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From the President's desk...

At the 2012 Pre-Convention Board Meeting this president, then a newer district director presented the following as the inspiration:

THIS MUST BE THE PLACE

Every effective leader knows that you can win with good players. And you can lose with good players. But you cannot win without good players. One of the things that separates, winning and losing teams is how the team's good players are placed. Take a look at what I mean:

The Wrong Person in the Wrong Place = Regression

The Wrong Person in the Right Place = Frustration

The Right Person in the Wrong Place = Confusion

The Right Person in the Right Place = Progression

The Right People in the Right Places = Multiplication

By John C. Maxwell (Excerpt from Teamwork Makes the Dream Work)

Just prior to the beginning of Business Meeting # 1 at the 2017 Fall Board Meeting on October 4, this president looked out over the audience and couldn't help thinking of that John C. Maxwell quote. All of the members with smiling faces, looking eager to get down to business were confirmation of the power of the *Right People in the Right Places*. It was quite special looking out into the familiar faces of our talented, dedicated, and hard-working board members. Then it was time to call the meeting to order.

The meeting minutes will document all of the business conducted and reports given at the meeting. This president would like to share a few meeting memories that may or may not qualify to be included in the minutes of the meeting but will be long remembered.

Back to the smiles, perhaps everyone was smiling before the beginning of the meeting because they were thinking of the fun they had at "The Fair-Butte County Style" that morning. This event provided an excellent opportunity for individuals to make their own choices of hands-on activities, demos and presentations in which to participate. The Peoples' Choice was Injury Prevention in the Garden, presented by LynnDee Caput.

Or perhaps everyone was smiling because they enjoyed the filling, tasty lunch and the lovely pumpkin centerpieces.

During Business Meeting # 2, Recording Secretary, Gail Vanderhorst and this president made it through the dance-like routine of going up and down and up and down the steps during the Executive Committee Recommendations. It must have looked like fun because soon Parliamentarian, Greg Pokorski got involved, too. This president was a bit dizzy after a few of the amendments, and the amendments to the amendments but eventually everything was just right and brought to a vote.



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CGCI Official Calendar

californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

- **January 30-February 2, 2018:** CGCI Winter Board Meeting, Newbury Park, CA. Host: Channel Islands District
- **April 6-8, 2018:** Pacific Region Convention, Chena Hot Springs, AK
- **May 21-24, 2018:** NGC Convention, Philadelphia, PA

**CGCI Schools Chairmen**

Environmental: Shane Looper
slooper@sbcglobal.net

Flower Show: Gudrun Kimmel
gudrun56@att.net

Gardening: Greg Pokorski,
gregpokorski@earthlink.net

Landscape Design: Alexis Slafer
aslafer@ca.rr.com

NGC Schools Calendar (California)

All registration forms are on the CGCI website Calendar page

californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

Go to gardenclub.org

for schools in other states

- **February 3-4, 2018:** Landscape Design School, Series 27, Course 1. Sponsor: Colfax Garden Club
- **February 10-11, 2018:** Landscape Design School, Series 27, Course 2. Sponsor: Colfax Garden Club.
- **March 3-4, 2018:** Landscape Design School, Series 27, Course 3. Sponsor: Colfax Garden Club
- **March 10-11, 2018:** Landscape Design School, Series 27, Course 4. Sponsor: Colfax Garden Club

After lunch on Thursday, Business Meeting # 3 began with a *Rare Plant Treasure Hunt* presentation by California Native Plants Society's CEO, Dan Gluesenkamp. Please share his message about this CGCI project with the members and clubs in your district.

Milly Benson, lead us through a couple of impromptu exercise breaks and Robin Pokorski was given permission for a levity break during the meeting. How can anyone turn Robin down? Especially when funds for the 2017-19 President's Project were raised by...well...flying pumpkins. The Halloween pumpkin decorations were made and generously donated by Rita Desilets for what turned out to be sort of a pumpkin toss. It was amazing, pumpkins flew out and money came in. Really, you had to be there. FYI: No injuries were reported by anyone being hit by a flying...cloth pumpkin.

Holding the first fall board meeting of the term in this president's home district was a wonderful opportunity. Did this make it easier or more difficult? It really doesn't matter. Given the same choice again, the decision would be the same-Buttes District.

The Buttes District volunteers enjoyed welcoming the CGCI Board of Directors to their home, Buttes District. Fall Board Meeting Chairman, Ilene Herringer provided guidance when needed and the volunteers shared the duties at the registration table, preparing centerpieces for the meals, providing raffle baskets, selling raffle tickets, providing A/V support for the speakers, serving as pages and providing shopping opportunities at the boutique sales tables.

Early on in the negotiations this president told Paulette, the sales and catering manager it was important to have good food and that dessert must be served at every meal or there might be a revolt. The food was wonderful and it must have done the trick because the Fall Board Meeting chairman did not receive one complaint. It is safe to say that a good time was had by all!

Hmmm, wonder what is in store for us at the next meeting?

Krystal

2018 Winter Board Meeting will be held January 30 - February 2 in Newbury Park hosted by Channel Islands District. Committee meetings will be held on January 30 with the business meetings, tour and workshops on January 31, February 1 and until approximately noon on February 2. A more detailed schedule will be included in the Call sent in early December.



Following are answers to questions asked at the 2017 Fall Board Meeting:

- **What is the elevation at the Lake Oroville Visitors Center?**

Using www.elevationmap.net, the elevation at the Lake Oroville Visitors Center located at 917 Kelly Ridge Rd, Oroville, CA is 1257 feet. The elevation at the top of the dam is 902 feet.

- **How can we continue to monitor the progress made on the repair of the dam?**

Use https://www.parks.ca.gov/live/lakeorovillesra_spillway for a live feed showing the current activity and repairs on the dam's spillway.

- **Where did you get the snack bags used for the walnuts?**

Walmart! In Oroville but not in Chico so they may not be available in all locations. Great Value (brand) Double Zipper Portion Pack Snack Bags, 80 Ct. Size: 3 ½ inches wide and 5 7/8 inches high. Capacity is 1 cup.

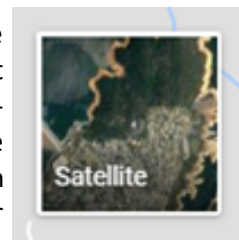


- **The walnuts in our welcome bag tasted so different from the walnuts I get at home. Why?**

Most of the walnut trees growing in the Migliore's home orchard are the Chandler variety. This variety was introduced in 1979 by UC Davis. It is popular because of the light colored nut, mild flavor, thin and tightly sealed shells and low acidity. Walnut buyers consider the Chandler variety to be "premium" quality/grade nuts.

- **Are there houseboats on Lake Oroville? Where are they stored?**

Yes, there are houseboats on Lake Oroville and they are very popular for rentals. During the drought, moving the boats and houseboats was a bit tricky because of the water levels kept going lower and lower. Houseboat rentals are located at Lake Oroville Marina near Lime Saddle Memorial Park and at Bidwell Canyon Marina south of the Oroville Dam and the Lake Oroville Visitor's Center. To locate a google map of the area, using www.google.com search for "Lake Oroville State Rec. area" which is the location of the Lake Oroville Visitor's Center, or "Bidwell Canyon Marina" or "Lake Oroville Marina". When you click on the box in the lower left corner, the map view shown will switch to a satellite view.



- **Rice grows in water, so it uses a lot of water to grow, right?**

Rice is a visible water user, but it doesn't take as much water to grow as you would think. Visit <http://graphics.latimes.com/food-water-footprint/> to learn more about water footprints for food including the water used to grow the last meal you ate.

A Message From The Nominating Committee

Sue Bennett, Chairman

RUN DON'T WALK! RUN FOR A POSITION AS A CGCI OFFICER!!!

Calling all CGCI Members!

The CGCI Nominating Committee is looking at YOU as a future leader. We are all volunteers, and sooner or later we find ourselves serving at some level in order to return the benefits we have received from CGCI.

Organization by its very nature requires planning, direction and administration. Thus, CGCI elects our officers from among its membership to direct CGCI activities and expedite education. You work voluntarily, and you sometimes forego the pleasure of gardening in order to fulfill the responsibilities of leadership and administration. The real joy of CGCI is learning and sharing. Leadership and administration are a means to facilitate the business of California Garden Clubs, Inc.

As an organization, one must not lose sight of the purpose of what CGCI is all about. YOU are already leaders at your local and district levels. Being a CGCI officer is just the next step in increasing your knowledge and improving your own skills.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, I invite YOU to consider how YOU can serve CGCI.

We will soon be setting up interviews for the 2018 Winter Board Meeting; so when a member from the Nominating Committee calls, please let them know if you are interested in a position, or suggest who you think would be a good candidate. The 2017-2019 Nominating Committee members are: Sue Bennett (Chairman), Milly Benson, Carolyn Hoyum, Marlene Kinney, Brenda Leal, Kathy Taylor de Murillo and Bonnie Smith.

Feel free to contact any member of the committee and be sure to complete the [Personnel Form](#) on the CGCI website. For a job description from the CGCI Bylaws for the officers and their duties, see pages 90 - 91 of the 2017 - 2019 CGCI Yearbook, Manual & Roster. Information regarding the process is on page 91.

REMEMBER...RUN DON'T WALK! RUN FOR A POSITION AS A CGCI OFFICER!!!

CAN WE COUNT ON YOU? The Nominating Committee is looking forward to hearing from YOU!



What is GTEP?**Krystal Migliore, Chairman**

GTEP is CGCI's Group Tax Exemption Program. It is the opportunity for a member garden club or district to obtain Tax-Exempt Status under the CGCI group exemption "umbrella."

If you don't have tax-exempt status and would like to learn more about the *benefits and requirements* for participation in GTEP, the CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program Handbook provides the answers. The handbook is available online at: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/gtep>; click on the GTEP Handbook tab.

Annual Renewal is required for GTEP members!

- If your club or district is a GTEP member, by the time you read this message, your president and treasurer should have received the GTEP Renewal Information and required forms by email. Please contact this chairman at gtep@cagardenclubs.org if you have not received the renewal information.
- Once a club (or district) is included in the CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program and wishes to do so from year to year they must renew on an annual basis.
- They are also required to complete the renewal form to indicate that they wish to withdraw from the GTEP program.
- The IRS requirements for renewal are included in the renewal email. Page 5 of the CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program Handbook provides the renewal details as well.

Please Note: When tax-exempt status is obtained directly from the IRS, participation in GTEP is not an option and your organization must continue to work directly with the IRS.

FYI-Reminder for your Bylaws Chairman

When your club applied for CGCI's Group Tax Exemption Program (GTEP), more than likely your bylaws were amended to contain the required IRS-approved language. Now that your club is a member of GTEP, it is important that the specific required language not be amended in the future. Often the required language is contained in just a single bylaw article. To help identify the required language, please see Appendix C on page 17 of the CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program Handbook which is available at <http://californiagardenclubs.com/gtep>.

The very important November 15 deadline is approaching

This deadline is for organizations whose fiscal year ended June 30 to file the following:

- Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Tax return (form 990N or 990). See page 5 of the [Treasurer's Toolbox](#).
- Franchise Tax Board (FTB) Tax return (form 199N). See page 6 of the [Treasurer's Toolbox](#)
- Registry of Charitable Trusts (ROCT) (Form RRF-1) and the fee schedule is listed on the form. See page 7 of the [Treasurer's Toolbox](#).

FLOWER SHOW AWARDS**Pat Claves, Flower Show Awards Chairman****For the 2017 Awards Year (1/1/17 - 12/31/17)**

Note: Flower Shows held in 2017 will be evaluated using the 2010 "Handbook for Flower Shows" and the 2017 evaluation forms. The new handbook becomes effective January 1, 2018. The post-mark deadline to submit for Flower Show Awards is December 1, 2017. Points will be deducted for entries post-marked after 12/1/17.

Where to send:

- Books of Evidence and Application Forms for NGC & CGCI Awards ((FS-1 (NGC FS Awards); FS-1A; FS-3; FS-7; FS-9; and FS-14)): Pat Claves, P.O. Box 757, Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352. Questions: 909-337-6911 / patclaves@aol.com. If late (after 12/1/17), email Pat for address to mail entry.
- Flower Show Schedules (FS-6): send 3 copies and Application Form to Joyce Dean, 832 Alvarado Street, Redlands, CA 92373. Questions: 951-285-8775 / guildonthego@gmail.com.
- All Application and Evaluation Forms: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/awards>. Evaluation: under the tab "Flower Shows;" Application: Right sidebar



CGCI Programs & Projects

Go to californiagardenclubs.com
for details

- **Membership & Dues (NEW)**

Chairman: Martha Smyser
4949 Mammoth Ave.
Sherman Oaks 91423-1319

- **Insurance**

Chairman: Shane Looper
213 Carmelo Lane
South San Francisco 94080-2204

- **Group Tax Exemption Program**

Chairman: Krystal Migliore
P.O. Box 1414
Gridley 95948-1414

- **Penny Pines**

Chairman: Carol Vallens
Checks to US Forest Service
Online form

- **President's Project 2017-19 (NEW)**

Chairman: Carolyn Hoyum
P.O. Box 380
Palo Cedro 96073-0380

- **Project Mission Blue**

Chairman: Shane Looper
213 Carmelo Lane
South San Francisco 94080-2204

- **Scholarships (Applications)**

Chairman: Martha Smyser
4949 Mammoth Ave.
Sherman Oaks 91423-1319

- **Stagecoach Hill Propagation**

Chairman: Mary Lou Goodwin
1312 Gates St.
Eureka 95501-2627

- **Stamps**

Chairman: Claudia Marsh
19822 Ottawa Rd.
Apple Valley 92308-6155

- **Donations to the following projects are mailed to:**

California Garden Clubs
P.O. Box 75,
Graton 95444-0075
Anza-Borrego Desert State Park
Blue Star Memorials
CGCI Endowments (2 funds)
CGCI Scholarship Fund (direct)
Rare Plant Treasure Hunt
Reforestation/Restoration
Sempervirens Fund

California Consultant's Council

During the 2017 Fall Board Meeting three California Consultants Council (CCC) Landscape Design Commendations were presented in Butte County.

CCC Landscape Design Vice-Chairman, Carolyn Villi presented the City of Oroville's Mayor, Linda Dahlmeier with a Commendation for the city's Centennial Plaza located near the Feather River in downtown Oroville.



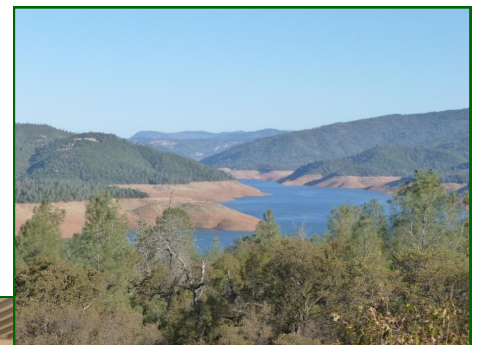
Lake Oroville Area Garden Club (LOAGC) received a commendation for their role in the re-vitalization of the Atrium garden at the Butte County Offices. Accepting for LOAGC was Gay Lynne Trumm, the chairman for the project.

Carol Hubert and Jessica Lundberg of Lundberg Family Farms received the third commendation. Jessica Lundberg played a major role in creating the vision of what the building and gardens should and would become. As a steward of the land, she continued to work with the landscape architect in planning the details of a garden that would enhance the building and be a natural fit for its surroundings.



Lake Oroville Visitor Center Tower

View from the Tower



CGCI members touring the Visitor Center

Awards, Honors & Recognition

CGCI offers many ways to say
"Thank You" or "Good Job"

NOTE: Check the forms for the
correct mailing address

californiagardenclubs.com/forms

♥ Awards Program

Chairman: Berni Hendrix
Check the website for updated
forms and instructions

♥ Business Commendations

Chairman: Launa Gould
Online request form

♥ California Consultants Council

Landscape Design (various) &
Outstanding Private Garden
Chairman: Josie Goodenow
7077 Piper Lane
Garden Valley 95633-9490

♥ Honor Book

Chairman: Deedee Speer
30861 Saddleback Road
Valley Center 92082-3848

♥ Life Memberships

Chairman: Carlotta Wixon-Welker
14216 Karry's Place
Grass Valley 95945-7934

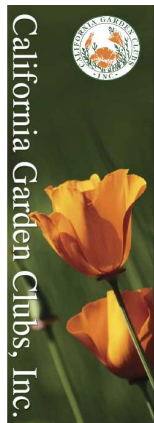
♥ Long-Term Certificates

Chairman: Mike Gould
Online request form

♥ Member Award of Distinction

Chairman: Mike Gould
1212 Avenida Buena Suerte
San Clemente 92672-2348

Promotional Materials



Did you know that
CGCI offers promo-
tional and informa-
tional materials and
many are FREE*!

- Banners
- Bookmarks*
- Rack Cards*
- Pamphlets*

(Check the website for ordering
details)

Club & District Corner

Eureka Sequoia GC:



Audrey Sandberg joined Eureka Sequoia Garden Club (ESGC) in 1984 and served as President from 1996 to 1999. She will celebrate her 99th birthday on November 2 and be honored at the ESGC November 17 meeting. During her years as Vice President and then President (1994-1999) the club provided plants for each classroom at the Eureka City Schools and planted Arbor Day trees at the Sequoia Park Garden, Carson Memorial Building patio, Senior Resource Center and at the Adorni Center. A Blue Star Highway marker was installed in 1994 at the Eureka Chamber of Commerce Building on Broadway. She chose the rock for the plaque and planned the dedication ceremony. This is one of ten Blue Star Markers in Humboldt District. Audrey is a CGCI Life Member and still attends Eureka Sequoia Garden Club meetings. As Audrey often points out, she "came for the knowledge and stayed for the friendships."



Culver City GC: The monthly newsletter has a "featured gardener" (a member) article providing a bit of biographic information and gardening experience BUT NO NAME! The reader is asked to guess who it is...what a fun way to get to know your members.



Point Loma GC: The club has a new community outreach program that gives flowers to various groups such as Meals on Wheels and senior care centers.

Southern California GC: New members receive a "start-up" packet which includes a yearbook, greeting from the president, list of library books, info on recycling, Penny Pines, seed packet from Renee's Seeds with coupon for purchase and CGCI membership card.



Don't forget to send copies of **YOUR club or district** newsletter to:
goldengardens@cagardenclubs.org
We want to share some of your programs, activities and special events.

California wildfire update:

Sadly, several members in the Mendo-Lake and Luther Burbank Districts suffered losses in the fires in their areas. Our thoughts and prayers are with them as they struggle to recover. If you would like to help, CGCI encourages donations to one of the many disaster relief organizations like the American Red Cross.

**President 2017-2019****Nancy L. Hargroves****Headquarters:**

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 Telephone: (314) 776-7574
 Fax: (314) 776-5108

Email: headquarters@gardenclub.org**Publication:** *The National Gardener***Website:** gardenclub.org**Convention:**

May 21-24, 2018, Philadelphia, PA
 April 30-May 5, 2019, Biloxi, MS

Ongoing projects:

- Ames Garden Tools
- Blue & Gold Star Memorials
- US Botanic Butterfly Garden
- School Gardens
- Spring Planting for Butterflies
- Water Projects

(Go to gardenclub.org for details on these and other projects)

**Director: 2017-2019****Peggy Olin****Publication:** *WACONIAH***Website:**PacificRegionGardenClubs.org**Convention:**

April 6-8, 2018 Chena Hot Springs, AK
 April 2019, California

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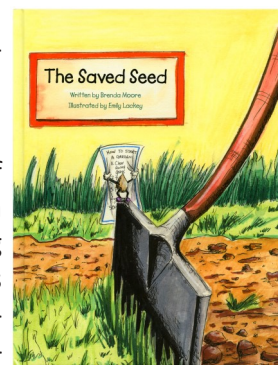
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californiagardenclubs.com/cgcinewsletters

"The Saved Seed"

As gardeners can attest, one of the many joys of gardening is watching a seed sprout and grow into a plant.

"The Saved Seed" is a beautifully written and illustrated book that takes children on the amazing journey of how a seed extracted and saved from a Halloween pumpkin grows into another pumpkin. The engaging narrative offers young readers a glimpse at how seeds that produce the fruits and vegetables they enjoy originate from plants in nature—not in commercial packaging found in catalogs and retail stores.



"The Saved Seed" provides a wonderful introduction to gardening, written to instill the love and appreciation for the life cycle of plants, as well as how children can experience a sense of wonder and delight in growing their own plants from seeds.

"The Saved Seed" is the second children's book developed by National Garden Clubs Inc. It can be used as an educational tool and resource for garden clubs nationally in youth programs or as a donation to local public or school libraries. "The Saved Seed" also coincides with "Plant America," the singular focus of NGC 2017-2019 President Nancy Hargroves' administration that supports and promotes community service.

To purchase:

Shop Online: www.gardenclub.org

Member Services: 1-800-550-6007

Or visit the CGCI Sales table at any state meeting



Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc.

75th Annual Convention April 6–9, 2018

"Whoopin' It Up At The Hot Springs"

Chena Hot Springs Resort
 Fairbanks, Alaska

Tours & Special Events:

- Award winning Hot Springs Geothermal Renewable Energy Program,
- Greenhouse where fresh produce is grown 365 days a year,
- Ice Museum maintained by world ice art champions Steve and Heather Brice,
- Aurora Viewing
- Appletini in a carved ice class -yours for the keeping

Registration forms and information:

<http://pacificregiongardenclubs.org/>



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Total this month: \$2,584.00
Carol Vallens, Chairman
 Total January 1 to date:
\$26,724.00

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**REMINDER: Checks for Penny Pines donations are**

PAYABLE to AND MAILED TO the Forest Service office selected.

Checks are **not sent** to the CGCI Chairman. The online form will automatically be forwarded to the Chairman for CGCI records.

Leadership Workshops presented by Robin Pokorski**2017**

Nov 11 – Utah Federation, Salt Lake City, Utah
 Nov 13 – Salt Lake City GC, Utah

2018

Aug – Fort Robinson, Nebraska (Rocky Mountain Region)
 Oct (late) – Rhode Island

**President's travel schedule**

- January 30-February 2, 2018: CGCI Winter Board Meeting-Newbury Park
- February 3-4, 2018: Landscape Design School, Colfax

God blesses my garden, but he doesn't weed it!

Carolyn A. Mayes, CPA
Auditing and Consulting Services

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

To the Board of Directors of
California Garden Clubs, Inc.
Graton, California

I have reviewed the accompanying statements of financial statements of California Garden Clubs, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2017, and the related statement of activities, statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets, and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of organization management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

Accountant's Responsibility

My responsibility is to conduct the review engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the America Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require me to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether I am aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I believe that the results of my procedures provide a reasonable basis for my conclusion.

Accountant's Conclusion

Based on my review, I am not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Carolyn A Mayes, CPA

Santa Rosa, California
September 23, 2017