

#### **Dear Nature Friends**

Do you remember those long and sleepy days of Summer in Placerita, when not much was happening on hot days? Those days are long gone! Every morning the patio is full of docents showing the Nature Boxes and having fun with each other. Many visitors hang around sometimes for as long as 2 hours, going from one box to another – followed by asking questions about the birds being presented.

In addition, we have the Nature show, the Twilight Hikes, the Nature Education programs, the Bloom of the Season, the Bird Walk, and the Docent Enrichment program with our annual Bus Tour to visit the aquarium!

Even outside the school year, Placerita is vibrant and alive with so many different activities, it is a joy to see.

Enjoy a great summer and come for a visit! Many hikes are available – don't forget to discover the trails early in the morning when the air is still cool and you will have a delightful time.





Jack Levenberg is with Sierra during a Nature Boxes on the Patio day, an exciting and well-received summer program conceived by docent Dave Taylor.



# **The Rattler**

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### Placerita Canyon Nature Center Over 50 Years of Nature Education August-September 2018

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#### The 2018 NCA Annual Recognition Event

All the docents and volunteers from Placerita Canyon are invited to join the members from the other Nature Centers to attend the Annual Recognition and General Meeting to be held at Eaton Canyon Nature Center on Saturday, September 8.

Coffee and juice will be served at 9:30 and the meeting will start at 10:00am. A light lunch will be served afterward around 11:00am,

We ask that you to call Teresa Jacob at 661 298 2575 with your RSVP, to confirm you will be attending lunch so food can be ordered accordingly.

Business Casual dress is suggested.

The location is:

Eaton Canyon Nature Center

1750 N Altadena Drive

Pasadena, CA 91107

The parking lot is tight and we recommend that you car pool from Placerita, leaving at 8:30am.

Special recognition will be given to Andrea Donner, Docent of the year for Placerita and to Sandalie Gamage, Youth volunteer of the year for Placerita.

Gold name tags and special certificates will be given to the PCNCA docents who have 5,10, 15 and 20 years of service .

Five Years: Mari Carbajal Girard Cohen Richard Donner Penny Hand Jim Hazard Suzy Hermann Ron Nichols Michael Summe Sue Sutton Annette Uthe

**Ten Years:** Eric Indermill Linda Kopatz Helen Sweany **Fifteen Years:** Sylvia Altamirano Bill Kopatz Judy McClure

**Twenty Years:** Millie Bonazzoli Jim Southwell

#### Sad Day at Placerita Nature Center by Denny Truger

"Tidbit passed away at the end of May. He was fourteen years old, and for many of those years, he tried his best to educate the public.

According to Ranger Frank, Tidbit went into semi-retirement about two years ago when he stopped going to school outreaches, but was still active doing his educational shows at the Nature Center. May he rest in peace."

Tidbit was our beloved American Kestrel (Falco sparverius). A Kestrel is a smaller bird but still mighty, and his gorgeous markings were always of great interest. The children noticed the black stripes

under his eyes in the same pattern used by football players, and would ask many questions. His small size made him easier to handle than the larger birds, so he was a favorite of many docents. The color of his plumage was always a source of wonder.

However, it was easy to see by his hooked beak and his talons that he was still a fierce bird of prey.

Goodbye, little guy, you will be missed by many.





#### Visit to the Aquarium of the Pacific

On Monday July 24, there were 38 of us on the bus for our yearly trip, and this year we went to the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach. It was 105 degrees in Santa Clarita, so we were delighted with the cool weather and the ocean breeze that we found there!

Many thanks to LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger for

providing the air conditioned, handicap-accessible bus. Thank you so much RuthAnne Murthy, who planned the trip and who took good care of us, counting and recounting us plus making sure that we all knew what to do and when. Thanks also go to

Fred Seeley who handled the tickets for us all.

The museum is a good size and very friendly to visitors, so you can see everything in just a few hours. I think children enjoyed watching people working in the tanks, feeding the animals and cleaning the tanks.

It was interesting to read that the Aquarium is helping to return the abalone to California waters. Some were in tanks so that their acclimating to the water could be observed.

We had a leisurely lunch and took a walk in the nearby park where we could observe the Queen Mary, the inner harbor and the giant cranes used for unloading cargo.

We were a little bit concerned when the bus parked along the freeway on the way back because the engine was overheating but just 10 minutes later, we were at the Nature Center.

What a joy to spend such day with your friends from Placerita. Thank you to all who made this possible!



#### **Great News**

by Ron Kraus, PCNCA President The PCNCA was recently awarded a grant from a very generous local family foundation for \$78,100 for improvements to the nature center. As you may recall, this same foundation awarded us \$75,000 in 2016 for other improvements, the most noticeable being our new amphitheater.

This grant will be used for a new opaque shade covering for the classroom, a new park-wide PA system, an electrical connection to the amphitheater, six new picnic tables and pads near the amphitheater, and the installation of an ADA code restroom in the amphitheater area.

We thank the foundation for this generous donation and look forward to getting these new improvements installed over the next year!



#### Nature Education: "Cellphone Photography in Nature" presentation by Ron Kraus.

Those Nature education programs are extremely popular, always very well done and fun but instructive at the same time.

We were a little bit concerned when the program was scheduled for Father's Day. We did not need to be worried, as the room was packed! If you know Ron Kraus, you know his interest in taking photos and movies, plus his passion and knowledge for technology, so there was no question this program was going to be a top success... and it was. It seems that everybody was very enthusiastic and pleased.

After the presentation, the group went to practice taking some photos in the cabin with their cell phones and see if they could apply what they had just learned.

Thank you, Ron, that was very nicely done and we all know how much preparation you did for this presentation to be such a success!





#### End of the School Year Party

This name is misleading because we still have school groups in June and all kinds of different activities during the summer. But our idea is to get the celebration in, before many docents disappear for their vacations...and they do!

Thank you to all the cooks who outdid themselves again to prepare a wonderful buffet for the potluck, and to those makers of sweets--we came back twice to the dessert table.

We were happy that Shirley Morano could enjoy the evening, thank you Herb Broutt for driving her to Placerita.

Ron Kraus, our president started the ceremony with a little review of all the events of 2018, and it is always interesting to remember all the news and keep track of the situation.

Lanita Algeyer gave recognition to four docents for their outstanding achievements at Placerita: Joan Fincutter, Andrea Donner and Sandra Balaram for being chairpersons for

Open House and Brian Broders for his help with the school field trips.

Thank you so much Vicky Cunningham, Jim Crowley and Jim Wyrozumski for handling all the details of the voting process. It needs to be done once a year and we appreciate your help in making this process smooth and accurate.

Thank you to all the docents who voted and we heard the participation was very high this year. Nice job everybody! Vicki and Jim W gave the results of the vote for the new board members: Fred Seeley, RuthAnne Murthy, Herb Broutt, Jack Levenberg, Richard Brammer, Bill Webber. Cindy Gold was an alternate but became a two-year board member after a vote at the board meeting when she accepted the role of Recording Secretary. Erica Andrassy De Poor is the alternate.

Andrea Donner and Ron Nichols finished their term on the board and we want to thank them warmly for their work and commitment. Mari Carbajal had to drop from the board before the end of her term because of the demands of her job, but we also thank her greatly for all her efforts. She casually mentioned that she will be in charge of the Craft Fair again this year! Thank you Mari, that is a great news and we are grateful.

The newly elected board members will serve for the next two years.

The rest of the board members are Joan Fincutter, Ron Kraus, Sue Sutton, Denny Truger and Evelyne Vandersande. Their term ends in May 2019.

Thank you to all the docents who work on the board, it is a significant commitment of time and effort and we are well aware you do that so Placerita will be a better place.

We also want to remind all the docents that the board meeting is open to all docents who want to see what happens there. It is always the first Tuesday of the month at 1:00pm in the docent room at the Nature Center.

Also, if you want to present a special idea or program, please contact Ron a few days before the meeting. There is an opportunity for those kinds of presentations at the start of each meeting.

This Nature Center is created by many people with ideas, dedication and love. It takes many hands to get to where we are, and to keep on progressing. Thank you all.



Trail Treasures Slender Sunflowers Helianthus gracilentus By RuthAnne Murthy



Slender Sunflowers are a 3-6 feet tall perennial herbaceous plant that grows in the chaparral below 5000 feet. Their range is from Central California to Baja, Mexico. They are related to the Giant Sunflowers that we grow in our gardens. They are especially prolific after fires when there is abundant sunlight.

The stems are hairy to reduce evaporation during the hot summers. The lanceolate leaves are arranged oppositely with about 4 inches of length. Lanceolate just means they are pointed. The margins are usually smooth, but occasionally the leaves are toothed.

Sunflowers have two kinds of flowers. The ray flowers are around the circumference of the flowers, the ones we think of as petals. There are between 13 and 21 ray flowers on each. The centers contain many disk flowers. Both the ray flowers and the disk flowers are yellow unlike common sunflowers that have brown disk flowers. They bloom from May to October.

California's native people utilized slender sunflowers. The seeds are edible and very nutritious. They used the roots of slender sunflowers to reduce fever, purify homes after a death, and to relieve emotional problems. Both yellow and purple dyes were extracted, as well. The stems provided fibers for weaving and cordage.

These sunny yellow flowers withstand summer's heat, and they are definitely a trail treasure.

#### **Breakfast of the Champions**

This fun event is going to take place at Placerita on August 18 at 9:00 am.

What is going to happen? Well, first I need to give you a little bit of background on this event. Phil Rizzo was a docent at Placerita, and though he is not with us any more, we remember him at this time of the year by carrying on the tradition that he started. He thought the whole summer was too long a time to wait, without seeing his Placerita friends. Because our core program is to give



tours to school children visiting the Nature Center, we miss each other during the school vacation. He was also secretly worried that the new knowledge acquired during docent training was going to disappear without the opportunity for reviewing it again before Fall. What about planning a pot luck breakfast to see all those Champions, the docents? That was a great idea, and we are always ready for a party. Ron Kraus took the idea of "review" to a whole new level with a game that can be compared to "Are You Smarter than a Fifth Grader?"

The breakfast is pot luck, and we all enjoy the food as well as the opportunity to socialize. PCNCA takes care of the drinks and paper goods, and everybody helps with clean up in such an efficient manner that it is always a joy to see that!

Each year, Jill Goddard makes an incredible artistic contribution in designing caps for the winning team...and a few more for special prizes. Those caps are made with one animal in mind and are done with papier-mâché (in American English: paper mache) and paint, but they are really works of art. Jill spends many hours to achieve just the perfect look. Only in the Nature Center can you admire this very special creative interest and Jill spends days making them, so we are all very grateful for her dedication. Some people wear their winning cap year after year to meetings and they become prized possessions. I tried to pry from Ron which animal it was going to be this year, but with great wisdom, he told me it would be a surprise.

Ron does a tremendous job in finding new questions and verifying all the answers, and he has many categories to refresh our knowledge: botany, critters, history, math, etc... This year, he wants to increase the tempo so we have to give the answers faster (Good grief!!!) The competition brings out the best in all the docents, and there is so much excitement that they do not notice their education is getting a good brush up.

Thank you, Ron, for keeping up this great tradition. We know how much preparation that demands from you and we are grateful. Phil Rizzo would have been proud!

#### June Docent Enrichment by RuthAnne Murthy

On Monday, June 25th, the Placerita Canyon Nature Center Associates (PCNCA) gathered to learn about the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Our fellow docent, Dan Duncan, shared his expertise though a powerful and humorous Power-Point.

He spoke to the power of the state to study the impact of development on environmental and cultural/anthropological riches.

Sue Sutton, also one of our own, spoke to the Disney CEQA. Many of the results of their CEQA could apply to Placerita Canyon Nature Center because of our close proximity to Disney. There are environmental and cultural considerations because of the CEQA findings. It was fascinating information. Many of the docents had questions answered. Thank you, Dan and Sue.

After treats, Vicki Cunningham and Ruth-Anne Murthy presented information about how to communicate with our visitors more effectively. Afterward, docents worked in pairs to apply techniques. They acted-out scenarios that we often encounter at the park. Docents were such good sports. We all enjoyed a good laugh.

It was a great day of learning and enjoying being together.





#### Invasive Plant Removal/Restoration Committee Declares Victory!

Mission Accomplished!

by Robert Grzesiak

Well another season of invasive plant removal was completed with the June meeting. We will not meet again till October. This season of weeding focused solely on the Placerita Creek bed. And the season's mission became the removal of Tamarisk (water depleting, stream choking bush/tree from the Mediterranean). With the fire of 2017 and rains of 2018, the Creek was completely restructured (both physically and plant wise). Dan Duncan scouted out young seedlings of Tamarisk and sounded the alarm and the Invasive Plant Removal Committee mobilized.

Over a nine month period and averaging 10 members per a single monthly session, over 2 miles of the Creek bed was cleared: from the Walker Campground, the total length of the Canyon Trail, to the road bridge adjacent to the Oak of the Golden Dream.

At times it was quite uncomfortable: More than a mile hike in, the removal, back again with tools and trash bags, unavoidable wet feet, hot days, and back stress and even a case of poison oak.

Yes there are still tobacco trees and Smilo grass to be removed but they don't root as deeply and don't alter the ecology as quickly. And yes, there are sure to be some Tamarisk seedlings missed. But a potential ecological disaster has been avoided. A natural balance and maturation is achievable. The beauty of riparian Placerita has been secured for the future.

Thanks to all who have supported the Committee in various ways as well. And we acknowledge the work of previous efforts of volunteers and staff over the years to protect riparian Placerita. It takes a community.

#### Graffiti Vandalism

by Helen Sweany

"An illegal activity which involves any form of writing, drawing, etching or applying stickers to/on any public or private property without permission from the property owner." (NSW Justice)

Some of the trails at Placerita have been closed for almost two years because they are still determined to be unsafe. Volunteer groups have been removing invasive plants so when the trails do open, they will be even better than what you remember. However, while doing that work, we also see this childish display of entitlement and have to deal with the vandalism. It gets removed fairly quickly but it's time consuming and can get costly.

How did our closed trails become a target? Taggers don't want to be in highly visible areas. They know it's wrong and don't want to get caught. For the same reason, they have used areas close to the parking lot where they can achieve a quick exit.

This behavior won't be tolerated in Placerita, and all graffiti will be promptly covered with a neutral color of paint. Report what you see to the Graffiti Hotline Call 661-25-CLEAN. You will need to give a clear description of the area, the address and the city will remove the graffiti if the access is easily available.



#### Nature Boxes on the Patio

This new program was devised by Dave Taylor, and has been a tremendous success. The Nature Boxes are taken onto the patio, and many docents gather there each morning from 9:00am to 12 noon to exhibit the items and explain to the visitors the fun details inside those boxes.

The existence of this great new program spread quickly by word of mouth, and many families with young children are gathering on the patio sometimes for as long as 2 hours to see it all.

Dave says of the program "The Summer Nature Box Program started June 19 and will end on August 31 and usually one to three Nature Boxes are set up on the patio every Tuesday through Saturday from 9am until 12pm.

It is the first time this has been done and has received very positive feedback".

The docents are also having a fun time, and it gives them a time to socialize with the visitors and the other docents during the long summer.

This was a great idea Dave and a fantastic result! Thank you all for doing this.

#### Working with the Nature Boxes by Jim Harris

It is a thrill to work with fellow Placerita volunteers to pull out nature boxes to show children and their parents every week.

The look of wonder in their eyes when they pet the pelt of the rabbit or the deer is a great thing to see. The pioneer clothing box contains home-made-toys from a day gone by and children of many ages play with them and try on the home spun clothes.

Kids love to use the magnifiers to look at beautiful owl, hawk, and scrub jay feathers. They delight in feeling their texture. They are fascinated with the bones of birds and when docents relate the decent of modern birds from dinosaurs.

Boxes contain natural items children can touch, see, and smell. With the guidance of knowledgeable docents like Ruth Anne Murphy, Andrea and Richard Donner, kids create their own learning experience by use of basic learning modalities.

Often docents bring out birds of prey who spread their wings, and flap them furiously to fill the wide eyes of both children and adults with glee.



#### Youth Volunteer of the Year: Sandalie Gamage

Frank Hoffman, Recreation Services Supervisor, interacts a good deal with the youth volunteers and in this position, he was able to give a recommendation for Sandalie. Here is part of his letter of recommendation: "Ms Gamage has been a frequent volunteer at Placerita for over eight months and as such, has contributed immensely to the care and husbandry of our wild animals, completing such tasks as food/diet preparation, cleaning of their enclosure and contributing to their overall health and well-being by accomplishing this work.

In my opinion, Ms Gamage works very hard at assignments given to her and works extremely well independently or in team efforts and has always exhibited a caring attitude in assisting with our animals and other tasks assigned to her here at our Center. She is very helpful, detail oriented, generous with her time and kind to other volunteers, park guests and park staff. She works incredibly well with minimal instruction."

Congratulations Sandalie Gamage, and thank you for choosing Placerita as the place to offer your help. You will also receive your special recognition at the ceremony at Eaton Canyon in September.





#### Volunteer of the Year 2018 Andrea Donner

The board of directors annually selects the docent volunteer of the year, and the 2018 vote was quickly done. It was obvious to everyone that Andrea Donner did an outstanding job during this past year. I hope I won't forget anything, because she was doing so much and doing it very well too.

Andrea's idea for the discovery boxes had a slow start, but she dug in her heels, trained more people, added items to the boxes and gave them exposure every time she could. Other docents became enthu-

siastic, and now those boxes are part of our regular program thanks to Andrea's dedication.

Andrea participates in all events: she was the one who did the morning quizzes during docent training, worked at the Holiday Craft Fair, and was part of the team who planned Open House and that is heavy responsibility.

It can't go without mention that Andrea is the one who, last September, started the idea of having a program for the very little ones. She made sure the training took place with Lauren Berg who teaches "Growing up Wild". We all know she did not do it all by herself because, at Placerita, it is always a team effort - but I have also seen her many times explaining what she wanted to do at the board meetings, standing firm behind a new program to make sure it would take shape.

We all know that it takes one person as the champion, to sponsor and work hard--and then things fall into place and docents are ready to get going with it.

And what an incredible success Nature Tots has been in its first year! People call to register a few minutes after the registration starts on line and it is full every time. Many docents are involved with this program, and we love to see them so enthusiastic. But Andrea was the little soldier who started it all. Let's not forget she was also a board member and there is always extra work coming with this responsibility.

She also come often to volunteer with the school groups. Andrea does it all with a sweet smile and a gentle disposition, and she is a joy to work with. She is never abrasive and always kind and considerate of the other docents.

Being Volunteer of the Year is the highest recognition given by a Nature Center and Andrea will receive her special certificate at the ceremony in Eaton Canyon in September. Congratulations Andrea, and thank you for all you do for Placerita. We really deeply appreciate it, and this is our way to give you the best recognition possible.

Aiyana is a feminine given name. It is often claimed to be a Native American name meaning "Eternal Blossom." This name was chosen by Marietta Ewing from a list of 15 names. Nice choice!

We have a new 7-year-old Red-tail hawk at Placerita. It is always interesting to learn the story behind each new animal that comes here, and to keep good records of associated information. Years later, the details become foggy and I hope to keep the information clear in the Rattler, in case we need to do some research later.

Aiyana was a falconer's bird, but after a few years, she had a shoulder injury and could not hunt any more. She was under veterinary care for a while, and then was given to the. The Wildlife Care of Southern California, a licensed (501c3) Rehabilitation Facility in Ventura County that we have been working with for years. There the

Director recognized that she had very beautiful coloration and could be used for educational purposes. We were very lucky to acquire her at Placerita.

She had never been handled before for public presentations, so the handlers and our new bird are in training right now. She needs to be handled every day for a short while so she can learn to be presented without being stressed out. The handlers need to be patient and competent in sharing this task.

Denny Truger, Dan Duncan and Frank Hoffman are handling Aiyana each day. She is being shown on the patio every morning except Mondays. We are so glad and grateful to be able to share Aiyana with our visitors, and a big thank you to all the handlers who have taken this commitment of time and knowledge to provide training for Aiyana.



#### **Open House** by Andrea Donner

On May 12th, 2018, Placerita Nature Center held its annual Open House. The purpose of this free event was to show appreciation for all the support received throughout the year from the community, and to provide an educational and fun day for the entire family. The turnout was better than expected, possibly due to the nice cool weather we had for the event.

For children, some of the highlights of the event were panning for gold, making corn husk dolls, and churning butter. Another children's favorite was the treasure hunt, with cards listing items to search for at the Center. When they completed their card, they were able to look into the treasure box to pick out a prize.

There were also many Nature box exhibits set up at different tables. Each box contained items related to a certain topic such as birds, mammals, plants, and streams. A docent attended each box to further educate visitors.

There were also many non-profit organizations represented at the Open House such as the Sierra Club, the Community Hiking Club, and the Friends of the River.

Another highlight at the Open House was the band Bacorado performing at our newly constructed amphitheater. A member of the band, Rachael Komulainen, works at Hart Park as a Park Animal Keeper but she is also a Musician and Author. Young and old enjoyed sitting in our new amphitheater and listening to the music.

There were many things for both children and adults to see and do. Hopefully we see everyone next year on May 11, 2019, for our next Open House.





#### Meet Cindy Gold



I'm new to Santa Clarita, having moved here last November and recently my friends and family teasingly began calling me Cindyana Jones. Why? Because of the wonderful adventures I've had as a docent at the Nature Center, as well as all the other activities, hikes and classes I've been fortunate to experience in SoCal. Being a part of the PCNC has given me the opportunity to pursue my love of nature, make wonderful friends and get my "kid fix" after being a teacher and principal at international schools in Prague, CZ, Prishtina, Kosovo and most recently Skopje, Macedonia. My husband of 42 years, Michael, and I have lived overseas for over 27 years. We raised our two sons, Aaron and Nathan in Prague and when it became time to return to the US, we chose California to be closer to them.

Originally from the Detroit area, I started out with a BFA in Design and worked as a graphic artist and photographer. Then the movie bug bit me and we moved to Los Angeles where I completed a Masters in Film/Television Production from UCLA and worked as a writer/director/producer for 10 years. Loving to travel, we moved overseas in 1992 with our sons who were then 3 and 5 years old. I volunteered at the international school they attended in Prague, and decided to become an elementary teacher, earning a Masters of Education. I love teaching children from all over the world,

and have learned first hand the value and richness of diversity.

I've had a blessed life, being able to travel and make friends with people from Albania to Zaire and in between. And now I'm happy to re-explore this country called the United States. I consider it a privilege to be a docent, and a new member of the PCNC Board. I love being with others who get excited about seeing a soaring Red-tailed Hawk, discovering a flowering California peony or holding a Gopher snake and sharing its magic with children. I truly feel like I have come home and I've found a unique and cherished community at the Placerita Canyon Nature Center.







## SUMMER PROGRAMS

FAMILY NATURE WALK	Every Saturday from 11 to noon. An easy 1-hour walk exploring the area's natural and cultural
	history.
ANIMAL PRESENTATION	Every Saturday from 1 to 2 pm. See, learn and ask questions about live native animals of the
	area.
BIRD WALK	Second Saturday of the month from 8 to 10am. For all levels of birders. Bring binoculars, water and field guide.
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BIRD WALK, CASTAIC	The Placerita Canyon Natural Area docents lead a monthly bird walk at Castaic Lake Recreati
DLOOMS OF THE SEASON	Area on the first Saturday of the month at 8:00AM.
<b>BLOOMS OF THE SEASON</b>	Learn about native plants and what is blooming along the trails. Meet in the patio at 9:30 for a
	one-hour stroll on the fourth Saturday of every month. Bring your camera and questions. For more
NATURE EDUCATION	information about this free program, call 661.259.7721 or 259.7832.
NATURE EDUCATION	Every 3rd Sunday of the month at 2pm the PCNCA
	will provide a free educational program open to the public. Changes may be made, so please call
	the center at 661.259.7721 to verify. August: "Backyard Critters" with Jack Levenberg and Linda
	Ioerger and the participation of our animals. September: "Prehistoric Times Around Here!" by
	Richard Wade and coordinated by Helen Sweany.
TWILIGHT HIKES	This program is offered on the 3rd Saturday of each month. This program begins at 7pm and
	runs for about an hour. Park staff and the Nature Center Docents split groups and courses
	through the different trails in the dark. Come howl at the moonif there is one that night!
JUNIOR RANGERS	Second Saturday of each month from 11:30 to 12:30 for children 6 years and above. Nature
	topics and a small hike, this new program is provided by Ranger Frank Hoffman.
PLACERITA NATURE TOTS	Age 3-5 and one adult companion for each child. Saturday from 9.30 to 10.30. Registration open
	the 1st of each month, program limited to 15 children. Register at nature_tots@placerita.org
<b>2018 NCA RECOGNITION</b>	Saturday, September 8. Meeting starts at 10am at Eaton Canyon Nature Center (see article)
BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS Saturday, August 18 at 9am at Placerita, potluck (see article)	
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