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NEWSLETTER
November 2012

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday November 6, 2012 at 6:30 in Hall of Nations. (Yes, National Election night. We will try to keep the meeting short). Kitchen renovation should be in process at this time.

NEXT HPR MEETING: Sunday November 4, 2012 at noon in the Hall of Nations.

LADIES' AUXILIARY LUNCHEON: **NO LUNCHEON IN NOVEMBER**, due to Hall of Nations Kitchen Renovation. Next luncheon will be December 12, 2012, hosted by House of Lebanon.. Cost is only \$3 each. (Goes up to \$4 each in January 2013).

MEMBER NEWS

October meeting minutes: These have been mailed or emailed with this newsletter to save time. Please read so that they can be approved (with any corrections needed) at the November meeting.

Election of 2013 Officers: Come to the November meeting to vote. – see page 3 for nominating committee report. Nominations can be made from the floor at the meeting.

Membership renewals time coming up: See page 3.

Audit of 2011-2012 fiscal year Treasurer's records: Done! Thank you Shirley, Maureen, Jean and Delphine. Everything was in order.

Birthdays for November: Rita, Mary H, Jeff, Cathie, Maureen F, Maureen J, Jennifer.
Anniversaries for November: Doug/Hilda and Jim/Jing.

Food handling classes: If you do not have your certificate, or the one you have is expiring, please attend one of the classes offered in November- see page 3.

Christmas party: Hall of Nations on Dec 4th at 6PM. Be there! Tickets will be on sale until Nov 27th at \$15 each. Plan what item you can bring for the gift game (value \$10 to \$15). See flyer on Page 4.

International Christmas Festival (Christmas on the Prado): Diane submitted our application, attended the meetings, drew ticket for our beer booth (drew #1 so we had first choice on location!) She will present a brief outline and upfront cost budget at the Nov meeting. Please plan to sign up to donate baked goods and/or volunteer in beer garden, food booth or cottage. We had great fun and commerraderie last year. Let's do it again!
Anyone got a pub sign or dart board we could use in the beer garden booth?

Remembrance Day Poppies for sale: Royal British Legion has sent us poppies. They are available by donation at the cottage and will also be at the Nov meeting.

Glass top counter in cottage: Joel has found a replacement, spruced it up, adapted it to our needs and can install very soon- yeah! Does anyone want the old one? Please let Fran know if you are interested.

HOSTING AND HOSTESSING AT THE COTTAGE

Thank you to our volunteers.

Call our hosting chairperson, Fran Weekley to volunteer for future dates. 619-262-5512

Commitment is from 12 noon to 4PM, providing light refreshments and milk (teabags and sugar are provided) and chatting with the visitors. Donations are accepted for upkeep of the cottage.

(Cottage must have the doors open a minimum of 4 hours between 12:00 noon and 5:00pm)

Oct 2-meet Diane
Oct 7 Steve G and Beryl
Oct 14 Jeff and Becky
Oct 21 Jean and Delphine
Oct 28 Paul, Jennifer, Beth and Fran

Nov 4 Steve G
Nov 6-meet Eileen, Diane and Fran
Nov 11 Mel and Fran
Nov 18 open- please call Fran to volunteer
Nov 25 open-please call Fran to volunteer



Reminders: It is acceptable to take \$6 per host from the donations towards cost of milk and food- just let the Treasurer know for accounting purposes.

Also, please let Fran know if you notice that any supplies need to be replenished.

Lapel Pins and 75th Anniversary Mugs

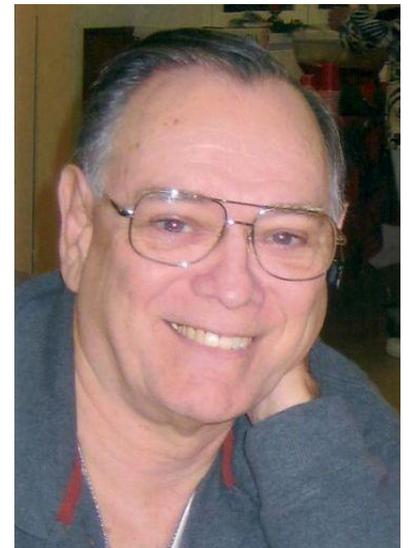
There are lapel pins and mugs on display at the cottage. If a visitor donates to obtain one, please let Mel know when turning in the donations money.

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KUDOS TO MEL

Thank you Mel for being our faithful Treasurer and always ready to lend a helping hand, whatever comes up that needs attention. Also for “standing-in-the-gap” while Fran was in England – at home with his Dad – and with the October newsletter.



HOUSE OF ENGLAND

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2013

The nominating committee has presented the following nominations:

President	Diane Roop
Vice President	Fran Weekley
2 nd Vice President	Eileen Ford
Secretary	Hilary Lafoe
Treasurer	Mel Weekley
Trustee (Vote for 2)	Steve Gonzales Arya Zeighamnia
HPR Delegate	Mel Weekley



Please come to the November 6th meeting to vote. (Hall of Nations, 6:30 PM)

Membership renewals are coming up.....message from Hilda:

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL (NOT LIFE MEMBERS!):

The renewal cut-off date is January 31, 2013. Please send your renewal check for \$10 made out to the House of England to membership chairperson, Hilda Branch, 7545 Hughes Street, Lemon Grove, CA 91945-4034, or give to her at a meeting. Her telephone number is 619-469-5807. Your early renewal would be appreciated. Your renewal card will be mailed with the following month's newsletter unless you request it earlier. Thanks! Hilda

Food Handler Safety Training

Thursday, November 8th or
Tuesday, November 13th or
Thursday, November 29th, 2012
6:30 – 9:30 PM

HALL OF NATIONS, BALBOA PARK

\$10 PER PERSON (Paid by House of England)

Teacher: Beth Connelly.

Contact Fran for your reservation – (619) 262-5512 or by email at fweekle@cox.net.





House of England Christmas Dinner

Tuesday, December 4, 2012

6 p.m.

*Hall of Nations
Balboa Park*



Catered by British Invasion Catering

\$15 per person

Purchase your Tickets by Nov 27th

Menu

Appetizer platters
Entrees- Leg of Lamb with Mint Sauce,
Chicken Breast With Forest Mushroom Sauce
Two seasonal Vegetables
Roasted Red Potatoes
Rolls and Butter
Cake
Tea and Water
Beer and Wine by Donation

Gift Game

Bring a wrapped gift valued at \$10 to \$15 - fun, gag, British, unusual, anything!

Here is how the game is played – Every one draws a number. #1 chooses a gift and opens it. # 2 chooses a gift **OR** steals #1's gift. And so on! A gift can only be stolen 3 times and then it is "Safe".



Armistice Day at the cenotaph in London-during the two minute silence

Our own Jeff Watkins (he received the Distinguished Flying Cross from King George VI after WW2) will march on Sunday November 11th, 2012 in the annual ceremony at the Cenotaph, Whitehall.

Ceremony at the Cenotaph:

Remember the heroes and victims war at the Remembrance Sunday London event at the Cenotaph, in a time-honoured tribute in memory of those who have died in the First and Second World Wars as well as modern conflicts in which the British and Commonwealth services have fought.

Royal ceremony and service:

The Remembrance Sunday London events include a special wreath laying ceremony led by the Royal Family, which traditionally takes place on the nearest Sunday to 11th November. Join crowds of well-wishers to witness the ceremony live at the Cenotaph in Whitehall on Sunday 11th November 2012. A two minute silence will be held at 11am.

Remembrance Sunday London Parade

Remembrance Day features a full formal parade of Royal Family members joined by former and current service men and women. The parade is televised, and takes place between 9.20am and 11am.

(This year sees the 94th anniversary of the end of the First World War)

The Remembrance Day poppy has been used since 1920 to commemorate soldiers who have died in war. Inspired by the World War I poem "In Flanders Fields", they were first used by the American Legion to commemorate American soldiers who died in that war (1914–1918). They were then adopted by military veterans' groups in the Commonwealth; especially Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand. Today, they are mainly used in current and former Commonwealth states to commemorate their servicemen and women who have been killed since 1914. In those states, small artificial poppies are often worn on clothing on Remembrance Day/Armistice Day (11 November) and in the weeks before it. Poppy wreaths are also often laid at war memorials.

The remembrance poppy is especially prominent in the UK in the weeks leading up to Remembrance Sunday. They are sold by The Royal British Legion.

**In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.**

**We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.**

**Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.**



Royal British Legion poppy

HPR is holding a Veteran's Day lawn program at the International cottages on Sunday November 11th.

House of England has Remembrance Day Poppies available by donation, in the cottage.

Queen's Jubilee-the sweet innocence of children:

The Story behind this photo:

H.M. The Queen, accompanied by H.R.H. Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, paid a Jubilee visit to Nottingham and, during the three hours in the East Midlands city, attended a children's event in which the 5-to-10 year olds were asked to present something to celebrate the Jubilee.

Out of the more than 1,000 children attending, six were chosen to give their own speech to the Queen, of 50 words or less, that expressed their devotion and admiration for Her Majesty's long reign.

The last child to say his piece was 8-year-old Devon Parker who stood at the microphone 25 feet in front of the Queen and, as a result, the royal photographer caught Her Majesty's reaction and response.



Devon Parker: "Your Majesty, I think you are the nicest old lady in all of England, but I wish you weren't so old because, if you were younger, you would live a lot longer. Thank you very much."

The Queen's reaction and reportedly her response: "Now, *what* can I say to *that!*?"

PRICELESS!

Submitted by Meegan Gosseline