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Delphine with the Mystery Dinner Flyer at the December Verdugo Hills Meeting

## Why Corralitas? Where?

By Delphine Trowbridge

For a decade, VHG Chair Delphine Trowbridge, with other Group leaders, has been trudging, sprinting, and staying fit by climbing the public stairways in the hilly portions of Los Angeles as she leads “hikes” up the stairs. These stairways are being “adopted” by neighbors, and others, who advocate for them—keeping them open to the public, free from graffiti and trash, and enhancing their appeal.

VHG adopted the Corralitas Stairway about two years ago. There have been at least 10 “work days” on the stairs. The first year was focused on cleaning out the thistles, castor bean, and grasses that present a fire hazard, and getting to know the neighbors and neighborhood. The upper part of the stairs needs a hand rail. Its on the City of LA’s list, but needs a push to get it listed as a higher priority.

Last winter and spring we installed plants that can survive with lots of sun, and scattered wildflower seeds. Now we’re back working in the garden again. Trying new species, and nurturing the ones that are doing better.



The gophers are the biggest problem right now. We need more raptors, coyotes, and owls! Also, a water source while our plants get started.

We have also explored and researched the nearby Red Car Property, where the Red Car line went. This property has the potential to become a really nice neighborhood park, connecting to other stairways—reaching from the Glendale Freeway to Fletcher Drive. We believe we have the support of the Mountains Conservancy, and the local neighborhood,—we meet them during our work days. Developing a draft plan that can be shown to the community is one of the steps we need to take.

New this year is an official “sign” marking the public stairway. The local “climate” has changed since CalTrans removed 95 % of the vegetation along CA 2 in the area – its much hotter and sunnier. If you would like to join us on our work days on the stairs, send a note to Delphine. We encourage you to take a half day and visit the stairs, and the Red Car line trail. Check it out at [google.com/maps/place/Corralitas](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Corralitas)

# NEWS & NOTES

## There Goes the Neighborhood

by Carol Henning

**D**o you live in a neighborhood where highrises grow up like beanstalks? I do. The resulting traffic congestion and construction mess encourage me to gnash my teeth. “High anxiety over affordable housing in the face of a construction boom in luxury hotels and highrises” is a topic addressed in one public forum after another these days as housing prices in Los Angeles have grown four times faster than incomes since 2000 (Editorial Board, *Los Angeles Times*, January 11, 2015).

In September, the *Times* reported that Mayor Eric Garcetti said he planned to “put a stop to private meetings between planning commissioners and real estate developers or other outside parties, part of a bigger attempt to fend off a hotly contested ballot measure that would restrict development.” (Emily Alpert Reyes, “Hoping to head off ballot fight, Garcetti vows to bar private developer meetings,” *Los Angeles Times*, September 3, 2016.) Garcetti and other city officials were “beginning to mobilize against a planned March ballot measure that would temporarily halt major building projects that require changes in city rules...”

The ballot measure at issue is called the Neighborhood Integrity Initiative (NII). Supporters say it is needed because out-of-scale development is ruining neighborhoods, ejecting low-income tenants and decreasing the amount of affordable housing. Opponents say the measure will impose unreasonable restrictions on development and kill jobs. Backers of the initiative talk about a rigged system wherein developers’ cash pours into politicians’ pockets resulting in city decisions systematically tilted in favor of these real estate developers.

The Coalition to Preserve LA summarizes the Neighborhood Integrity Initiative as follows: (1.) It would preserve communities by ending “spot zoning.” This is the practice in which a developer donates money to a City Councilmember and is then granted permission—long before any vote is taken—to ignore the zoning height or density rules on a parcel in that Councilmember’s district. Spot Zoning has led to approvals of a skyscraper in a two-story community, a



**Carol Henning talks about this issue at the December Verdugo Hills Meeting**

luxury hotel on an active earthquake fault, and mega projects at gridlocked intersections. (2.) The initiative saves thousands of affordable housing units from demolition by requiring the City Council to write a General Plan for LA’s near future. 90 days after the passage of this measure, the City Council would have to begin an updated General Plan. The city’s failure to plan has led City Hall to allow the demolition of 22,000 affordable apartments since 2000. Taking out single room occupancy (SRO) units has resulted in 3,100 beds lost. The Coalition to Preserve LA argues that City Hall has instead repeatedly welcomed the luxury housing glut. (3.) It requires professional city planners to choose the consultants who write the Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs) that detail a development’s negative effects on a community. Currently, the developer has the power to choose the EIR consultants, a conflict of interest. (4.) The Neighborhood Integrity Initiative mandates a two-year timeout during which the City Council cannot make any spot zoning deals and is required to do its job, which is to begin writing an up-to-date General Plan.



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During this time, 95 percent of LA development will remain unaffected because the majority of developers follows zoning rules. The NII exempts from the timeout almost all 100-percent-affordable housing projects and down-zoning of land, such as for parks and open space.

Councilmember David Ryu (CD 4) claims that private meetings between city decision makers and developers have “consistently been one of the lightning rods for public criticism and legal action in our development process.” Jill Stewart, campaign director for the Neighborhood Integrity Initiative, points out that, “these private meetings happen months and months before residents or businesses in the area have any idea that a meeting has happened and a deal has already been cut.”

At the Wilshire Hollywood Community Town Hall Meeting on November 18 at Third Street School, “vociferous complaints were directed at spot zoning, small lot subdivisions and political fundraising.” (John Welborne, “City Hall opponents gather at local school,” Larchmont Chronicle, December 2016). Speakers talked about traffic congestion, shadows on existing buildings and overtaxing of infrastructure such as sewers, water mains and power lines. Jay Beeber, a former candidate for City Council (CD 4), said that the Neighborhood Integrity Initiative’s proposed two-year moratorium on construction not consistent with existing zoning, a key provision of the March 7 ballot measure, would mandate a timeout that would allow the city staff and City Council to update the existing 35 community plans that govern land use throughout the city. SurveyLA, a program of LA’s Office of Historic Resources in the Department of City Planning was a survey undertaken in order to identify historic patterns, themes and architectural types throughout the city and to use the identified architectural and cultural resources for community plan updates. The SurveyLA Schedule was meant to parallel that of the city’s new community plans and land use elements of the General Plan. But the General Plan has not been updated for 20 years and, in 2005, the LA City Council voted never to have to change it!

The two-year moratorium on spot zoning does not delay projects that need a height variance of a few feet, or a fence, or more space for an entry. Normal

development will continue during the moratorium. Virtually all affordable housing, called “density bonus” by planners, will continue without interruption. After the moratorium ends, zone changes and “height district” changes can resume, but the most drastic spot zoning—known as General Plan Amendments—will be severely restricted.

The City Council will be required to update LA’s 35 community plans as well as the Airport and Harbor District Plans. The Neighborhood Integrity Initiative directs that the Planning Commission hold all hearings in the affected community and only at night or on weekends. The measure also curtails an abuse by developers of “small lot subdivisions” in which developers are granted City Hall breaks on their required parking spaces. These subdivisions take away street parking, crowding out existing residents. Driving through Hollywood and looking for parking on residential streets, the words to “Here Comes your 19th Nervous Breakdown” spring to my lips.

Luxury housing in Los Angeles has a vacancy rate of 12-15 percent. So why is so much luxury housing built? A new, luxury apartment building on my street charges over \$2000 a month for a studio apartment. Who can afford rents like these? Does it matter to the U.S. and foreign financiers for whom these luxury complexes and towers are an investment tool? Does it matter to politicians whose pockets have been filled by at least \$6 million from the real estate industry since the year 2000?

From time to time, though, a City Councilmember speaks up for affordable housing. A plan to turn a Hollywood apartment building into a hotel was scuttled due to stiff opposition from Councilmember David Ryu. A historic apartment building, the Villa Carlotta, was bought by a new owner with plans to convert it into a boutique hotel. Tenants were ejected under the Ellis Act, which allows landlords to evict residents from buildings that fall under rent control if the property is being taken off the rental market. During his campaign for City Council, Ryu promised to oppose turning the building into a hotel, and pledged to oppose a zoning change or any conversion of use for the building. Tenant advocates said it remained unclear whether the former tenants would have a right to return. Nonetheless, there was a

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kind of victory for activists because the development company announced that it intended to honor the legacy of Villa Carlotta and to return the building “to its original grandeur.” Ryu’s support of tenants’ rights and recognition of Hollywood’s need to spare housing amid surging rents meant that the city would not be able to automatically approve zoning changes to benefit developers who have evicted tenants. (Emily Alpert Reyes, “Hollywood apartment building will not be turned into hotel,” *Los Angeles Times*, July 27, 2016).

There are always arguments for and against every issue, and Conor Friedersdorf has written that, “The Neighborhood Integrity Initiative would severely limit new residential developments,” (*Los Angeles Times*, April 14, 2016). Its provisions, he claims, “leave little doubt that their effect would be to thwart urban growth, not to help the poor.” He maintains that, “Aesthetic preferences are far less important than creating viable homes for working people.” This may be so, but where do you see “viable homes for working people” being built? There are none under construction in my neighborhood. When the small bungalows on small lots are demolished, “luxury living” complexes built out to the street take their places. “Sometimes luxury condos replace older buildings—and push out their existing residents,” Friedersdorf admits. “But there are a dozen ways to help those people that wouldn’t exacerbate a housing crisis...” So are any of those ways being employed? How about leaving additional streets free of overnight parking restrictions so that more people could live in their cars? (Instead, there are attempts to criminalize using vehicles as homes.);

Many questions remain to be answered: How dense should LA become? What is the definition of “affordable” as it applies to housing? What is inclusionary zoning, and how might it help? Should the city control development or simply leave it to market forces? There are ways to make life less unpleasant for people who live in tents under freeways or in their cars; until we have enough affordable housing (if we ever do), why do we not provide public toilets, water taps, showers, and even laundry facilities for the use of homeless people?

Councilmember Ryu says, “We need to pursue the very smart and important reforms that we introduced

in City Council , as well as some of the initiatives, like the Neighborhood Integrity Initiative, talk about—like updating our community plans, limiting spot zoning, and revising who conducts our EIRs in our city?”

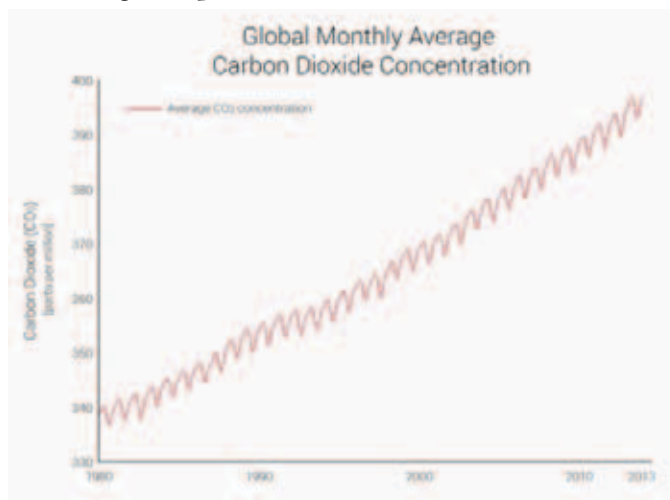
The Verdugo Hills Group, joining with others, has been asked to present a resolution in favor of the NII to the Sierra Club Angeles Chapter Conservation Committee. For more information on the Neighborhood Integrity Initiative, which will appear on the March 7, 2017, ballot, visit [2PreserveLA.org](http://2PreserveLA.org).

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## Some Highlights from Climate Change Forum

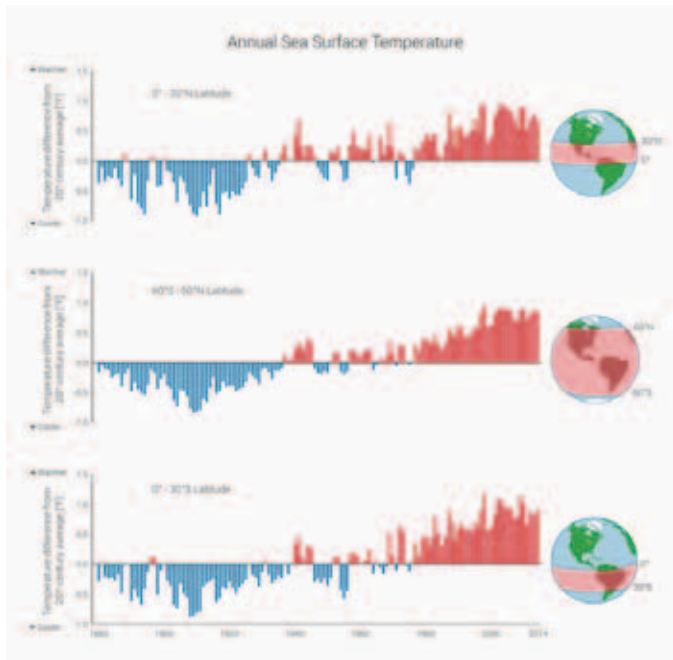
By Bruce Hale

I attended the Climate Change Conference hosted at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach on November 2, 2016. Honda and Dr. Ginsberg and the Aquarium sponsored the event. The event had expert speakers talk about the science of Climate Change, the economics of it, and how best to communicate the urgency of action. The conference opened with this thought: “What is the use of making scientific predictions if we stand around waiting for them to come true.” [F. Sherwood Rowland]. Another good quote relative to the deniers came from



This indicator tracks the global monthly average concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, capturing both seasonal and interannual trends. Carbon dioxide concentration is an important measure of how human activity has increased the heat-trapping capacity of the atmosphere.

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Changes in sea surface temperatures reflect the overall warming trend in the climate system and, in turn, influence weather and climate patterns worldwide.

Patrick Moynihan: “Everyone is entitled to his own opinion, but not to his own facts.”

Climate deniers should have heard Richard Somerville, a meteorologist of the Scripps Institute, speak on the basic science and indisputable evidence behind climate change. The theory that carbon dioxide traps heat --the Greenhouse Effect-- is not new, but was first postulated in 1861. Today CO<sub>2</sub> is up more than 40% since the 1800's. Observations confirm warming despite what critics say. For example, these are some of the signs of a warming world: the rising sea level, the rising temperatures of the sea surface, the storm surges, and the arctic ice melting. The question is what will be done? According to Prof Somerville, we already have the technology to vastly reduce emissions, but the will to act is lacking.

Somerville cited the Paris Agreement of 2015 as a reason for cautious optimism as it marks the first time countries got together to accept the science of climate change and come up with a plan to limit temperature rise. Of course, a positive outcome depends on future compliance. Now, U.S. participation has become problematic with the pending Trump Administration.

The window of opportunity to act does not stay open forever. CO<sub>2</sub> stays in the atmosphere for many centuries and cannot be quickly removed. Already half of the level of CO<sub>2</sub> has been emitted for a 3.6°F temperature rise. What will happen if temperatures increase beyond this level has to be extrapolated from what assumptions are made? According to another speaker, Gernot Wagner of Harvard, the economic cost of every ton of CO<sub>2</sub> emitted may range from \$ 40.00 to 200.00 or more. Currently an average American emits 20 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per year and the average European 10 tons per year.

The urgency is not only scientific, it is a moral and ethical issue: what does our generation owe future generations, what do rich nations owe poor nations, what does humanity owe nature?

I can only present a small snapshot of the forum here. The majority of speakers focused on how to communicate the urgent need of immediate action to the public which is not savvy about science. Only 45% of Americans are even concerned about climate change. For more information, see websites such as [www.deepdecarbonization.org](http://www.deepdecarbonization.org), [www.thesolutionproject.org](http://www.thesolutionproject.org), [www.climateintereactive.org](http://www.climateintereactive.org), [www.globalchange.gov](http://www.globalchange.gov), [richardsomerville.com](http://richardsomerville.com), [www.climatecommunications.org](http://www.climatecommunications.org), [www.sciencetogo.org](http://www.sciencetogo.org)

The [globalchange.gov](http://globalchange.gov) site contains many indicators which graphically corroborate the rise of temperatures and acceleration of carbon dioxide. Here are two of them:

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## Scholl Canyon Landfill

By Charlene Unzueta

Are there ways to improve the environmental footprint of Glendale's 535-acre Scholl Canyon Landfill? This was the focus of a recent discussion among Sierra Club activists from the Verdugo Group and a representative of Los Angeles City Councilmember Jose Huizar's office.

Sierra Club and Councilmember Huizar have been united in opposition to a proposed expansion of the landfill, which would have piled Glendale's trash another 15 stories higher and 13 acres wider than currently permitted, affecting residents of both Glendale and L.A. With that proposal seemingly in abeyance -- the



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**George Watland (Angeles Chapter) with Councilmember Huizar at 2014 press conference opposing dump expansion plans**



**Activity inside the dump**

City of Glendale has not responded to comments to its Draft Environmental Impact Report in more than two years -- it's timely to chart a different approach, a more environmentally friendly future for the site.

Perhaps Glendale can ramp up its recycling strategies. Glendale and Pasadena account for 80% of what is dumped in the landfill, and both have established "Zero Waste" goals. In 2011, Glendale committed to being Zero Waste by 2040, and in 2014, Pasadena adopted a Zero Waste Strategic Plan, which set the goal of achieving Zero Waste to area landfills by 2040. Both cities would benefit from expanding recycling initiatives instead of landfill expansion.

Perhaps hiking the ridge along the San Rafael Hills shouldn't dead end at a fence near the landfill. How might Glendale improve access and create linkages for hiking trails?

Perhaps Glendale can contribute to habitat restoration for native plants and wildlife corridors. The landfill is in a location full of potential in terms of creating these corridors. With the landfill being located



**View from the Ridgeline Trail**

in the San Rafael Hills and near the Verdugo Mountains, as well as, other natural areas, such as the Arroyo Seco River, allowing for such corridors to exist is critical for the maintenance of ecological processes including allowing for the movement of animals and the protection of native vegetation.

Councilmember Huizar, meanwhile, continues to seek Metro funding for a soundwall along the eastern end of the 134 freeway in Los Angeles, to reduce noise impacts on residents there. The freeway is a main artery for trash trucks headed to Scholl Canyon, spilling out onto Figueroa Blvd. near the Eagle Rock Recreation Center and Eagle Rock Monument. A soundwall there is approved but unfunded at Metro.

With Scholl Canyon facing continued opposition to a dangerous proposal to expand landfilling, Sierra Club can now lead the City of Glendale in creating a positive vision, one that can benefit residents, the environment, and native wildlife. Instead of pitting Glendale against Los Angeles, a new vision has the potential to unite the cities and its residents in the cause of a more sustainable future.

## **Volunteers Needed**

**Verdugo Hills Group is always looking for new people for our Management Committee.**

**We are looking for hike leaders, event planners/leaders, committee members, etc.**

**If you would like to help in directing our wonderful group, please talk to our membership chair, GENE PAULIN ()**

# ACTIVITIES

**Jan 19 Thursday**

## **Silver Lake Court Stair Walk**

This is a country walk in the city along a stretch of the old Red Car trolley systems. We will also climb up our adopted stair and see the Verdugo Hills garden project. 3.2 miles and 603 steps. Meet at 10:00 am at the SW corner of Riverside Drive and Fletcher Drive, across from Home Restaurant. Optional Lunch at Home. Heavy rain cancels. Ldrs: Delphine Trowbridge, Evelyn Alexander, Bruce Hale.

**Feb 6 Monday**

## **Monthly Meeting**

Join us for a wonderful program about The Black Hills, presented by Michael Beck. Everyone welcome at 7:00 for social time and refreshments. The meeting begins at 7:30 in the auditorium of the La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd. Enter from the rear.

**Feb 12 Sunday**

## **Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, San Pedro**

Join the Verdugo Hills Group as we visit the Cabrillo Marine Museum. See some of the iconic exhibits such as the tidal flats, the kelp forest and the aquatic nursery. After lunch we will go to the recycled Fort MacArthur and see the remains of the Fort, the Marine Mammal Care Center and the International Bird Rescue Center. Meet at the Aquarium at 10 (3720 Stephen M. White Dr., San Pedro) or 8:45 at the Verdugo Hills ride share point (the Joslyn center parking lot, enter on Clark St.) Send \$5.00 to Evelyn Alexander. Wear Comfortable shoes, bring \$ for lunch. Ldrs: Evelyn Alexander, Bruce Hale

**February 16 Thursday**

## **Upper Beachwood Cyn to Griffith Park**

Walk, climb and hike from Beachwood Cyn village to a castle, Madonna's former house and a little-known entrance to Griffith Park. Descent back to north end of Beachwood Cyn via the Hollyridge Trail. Enjoy views of Lake Hollywood and the HOLLYWOOD sign. 5 mi rt, 800 ft gain. Bring water, \$ for optional lunch. Meet 10 am in front of grocery store (left, just past upper Beachwood "gates"). Heavy rain cancels. Ldrs: Delphine Trowbridge, Bruce Hale, Evelyn Alexander

**March 4 Saturday**

## **Mystery Dinner Fundraiser**

Murder on the High Seas is Verdugo Hills latest murder mystery. Travel on the Happy Voyager for an exotic cruise to the Bahamas. Dine on delicious food and drink while you enjoy the entertainment from our wonderful, talented group. We have music to dance by and shops to peruse. The time is 5:30 pm and the location will be Montrose. \$35 before February 1, \$40 until February 25, \$45 after. To reserve, send a check, made out to Verdugo Hills to D. Trowbridge. Include email address or SASE. Ldrs: Delphine Trowbridge, David Eisenberg, Dotty Sandford.

**March 6 Monday**

## **Monthly Meeting**

Verdugo Hills Monthly Meeting: Take a tour around scenic, historic, unique Ireland with Bruce Hale who presents slides from his 2016 trip. Social with refreshments begins at 7:00 pm, and the meeting starts at 7:30 in the auditorium of La Crescenta Library (2809 Foothill Blvd, La Crescenta).

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**March 19 Sunday**

## **Autry Museum of the American West**

Docent led tour of the new California Continued exhibit. Start with a look at the ethnobotanical garden with over 60 native California plant species. Then tour the new Human Nature exhibit which reveals how traditional ecological knowledge can help current residents understand and care for the environment. End with a look at The Life and Work of Mabel McKay, the Autry's first ever solo show dedicated to a Native Masters of the American West art sale and show. Special group rate but must reserve by March 10. Send \$5 per person, names or sase to Leader.

David F Eisenberg, Asst: Evelyn Alexander

**April 3 Monday**

## **Monthly Meeting**

The Rocky Mountaineer runs is the luxury train service through the Canadian Rockies. This all-inclusive service runs only during daylight hours with hotel stays each evening. Travel from Seattle through Vancouver, Whistler, Quesnel, Jasper, and Kamloops ending back in Vancouver. Much of the spectacular scenery can only be seen from the train. Join Verdugo Hills Group for this program by David Eisenberg. Social with refreshments begins at 7:00 pm, and the meeting starts at 7:30 in the auditorium of La Crescenta Library (2809 Foothill Blv, La Crescenta).

**June 9-10 Saturday-Sunday**

## **Camping in Dogwood**

Dogwood is a beautiful campground located in the San Bernardino National Forest. Campground has many amenities such as free hot showers, an amphitheater which hosts evening campfire programs, and two beautiful hiking trails within the campground. There are pine, cedar and beautiful dogwood trees that are in bloom in June. Your fee for this great weekend is on \$40.00 (\$50.00 single driver). Well behaved dogs welcome. Make check out to Verdugo Hills SC and send to D. Trowbridge. Please include email address or SASE. Ldrs: Delphine Trowbridge, Evelyn Alexander

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### **Concerned about...**

- ✓Global warming? ✓Preserving open spaces for future generations?
- ✓Conserving land for present and future wildlife? ✓Protecting our national parks?
- ✓Protecting hiking and biking areas from development?

**Yes?**

Get involved on a grass roots level

Join the Verdugo Hills Group of the Sierra Club. Already a member? Then become more active

- ✓Join our round table group ✓Participate in our activities

And have fun and adventures along the way!

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# VERDUGO VIEWS

## Meetings

Verdugo Hills meets first Monday of each month except July and January. Meetings are located at the La Crescenta Library (2809 Foothill Blvd—Enter in the back). Social Hour: 7 pm, Meeting: 7:30

## Web Page

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*(Directory of Support Committee and Leaders is on inside back page.)*

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Carol Henning, Michael Beck, Gene Paulin, Evelyn Alexander, Delphine Trowbridge, Judy Anderson, Marlene Vella, Charlotte Feitshans

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