

Rolando Park Community Council mtg. - 11/13/18

**Board Members present:**

Co-president Sonia Lang  
Co-vice-president Gerrie Flaven and Kathryn Kern  
Co-secretaries Judy Fleischman and Audrey Ledesma  
Treasurer Cheryl Bailey  
Members at Large Tom and Ellen Mester

**Community Reps present:**

Jessica Reed from Susan Davis' office, Chevelle Newell-Tate from Toni Atkins' office

Sonia called the meeting to order and gave a reminder about the community mtg. notes being posted on the website.

Dues/membership: Dues- \$1167.00 Donations -\$1278.69 Total revenue for 2018-\$2454.38 73 membership renewals, 21 new members for a total of 94 members so far this year.

Candidates attending our meetings should stick to an introduction then offer to stay afterwards to talk to attendees.

Gerrie talked about dues paying members being able to vote for board member nominees. She explained the ballot.

**Public comments**

Tom and Ellen Mester are again conducting the Holiday Giving Tree for Rolando Park Elementary School this year. The RPE PTA has provided a 'hand' for every student listing their gift choice. All are encouraged to take a hand or more and return it by Dec. 3rd. There are 93 gifts currently wrapped for 232 students. Tom also plays Santa as a fundraiser for the school.

Jessica Reed from Susan Davis' office passed out newsletters. There has been a two-week recess during which the Congresswoman held different forums for her constituents. Apprenticeships have been a focus of the Congresswoman.

Sonia explained the commitment of becoming a RPCC board member. She encouraged people to volunteer to help out even if they don't want to be on the board i.e. helping out with the Giving Tree, tabling for the Pace Car Program.

Chevelle Newell-Tate from Toni Atkins' office passed out newsletters. State resources are being directed toward the CA fires. A state of emergency has been declared. Federal funding is being sought to help. Check out the Secretary of State website to see how the CA propositions fared. The new governor will be sworn in in January and has already made some appointments to his office. The state legislature is in recess until Dec. 3rd. As Senate Pro Tem, Atkins will be overseeing the bills coming up for vote. On Dec. 12th, the Senator will be holding a Holiday Party with Shirley Weber and Todd Gloria. This year, they are raising funds for Gifts for Change to help out people in need.

## Special Presentation

Lauren Dubuois from Project Wildlife talked about their merger with the San Diego Humane Society about three years ago. Project Wildlife takes care of all the injured and orphaned wildlife in San Diego. They rehabilitate and release animals back into the wild. They also have an education program that they do in the community. They have taken in over 11,000 patients so far this year. San Diego is considered one of the top ten most bio-diverse cities in the world. We also have different ecosystems; ocean desert, mountains, coastal sage scrub, & chaparral.

Trees should be trimmed in the winter when animals aren't nesting. You can hold an injured animal for up to 48 hours in a dark quiet place, but best advice is to turn the animal in asap. There are different drop off locations; San Diego (main hub), Oceanside, and Escondido. A brand new facility is being built across from the Humane Society which will be larger and better equipped. Seventy-five percent of patients are birds. Twenty five percent are mammals. People are encouraged to wait to see if the animal's mom will return for them before trying to rescue.

Biggest threats to animals are getting trapped or shot illegally, poisoned, hit by cars, window strikes, dog attacks, and trash entanglement. Feeding of wildlife is discouraged.

Safe Deterrents for Wildlife: remove trash and debris, make sure fences are secure, seal and secure trash cans, seal up openings to structures, apple cider vinegar stations around perimeter, capsaicin sprinkle around plants and trash cans, keep compost in secure containers, eliminate accessible water sources, motion activated lights/radio/sprinklers.

A great resource for the care and protection of wildlife is <http://www.projectwildlife.org/wildlife.php>

The voting was unanimous for the folks running for the RPCC board. Next month will be our Holiday Social.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.