THE CONNECTOR *

COMMUNITY NEWS + INFORMATION

MAY 2025





KLCC EASTER CELEBRATION

On Saturday March 19, the clubhouse was decorated with stuffed bunnies and vintage hand-stitched eggs to host the annual KL Easter celebration. Eight kids attended to hand-paint cookies and hunt for candy eggs. It was a sweet delight for us to watch bright-eyed 'n bushy-tailed kiddos light up the clubhouse yard to collect eggs. Their scurried ferver coaxed the Easter Bunny to hop in and hang out for a while! It was a pleasure to meet KL families in the cool sunshine of a festive Spring day.

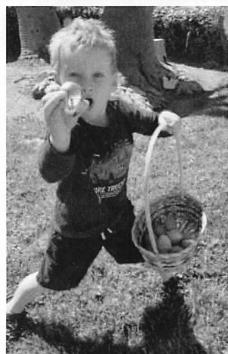
KLCC thanks all our participants, our organizer-facilitator Valerie Dombrow as well as Mr. Bunny, who is good friends with Joe Beatty, who invited him to come see the kids:) We hope to see you again next year.

























KLCC REMEMBERS: CHARLES "CHUCK" DOMBROW

October 28, 1940- April 21, 2024



It's hard to believe it's been one year since the passing of beloved community member & KLCC president, Navy veteran and friend, Chuck Dombrow. We thank the continued service & leadership of his wife, Valerie Dombrow, KLCC Treasurer

Chuck stepped in as KLCC president in April of 2017, a year after I joined as secretary. From day one he brought a heightened level of focus, organization, resourcefulness and above all - the epitome of leadership. Underneath his austere stoicism, I came to know Chuck as a strong, gentle, humble and humorous man. He revitalized KLCC and inspired us, raising member affiliation by 200%.

The following are just a few of his contributions to KLCC and our Kearney Lodge community: Brought in vice president Ron Maurice, who still serves on our board to this day, established the KLCC website, Neighborhood Watch Chairman, re-established NW program, complete with 12 volunteer block captains, area map, influenced increased park lighting, added the office of chaplain and activities coordinator.

During that time our park began having vagrancy, theft and trespassing activity. To bring awareness and solidarity and safety to the community, Chuck organized a resident meeting with division Chief from the SDPD and Congress representatives from our district. The meeting was attended by almost 80 residents. This authoritative presence, complete with posted NW signs & warnings, quelled the criminal activity. As president he also scheduled guest speakers on a regular basis, such as the Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol officers, the Red Cross and first aid/CPR instructors.

Possibly of most importance was his role in resolving KLCC's official classification as a "corporation", left over from the decades-old HOA, which had tax liability to the State of California. This took months of research, correspondence with State offices and lots of paperwork. (Those of you who have worked with Chuck know he keeps meticulous records and loves a paper trail LOL) He didn't give up though and after 11 months he had dissolved the articles of incorporation, removed our tax liability, reversed our documented status and secured a solid future for KLCC.

Under his governance we enjoyed many new things: The Red Cross was invited to teach disaster preparedness & relief, from which Chuck assembled evacuation packets for block captains to distribute in the event of an emergency. He liaised with resident concerns and management by getting cameras and extra street lighting installed in parking lots and darker areas of our mobile home park. For the betterment of resident activity, he asked management to provide three bike racks in convenient places around the park grounds, position additional suggestion boxes in common areas and encouraged residents through The Connector newsletter to have a voice by submitting comments, requests and concerns.

Chuck was all about people—he was all about togetherness and community. He created "The Spotlight" article tradition in our monthly newsletter where each month a resident was interviewed and celebrated. He gave out certificates and plaques of appreciation for contribution and service.

Chuck was a person who understood that elevating his fellow man was not only a good thing, but the right thing to do...and for him it was a pleasure. In his "Letters From The President" published monthly in The Connector he never failed to insert uplifting sayings or exhortations: "WE ARE FAMILY!" and "do something good for someone everyday."

He went above and beyond for our community by creating a face mask program as a protective service.

Perhaps most aptly put in his submission late in 2019:

"I believe that one of the most profound ways in which we can truly give Thanksgiving to God is through serving him by serving others. He told us that: 'and as much as you have done it unto the least of my brethren, you have done it unto me.' (Matt. 25:40b) thus we know that to give Thanksgiving to god, we can serve him; and to serve him, all we need to do is serve others. It is so simple. All it takes is a little planning and personal sacrifice. And even then, many opportunities to serve our fellow man will arise when the Lord knows we are willing and seeking to serve each other."

Charles Dombrow, along with his beloved wife Valerie, invited the board & other residents into their home on many occasions. I always felt valued and important. I felt comfortable asking his advice or talking Padres and Chargers or about health, community and very occasionally....Trump (LOL). He had an ease and kindness always upon him. I never heard him speak a harsh word or say a spiteful thing. He was the type of man that could communicate his conviction without changing the tone of his voice. He didn't need to make inferences because he was an open book, nor did he make assumptions of a person because he took them at their word.

Thank you Chuck for your service here at Kearney Lodge, not soon to be forgotten.



YARD OF THE MONTH: SPC 56!

This month's choice is Space 56. What used to be lizards sitting on dirt is now a decorative yard with pavers for the lizards to sit upon. The pavers are separated by black polished stones with lots of succulent plants in small black pots, and an "ivy wall" backdrop. Lucky lizards!

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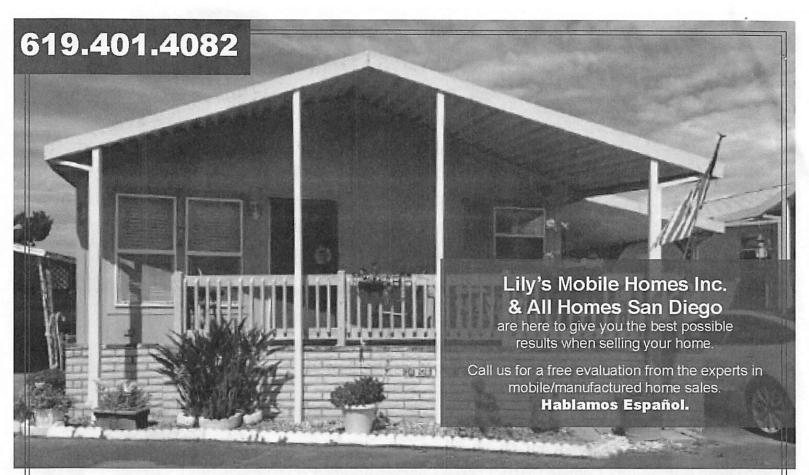


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Famous Mother's Day quotes:

"All that I am, or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel mother."

- Abraham Lincoln

"A mother's love is like no other. It knows no boundaries and transcends all obstacles."

- Unknown

"Motherhood:

All love begins and ends there."

- Robert Browning

"Life began with waking up and loving my mother's face."

- George Eliot

"A mother's arms are more comforting than anyone else's."

- Princess Diana

"My mother is a walking miracle."

- Leonardo DiCaprio

"The heart of a mother is a deep abyss at the bottom of which you will always find forgiveness."

- Honoré de Balzac

"There is no way to be a perfect mother, and a million ways to be a good one."

- Jill Churchill

Everything You Should Know About May!

"May" is likely named after the Roman goddess Maia, who oversaw the growth of plants. Alternatively, the name might have come from the Latin maiores, "elders".

May 1 is May Day. Mark the return of spring by bringing in branches of forsythia, lilacs, or other flowering shrubs from your region. May Day is also "Lei Day" in Hawaii. Leis are garlands or wreaths that are often made with native Hawaiian flowers such as plumeria. Nowadays, they are given as a symbol of greeting, farewell, affection, celebration, or honor, in the spirit of aloha.

May 5 is Cinco de Mayo ("The Fifth of May"). This day celebrates the victory of the Mexican army over the French army at The Battle of Puebla in 1862.

May 11 is Mother's Day—don't forget! Do you have something planned to show appreciation for your mother? Learn about the history of Mother's Day.

May 17 is Armed Forces Day, which honors those who serve in all branches of the US military.

May 19 is Victoria Day in Canada. This holiday celebrates the birthday of Queen Victoria, who was born on May 24, 1819. The holiday is observed on the penultimate Monday in May.

May 22 is National Maritime Day. Created in commemoration of the first transoceanic voyage via steamboat (completed by the U.S.S. Savannah in 1819), this holiday recognizes the efforts of the U.S. merchant marine during both war and peace.

May 26 is Memorial Day—a poignant reminder of the tenacity of life. It's tradition to raise the flag on this day; know how to fly your American flag properly.

May Birthstone: Emerald | May Birth Flowers: Lily-of-the-Valley and Hawthorn



COMMUNITY TECH CLASSES WITH NICK Wednesdays: MAY 7TH + 21ST | CLUBHOUSE 6PM

KLCC COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES

All Officers Present, Previous Mins Approved

Treasurers Report:

Previous Balance: \$608.75 | Income: \$240 Expenses: \$262.45 | New Balance: \$586.30

Previous Business:

Rummage Sale + dumpster day were successes!

New Business: Egg Hunt is next, surprise guest (Easter Bunny) will attend to surprise kids!

Val is reaching out to our previous vendors and new opportunities for sponsorships for our 4th of July event. Jon + Lisa have a tech recycling company that is willing to come to the park to pick up all kinds of recycling, we will discuss with KLM and set a date so everyone can have all their items together to donate, date to come.

Yard of the Month: SPC 56!

Attendee Drawing | Winner: Ellen

Next Meeting: Saturday. May 10th at 11am

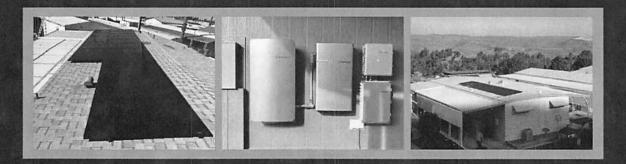




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Happy Mothers	12 6PM	13	14	NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING 6PM	16	ARMED FORCES DAY
18	19 6PM	20	TECH CLASS W/ NICK GPM	22	23	24
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