

**LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE
TOURNAMENT OF ROSES ASSOCIATION**



NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2021

President's Message



As I sit down to write this note, I am preoccupied with the reality that this will be my last message of 2021 and most likely the last note of my years as President. There is so much activity taking place at so many levels, it is a very exciting time of year.

Most importantly, our organization is busy at work finishing the spectacular float which will represent our organization and community on New Year's Day. We have moved into final stages as we prepare for decoration week under the bridge (UTB). This time of year, many people are preparing for the holidays with shopping, meal preparation and welcoming family home. Our construction team is focused on making sure the float is running the way it should. An unselfish group who somewhat put their personal plans on hold as they focus on float.

Even as we are preparing for this year's float, efforts are underway for the 2023 Float. The design contest is already up and running. There is no time to rest, as a float build is a year-round event.

On a sad note, last month we lost a Legend. Clyde Hemphill passed away after a long and rich life. He provided great guidance, leadership, and efforts in keeping this organization moving forward to meet the next challenge. He was a mentor of mine, and I am a better person for knowing him. Our organization is better for him being involved. Please see the article highlighting him and his accomplishments.

So as 2021 is winding down, we anxiously await January 1, 2022. We need to be ready. We must be ready. Our dedicated group of leaders will make this work and our float will be ready to roll down Colorado Blvd.

As I finish the article, I want to say thank you to all of you for your support and efforts over the last 2 years. It is very much appreciated. There is great anticipation for this year's parade, and LCFTRA will be ready to go. Because "Who Says We Can't?"

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Great New Year.

Michael Davitt, President
President@lcftra.org

In Memoriam: Clyde Hemphill



As we reopen our site for the flurry of activity leading up to New Year's Day, we will be working with one less beloved Troll. Clyde Hemphill was promoted to troll under a bigger bridge on November 9th. We are sure heaven will be more organized with his help and cheerful nature.

Clyde became active in La Cañada Flintridge Tournament of Roses Association when he retired from Martin Marietta where he worked primarily on the Viking Mission located at the JPL site. Once he joined LCFTRA, he quickly became one who could be counted on for getting things done. According to Jeb Long "He was a 'can do' sort of guy who could make things happen" – always with his famous smile and joking nature. One of his most demanding positions was Site Manager, where he was instrumental in making sure the infrastructure of "under the bridge" was in working order. He was also the setup "guru" for the monthly Happy Hours while his wife Bobbie was the bartender recruiter. He was always ready and willing to help.

According to LCFTRA President, Mike Davitt, "Clyde was a great leader, mentor and friend to so many of us. He was someone who believed in many great causes, especially LCFTRA. He made this organization better. He and Bobbie will be missed and fondly remembered by so many. I am a better person for knowing him."

Mike Lenninger, who was recruited by Clyde for many of his own assignments said "Clyde was a one-of-a-kind man who was always giving. You never said 'No' to Clyde, you knew you were going to have work to do when he walked up. Nancy and I considered him and Bobbie to be dear friends."

Not only did Clyde help with LCFTRA, but he was also active in other organizations that help make La Cañada Flintridge what it is today. He was very active in Noon Kiwanis as well as the Coordinating Council. He will never be replaced. According to Lenninger, he was a behind the scenes worker bee that got things done.



Photo courtesy of Peggy Hotaling

Jeff Hemphill, son of Clyde and Bobbie, indicated there will be a Celebration of his parents' lives on Saturday, February 19th at the La Cañada Thursday Club. This day would have been their 68th wedding anniversary. Details will follow in the new year.

Last Construction Weekend is Done!



We've passed T2 inspection! Now, we're ready to move the Float Under the Bridge (UTB) on Wednesday afternoon, 22 Dec to officially shift into Deco mode. Chief Troll Rich has a great team lined up for Thursday UTB Set Up. Deco shifts are closed so badges can be made.

Key needs:

- 1) Sign up for UTB Take Down on Jan 2nd - www.lcftra.org -> UTB Volunteering. Need Help Here!
- 2) Watch for FB announcements about Deco Walk-ins - we will need people the evenings of 26th/27th.

Upcoming Dates:

(~ are estimates):

- ♦ Dec. 22nd - Float moves UTB
- ♦ Dec. 23rd - Trolls - Big Set Up Day!!!!
- ♦ Dec. 24th - Crew Chief Meeting UTB - 10 AM
- ♦ Dec. 26th - Exec tour by ToR
- ♦ Dec. ~26th - Deco Week Kickoff!
- ♦ Dec. 30th - 2:29 - 1st Judging (call time 1:30)
- ♦ Dec. 31st - 2:29 - 2nd Judging (call time 1:30)
- ♦ Jan. 1st - If you don't know, don't ask
- ♦ Jan. 2nd - Return and Trolls - Clean Up Day! (need help here - pls volunteer!)
- ♦ Jan. 8th - Memorial Park
- ♦ Jan. ~12th - 2023 Design Competition Closes
- ♦ Jan. ~15th - 2023 Big Design Review Meeting (MLK weekend)

Covid Reminder - with the changes recently in California, we still strongly recommend that everyone get vaccinated and ask the people who are not vaccinated wear a mask on site. And of course, please make sure you have no Covid symptoms before coming to site.

See you soon!

Charles Thuss, VP Float Development

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[Click Here](#) to get a sneak peek at our float in action!




Under the Bridge



Calling ALL Trolls!

We are dedicating this year's Troll Squad to our dear friend Clyde Hemphill, who recently passed away at the marvelous age of 93 years young. He was the "GOD" of the Trolls. We all loved him dearly as he had his special way of convincing you that being a member of his Troll Squad was an honor that would guarantee you entry into heaven when you grew your angel wings.

So, Clyde once again is calling you to support the Under the Bridge Project. Our goal is to prepare the site to accept the float as we plan for Deco Week. His ask is very easy, please go to our website, lcftra.org, click on "UTB Volunteering" and then you see several opportunities to join the Troll Squad! Sounds easy, right? If not, you can email me at bocciarich@gmail.com or call me at 760.709.6616.




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Upcoming Opportunities


Starts: **December 22, 2021** Finishes: **December 23, 2021**

**Under the Bridge - Set Up (Dec 22-23)**


[view more](#) Our work over the first two days is fast and fun putting up the facilities. A small group will prep the site under the bridge on December 22 and the bulk of the work will be done on the 23rd starting at 8:00 AM. No special skills required.

**Volunteer Yourself**
Volunteer Others


Starts: **December 26, 2021** Finishes: **December 31, 2021**

**Deco Week - UTB Maintenance (Dec 26-31)**


[view more](#) Maintain the site during Deco Week - sweep, empty trash, handle any simple facilities issues with water, electrical, etc.

**Volunteer Yourself**
Volunteer Others

Starts: **January 2, 2022** Finishes: **January 3, 2022**

**Under the Bridge - Take Down**

[view more](#) Take down and clean up the Under the Bridge site post parade.

**Volunteer Yourself**
Volunteer Others

Our first full day is scheduled for Thursday, December 23rd with morning java and donuts at 8am. Later in the day, as we enjoy a great lunch, we will share stories about how Clyde challenged us with his humor. With a thank you for a job well done, we'll wrap up by 4pm.

Who's in? Clyde / God is watching so let's make him proud - Amen!

Rich Boccia, Head Troll

bocciarich@gmail.com 760-709-6616

Parade Ticket - Pickup!!



When: Wednesday, December 29, 2021, 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM

Where: Float Decorating Site ("Under the Bridge")
4510 Hampton Road
La Canada Flintridge, CA 91011



Construction



WE HAVE FOAM !

We passed T2 !

FLOAT:

Chassis: We have a fully foamed float. The construction team and many others have worked extra hard and kept the adrenaline flowing. It has taken the efforts of so many to get this far. Thanks go out to Pam Gossoo, Jeff Helgager, Bob , Randy Bartos, Rich Boccia, Nancy Wolhaupter, Chuck Terhune, Tim Rahtz, Sue Beatty, Pam Wiedenbeck, Jim Neilson, Tanya and Amar Miller, and Chuck Hughes as our regulars - and we also have a quite a few weekend volunteers that made welding, track, mechanical animation devices, screening, sheeting, cutting, wiring, hoses, painting, foam prep.... This was a particularly hard-fought deadline, and a little rain only added to the hurdle race we ran. Thanks to all !

We accomplished another major and critical milestone known as T2 on Saturday December 18th. At this inspection we once again drove the float out on the street to be tested and inspected on all animation mechs., a fire drill for float operators to insure a safe escape, and general approval and alignment . This is a big deal and our final milestone before deco week. So, there is light at the end of the tunnel.... And it doesn't appear to be an oncoming train, so looking good!



Next steps:

Chassis: Now that we are 'foamed in solid'... we cut our way back inside and get all the mechanicals running, and setting the stage for deco to take over. Kinda like cocoon being opened.

Track propulsion: Done. Thanks, Randy Bartos, for the engineering!

Characters: Basically done - the dogs are in their final grooming and prep for the big show. Thanks to Chuck Terhune, Nancy Wolhaupter, Sue Beatty and Pam Wiedenbeck!

Trees and Mechanicals (Mechs): Trees are complete, frame and mount for them is complete and the tilting stow mechanism is active – and impressive in its' sheer magnitude. All we need to do is some final welding and then assembly. This will occur throughout this week and by Friday night (because it needs to be active for T2) as mentioned last time....this is a big thing and will require muscle and equipment to mount upon the float chassis. Come Friday to watch what is sure to be interesting.

Satellite: Is not sitting still - it too has been freshly foamed, and also has its animated rocking Jet ski mounted aloft. It too will receive one of our dogs to pilot the Jet ski.

Site: Near 24/7 hive of activity. We can use all the help we can get: remember the country is expecting a show on New Year's Day... and we are a unique and integral part of bringing an exciting New Year to the U.S.

Come out and see what's up - so much to do, can't even list it all here!
Inviting all to come by, come see and get hooked!

Ernest Koeppen, John Wolhaupter, Dwight Crumb, Construction Co-Chairs
Grant Delgatty, Design Chair
Construction@lcftra.org



The LCFTRA 2022 Rose Parade entry: "Who Says We Can't?"

Deco Week is Here!



It's time - Deco Week is here, and we're hoping that the entire LCFTRA community will come out to help us make this float a success! By the time you read this, we will have closed pre-registration for decorating shifts, but we still plan on accepting walk-ins whenever our shifts allow. We've got plenty of space in the evening shifts (5:30-10pm), especially right after Christmas, so bring your vaccination card or proof of a recent negative test and join us! Walk-ups will be taken on a first-come first-serve basis.

We also welcome visitors to stop by as the float is decorated. It's always wonderful to see you stop by while walking your dog or going on a stroll with your kids. We'll have plenty to see before final judging, so feel free to come back daily. Want to see final judging? The exact timing will be posted under the bridge, but we expect it to be early in the afternoon on the 30th and 31st. Please stop by then to cheer on the float.

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy, and let us be the first to wish you a Happy New Year! See you under the bridge!
We can't wait to see you all under the bridge!

Sara Wickersham, Jennifer Laço, Deco Co-Chairs

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Remember When:

A Past President Looks Back



From 'Just Imagine ...' to 'Dream, Believe, Achieve'
The Achievement of Award-Winning Floats

In December 2019 and January 2020, all of LCFTRA began to *Dream* of the next float as almost 100 ideas came in to be considered by those in the membership who thought they had the next award-winning idea.

In February 2020, the wrangling, drawing, and presenting to the Pasadena Tournament of Roses began as 'Who Says We Can't' began to take shape fueling the *Belief* that the next float would be another fanciful and funny float as a collection of senior dogs outdid themselves at the skatepark.

At the beginning of March 2020, the construction crew began the preliminary process of creating the environment to *Achieve* the creation of the Doggie Skatepark.

By mid-March 2020 the long wait began as everyone at LCFTRA wondered if our *Dream* of our collective *Belief* would ever be *Achieved*.

During the long months of 2020 with nothing being built, with nothing to decorate, with nothing to operate, with nothing to celebrate at the turn of 2021, LCFTRA continued to *Dream, Believe* and *Achieve*. Dreaming, believing and achieving is a hallmark of LCFTRA from our first all-female operating crew (with the able assistance of animator, Randy Bartos) to adding an all-electric satellite to building the association's first coaster-like assembly for five dogs to ride.

To all the members and volunteers and sponsors and donors who stuck with us during the previous 20 months, it is time to celebrate, a float that will be decorated, decorators who will join us 'Under the Bridge', a little bit of Floatique in spite of supply chain issues, new friends, new ways of meeting and greeting.

And it is time to begin another cycle in our more than 40 years. Celebrate our turning this final corner in 2021 to look at the design contest. The entire Association is looking forward to your float ideas on all 'the corners you have turned' in your lives and the whimsical, humorous, and animated floats that they could possibly be.

When Arlene Buchmann and I sat 'under the clouds' 10 years ago driving 'if pigs could fly', I realized that LCFTRA could do anything from making '*pigs fly*' to '*dogs never saying they couldn't*' by taking over a skate park.

Pam Wiedenbeck and Arlene Buchmann 'under the clouds' for the 2012 parade.

Pam Wiedenbeck, Past President (2010 & 2011)



Floatique



Well things are in full swing now! Many, many busy hands, lots of last-minute details being confirmed and best of all Floatique merchandise is arriving every day.

Hoping you and your families had a very Happy Hanukkah and everyone is looking forward to a very Merry Christmas.

Be sure to visit the LCFTRA website to sign up to decorate the Float or volunteer at the Floatique table. Starting Sunday, 12/26/21 you will find us all "Under the Bridge". Looking forward to having you stop by to cheer us on, make some purchases and take some amazing pictures for those unavailable to volunteer. At times, moral support is just what the doctor ordered!

Available Floatique merchandise includes our traditional La Cañada branded items (coffee cups, baseball hats, beanies, scarfs, aprons, license plate covers, collector pins and patches), along with our 2022 Who Says We Can't? goodies (T-Shirts, coffee cups, pins, patches, "Name on Float" note cards and post cards). But this year we have some new and fun items to include draw string backpack, polo shirt, light weight all weather jacket, stainless steel travel mug, glow in the dark frisbee flyers and handmade sock dog stuffed animals.

If you are looking to purchase some gifts for Christmas, give Michele a call and we can schedule a meet up or we can get items in the mail for a low shipping and handling flat fee of \$15.00. Please be aware some items are still on there way to us, so we will verify what is available at the time you call.

Take care, stay healthy and keep that 2022 Rose Parade spirit and enthusiasm going strong. Thanks to one and all for your amazing support!

Michele Bottrell (818-248-5440), *Chuck Hughes* (818-790-9597), **Floatique Co-Chairs**

Rewards for Members!



LCFTRA Members: Invite friends, family, co-workers and neighbors to join us in keeping the tradition alive. Earn a \$5.00 gift certificate for referring a new member. We'll reward you for the first 10 referrals! The gift certificate is good for purchases at the Floatique. Contact Sarah Marshall at Membership@lcftra.org or 818-790-2732 to make sure you get credit for your referrals.

Membership Renewals



Nov 2021

Rose Circle (\$800+)

La Cañada Kiwanis Club
John and Nancy Wolhaupter

Benefactor

Walter Conn
Pam Stumbaugh

Parader (\$300)

Meredie Heaton
Wayne and Margaret Kruse
Sarah Marshall

Patron (\$150)

Randy Bartos
Michele Bottrell
Martha Burns
David Granish and Julia
Cameron
La Cañada-La Crescenta
Kiwanis Club
Judy Murray
Roy and Lillian Olofson
Don and Lynn Voss

Sustainer (\$75)

Glenn Cunningham
Joanne Farmer
Bill Hurd
Larry Jung
Pamella Kolb
Harvey and Dolores Marsh
Kathy and Charles Murchie
John and Gale Musker

Floater (\$35)

Nancy Kiang
Rora Melendy
Irene Mendon
Emmanuel Munda

Donations

Walter Conn
Ann Cowley
Bill Hurd
La Canada Kiwanis Club
Kathy and Charles Murchie
John and Gale Musker
Aleta Warren

Membership Renewals:

We will keep track of your renewal schedule for you. All members will receive email reminders of their membership renewal 30 days before their current membership expires. The email will contain a direct link for the renewal process online and allows payment by all major credit cards, PayPal, or by printing a form and mailing in a check.

Questions? Contact Sarah Marshall: Email Membership@lcftra.org or call @ 818-790-2732.

New Memberships:

Join online by clicking on this [New Member Signup](#) button. Using the online signup process is the easiest way to go and allows you to pay online (or by check).

No email or internet access?: If you prefer to not use the online options for new memberships or renewals, then print [this Mail-In Membership Form](#) and follow the instructions for mailing your information and check.

Sarah Marshall, Membership Chair

Membership@lcftra.org

Technical Support

If you have technical issues signing in, you can contact our website provider's support folks toll free at 1-866-HLP-CLUB (457-2582) from 4:30 AM to 7:00 PM, Mon-Fri, Pacific time (they are located in Chicago). Or you can email them at Support@clubexpress.com For all other LCFTRA questions or help, feel free to contact Greg Brown at VPAdmin@lcftra.org.

Thank you so much for your support. We are 100% donation supported and your membership/donations make the float possible. Hopefully the new website will make that continued support easy for you!

See you next month!

Greg Brown, VP - Administration

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