

Kings Mountain ECHO



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Dear Neighbors,

In spite of a few days of wind, rain and power outages, spring has arrived on the mountain. Kings Mountain is in bloom all over our natural habitat and in amazing neighborhood gardens. Two of those are pictured in this issue as the Kings Mountain Garden Club kicked off its upcoming season of activities. The Mid-Peninsula Open Space Preserve parking lots are jammed with vehicles of folks who have come to enjoy spectacular wildflower displays up and down Skyline. We hope you all have the time and good health to get out and enjoy what others must travel great distances to see.

Spring is also a great time to renew friendships and make new ones. You can do both at the upcoming KMA Dinner on Saturday, May 7th.



Warm regards,

Sam & Eileen
Echo Editors

Photos by John Talley

Kings Mountain Garden Club News

The Kings Mountain Garden club visited two exciting gardens on the mountain on May Day. Outgoing president Peter Moravcsik rallied the troops for his final event prior to passing the water wand to the new President Lance Fung. The members met at the Community Center to carpool to their first stop, which was Betty and Steve Johnson's Home. Everyone marveled at the beautiful array of Echium, Azeleas and over 60 Japanese Maples, to name a few plants, in their very effulgent garden. The group then meandered to the rear of the house to see the new Pergola and sun garden full of Roses, Lavender, and other delights. If your eyes wandered north, you could see the amazing natural setting and the Ocean view in the distance.

From there the posse moved to Alma Fletcher's home. As Queen of the Rhododendrons, Alma proudly took her guests throughout her property to see her very established Rhodos and Camellias, most of them in full bloom. Alma mentioned that the Fletchers planted 4" Rhodos about 50 years ago and now some are over twenty feet tall! She shared the name of each and every Rhodo with the help of her daughter Austri who even baked the most delicious treats to end our perfect late morning excursion.

We welcome everyone to attend our events and join our little garden club. We promise it will be the best \$ 10 you ever spend. Stay tuned for news on our upcoming events.

DATE _____	KINGS MOUNTAIN GARDEN CLUB 
NAME _____	
ADDRESS _____	
_____	Make checks payable to KMGCC
TEL. (Optional) _____	Send completed form and fee to:
E-MAIL (Optional) _____	13519 Skyline Blvd. Woodside, CA. 94062
ANNUAL Fee: \$10 per Household	Questions? Please contact Lance Fung: lance@fungcollaboratives.org

Kings Mountain Garden Club House Tour



Garden at Betty & Steve Johnson's Home



Alma Fletcher's Rhododendron Heaven

Photos by John Talley



Kings Mountain Elementary School

A CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL

The month of April brought our annual Writing Celebration to KMES! Students and staff worked hard to present families with coffee and sweet treats while celebrating the writing process and finished work. Parents filled the classrooms to hear their students read selected pieces they had written, revised, and published. KMES parent Maria Polonchek read a passage about living on Kings Mountain from her upcoming memoir and answered questions about the writing process. Novelist Carol Culver, another Kings Mountain resident author, who has a grandson in kindergarten, was also in attendance. It was a fun connection for students and community members with a common interest in the art, craft and profession of writing

KMES has a unique and interactive science program, as well. The K/1 students have been learning about volcanoes, always a favorite, while the 2/3 concluded their lesson on bacteria by making dough from flour, yeast, sugar, and oil and turning their experiment into some delicious pretzels!

The 4/5 classroom went on one of their favorite field trips: an excursion to the Bay on the Discovery Voyage. Students were able to catch and release all kinds of fish, including leopard sharks and bat rays. They also learned about the Bay's unique brackish water, a mix of fresh and salt water.

As Spring Break has come and gone, the students are gearing up for many end-of-the-year activities, including:

- The 5th Grade Band Showcase at Cunha, May 10, 6:00 pm
- Open House/ Science Fair and Ice Cream Social, KMES, May 26th
- K-5 Evening Music Concert, KMES, June 1
- End of Year Picnic, June 3
- 5th Grade promotion, KMES, June 9th, 10:00 am

As always, thanks to all for supporting KMES. The motto at school is "It Takes a Mountain!"

Maria Polonchek

Editor's Note: Mountain support for KMES was evident at many happy Mountain House Restaurant tables on April 28th. Jerry & Lorraine Olson generously sponsored a "Dine In for Education," with 50% of the evenings proceeds donated to KMES. According to Chairman Angela Bye, this was the third year the restaurant has turned a delicious evening out with friends and family into funds supporting enrichment programs at KMES. The restaurant was filled with well-behaved children, parents, grandparents, alumni and neighbors. Your editor apologizes to the many generous diners whose pictures do not appear with others on the next page. It seems your editor's photography skills are severely lacking and some pictures simply disappeared. Mea Culpa.

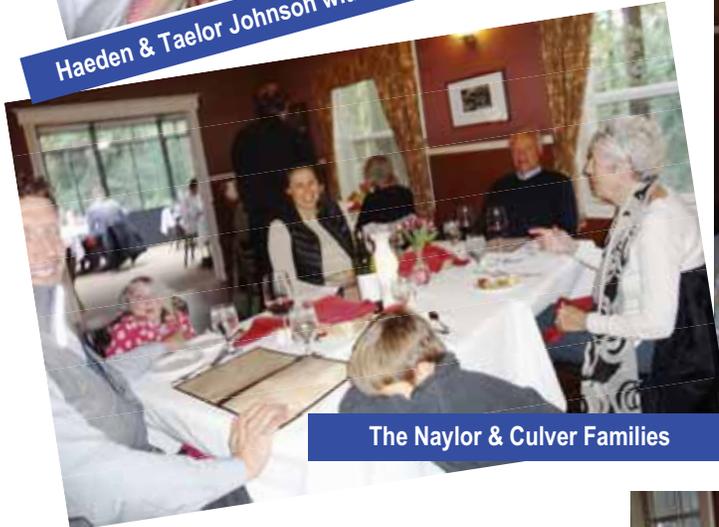
Dine-In For Education at The Mountain House April 28, 2016



Haeden & Taelor Johnson with Grandma Linda & Grandpa Jeff



The Karmegam Family



The Naylor & Culver Families



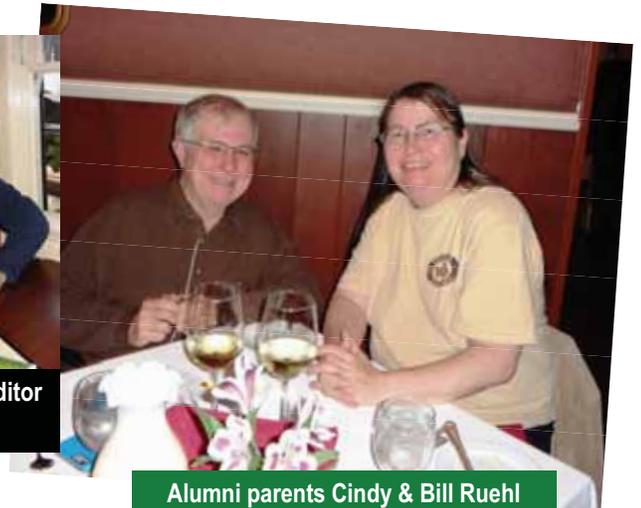
Meta & Stuart Townsley



KMES "Girls" at their alpaca table



Former Echo Editor
Jack Rix



Alumni parents Cindy & Bill Ruehl



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MINUTES OF THE KMVFB MEETING ON April 12th, 2016

ATTENDANCE: Frank Adams, Hiep Ho, Jon Fredrikson, Bill Goebner, Hank Stern, Julia Simmons, Joe Rockmore (via phone conference), Tim German, Craig Culver, Jim Sullivan, Valerie Trenter, Cheri Buffa, Matt King, Steve Johnson.

Board president Jon Fredrikson called the KMVFB Meeting to order at 7:32pm.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Hiep Ho reported that the March 2016 minutes were approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Julia Simmons reported that 2015 financial reports through December had been posted on KMVFB Yahoo Group. Julia also discussed the financial activities in March 2016.

BUILDING MANAGER’S REPORT: Cheri Buffa reported that in March 2016 there were the following uses of the building:

Exercise/Dance Classes	7
Monthly Community Board Meetings	6
KMVFB Training & Maintenance	6
Community Events/Parties	1
Private Events/Parties	1
TOTAL USES FOR THE MONTH	21

FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT: For March 2016:

Medical aid	6	Vehicle accident	3
Public assist	12	Firefighter standby	0
Vehicle fire	0	Smoke check	1
Structure fire	0	Vegetation fire	0
Hazardous materials	0	Rescue	0
Cover assignment	0	Alarm sounding	1
Water tender group response	0	Trash fire	0
TOTAL # RESPONSES FOR THE MONTH	23	AVERAGE # OF RESPONDERS	3
Number of incidents with no Volunteer response:	2		

OLD BUSINESS:

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Jon Fredrikson mentioned that more ads will be posted on Echo this month to remind members to pay the dues for the year 2016.

VERIZON TOWER LEASE EXTENSION: Bill Goebner is still following up this item.

DECK REPLACEMENT: Tim German presented a contractor's estimate for the deck replacement. Valerie Trenter suggested another estimate to be obtained before making the decision. Joe Rockmore commented this could be a good community effort. Per Tim German, the repair needs to be done soon to be ready for the art fair this year. Valerie will contact another contractor to get more information to forward to Tim.

NEW WEBSITE/WEB MASTER: Per Joe Rockmore, this item is on progress.

RESCUE TRUCK REPLACEMENT: Chief Jim Sullivan commented that the current rescue truck may need to be replaced next year, and it could be expensive. Joe Rockmore will work with Hank Stern to draft up the proposal to solicit funding from different sources to help pay for the new equipment. Jon Fredrikson suggested Jim to look into the needs in terms of the truck and equipment replacement and get back to the board in couple of months with his recommendations.

NEW BUSINESS:

IAC MEETING: Steve Johnson commented that the yearly IAC (Investment Advisory Committee) meeting has been postponed until May 12th. Steve and Julia Simmons will attend this meeting.

OTHER ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS OR AUDIENCE:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: There are 2 vacant positions that the board is actively looking to fill for the new term. Bill Goebner and Jon Fredrikson will contact 2 potential nominees to ask them to join the board.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:12 pm. NEXT MEETING: May 10th, 2016

Respectfully submitted,
Hiep Ho / Secretary



KMA Board Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2016

Call to Order: Sybil Plank called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

Attendance:

Board members present: Sybil Plank, Kathy Shubin, Linda Gang, Kerry Kemling, Eric Soult and Sam Penman
Regrets Absence: Ingrid Hegerberg

Secretary's Report: March minutes were preapproved and were published in the Echo.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Gang presented the Treasurer's Report with few budget changes. Updated with most Spring Brunch expenses, some Annual Dinner preliminary costs, and membership dues and donations (some of which are for 2017 and not included in these figures). Report was approved.

Public Notices Received by KMA:

No public notices.

Old Business:

- **New Comers packet**

The New Comers packet is in the final stages of revision and updating. Some items have been removed and other pertinent information included. Promote this version via the Yahoo group. Review annually and distribute accordingly. Hard copy to be available by the Annual Dinner for community members to view and request that PDF version be emailed to them.

Spring Brunch

Kathy Shubin excelled as the chair for our fabulous Spring Brunch. Photos, an overview and special thanks were highlighted in the ECHO.

- **Update from Nominating Committee**

The nominating committee has identified a candidate for the spot available on the KMA board. Kate Rouch is eager to join as our newest member –



with an introduction interview with Kate having already featured in the previous ECHO edition. The election will take place during the annual meeting at our Carnival themed dinner in May.

- **Waste and Document Shredding**

Unfortunately, due to lack of interest by the relevant waste companies, and a hefty fee required to host the event locally - this event has been cancelled. We would like to propose a Spring Cleaning dumpster event instead – details relating to date, time, and non-acceptable items to follow.

- **Website**

No new status. Rocky is still searching for suitable volunteer(s) for this role.

Tabled Items:

Dumpster event.

New Business:

2016 Annual meeting/dinner

The annual meeting will be held at the Kings Mountain Community Center on Saturday, May 7 2016 from 6:00 pm onwards. This year's theme is "Carnival", with delicious catering and band entertainment confirmed. Attendance numbers will dictate whether this event falls within a restricted budget.

Walk Ins:

No walk ins.

Next Meeting: May 19th 2016 at 7 pm at the community center. **Everyone is welcome!**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

KINGS MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION PRESENTS



CARNIVAL!

ANNUAL DINNER

SATURDAY, MAY 7

KINGS MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY CENTER

6 P.M. APPETIZERS & SOCIALIZING

7 P.M. DINNER, FOLLOWED BY ELECTIONS & ENTERTAINMENT

\$20 PER KMA MEMBER

\$35 PER NON-KMA MEMBER

RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL APRIL 30.

CONTACT: LINDA GANG @ 650-851-0396 OR LINDAGANG@COMCAST.NET

May 2016 Kings Mountain Community Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8:00am - 10:00am Astanga Yoga		4:30pm - 5:45pm Pilates-All Levels				6:00pm - 9:00pm KMA ANNUAL DINNER
10:30am - 11:45am Gentle Hatha Yoga						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8:00am - 10:00am Astanga Yoga	Cleaning	4:30pm - 5:45pm Pilates-All Levels		7:30pm - 9:45pm IAC Meeting		Private Event
10:30am - 11:45am Gentle Hatha Yoga	6:00pm - 10:00pm Kings Grove BOD	7:30pm - 9:00pm KMFVB Board				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
7:30am - 5:30pm KMFD Fire Academy 7:30AM - 5:30 PM		4:30pm - 5:45pm Pilates-All Levels	7:00pm - 10:00pm KMAP Meeting	6:00pm - 10:00pm Fire Dept. Training		
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		7:00pm - 8:00pm KM Park Water Board				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
8:00am - 10:00am Astanga Yoga	Cleaning	4:30pm - 5:45pm Pilates-All Levels		ECHO Deadline		
10:30am - 11:45am Gentle Hatha Yoga				6:00pm - 10:00pm Fire Dept. Training		
7:00pm - 8:30pm Sound Immersion, Restorative Yoga						
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
8:00am - 10:00am Astanga Yoga		4:30pm - 5:45pm Pilates-All Levels		6:00pm - 10:00pm Fire Dept. Training		
10:30am - 11:45am Gentle Hatha Yoga		7:30pm - 10:30pm Art Fair Board Meeting				
12:00pm - 10:00pm Parsonnet/Winslow/Aifrey weduation party						

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