the process of administering the nasal swab yourself and only an inch inside of your nostril. It is painless, simple, and your results are emailed or texted to you within 2-3 days. For details, go to FloralPark.com/news. —Alison DeMark

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Floral Park Social Scene

by Alison DeMark & Suzee Katz
Floral Park Social Co-Chairs

The past eight months have not been very kind to our social lives. We have all longed for our friends, families, and neighbors. As we navigated this pandemic we have found ways to connect with one another that we didn't even know existed in February- Zoom anyone? In the summer months, we had neighbors invite shaved ice and ice cream trucks into the neighborhood for sweet treats for our children and adults alike! We also held our first social event in August, our summer concert. It was much more intimate and we found new protocols in place as

we welcomed neighbors to share in the joy only music can bring. As we moved into the fall we saw some neighbors venturing out into the community more as restaurants began to open and gatherings were permitted once again.

Now, we embark upon the holiday season and we look to opportunities to celebrate our neighborhood community through the sights of the season. We had hoped to have the opportunity to hold our annual Holiday Event with safety precautions in place; however, with our COVID-19 numbers climbing and our county moving back into a more restrictive tier we have had to cancel these plans.

We as neighbors, will remain vigilant to ensure the safety on one another, while also remembering that we are all craving connection and community after eight long months of limited in-person interactions. When we walk our streets and smile at one another through windows and at cars passing by, we are reminded of the simple act of perceived kindness and the hope that we will all be tightly

together in the near future. Until then, we will find ways to offer opportunities for our community to share in the small joys of celebration and friendship.

Being Neighborly During the Holidays

There's never a bad time to be a good neighbor, but with the holiday season often comes the desire to do a little bit more for our fellow man. If baking is your forte, why not make a few extra things to share with your neighbors? Especially if you have neighbors who may live alone or not get many visitors. Plus it's a good excuse to stay connected.

Maybe your neighbors are traveling for the holidays and need someone to feed the fish, get the mail or just keep an eye on things. This is another great way to lend a hand! Even a simple card can bring a big smile. Let's take some time this holiday season to spread that neighborly love!

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Give Heart Stones for the Holidays

Looking for that perfect holiday gift for the person who has everything? Want to help make your neighborhood more beautiful? Do both with the purchase of a heart stone in Floral Park's Sarah Mae Downie Herb Garden.

A triangular plot of land at Flower Street and North Park Boulevard, the garden is only one eighth of an acre but is packed with history as told by 149 Heart Stones that create a walkway by the butterfly garden.

You can read names of families and pets celebrating anniversaries, birthdays, accomplishments, move in dates and memorials for those we lost since 1995. Families' personalities are reflected with the use of ivy or flower borders, small pictures, a baseball – whatever it takes to make it personal.



Please consider gifting a heart stone as a thank you to a special neighbor or friend or as a welcome to a new neighbor. The cost of a heart stone is \$200 for up to 25 characters and there is an extra charge for more characters. Proceeds go towards the park and with the absence of proceeds from Home Tour in 2020, we are under budgeted for next year. Your help will be appreciated by all the neighbors.

Heart stones can now be purchased online at FloralPark.com/shop. And best of all, your purchase of a heart stone is a donation to a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and therefore may be tax-deductible. For more information, email Beautification@FloralPark.com



Model T Ford Club Tours Floral Park

The Orange County Model T Club, a chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America, made Floral Park a destination in their November 14 tour of "Olde Orange County." Vintage Ford Model Ts ranging from 1908 to 1927 paraded the streets of the neighborhood to view our historic homes and architecture.

"It was quite a sight to see these beautiful motor cars drive past our homes," said Sandy DeAngelis who suggested our neighborhood as a location to tour director Rich Dobson. "It was a fun throwback to the days when Model Ts really did drive these streets."

The OC Model T Club, founded in 1958, has more than 100 members and is dedicated to the restoration and preservation of the Model T Ford.



Volunteers Spruce Up Neighborhood Garden

The Beautification Committee spent two days, Friday, November 6 and Saturday, November 14, digging, pruning, raking and planting as part of Floral Park's annual Sarah Mae Downie Herb Garden Clean Up Days. In addition to cleaning up weeds and leaves, we fertilized the citrus trees, camellias and azaleas and planted lettuce, chives, onions and sage in the herb garden.

Special thanks go to Ashley Irene of Heirloom Potager who donated and planted an edible salad bar in the herb garden. Come to the park with sharp scissors and cut a bowl of greens for you next salad.

While the Floral Park beautification fund pays for the upkeep, much of the cost of fertilizing and planting is picked up by volunteers. Sales of heart stones, placed throughout the garden, help fund the garden's upkeep. Donations to the neighborhood association supply the majority of the budget for the garden.

To join the beautification committee, email Beautification@FloralPark.com.



DOGGIES AND DONUTS

You could say that Floral Park has truly gone to the dogs as the social committee presented Doggies & Donuts Sunday morning, November 15. The Donut Junkie set up their equipment at the North Park cul-de-sac and created fresh donuts right before our eyes! While the dogs were sniffing, we were being served donuts hot off the assembly line topped with cinnamon/sugar or powdered sugar. What a great way to start a morning!



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This is our first year of transforming the neighborhood newsletter into the new Floral Park Gazette. I hope you're enjoying it. But none of it would be possible without the generosity of our media sponsors. We strongly encourage you to partake of their services and support the small, local businesses that support our neighborhood!

First of all, we need to thank Sandy DeAngelis of the **DeAngelis Realty Group** as well as Kevin Shuler of **Neighbors Real Estate Partners**, our two major media sponsors. Both are members of the board and have a long history of supporting the neighborhood and contributing to our community. We thank you profusely!

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Floral Park neighbors, funded part of our Valentine Brunch in addition to being a sponsor. Nicole Doughty of the **Nichole Doughty Group** has supported Floral Park for numerous years. Demetrius and Tammie Harakas of **Victory Diner** on Main Street are relatively new members of our community, yet immediately came on board as sponsors. **Saddleback Chapel**, a new sponsor, has served Floral Park families in time of need since 1963. Ernie Aguilar of **North Seventeen Real Estate** has been a sponsor all year and writes about Floral Park consistently on his web site and blog. **Grand Floral Designs** has been creating beautiful floral arrangements for any occasion for over 36 years. Nancy Collins, of **Simplified Spaces by Nancy** is a local neighbor who offers professional organizing services.

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There's no way we could publish the Gazette without their generous support, so please let them know you saw their ad in the Floral Park Gazette. You can find links to their web sites at FloralPark.com/sponsors. If you or your business would like to become a media sponsor, write newsletter@FloralPark.com.



Welcome New Floral Park Neighbors

While we are always sad to see friends move on from Floral Park, we are excited to meet our new neighbors. We'd like to wish a warm Floral Park welcome to the following who now call our neighborhood home:

Jerri Cunningham & Gina
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North Heliotrope Drive

If you see any of these new faces on your bike rides, Sunday strolls, or travels through the neighborhood, be sure to say hello and welcome them to Floral Park.



(HOLIDAY COOKIES continued from page 7)



Ingredients

- 1 cup soft butter
- 1/2 cup sifted confectioners sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2-1/4 cups sifted flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup finely chopped nuts

Directions

Mix thoroughly butter, sugar and vanilla. Sift together then stir in the flour salt and nuts. Chill dough. Roll into 1" balls. Place on ungreased baking sheet (cookies do not spread). Bake 10-12 minutes at 400° until set, but not brown. While still warm, roll in confectioners' sugar. Cool. Roll in sugar again. Makes about 4 dozen cookies.



CHEWY PEANUT BUTTER BLOSSOMS

by Maria Hamilton (Heliotrope Drive)

Every holiday I make a variety of cookies, but this is the one my whole family fights over. It's been a "must have" favorite for more than a decade!

Ingredients

- About 48 milk chocolate kisses
- 1 can (14 oz.) sweetened condensed milk
- 3/4 cup creamy peanut butter
- 2 cups all-purpose biscuit mix
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- About 1/4 cup sugar (colored if you want to be festive).

Directions

Heat oven to 375°. Remove wrappers from chocolates. Beat sweetened condensed milk and peanut butter in large bowl until smooth. Add baking mix and vanilla; blend well. Shape into 1-inch balls and roll in sugar. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake 6 to 8 minutes or until very lightly browned (do not overbake). Remove from oven; immediately press chocolate piece in center of each ball. Remove from cookie sheet to rack. Cool completely. Store in tightly covered container. Makes about 48 cookies.

(Variation: for chewy chocolate, add 1/4 cup Hershey's dark chocolate to baking mix).



PECAN TARTS

by Kelli Will (North Park Blvd.)

This recipe was passed down to me from a neighbor in the '90s and I've made these delicious pecan tarts for the holidays every year since. It's really easy and super yummy!

Ingredients

- 1/2 stick + 1 Tbsp. margarine
- 1 cup flour
- 4 oz. cream cheese
- Dash of salt

- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2/3 cup chopped pecans

Directions

Mix together the 1/2 stick of margarine, flour, cream cheese and salt until you have a small pastry crust ball. Then roll into marble-sized balls. Press into mini tart pans. For the filling, mix brown sugar, egg, 1 Tbsp. margarine, vanilla and pecans in a pan and cook into sugar melts. Fill the pastry shells half full. Bake at 350 for 20 minutes. Can be frozen. Makes 2 dozen.



PUMPKIN COOKIES WITH PENUCHE FROSTING

by Chris Switzer (Riverside Drive)

It's been reported by my daughter that "these cookies are like crack – you can't get enough!" Definitely a fall family favorite.

Ingredients

- 1 cup butter or margarine
- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar, firmly packed
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 cup canned solid pack pumpkin
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 egg
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup chopped nuts

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cream butter or margarine together. Add pumpkin, egg and vanilla, mixing well. Add sifted dry ingredients, blend well; add nuts. Drop from teaspoon on

ungreased cookie sheet Bark for 10 – 12 minutes. Cool. Frost with Penuche Frosting. Yields 6-1/2 dozen.

Penuche Frosting

Combine 3 tablespoons butter and ½ cup brown sugar in a saucepan; bring to a boil. Cook and stir 1 minute or until slightly thickened. Cool (about 15 minutes). Add ½ cup milk and beat smooth; add enough powdered sugar (about 2 cups) for spreading consistency.



AUNT CHICK'S CREAM COOKIES by Marc LaFont (Heliotrope Drive)

Every Christmas, my mom would make these cookies and we got to decorate them. The Santas, with their coconut beards and raisin eyes, were the best! The original 1948 cookie cutters are still available at grammascutters.com.

Ingredients

- 2 cups unsalted butter, soft
- 6 oz. cream cheese (hard)
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 large eggs, + 1 egg yolk
- 2 teaspoons. vanilla
- 1 teaspoon. lemon oil
- 2 teaspoon. lemon zest
- 6 cups flour (unsifted)
- 1.5 teaspoon. salt

Directions

Cream together the first seven ingredients. Whisk together the flour and salt. Then combine mixtures until even. Separate dough into 3 balls, wrap in plastic and refrigerate 2 hours to 3 days Cut shapes with the cookie cutter. Bake: 375 degree oven for 7 minutes on parchment paper on cookie sheet until barely tinged around the edges. Transfer sheets to wire racks until cookies firm up, then transfer cookies to wire racks to cool completely. Decorate with frosting, coconut, raisins and colored sugars.

(PROHIBITION continued from page 13)



The Duchess on Cambridge has a whole room full of cocktail accoutrement, including flasks, glasses and books including "Gone with the Gin" and "The Gentleman's Guide to Cocktails."

Saturday, December 5 marks the 87th anniversary of the end of Prohibition, the great experiment. I can't think of a better way to celebrate than with a cocktail. And since it's the holidays, let's also make it festive with these great seasonal recipes!



HOLIDAY OWL NEST

by The Blinking Owl

- 1 ½ oz. Blinking Owl Aquavit
- ¾ oz. lemon
- ¾ oz. rosemary infused simple syrup
- ½ oz. port or Lillet Rouge
- Rosemary sprig

Add the aquavit, lemon and rosemary simple syrup to a shaker and fill half way with ice. Shake approximately 15 seconds (until the shaker becomes frosty). Pour the ingredients through a strainer into a glass and add ice. "Float" the Port or Lillet Rouge by pouring it over the back of your mixing spoon over the top of the cocktail. Garnish with a Rosemary sprig.

WHITE CHOCOLATE PEPPERMINT MARTINI

- 1.5 ounces white chocolate liqueur
- 1.5 ounces vanilla vodka
- 1 ounce creme de cacao - (clear/white)
- 1 ounce half and half
- 1/2 ounce peppermint schnapps
- White chocolate syrup and crushed peppermints to garnish



Begin by preparing your martini glass. Rim the edge of the glass with white chocolate syrup; then dip it into crushed peppermint candies or crushed candy canes. Set glass aside. Add the white chocolate liqueur, vanilla vodka, creme de cacao, half and half, and peppermint schnapps to a cocktail shaker with ice. Shake and then strain into your prepared martini glass.



THYME CHERRY OLD FASHIONED

by Benchmark Restaurant

- 2 dashes of thyme bitters
 - .5 oz. black cherry syrup
 - 2 oz. Woodford rye whiskey
 - Orange peel
 - Luxardo cherries for garnish
- Stir with large ice cubes (15-20 seconds). Express orange peel over drink. Garnish with cherry and orange peel.

Special Needs Adults Visit Floral Park

Residents of Glennwood House in Laguna Beach visited Floral Park's historic Hillis House in October for an afternoon of pumpkin carving, corn hole and Halloween fun.

Glennwood House is a unique residential facility for 50 adults with developmental disabilities and other special needs. They provide a caring environment that assists in developing daily living skills that enable participants to live independently.

In addition to housing, the non-profit organization provides educational, physical and emotional support through regular meetings, events and outings like this one. Pumpkins were provided by the Santa Ana Elks Lodge who also delivered pizza to the residence. A good time was had by all!

Further information on the foundation, visit GlennwoodHousing.com



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Floral Park Wows at First Walk of Frights

Floral Park held its first ever Halloween/Autumn home decorating contest and the results were truly frightening with well over 100 homes dressing up for the holiday.

Judging was conducted by members of the West Floral Park Neighborhood Association on Thursday, October 22 and on Saturday & Sunday, October 24 & 25, neighbors from near and far roamed the streets to view the spooky spiders, bony skeletons and ghoulish ghosts in the neighborhood's first Walk of Frights.

Congratulations go to all the homes, and especially the winners: **Scariest:** 2144 Greenleaf; **Most Theatrical:** 2204 Greenleaf St.; **Best Use of Pumpkins:** 1919 Heliotrope Dr.; **Most Creative:** 2311 Riverside Dr.; **Best Harvest Theme:** 2013 Heliotrope Dr.; and **Best Use of Fall Colors:** 2462 Riverside Dr.





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Greetings From Santa Ana College

by Christina R. Romero, M.A.,
Executive Director,
Santa Ana College Office of Advancement & Foundation

Happy Fall, Floral Park neighbors! We want you to know that Santa Ana College is your community college and we are here for you, especially during this time. We were recently given the opportunity to provide your Floral Park Neighborhood Association board a brief update on recent happenings and philanthropic initiatives that are taking place just down the street from your beautiful neighborhood – thank you to Jeffrey Katz for the invitation!

We are here to serve our community, and our students need our community to thrive.

Currently, SAC offers free COVID-19 testing, accelerated classes, blood drives, and more. There are some exciting facilities updates taking place on campus, so please pardon our dust. We have newly renovated athletic fields, campus central mall, and are currently building a new state-of-the-art Math & Science Building and Johnson Student Center. Santa Ana College has much to offer and we want to make sure that you, our neighbors, and the community at large are aware of the many ways in which we are here to serve you via online, hybrid, and some in-person classes.

In addition to all that we are doing to better our community and make sure that we provide first-class education to all who attend our college, we are always striving to move the needle forward for those on the path to obtaining a degree or certificate in the field of their choice.

In that spirit, we want to thank you for your continued support and the many years of the Floral Park Neighborhood Association Scholarship for SAC students and we would like to see more of you involved through our Scholarship Program, President's Circle giving group, and other philanthropic initiatives.

Did you know that 76% of all SAC students report a family income of \$40,000 or less? Right now, our students are in the midst of working to complete their fall semester, and we want to ensure that as many as possible move toward completing their educational goals. This unplanned national and global crisis has pivoted our attention to the most basic and foundational aid that is required for Santa Ana College students to stay focused on their studies. We need our community to partner with us so, as our students are having to make adjustments, such as moving to online instruction and online support services, we can respond to the gaps in their needs.

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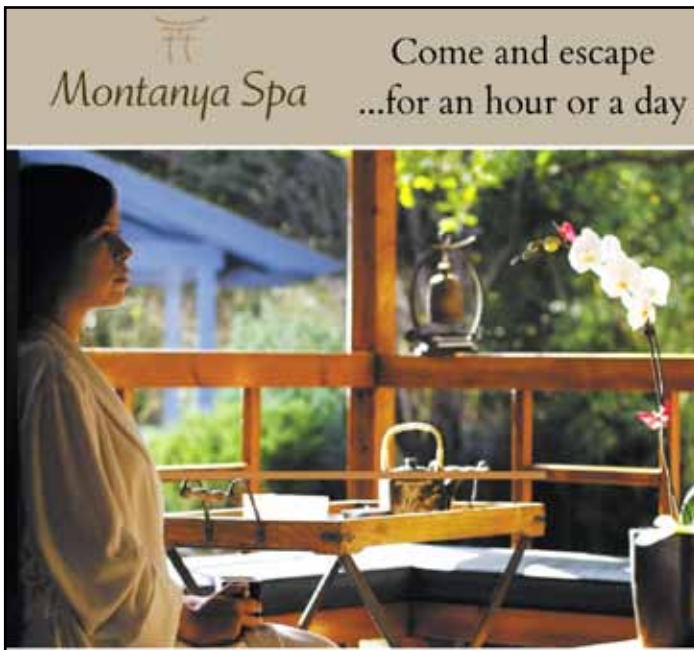
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But we can't do it alone. Raising the game is not just a campaign for Santa Ana College students; it is a campaign for our neighborhood, the Santa Ana community and beyond. So please, consider getting in the game today for

students in our community, so that they can reach their educational and career goals, and enter the workforce. We need your help as we Raise the Game for students.

To learn more about how to get involved with this philanthropic initiative, please visit RTGcampaign.org. To enroll in classes or to learn what is happening on the SAC campus, please visit sac.edu. We welcome you to also reach out to us via phone at 714-564-6091 or email at foundation@sac.edu to learn more about our campaign, hear about the exciting things our college has to offer, or schedule a socially-distanced tour of campus.

Care & Compassion Holds Charity Drives

Floral Park's new Care and Compassion committee sprang into action this month with two different charity drives to benefit the community. In November, they held a neighborhood-wide food and clothing drive to benefit Santa Ana's Southwest Community Center. For 45 years, the center has provided food, clothing, shelter, guidance, and referral services to disadvantaged individuals and families.

Numerous homes throughout Floral Park offered their porches and driveways as drop-off locations over the weekend of November 14-15.



"We're so happy to be able to give back to our community, not only during the holidays, but all throughout the year," said Shawna Olsen, who helped organize the drive.

In December, they are having a toy drive to benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Ana. "We're asking for new, unwrapped toys for boys and girls ages 6-12," said Rachel Borack, Floral Park's Care & Compassion committee chair. "Due to the hardship of the pandemic, we anticipate that the need for toys this year will be greater than ever."

In addition to toys, they have asked for grocery items that will be distributed to the children's families through the Second Harvest Food Bank.

There are two opportunities to give with a drop-off bin at 2221 N Victoria Drive on Saturdays, December 5, and December 12 from 10:00 - 6:00 p.m.

For information on the Boys & Girls Club or the Toy & Food Drive, go to FloralPark.com/calendar. To join the Care and Compassion committee, email Care@FloralPark.com.



Neighborhood Calendar

Dates and times are subject to change. Check details at FloralPark.com/calendar.

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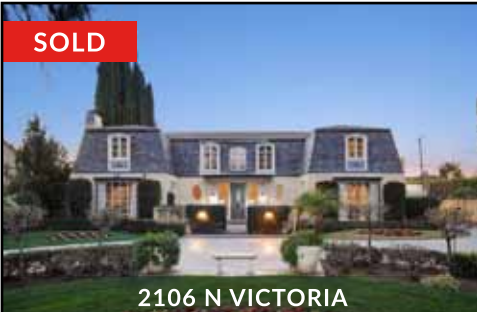
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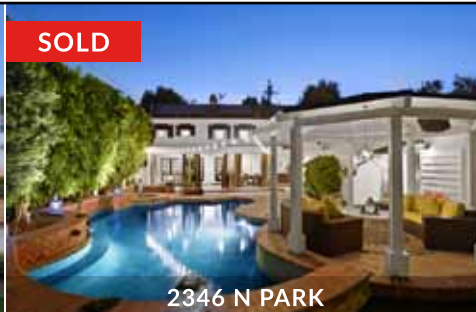
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Values **Staging** **Fresh Perspective** **Knowledgeable**
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