

California Garden Clubs, Inc.

All board members are called to assemble for the
2017 Fall Board Meeting -- October 3-5, 2017 in Oroville
Hosted by Buttes District



Water Colors our World: how we use it today determines the beauty of tomorrow

Meeting Registration

Registration for the 2017 Fall Board Meeting is now open. The package price when your registration is postmarked by August 31 is only \$149 and includes your registration plus two lunches and two dinners. When postmarked between September 1 and 18, the price for the same package is \$174. You save when you register early. Don't risk the chance of forgetting, register NOW. No registrations will be accepted on or after September 19 and no refunds after September 22, 2017.

Reserve Your Room

Gold Country Casino & Hotel is located at 4020 Olive Highway, Oroville, CA 95966. Smoking is allowed on the first floor ONLY. The second floor where our meeting rooms are located and the entire hotel on floors three through six are non-smoking.



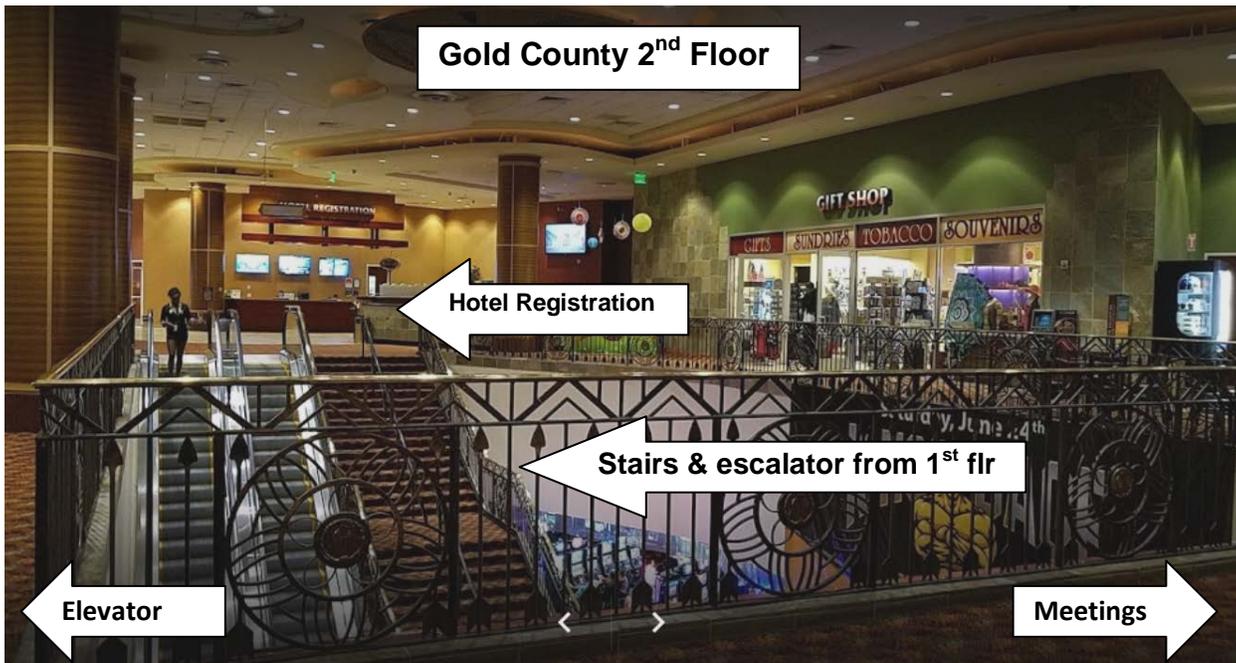
Hotel Reservation Deadline September 18, 2017

To receive the **special room rate of \$85 per night (only \$90.95 with tax)**; make your room reservations on or before Monday, September 18, with Gold Country Casino Hotel by calling 800-334-9400 or 530-538-4560. Reservations must be made by telephone. After you have been connected with the hotel's reservations department, please mention "**California Garden Clubs, Inc. has a room block and special room rate under Booking Code 2773**". Our room block has a number of suites and upgraded room types; and rooms reserved are subject to availability in our room block. **For the best selection, make your room reservation ASAP.** For those wishing to spend more time in the Oroville, the special room rate has been extended for three nights before and three nights after our board meeting on a space available basis.

Looking for a roommate? Complete the Shuttle Sharing & Room Sharing Form and submit it with your registration. We will simply let you know who else is looking for someone to share a room and you can take it from there.

Hotel Parking & Amenities

- Self-parking and valet parking are available on a complimentary basis.
- Complimentary Wi-Fi internet access is available in each room.
- For your convenience, each room has a microwave and mini-refrigerator.
- Handicap rooms are available upon request and subject to availability.
- All hotel rooms are non-smoking.
- No pets other than registered "service animals" are allowed.
- The Café is open 24/7
- The Espresso Bar is open 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.



Travel Information—recommendation is to travel by car. **Don't want to drive?** Using your updated CGCI Roster, look for other board members living in your area. Perhaps you can share a ride. Or if you are flying perhaps you can share a shuttle.

By Car



From the NORTH and HEADING SOUTH on Highway 70

1. From Highway 70 take the Oro Dam Blvd/Highway 162 exit # 46.
2. At the stop light turn left, heading east at Oro Dam Blvd E / Highway 162 and continue for approx. 1.69 miles.
3. Turn right onto Olive Highway / Highway 162. There is an ARCO on the corner right before you turn.
4. In approx. 2.49 miles Gold Country Casino & Hotel is located on the right at 4022 Olive Highway. Turn right at the stop light and head down the hill and pull up to the covered area.
5. The hotel's registration desk is on the 2nd floor accessible by elevator (ahead and diagonally to the right), stairs or escalator (both ahead and then to the right).

From the SOUTH and HEADING NORTH on Highway 70

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By plane

Sacramento International Airport (SMF) is located approximately 68 miles south of Gold Country Casino & Hotel in Oroville. There are limited transportation options for shuttle service from Sacramento to Oroville. If you do elect to fly, I suggest you download the separate Shuttle Information Form which provides additional information about shuttle service and a form to submit if you would like us to help you identify other board members who might also like to share a shuttle and the costs with other board members.



The Fair—Butte County Style (hands-on)

Below Part V on the registration form

In lieu of limiting your access to one or two workshops, Fall Board Meeting Chairman Ilene Herringer and Buttes District members are planning an incredible opportunity for you to experience several different hands-on activities and several demonstrations in a two-hour event that will take you back to the fun, excitement and memories when you join us for **The Fair—Butte County Style**. Stroll from station to station; participate in the scavenger hunt and don't forget to cast your People's Choice ballot voting for your favorite activity station. During the Butte County Fair held in late August, volunteers from Buttes District staff the Floriculture Building. We've put life back into "the stills" and generated a dramatic increase in the number of fair-goers visiting the building and the fair. Nearly every hour the building is open, hands-on activities, demonstrations and video presentations are available to educate the fair-goers making the fair experience memorable. Almost all of the activities available to you during **The Fair—Butte County Style** two-hour experience have been offered during the Butte County Fair.

Any of these activities can easily be duplicated by clubs in your district at almost any community event. You'll have a wonderful experience, items to take home, time to visit with friends and you will have invaluable information to share with the members of your club and district. People love experiences and sharing them with the community is a wonderful way to attract new members. Since this experience will be the topic of round table discussions during lunch, **we request that all board members attend and share in the fun.**

Fall Board Meeting Programs, Speakers and more on menus

Wednesday, October 4

Lunch:

Get-Acquainted with a round table discussion of **The Fair—Butte County Style**.

Lunch Menu:

- o Croissant Sandwich, w/Oven Roasted Turkey and Cheddar Cheese
- o Roasted Beef and Swiss Cheese Wrap
- o Vegetarian selection: Portabella Mushroom on Focaccia Bread

Dinner Program:***California Water Project and the Oroville Dam: where does the water come from, where does it go and how it is used***

Presented by Geoff Shaw, California Department of Water Resources

Since the spillway incident he has served as Planning/Intelligence Chief for the Department Operations Center. "In his day job" Geoff is Chief of the Water Contract Branch of the State Water Project Analysis Office in Sacramento.

Dinner Menu:

- Stuffed Pork Loin Chops – Breaded pork loin chops stuffed with spinach, mushrooms, bleu cheese and drizzled with balsamic glaze
- Chicken Marsala – Chicken breast pan roasted and topped with sweet Marsala wine, mushrooms and green onions
- Vegetarian selection: Egg Plant Parmesan – Lightly breaded in Italian breadcrumbs, pan roasted in extra virgin olive oil, covered in marinara sauce and topped with Parmesan cheese then baked to perfection

Thursday, October 5

Lunch Program:***Rice in California-History of Rice Production and Current Practices.***

Presented by Whitney Brim-DeForest, University of California Farm Extension Office. Whitney is a Rice and Wild Rice Advisor. Her research focuses on weed management in rice, and she works with California Rice Growers in all aspects of rice production.

Lunch Menu:

- Cobb Salad
- Sausage marinara sauce over fettuccini
- Vegetarian selection: Pasta Primavera - in a garlic cream sauce with seasonal sautéed vegetables

Dinner Program:***Mushrooms and Sustainability***

Presented by Keith Foley from Premier Mushrooms, Inc. in Colusa. Keith is the Sustainability Program Manager. On January 19, 2017, Premier Mushrooms, Inc. was awarded the Governor's Environmental Economic Leadership Award. The GEELA program is California's highest environmental honor. Premier Mushrooms, Inc. was named winner in the sustainable practices category. When interviewed, Kevin Foley said "Premier Mushrooms is excited and humbled to be the recipient of California's highest environmental honor. We're proud of what we have accomplished so far, but realize that sustainability is a journey without an end-point, and look forward to continue building upon our progress in the years to follow."

Dinner Menu:

- Tri-tip with Au Jus - Classic grilled Tri-tip

- Spinach Coconut Chicken – Chicken breast stuffed with fresh sautéed spinach, coconut and cream cheese blend, breaded and grilled to perfection. Drizzled with honey orange glaze
- Vegetarian selection: Mediterranean Portabella Mushroom – stuffed with feta cheese, sun dried tomatoes and black olives

TOUR—Part 1 on the registration form

Two tours are offered on Friday the morning after our meetings end. They are scheduled back-to-back so you may take both tours or choose only one. Since some of you will want to head home after the tour, you may take your own transportation or, catch a ride round trip with a Buttes District volunteer or a member of the CGCI board of directors.

Tour # 1—Lake Oroville Visitors' Center

Lake Oroville Visitors' Center is located approximately, 3.8 miles north east of Gold Country Casino & Hotel in Oroville. The Center is staffed by DWR guides and Parks and Recreation docents. From Lake Oroville Visitors Center's 47-foot viewing tower, hearty visitors who walk up to the top of the viewing tower can see the lake, the new Bidwell Bar Bridge, and the Sutter Buttes, one of the nation's smallest complete mountain ranges. In the theater, view videos on Oroville construction, the State Water Project, and other water topics plus live video feeds as repairs are being made to the spillway. The museum provides additional information on the State Water Project and the history of the area.

Tour # 1 and the combo tour members will meet in the hotel registration area at 8:15 a.m. We will leave the hotel at 8:45 or so for a short drive to Lake Oroville Visitors' Center. The tour begins at 9:00 am. At 10 a.m. the combo tour members will leave the visitors' center and head to Richvale approximately 18 miles away.

Tour # 2—Lundberg Family Farms

Lundberg Family Farms is in Richvale located approx. 14 miles west of Gold Country Casino & Hotel in Oroville. Lundberg Family Farms was founded in 1937 after the Lundberg's moved to California leaving Nebraska and the dustbowl behind. After their dustbowl experience, the Lundberg family was determined to operate their rice business using what many years later became known as eco-friendly and sustainable practices that would promote healthy conditions for the land. Albert Lundberg said "Leave the land better than you found it".

The guided tour includes the headquarters of Lundberg Family Farms; a beautiful building constructed using re-used or re-purposed materials when possible. The gardens are water-wise and in harmony with the beauty of the surroundings and the building. View the different varieties of rice grown in the growing exhibit area. Learn more about the Lundberg Family's history, the company's wild duck egg salvage program, and more.

Tour # 2 members will meet in the hotel registration area at 9:30 a.m. and we will leave the hotel no later than 10:00 a.m. for the 14 mile trip to Richvale. The Lundberg Farms tour is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m.