

# The Connector September 2022

## DO SOME GOOD FOR SOMEONE EVERYDAY

In the Spotlight September 2022 Gratefully Submitted, Amber Bennett

Ellen Conrad was born January 6, 1935, in the small farming town of Pilger, Nebraska. Growing up amidst the land-scape of corn fields, fruit trees and animals, she had a fun childhood. At the age of 13, three years after the passing of her father, Ellen and her mother moved to the city of Omaha. Being a whimsical and artistic child, she taught herself to play piano during the days she spent helping her mother clean the church---play....dust....play....dust!

In 1953, at the age of 17, she gained employment at an insurance company. Living on her own, she met her soon-to-be husband, Fred Conrad. They married in 1954, and within four years had the three children: Jane, Ben and Tom. From 1957 through 1967, the family traveled cross-country; Nebraska to California, El Paso to New Orleans, Florida to Baltimore. Denver to Hollywood, until settling in San Diego.

Fred was a self-taught talent at everything he tried, including hanging wall paper. In 1969, the couple opened a wall paper store which provided a product as well as a paper-hanging service. Ellen raised their children as well as worked full time at their business until they sold in 1980.

Unfortunately in 1989, Fred met an untimely death in a Bobcat accident. Nearly two years later, her daughter prompted Ellen to return to San Diego. She bought a house in Clairemont and some years later, Jane and her son, Max, moved in until the passing of Jane in 2004. Within a year, Ellen and grandson Max, 12, moved into K.L.M.H.P.

For many years Ellen has enhanced the quality of resident life at Kearny Lodge. In addition to service as KLCC secretary, vice president and acting president, she has instituted many services and programs that are available today: Best Yard Award, volunteer transportation, community share box, community garden (located on east-side vehicle storage lot), pancake breakfast social, leads Friday night Bingo, KLCC bulletin board designs and much more. She attends KLCC meetings and supports KLCC events, all with the aim to make K.L.M.H.P. a fun and better place to live. She is a devoted kitty mom to Howie and Pookie, mother, grandmother, aunt, neighbor and true friend. In the respect to the full and colored life she has lived, I asked her what advice she could give *me*---she said........"Be Kind."

Thank you, Ellen, for sharing your life with Kearny Lodge Community.....we celebrate you!



A word from Ellen...It has been my pleasure to live in KLMHP for over 18 years. I never have lived in any one house---nor city or town---for even close to that long.....Guess I like it here! I have watched my grandson, Max, grow up here into a good and kind man. He is *most* helpful and appreciated. My other grandson, Adam with his wife Shannon, live in Santee with their near-three-year old daughter, Aubree Ella. Aubree is the *first* girl to be born into our family in 65 years!!! They will welcome a son in February! I have a great grandson in Arizona who has 2 1/2 year-old, twin boy and girl---that makes me a great, *great* granny!! I call them all my beloved "grandies."

I have slowed down a bit over the last couple of years, but I still enjoy the best neighbors one can have... Three of them have moved away recently, of whom we miss. But it is great to have close and well-known neighbors; it can be life-

saving. I encourage you to get to know yours. The more you know, the better it can be for all. In fact, I would like to see more community activities here in the park. We miss BINGO! We just need more players! What day/night do you want? Would you attend most every time? Or is there something else you suggest we do? Come to the next meeting and tell us! SEE YOU THERE!

Sincerely, Ellen Conrad The KLCC is a private association dedicated to serving and improving the quality of life for the entire community with emphasis on safety, courtesy and neighborhood. Opinions expressed in "Letters to the Editor" sections of "The Connector" do not necessarily represent the views of the editorial staff but are printed to encourage comments and discussion among resident homeowners. Submissions to "The Connector" must be received no later than the 15th of each month. "The Connector" reserves the right to use such discretion as it may consider appropriate in the printing of advertising or other material submitted for publication. You are advised to verify the products and/or services advertised herein. Advertisements of products or services herein DO NOT imply endorsement by the KLCC or Kearney Lodge Management of any product or service. The KLCC and K. L. Park are NOT responsible for your use or purchase of them.

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### Best Yard ...

Our winner this month is #194. It is a double wide cream colored unit with light tan trim. On the right side is a clean driveway. Also on the right are numerous plants, some in pots and others in the ground. The plants include roses, a bird of paradise, a small tree and other colorful drought tolerant varieties and a rock base.

In the front of the patio are more plants in pots in a pinkish rock base. The border is white scalloped stones.

On the left is a small ficus benjamina tree, some patio stones and a rock base. All in all an interesting and attractive display of decorative items and plants. Well done!

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#### KLCC TRANSPORTATION HELP

The KLCC also needs volunteer drivers to provide occasional transportation to appointments and for shopping for residents who do not drive. Please call 858-279-6088 if you want to volunteer as a driver.

### KLCC MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LENDING PROGRAM

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## Around the park...

### Tree trimming

Several of the trees in the park are growing up to the utility lines which are extremely dangerous so they were removed. The crew was very nice, polite and very hard working. The man climbing the tree climbed up the tree like he was walking down the street. They did a great job of cleaning up as well.

The Palm trees throughout the park were

trimmed, lets hope it helps the trees grow healthy.



### How about some BINGO ....

We have the equipment we just need the people.

If you are interested please call Valerie at 858-243-3054 and let her know.

Please be prepared to tell her your preferred day and time for playing.

LET'S GO BINGO......

### Welcome our new neighbors...

Joe and Betty Wittich.
We hope to see you at some of our community activities.

## Did you know?.....

That an astronaut was allergic to the moon? Apollo 17 Astronaut Harrison Schmitt was!

3 US Presidents have won Grammys? Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton and Barack Obama.

That Q is the only letter that does not appear in any U.S. State name?

That the filling of a Kit Kat bar is made from damaged Kit Kats?

That the Twitter bird has a name? Larry!

That the Statue of Liberty wears a size 879 shoe?

That the original Back to the Future time machine was a fridge?

That goosebumps are caused by a muscle?

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Our meeting is September 1 at 6:00 pm in the front clubhouse.

We residents need to take full responsibility for keeping our community safe. That means we should all attend these meetings. We talk about what is happening in our community, events that have happened and what we can do to improve our program.

At this time we have a few openings for Block Captains. Please come to the meeting and talk to Bob Muse, Chairman to find out where the openings are and the duties of a Black Captain. The meeting lasts between 30 minutes to an hour. They are fun and a great way to meet other park residents.



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## September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Neighbor Hood Watch 6:00 pm front clubhouse	2	3
4	Painters 6:00 Labor Day	6	7	8	9	KLCC meeting 2:00 pm front clubhouse
11	Painters 6:00	13	14	15	16	17
18	Painters 6:00	20	21	Autumn begins	23	24
25	Painters 6:00	27	28	29	30	

## What's Cooking

#### Yellow (Saffron) Chicken and Rice

1 TBL Olive Oil

1/4 Cup shallots, chopped fine

8 oz boneless skinless chicken cubed

½ cup frozen peas and carrots

½ Cup frozen corn kernels

1/4 Cup Parsley, chopped

2 Packages (5 oz each) Saffron Yellow Rice Mix Prepare rice according to package directions.

Heat oil in medium heat. Saute shallots 2 minutes. Add chicken and saute until no longer pink, about 5 minutes. Add peas,, carrots, corn and parsley. Saute 1 minute. Fold mixture into prepared rice.

This is the dish that Grandmother Williams had waiting for us every time we visited.