

# Senior Gleaner News

## Background Checks

The board, in November, approved background checks for all officers of the board and volunteers with access to sensitive information in Gleanweb. All volunteers and officers have passed the background checks. With this information, you can be assured that the leaders of Senior Gleaners are trustworthy and vetted.



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## Latest volunteer spotlights

Bob Scinta is February volunteer of the month for Senior Gleaners. Bob rescues unsold groceries for delivery to food banks and pantries, is a van driver with successful completion of the American driving school, gleans fruit, and has completed the food safety course to become a Certified Food Handler. All this happened with the pandemic raging around us. His positive attitude and commitment makes him stand out. Bob is consistent, dependable, friendly and an all around nice guy who is dedicated to the Senior Gleaners mission of providing quality food to those in need. Thank you Bob!



Bob with his wife and daughter

Debbie Wismar is March volunteer of the month. Debbie is not only a gleaner but also does the paperwork associated with gleaning that requires documenting the pounds gleaned, where the fruit is distributed and documenting the volunteers that worked and the hours they worked. Then all that information is transferred to the gleaning website. Debbie has volunteered for 104 events and worked 355 hours to date. That's dedication! Debbie taught 7<sup>th</sup> grade math for 15 years. She is a second generation Californian who grew up in Los Angeles. Her favorite part of gleaning is the people. She finds people interesting in every aspect including the people she works with and the people she serves. Thank you for going the extra mile Debbie.



## Looking for something to do

Amy and Bob Barnes came from Kansas for a couple of months visit with their daughter in San Diego. They went to Volunteer Match and found Senior Gleaners and came picking with the Clairemont group. They put in 65 hours of volunteer time on their visit, stole the hearts of the Clairemont team with their quick wit, and donated \$300 on their way home. We wish safe travels to our dear friends and give a hearty THANK YOU!



## HLB Huanglongbing

This dreaded disease kills citrus trees and there is no cure. HLB is also called citrus greening disease. The bug that does the damage is the Asian Citrus Psyllid. The psyllids transferr the disease from tree to tree when they feed on young leaves. Young psyllids are yellow-orange and produce a white waxy substance. The best way to protect against the disease is to find and stop the pest. Currently the area around Oceanside is under quarantine for HLB. To see the quarantine area, go to

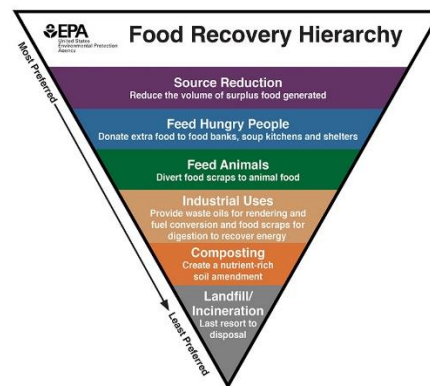
[http://maps.cdfa.ca.gov/QuarantineBoundaries/HLB/HLB\\_PQM\\_OverviewGrid.pdf](http://maps.cdfa.ca.gov/QuarantineBoundaries/HLB/HLB_PQM_OverviewGrid.pdf)

**This is why no stems or leaves should be gathered with the fruit or we risk spreading the deadly psyllid.**

County Food Waste initiative can be found here

[https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/dpw/SOLID\\_WASTE\\_PLANNING\\_and\\_RECYCLING/Files/SDFOOD.pdf](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/dpw/SOLID_WASTE_PLANNING_and_RECYCLING/Files/SDFOOD.pdf) and on Gleanweb "About Us" last item on the page.

The bottom line is no organic waste should go in the trash. Minimizing left over food and maximizing good food needs to be top priority.



We expect more companies will be looking for ways to feed hungry people before product goes to composting.



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How did we do on the year end fund raising letters to volunteers and residents?

Total = \$8,705

\$1,490 from 11 volunteers  
\$5,600 from 3 volunteer family members –( \$5000 from the son of a volunteer) with the testimonial that gleaning is a valuable activity for the volunteers  
\$610 from 7 residents – 9 others donated throughout the year

\$1,005 from 3 people neither volunteers, family members nor residents

\$200 from a woman who had friends who volunteered in the past

\$605 from Trixxie's Facebook birthday fundraiser.

\$200 from a women who knows a volunteer that helped her through an injury.

# 2021 at a glance

District	Pounds	Gleans	Hours
South	3,210	15	113
East	40,546	121	1,762
Clairemont	9,215	57 (90)	1,999
North	84,271	77	2,004
Groceries	49,475	115	157
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>186,717</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>6,265</b>

## Commentary

We need to promote donations in the south.

Total for 2021 was helped by Bruce Knox persimmons picks accounting for 13,220 pounds.

The Clairemont crew helped with 33 picks out of their district.

We have 72 new gleaners in 2021.

All receipts were sent to donors in December with special recognition to Monte and Barbara Turner for doing this task.

Totals by Year	Pounds
2019	159,744
2020	141,270
2021	186,717
2022 YTD	37,000 and counting

**We are currently inundated with new gleans. There are about 60 people waiting to have their trees picked. We need all able bodies to come pick.**



## SAVE THE DATE

Volunteer Appreciation potluck picnic

April 20 – 11 AM to 1 PM

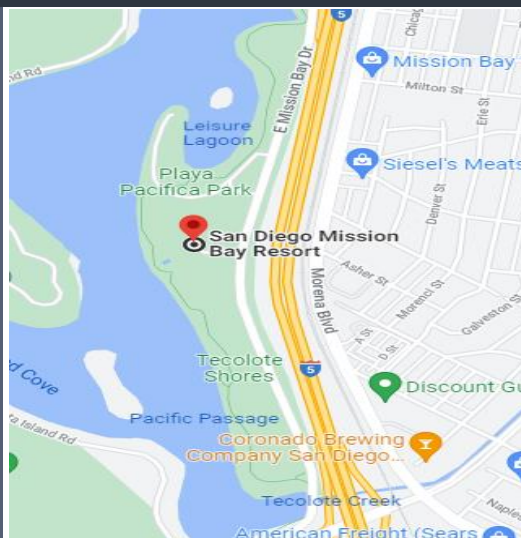
Mission Bay Park – Tecolote Shores North

gazebo just south of Mission Bay Resort.

First driveway south of resort

Door prizes and appreciation gift.

For GPS, plug in 1775 E. Mission Bay





### B&B Enterprises

Apparel is available .

Shirts are \$15

Hats are \$10

Sweatshirts \$35

Contact Daryush at

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619-997-8177

Paypal, Venmo, checks  
or cash.



### Marketing and Outreach Meeting –

- Opportunities to place brochures
  - Libraries
  - Senior centers
  - Community gardens
  - Clairemont Garden show May 7
- Veterans outreach
- Develop Senior Gleaner SWAG – refrigerator magnets purchased
- South Bay Marketing ideas
  - Partnership with community gardens
  - Senior/community centers
- Farmers Markets
- Use of Nextdoor
- Marketing the joint gleaning website [www.sandiegogleaners.org](http://www.sandiegogleaners.org)

**Think how you might help spread the word about gleaning.**

Ask your crew leader for our flyer to distribute in your neighborhood. Libraries and senior/ community centers will display flyers because we are affiliated with the county RSVP.

Our fourth donation of a vehicle came from Sharon Talbott's Ford Aerostar van. That van gleaned for years so it is fitting that it continued to support Senior Gleaners for almost \$400. Thank you Sharon! If you have a car, truck, boat, or RV to donate, simply call Toll-free (855) 500-RIDE or (855) 500-7433 to schedule a pick up and receive a donation receipt.