

Senior Gleaner News



We are thrilled to have received a grant from CECO

San Diego County Employees' Charitable Organization has awarded us with a grant for \$1713 to purchase new pickers, rakes, pruners, picking bags, and gloves. New equipment is now available. Funded by employee donations, CECO has been lending a hand to the local community since 1956, distributing 100% of donations to non-profits and employees in need. Several Senior Gleaner volunteers are former county employees who donated to the fund while working.

A big thank you to CECO for this honor and a big thank you to Tracy Ream for applying for the grant.



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Latest volunteer spotlights

CAROL BAUSCH

Carol likes doing things outside with plants. She doesn't call it gardening because she doesn't really have a garden and weeding underestimates the outside fun. She says she likes being outdoors and being around people so gleaning is the perfect activity. She likes helping other people with healthy food.

Carol is an outstanding gleaner who has worked 280 hours gleaning fruit with the occasional grocery run and event table staffer thrown in too.

Carol likes reading and has a little library in her front yard. Traveling is her passion and she recently returned from Peru and is headed to Scotland shortly. She retired from overseeing special programs in adult education.

SHELLY BENKAIM

Shelly says she gleans because she likes being outside and she likes the physical aspect of gleaning. Helping feed people is her reward and she likes that we get to take home fresh fruit too. Shelly also likes seeing all the places that we go to that she would not otherwise get to see.

Shelly has amassed 275 hours gleaning and also does the occasional grocery run.

Shelly just returned from a trip to Costa Rica and is planning other trips. She also enjoys a nice hike and likes to read.

Shelly retired from the Horticulture Industry.

Shelly and Carol are both members of team Clairemont.





COVID Protocol for Volunteers—Board Revised 08/25/21

Senior Gleaners STRONGLY ENCOURAGES all volunteers and guest volunteers to be fully vaccinated at the level recommended by local and national health agencies. SG expects all volunteers to manage their activity based on individual risk factors and comfort levels.

Volunteers not vaccinated are required to wear a mask at all times and to notify their crew leader/grocery van driver and crew members/van occupants that they are not vaccinated so that others may take any precautions deemed necessary.

Drivers of carpools and the SG van may or may not require all occupants to wear a mask. Drivers also set rules for number of passengers, ventilation, etc.

All volunteers will wear masks when interacting with resident donors and with staff at distribution sites and grocery pickup sites.

This protocol will remain in effect until:

- a. Local county guidelines require more strict masking/distancing.
- OR**
- b. All governmental jurisdictions drop all mask requirements and recommendations.

Board members will review the current protocol at the next board meeting.



Senior Gleaners had a table at the **Chula Vista Earth Day** celebration. We passed out information about Senior Gleaners in an effort to get more donors in the Chula Vista area.



Senior Gleaners will have a table at the Clairemont Garden tour on May 7.

Senior Gleaners have been collaborating with the other gleaning organizations in San Diego and have developed a door hanger which we hope will make people aware of gleaners and allow a donor to choose an organization to come pick fruit.



QUICK LOOK – January 1 – April 28, 2022

85,251 pounds of fruit picked	2,893 hours volunteered
262 gleans	144 volunteers did not glean
85 volunteers gleaned – There are 39 new volunteers	
42 picks are waiting in the queue	





The volunteer appreciation picnic was held at Mission Bay park on April 20, 2022. There was plenty of wonderful food that was shared. The day was fabulous. A special THANK YOU to our speakers.

1. **Jimbo's** Marketing Director Kelly Hartford and Stephanie Morris, their Sustainability Coordinator, told us a little bit about the Wooden Nickel program and other philanthropic endeavors Jimbo's does for the community. They also provided 4 twenty dollar coupons that were raffled off during the picnic. **Shop at Jimbo's this quarter. Get a wooden nickel for each grocery bag you bring to the store and donate your wooden nickel to SG. In a prior campaign, SG received nearly \$400!**
2. Hayley Bratt from **PATH** (People Assisting the Homeless) told us a bit about PATH in San Diego. They maintain 5 different housing facilities for San Diego as well as serving three meals a day to the unhoused at the 6th street location. Senior Gleaners have delivered 2,700 pounds of fruit to PATH in 2021 and 2022 and Margaret and Daryush pick up and deliver groceries to PATH twice a week.
3. **Ann Gero-Stillwell**, a gleaner from the Clairemont group said a few words about what gleaning means to her.
 - a. It ticks all my boxes; it's useful, fun, outdoors, reduces waste, feeds people who need food...
 - b. I feel enmeshed in layers of generosity: the donors who work to grow food and offer it; the pickers who give time, work, gas...;the distributors who organize and offer. And on the receiving end, people who share what they pick up, or go for neighbors, etc.
 - c. It's my image of Eden, you stretch out your hand and perfect fruit falls into it.
4. **Vicky Roberts** shared her knowledge about companion planting. We will follow up with a whole article on this information in our next newsletter.
5. **Margaret Burton** thanked all those for attending and offered a dollar for dollar match for any donations to Senior Gleaners made until June 19 (her birthday) up to a total of \$10,000. Give generously! Max out her donation!

Thanks to the donors of raffle prizes. **Sandy Vuong Tobin**, owner of The Dumpling Inn on Convoy – 4 forty dollar gift certificates to The Dumpling Inn; **Jimbo's**- 4 twenty dollar gift certificates to Jimbo's; **Jodi Visosky**, an exotic bloom arrangement; **Daryush Bastani** – 4 plants and 4 jars of shahtoot jam; **Carol Bausch**- box of teas; **Ann Gero-Stillwell** – hand crafted mug; **Margaret Burton** – kumquat marmalade and wire baskets and 3 plants purchased from **Plant It Again** non-profit on Balboa owned by a 16 year old and staffed by people with special needs.

A mug with "I'm an extraordinary Senior Gleaners volunteer", a bag of Hershey's kisses and a Senior Gleaner magnet were distributed to all attendees as a thank you for your service. **If you did not go to the picnic, your team leader will have your volunteer gift for you.**