

July 10, 1961

A. I. D.

August has been designated as AID month throughout the County. At this time, all employees who now belong to AID and have designated a particular charity must re-designate if they wish to continue their prior designation to a specific charity. If no designation is made, all contributions will be distributed equally to all charities participating in the AID program.

As of last February we had reached 72% membership and we are striving for 100% membership by August 31, 1961. Let me tell you a little about AID and the reason most of us belong to it. Associated-In-Group Donors (A.I.D.) is an association of givers established to provide a channel for the most efficient distribution of your charity dollars. AID works as your personal donor service and gives you the chance to make a simple monthly payroll deduction which is then divided between all of your favorite charities. Some of these are: American Cancer Society, Red Cross, Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation, City of Hope, Crippled Children's Society, United Cerebral Palsy Association, Community Chest, YMCA and the Hospital Charity Fund. AID uses the most efficient and economical methods in distributing your donations thus increasing the effectiveness of your gift. AID's cost of operating is only 4.1% compared with 20% or more in most other charitable drives. You may make a payroll deduction to AID for 1/4, 1/3, or 1/2% of your salary. Remember, the support of all County employees is welcomed and needed, but the decision to join is yours and yours alone! Will you join us?

Changing Times

Beginning July 1, 1961 our Department was reorganized from four to five divisions. The Research and Education Division was divided, forming a Research Division and an Education Division.

The Education Division supervisor is Dr. Louis B. Martin, Chief, Arboretum Education. The sections of this Division are: Education (including Children's and Adult for the Arboretum and Descanso Gardens), Staff Artist and Historical. Frank Simerly, Head, Arboretum Information will supervise the Information Sections of the Arboretum and Descanso Gardens. The Associate Curator, a new position, is in charge of the Historical Section.

The Research Division has no new additional sections and is still supervised by the Director. The Orchid Section has been moved to the Arboretum Development Division and the section's name changed to the Tropical Plant Section.

The Administrative Service Division is now responsible for all guard services at the Arboretum.

Descanso Gardens Division, under Mr. Threlkeld and the Arboretum Development Division, under Mr. Spalding, remain unchanged except as mentioned above.

Employee Eavesdroppings

'Goodbye and good luck' to Rex Beer who is now officially at Parks and Recreation and to David Donahoo who has gone to Rancho Los Amigos.

A welcome back to John Provine, Don Kelly, and Lawrence Smith who are again working with us during the summer.

Welcome aboard to Lorene Johnson, who came to us from Civil Service and is our new receptionist at the Arboretum; to Rollo Schnotmier, a new Park Maintenance Man Helper at Descanso and to Nathaniel Jackson, an Equipment Maintenance Man at Descanso.

Congratulations on your promotions:

Jerry Schlegel to Arboretum Gardener at Descanso.

John Parke now a permanent Park Maintenance Man Helper at the Arboretum.

Garner Engel to Senior Gardener at Descanso.

Dr. Louis B. Martin to Chief, Arboretum Education at the Arboretum.

Library Listings

Our most outstanding acquisition this month is:

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GARDENS, by Victoria Padilla.

To those who are interested in the 1961 USDA Yearbook, the subject is SEEDS, and it has gone to press. Newspaper publicity hints of a possible short supply. The copy for the library has been ordered.



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