

# LGCA Bulletin

*"Your Neighborhood Newsletter for over 60 Years"*

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## President's Message

LGCA is proud to be the oldest association in California!

I would really want to express my thanks to all of those people, both past and present, who have supported the LGCA in any way--from being on the Board or a remaining a loyal Member year after year.

For those of you who have supported us in any way from attending functions to

buying fireworks at our booth, we could not have remained an association if it were not for you.

You all have my most sincere thanks, and we look forward to an even better 2014!

**--Daniel Cordero, Jr.  
President, LGCA**

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*"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in."*  
by Marjorie Moore

## Clubhouse & Membership General Info

**Club house Hours:**  
Contact any Board Member for a key to access the club house

**Membership:** Extended to all residents living within the boundaries of South Street to Ashworth, and Hayter Ave to Lakewood Blvd

**Dues:** \$15/mo or \$150/year if paid in full.

First/initial dues payments should be given to Jerry Cimino (562) 822-4288

Renewal dues payments are to be given to Tiffany Rodriguez (562) 754-4715

**Renewal dues are due each year on the same month you originally became a member of the club.**

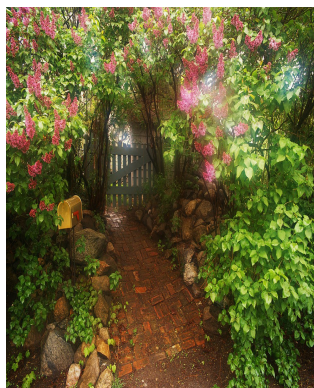
For example, if you paid your initial dues to become a member in September, then your annual dues will *a/ways* be due in September.

**Clubhouse rentals:** You must be a member in good standing (i.e. all dues paid up to date) in

order to rent the club house. **Contact Chris Martinez (562) 715-1931 for available dates**

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*"The process of really being with other people in a safe, supportive situation can actually change who we think we are. . . . And as we grow closer to the essence of who we are, we tend to take more responsibility for our neighbors and our planet."*  
—Bill Kauth




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*“When strangers start acting like neighbors... communities are reinvigorated.”*  
*-Ralph Nader*



## Your 2014 LGCA Board Members

Elections were held on January 26, 2014 at the LGCA Club House.

Here are your new LGCA Board members:

**President:** Daniel Cordero Jr. (562)256-5827

**Vice President:** Chris Martinez (562) 715-1931

**Secretary:** David Rosales (562) 618-0102

**Treasurer:** Cherlyn Brand (562) 544-7433

**Membership Records:** Tiffany Rodriguez (562) 754-4715

**Clubhouse Rentals:** Chris Martinez (562) 715-1931

**Pool:** Carrie Ahrens (562) 634-3839

**Clubhouse Maintenance:** Tom & Penny Valenzuela (714) 703-8420

**Membership:** Jerry Cimino (562) 822-4288 &

Juan Magallanes 562-618-7272

**Events:** Laura Havlik (626) 675-3097 & Damaris Peredia (562) 881-7316

**Ways & Means:** Tom & Penny Valenzuela

**Webmistress:** Maria Lopez (310) 977-2878

Board Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month @ 7:30 pm in the Club House.

All members are welcome to attend.

## Board Member Bio – President Dan Cordero Jr.

Daniel Cordero Jr. has lived in the Gardens since 1994. He and his wife have two children, Juliet (age 17) a junior currently attending Lakewood High School and Vincent (age 14) in 8<sup>th</sup> grade at St. Cyprian. Dan has a degree in Manufacturing Engineering, and currently works as an Environmental Engineer at the California Dept. of Toxic Substances Control helping to keep communities safe from

toxic harm from current and former military sites. Dan is also active as an Assistant Coach for the basketball & football team for St. Cyprian. In his spare time, he enjoys camping with family and friends. Having been in and around cars his entire life, he relishes any time he can work on cars. Dan’s wife joined the LGCA Board a few years before he did, heading up the Rental Chairperson position for three years.

After she stepped down, Dan jumped into the President’s chair for three years and got a lot accomplished to repair various aspects of the Club House. He left for three years, but then returned once again into the President’s position to help the Assn. and has been in office for the last four years. He remains truly grateful to all of those members who have supported the LGCA in the past.

## St. Patrick’s Day Dinner – Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

In order to make improvements to the interior & exterior of the LGCA Club House, the LGCA will hold fundraising events throughout the year. (See Upcoming Events for a list.)

Our first event of the year is the **St. Patrick’s Day Dinner** held at the Club House on **Sunday, March**

**16<sup>th</sup> from 5pm – 7pm.** The menu will consist of **Corned Beef & Cabbage, Red Potatoes, Irish Soda Bread, punch, and dessert.**

**Beer & Irish Coffee** are available for a donation. [Must bring a valid ID as proof of 21 yrs of age or older.] **Ticket presale will**

**be available starting Feb 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Ticket presale prices:** Kids (under 6yrs): FREE, Kids (6-12yrs): \$5, Adults (13 & up) \$7, Seniors (65 & up): \$5. **At the Door: \$10 Adults, \$7 Seniors/Kids**

**For Tickets:** Contact Laura 626-675-3097 or

## Membership Benefits

- Access to Club House
- Access to Pool (Lifeguard available in July)
- Access to low-cost Club House rental fees
- Events held at Club House throughout the year: St. Patrick’s Day dinner, Easter Egg Hunt, Cinco de Mayo Fiesta, Ice Cream socials, Casino Night, pancake breakfasts, Halloween Costume Parade & party, and Project Shepard/Christmas party.
- Meet your neighbors
- Security in knowing your community

Contact Jerry Cimino for a Membership Application 562-822-4288 or email MembershipLGCA@gmail.com

## Upcoming Events

Join us every Monday at 7pm for free Bokator Martial Arts classes in the club house.

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Sun, March 16th: Join us in the Club House for St. Patrick’s Day dinner of corned beef & cabbage! 5pm – 7pm

Ticket prices:

Kids (5 & under): FREE

Kids (6 -12): \$5

Adults (13 & up): \$7

Seniors (65 & up): \$5

At the door: \$10 Adults, Kids/Seniors \$7 (Kids 5 & under still FREE)

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Sat, April 19<sup>th</sup>: Easter Egg hunt and visit from the Easter Bunny! Hot dogs, popcorn, and candy will be served. Decorations available for kids to decorate cookies!

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Sat, May 3<sup>rd</sup>: Join us in the Club House for a Cinco de Mayo Fiesta!! Come feast on traditional Mexican cuisine and be entertained by Folklorico dancing

Ticket prices:

Kids (5 & under): FREE

Kids (6 -12): \$5

Adults (13 & up): \$7

Seniors (65 & up): \$5

At the door: \$10 Adults, Kids/Seniors \$7 (Kids 5 & under still FREE)

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Sun, June 22<sup>nd</sup>: Join us in the clubhouse for an Ice Cream Social! FREE Admission! Come meet your neighbors!

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Sat, Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>: Casino Night at the Club House! Available for attendees 18 & older. More details to follow.

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Sun, Sept 7<sup>th</sup>: National Grandparent’s Day Pancake Breakfast. 8am – 11 am

Kids (5 & under): FREE

Kids (6 & up), Adults, & Seniors: \$5

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Sun, Oct 26<sup>th</sup>: Halloween Costume Parade & Party 2pm – 6pm at the Club House.

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Sun, Nov 9<sup>th</sup>: Veteran’s Day Pancake Breakfast 8am – 11am

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Sat, Dec 20<sup>th</sup>: Project Shepard & Christmas Party at the Club House.

More details to follow.

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*“Some people think they are in community, but they are only in proximity. True community requires commitment and openness. is a willingness to extend yourself to encounter and know the other.”*  
—David Spangler

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## From the Editor's Desk

This is my very first Bulletin as a new Board member and I want to make this Bulletin a reflection of what the residents of the Gardens would like to read.

So feel free to submit questions to me at [BulletinLGCA@gmail.com](mailto:BulletinLGCA@gmail.com) and I will post the answer to it in the next issue.

When I first moved here I had a lot of questions regarding the Club House, so I have included as much information about events and membership as I could.

These first few Bulletins will be monthly, but I would like to see it go back to weekly. However, that being said, I want to know if that is something that you all would like to see, or would you rather keep it at semi-monthly or monthly? Please let me know!

For those of you who are not members yet, this is a great opportunity for you to find out about the Lakewood Gardens Civic Association! We can even take you on a tour of the Club House. Contact any Board member for a tour—or if you want specific information about membership, contact Jerry Cimino or Juan Margallanes at [MembershipLGCA@gmail.com](mailto:MembershipLGCA@gmail.com). You are always welcome to attend events when you purchase a ticket for one of our dinners or parties. Contact [EventsLGCA@gmail.com](mailto:EventsLGCA@gmail.com) for information.

Lastly, for those of you who would rather opt-out of the paper Bulletin, you have the option of having the Bulletin delivered to you via email. And if you'd rather not receive email, the Bulletin will also be uploaded to the website [www.lgca.us](http://www.lgca.us) for your convenience.

That's it for now! I hope to see you on the Bulletin delivery route! I'd love to say "hi" to each person that I meet and would love to get to know every one of my neighbors in the Gardens.

Hope to see you at the Club House!

Sincerely,

Laura Havlik, Bulletin Editor  
[BulletinLGCA@gmail.com](mailto:BulletinLGCA@gmail.com)

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*"Home is where the heart is."*

*-Pliny the Elder*

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**Lakewood Gardens Neighbors**

## History of Lakewood Gardens Civic Association

Lakewood Gardens was built in 1946-1947 by a developer named Paul Trousdale. It is bounded on the north by Ashworth Street, on the east of Lakewood Boulevard, on the south by South Street, and on the west by Hayter Avenue. There are 452 homes in this area.

At the corner of Lakewood Boulevard and Ashworth Street Mr. Trousdale built a clubhouse and a small swimming pool for use by the residents during the construction and sales period. Upon completion of the project, Mr. Trousdale gave the residents the choice of owning and operating the clubhouse and facilities or deeding it over to the County of Los Angeles. A meeting of the residents resulted in the decision to retain the Association was formed as a non-profit corporation, operated by elected representatives and volunteers.

Membership has always

been on an optional basis, with a small initiation fee, plus monthly dues and a great deal of effort on the part of those who volunteer to keep it functioning.

In 1952 we became a part of the City of Lakewood, but still retained our individuality by remaining Lakewood property and to operate it as a non-profit corporation. The necessary papers were drawn and on January 1, 1948, the Lakewood Gardens Civic Gardens.

The first mayor of Lakewood, Angelo Iacoboni, was a resident-member of Lakewood Gardens Civic Association.

Each Year, in January, the Association holds its Annual Election and Meeting, at which time a slate of officers and board members is elected to serve as a Board of Directors to guide the activities of the Group and to maintain the clubhouse

premises. Swimming is probably the most important activity during the summer months, with a certified lifeguard on duty during the summer, with swimming lessons available to members.

Other activities might include potlucks, card parties, pancake breakfasts, dinners for special occasions, fundraisers of one sort or another and civic meetings.

LGCA has always relied heavily on volunteers to donate their time and talents, so as to keep the cost low enough for anyone to participate. There is always a place for someone who wishes to help.

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*"This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in."*

- Theodore Roosevelt

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