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January 7, 1959

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Non-AID Employees

FROM: Dick Strong

SUBJECT: March of Dimes Campaign

The annual nation-wide March of Dimes Campaign is to be held during the month of January 1959. The Board of Supervisors has adopted an order approving a collection for the March of Dimes among County employees. I have been appointed Chairman of the drive for employees of the Department of Arboreta and Botanic Gardens.

I would like, as your department chairman, to inform you of the continuing need to support the March of Dimes Campaign:

1. The fight against polio must be pressed to victory. Patient care will be continued to thousands of needy victims.

2. Results growing out of polio research will be directed to the problem of other virus diseases, the hidden causes of illness, crippling, and death.

3. A broad-scale research program, sponsored by the National Foundation, will seek the causes of arthritis, its prevention or cure. Patient aid will be made available to children through eighteen years.

4. Research will be aimed at finding cause and means of prevention of the largest unmet health problem--one out of seventeen children born each year with some defect. Again, the National Foundation will provide medical and surgical care to correct such defects as hare lip, club foot, cleft pallette, etc.

By contributing to the March of Dimes, County employees can help many, including some fellow-County employee, as records show that in the past years well over sixty County-employee families received assistance from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

If you wish to join in this campaign, please submit your contribution to me in a sealed envelope prior to January 30, 1959. Please place your name on the envelope so I may enter it on the March of Dimes scroll.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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February 11, 1959 STAFF NEWS Ed Pugh (editor)

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!

BLOOD BANK - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1959 - 3:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.
AMERICAN LEGION HALL - 720 First Avenue, Arcadia

OUR BLOOD BANK NEEDS BUILDING UP! A NEW POLICY IS GOING IN FORCE SOON - NO BLOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE TO AN EMPLOYEE OR HIS FAMILY WHEN THE NEED ARISES UNLESS THE BLOOD IS IN RESERVE IN THE DEPARTMENT'S OWN BANK. MANY IN OUR DEPARTMENT ARE UNABLE TO GIVE BLOOD SO THE RESPONSIBILITY IS GREATER FOR THOSE WHO CAN.

NOW HEAR THIS!

A GENERAL STAFF MEETING HAS BEEN CALLED FOR:
DATE: February 17, 1959
PLACE: Lecture room - Administration Building
TIME: 3:30 P.M.

Biblical Garden

Plans for the completion of the Biblical Garden are under way. A new path has been marked from the top of Tallac Knoll running east and through part of the olive grove and intersecting a sawdust path which runs from Protea Hill to the top of the Knoll. There are plans also for a small Biblical Herb Garden adjacent to the Herb Garden.

A new path marking the entrance to the Biblical Garden will run from this garden up the steps leading through the Fragrance Garden and will connect with the sawdust path. It is hoped that at least 50 different plants which are known to have biblical significance may be added to the Biblical Garden some time in the future.

Participating in the completion of the Garden with approval of Dr. Stewart and under direction of Edmund Huntsman-Trout are Don Woolley, Dr. Enari, Sully, Norm Aronson, Bob Whitsell and Quinn Buck.

Labels for plants which now grow in the Biblical Section are being prepared through the aid of Dr. Enari. A brochure on the Biblical Section which may be given away to the public is being prepared by Bob Whitsell, who has also done some preliminary work on the garden.

NEW IN THE LIBRARY

Kitamura: COLORED ILLUSTRATIONS OF HERBACEOUS PLANTS OF JAPAN
Royal Horticultural Society: RHODODENDRON & CAMELLIA YEARBOOK - 1959
Harrington: HOW TO IDENTIFY PLANTS
Sealy: REVISION OF THE GENUS CAMELLIA
de Ong: CHEMISTRY AND USES OF PESTICIDES
Takakuwa: GARDENS OF JAPAN
Free: PLANT PROPAGATION IN PICTURES

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

A new Gardening Course is under way in the Children's Education Section. The eager young gardeners will soon be growing vegetables to form the entrance walk border to the Education Building.

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7-10-59

DELASCA STAFF NEWS

July 10, 1959

In cooperation with the Social Committee we are planning to print a monthly issue of DELASCA staff news; to be distributed in the 10th of the month pay envelope. Each Social Committee member is a contributing writer, so if you have news to report, please contact your respective representative as noted below:

Administration Building	Nora Talmon
Gatehouse	Don Graf
Field	Norman Aronson & "Marty" Martinez
Service Area	Glenn Hiatt
Descanso Gardens	Frances Raitt & Garner Engel

The BIG news for this month is of course the Annual Picnic. Everyone should make an attempt to attend as this affair is going to be a great one - plenty of food for all and lots of fun. A map is enclosed to aid the weary travelers.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

The staff here has been in quite a turmoil these past weeks with all the moving into new offices in the nearly completed wing. The library has been completely moved, with thanks to Sully's crew for a prompt and efficient job. Russ and Carol are almost beside themselves with all the room they have. The girls in the Business office are experiencing the same feeling, having moved into the old library quarters. Dr. Enari, Gerry Patten and Glen Hiatt have new spacious facilities in the wing also. Dr. Ames and Dick Strong are very happy with their offices in the Administration Building.

The Herbarium will not be staffed and in full swing until about this time next year. Lou Martin is already scheduling education classes for the Fall to be held in the basement of the wing. Landscaping of the building will soon be underway.

FIELD

The Collector's Garden of the Home Demonstration Gardens is getting quite a face-lifting and is worth a visit from all staff members. Plans for the Fragrance Garden (Blind Garden) are finally coming through. Speakers, recorders, and special plantings should be installed and ready for use in early Fall. The Hugo Reid Adobe is practically finished and will be quite an added attraction for our visitors. In the near future the "Jungle" will be fenced off, leaving just one pathway through the area. This should ease the problems experienced by the Gatehouse crew, and help McCandless with his maintenance of this section.

GATEHOUSE

The attendance figures as reported by the Gatehouse indicate another record year of over 372,000, an increase of 77% over the last fiscal year. This fine record is in no small way a result of the combined efforts of all the staff in keeping the Arboretum attractive and useful to our visitors. Congratulations to everyone.

SERVICE

Tom McGah has processed 500 pscka̶ges of seed sent from Australia by George Spalding. Many new acacias in this group are already germinating. Quinn Buck has been experimenting with the drug Colchicine on camellias, trying to develop polyploids for future breeding; it looks quite promising. Jack McCaskill has returned from a 10 week European tour where he took in all the famous botanical gardens. Glenn Hiatt and Quinn Buck were invited to judge at the Annual Fushia Show, June 17th at the Great Western Exhibition Center in Los Angeles.

DESCANSO GARDENS

If any member is looking for a cool spot to spend a weekend, be sure to visit the shade gardens at Descanso. Attendance records were also set at Descanso this year, with approximately 236,000 visitors reported, an increase of 351%. Though the dropping of an admission charge had some influence on this increase, the fine staff of the gardens is also to be congratulated. The Gatehouse will soon have a saran shade cover, which should make life somewhat cooler for Frances.

PERSONAL GLIMPSES

Dr. Enari has recently returned from the hospital where he underwent minor surgery. Good health and a speedy recovery to you, Lee.

Welcome back to Jess Tomory, who is doing very well after a brief illness.

John Sobeck will be leaving the staff July 10th, and will be missed by all, especially the Greenhouse crew. We wish you much luck in your future endeavors, John.

A welcome is extended to new staff members and returning members:

Johnny Allen	Park Maintenance Man Helper
John Provine	" " " "
Don Kelley	" " " "
William Hawkinson	" " " "
John Valadez	" " " "
Karl Huessenstamm	Guard

Jane Heinzelman has retired from Descanso Gardens to the "home life". Her services will be greatly missed. Congratulations to Frances Raitt (Bassford) and Scotty Raitt on their recent marriage. Inez Marie is a new addition to the Joe Macias family. June 22nd was the big day - Congratulations.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following who are one year older during the month of July:

Joe Macias	21st	Nora Talmon	21st
Lou Martin	24th	Art Scanlon	28th
Don Graf	31st		

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