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Youth Celebrate Peace in Lions Poster Contest

The Gardena Valley Lions Club visited St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School on Jan. 5 to announce the three local winners of the Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Contest, and to present certificates and prizes. How does one "promote peace"? These posters symbolically represent the students' views on what the world would look like if peace prevailed: St. Anthony's School had a total of 62 students, in Grades 6, 7 and 8, enter the contest.

POSTER WINNERS—From left are GV Lions/District co-chaplains Eleanor and Elaine Bersano; Ashley Casillas (Grade 8: 3rd place); Gabriela Pineda (Grade 6: 1st place); Principal Angela Grey; Orlando Torres (Grade 7: 2nd place); GV Lions secretary Frank Onderka; and Steve Sherman, president/treasurer and dist. photographer.

Photo by Alicia Navia



St. Anthony School to showcase new STEM lab at Open House

St. Anthony of Padua School in Gardena is the recipient of a new Science STEM Lab, courtesy of Shea Family Charities. Demolition and construction began in November-December 2016, and the final touches, along with brand new state-of-the-art furniture will arrive just in time for the school's Open House, Sunday, Jan. 29, from noon to 2 p.m. at the school's campus.

The generous donation also included 40 new Chrome Books.

Principal Angela Grey said she is "thrilled at the possibilities of this new lab", which will put a focus on the latest STEM practices, to help children become 21st century learners.

Grey said, "Whenever I walk through classrooms, I am always amazed at the effective teaching I witness, but even more

importantly, I am proud of the student learning that is taking place. Our teachers are already great, but with the school upgrades and added technology, our morale is boosted and student motivation overall has increased. We are incredibly grateful to the Shea Family for their immense generosity to our students and community."

Education can close the

U.S. gender gap in STEM careers through an innovative curriculum, and St. Anthony's is making great leaps to make this happen.

Those interested in learning more about St. Anthony of Padua School can contact Maria Grimaldo 310-329-7170 or mgrimaldo@stanthonygardena.org for more information or to arrange a campus tour today.

Decade of Change at Gardena Willows Wetland Preserve

BY CONNIE VADHEIM
SPECIAL TO THE GVN

The Friends of Gardena Willows have been stewards of Gardena's 'hidden gem' since 2006. The last 10 years have seen many improvements. If you haven't visited the Gardena Willows Wetland Preserve recently, you may be surprised at all the changes.

In the past decade, The Friends received a substantial grant to remove invasive non-

native plants. The invasive trees were choking out the native willows, for which the Preserve is named. Another grant improved the trails, making them safer and accessible to all. The Friends have worked with the City of Gardena to improve drainage into and out of the Preserve. And community partners are currently assisting to remove trees damaged by a destructive borer beetle, helping to save the re-

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GVJCI to host 2 planning workshops

Little Tokyo Service Center will host a free workshop for seniors, their families, and caregivers on Saturday, Feb. 4 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute, 1964 W. 162nd St., Gardena.

A representative from Fukui Mortuary will discuss practical tips on how to plan for death. Ad-

ditionally, a representative from the Financial Planning Association of Los Angeles will provide specific information on what to do immediately after the death or injury of a loved one and how to handle the long-term financial implications of death or injury.

"Even when it's expected, han-

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MISSED LISTING

The VFW Nisei Post 1961 Women's Club was errantly left off of the Helping Hands list of 2016 contributors. The club delivered 12 bags of food to the Hands food for needy program on Dec. 8, 2017. The GVN regrets the omission and thanks VFW Post 1961 Women's Club for its contribution.