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Remembering Marlene Plummer: Our CV Group's Publicity Chair and Secretary

By **Bettie Pearson**

We knew Marlene for taking our minutes and publicizing our events, which she faithfully did for many years.

We also knew her for her delicious homemade cookies that she brought to our monthly programs.

But it was during the tributes at Marlene's memorial service that we learned other details about the life of our friend.

She converted to Judaism and regularly participated in her Bible Study group.

She loved to read, and she especially enjoyed reading books on ancient civilizations. She was a member of a history study group and with that group had traveled to ancient sites in Egypt.

She was as an intense competitor of a variety of board games, among them Scrabble, and would challenge a competitor if the word used was not found in her dictionary.

Marlene told me that she liked to write, that she enjoyed composing the publicity notices for our program and sending them to the local newspapers.

As our group's secretary, she took the minutes each month, by hand - just pencil and paper - and then emailed them out.

"She was such a kind-hearted and vibrant soul, and she will be greatly missed," said her granddaughter, Sarai Plummer, in an email to our group.



At our holiday brunch, in this past December, she was cheerful, in good spirits. We were all happy to have her back with the group. It was her last visit with us. She passed on March 16th. She was 88.



Enjoying the First Day of Spring

Our Sunday morning (March 19th) hikers stop for a break on our way to Ultimate Destination, located above LaCanada/Flintridge on the Descanso and Cherry Canyon Motorways. Seated (L to R): co-leader Cathy Kissinger, Jenifer Hans, Lisa Costannio, Lucia Yang; standing (L to R): Hike leader Bettie Pearson, Ellen Mintz, and Pat Proudman.

Community Tree Mulching Day Brings Out Forty Volunteers

By Pat Kramer

On February 19, 2022, the Crescenta Valley Group co-presented a Community Tree Mulching Day in Sunland, CA with TreePeople and 40 volunteers came out to help place mulch around 57 trees along a one-mile section of Foothill Boulevard. The preparation for this event began the day before with a visit to L.A. Sanitation's Lopez Canyon site where four of our volunteers loaded up free mulch for the volunteers to use. Gail Adams of our CV Group used her own personal vehicle to load up mulch, which three other community volunteers used their trucks, including Leny Freeman, Cathy



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CV Members attend Memorial for Marlene Plummer



March 19, 2022 - Members from the Crescenta Valley Group's Management team attend memorial service for Marlene Plummer – seated (L to R); Silvia Darie, Gail Adams, Bettie Pearson, Jerry Burnham, Pat Kramer; Standing: Stephanie Gross, Bob (Bobcat) Thompson and in back is Fred Dong

Tree Mulching, from page 2

& Randy Roberts, and Nelly Luboff & Matt Walker. The following morning, TreePeople's Xiomara Durán and four others representing TreePeople, set up a table in the parking lot at Ralph's supermarket in Sunland. Our four vehicles with the mulch then parked around it, and by 8:15 a.m. volunteers began arriving, including Roger Klemm of Rotary Club of Sunland-Tujunga with a 50-gallon rain barrel to wet down the finished mulch. In all, we had 30 adults and 10 children & teens help out, plus six organizers to get the job done in just under three hours.

Thank you's go to Lowe's of Pacoima, which donated 15 bags of Growmulch, 10 bags of Steer Manure, 4 tarps, and 20, 5-gallon buckets for our event; Ralph's manager, who provided us with access to water and parking; Gerardo Barrientos who handling the sign-ins and recordkeeping; Love the Neighborhood's Randy & Cathy Roberts who gave us tips on mulching and helped with this effort; and

Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council members Nelly Luboff, Beautification Committee co-chair; and Safe Traffic & Transportation co-chair Jon von Gunten and member Leny Freeman, as well as Cheryl Schmidt, a board member who organized the children who volunteered.

Our Crescenta Valley Group donated \$100.00 for the purchase of supplies and with the organizational efforts of Program Chair Pat Kramer, we had another successful event in our community. Best of all, we did this at zero cost to the City of Los Angeles and without their help! It just goes to show what people can do when they work together to offset the damage from climate change and drought. We are now looking for community members who will "adopt" one or more of these trees by watering them, keep an eye on how they are doing, and remove any trash around them. For more information, please reach out to Pat Kramer at patkramerstnc@gmail.com.

**Angeles Chapter Annual Awards Banquet
Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Drive
May 1, 2022, 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

We will begin with a fabulous reception hosted by our generous entities, followed by a buffet luncheon. For the SILENT AUCTION, please remember to bring cash and/or checkbook! Contact Stephanie Gross (madelinesmother@gmail.com) if you have items to donate for the silent auction. All profits benefit the Angeles Chapter. For reservation information, go to the chapter's website:

https://angeles.sierraclub.org/about/chapter_awards/awards_banquet

Reservations are \$45 per person. Table of eight \$360 Or reserve whatever you need. The tables seat 16.

<i>Outings</i>	<i>Date and Time</i>
<p>Canadian Rockies National Parks & Fireworks Finale Fred Dong, madelinesdad@earthlink.net, (818) 545-3878 Cathy Kissinger, ckissinger105@verizon.net (818) 281-4455 Stephanie Gross, madelinesmother@gmail.com (818) 545-3878</p>	<p>Sat, Aug 20, 2022; 8:00 AM (Local Time) - Sun, Aug 28, 2022; 6:00 PM (Local Time) Time is tentative.</p>
<p>Churchill Polar Bear Adventure Fred Dong, madelinesdad@earthlink.net (818) 545-3878 Stephanie Gross, madelinesmother@gmail.com (818) 545-3878</p>	<p>Sun, Nov 6, 2022; 8:30 AM (Local Time) - Sat, Nov 12, 2022; 6:00 PM (Local Time) Time is tentative.</p>

Board of Directors Election 2022

Voting ends on 12:00 PM ET April 27, 2022

Go to: www.sierraclub.org/board-directors-election-2022 where you'll find candidate information, bios, statements, videos, and a forum of the candidates answering important questions about their vision and goals.

The 2022 Sierra Club Official Ballot includes six nominated candidates and four petition candidates for the five open seats on the Board of Directors.

- [Aaron Mair](#)
- [Cynthia Hoyle](#)
- [Brian Gómez](#)
- [Shruti Bhatnagar](#)
- [Hervé Jean-Baptiste](#)
- [Kate Bartholomew](#)
- [Dr. Michael Dorsey](#)
- [Cheyenne Skye Branscum](#)
- [Maya Khosla](#)
- [Allison Chin](#)