

The December 12th meeting Will be held in the home of Mary Ann C. see map for directions in this issue or call (824-4165 or 698-9767 for Directions) This will be Pot Luck Brunch at: 11:00 a.m.

The Rainbow GAZETTE



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The November meeting produces a full Board for 1999!

The November meeting of The Rainbow Garden Club was well attended by twenty-two members. Charles B. did a great presentation on Bulbs that do well in San Antonio. (All of Charles' Presentation are well done) and for that... we as a group thank you for your leadership of the past year as President. I am very fond of bulbs and am always glad to get more information on what I might be doing right as well as what I might be doing wrong. Mary Ann C. asked all the questions I needed to ask... which meant I benefited from her inquisitive nature.

The other subject of the November meeting was achieving a new operating board for 1999. Being on the board is not a difficult task... but many are reluctant to volunteer for fear of doing it wrong. There however is no wrong way to do any of these positions. I do however think it would be difficult to follow Charles B. who has done a super job for 1998. With encouragement from Luis T. and several others... Charles has agreed to be president for another year, and Luis T. has been nominated for the Vice-President position. We completed 1998 without even having a vice president...so this should help with the upcoming meetings in 1999. Mary Ann C. has been nominated to be secretary for 1999 and Dave S. has volunteered to do the newsletter for 1999. All positions have been taken care of except treasurer. Smitty and I have been the treasurer for 1998 and if no-one volunteers, we will continue to fill this position; but for now that position is open to any one who might wish to fill it for 1999.

The December meeting will be at the home of Mary Ann C. at which time we will vote on the nominations for the 1999 Board of Directors for the Rainbow Garden Club. Thanks to each person who has volunteered, fresh ideas and new leadership...**very exciting!** If any of you need assistance let others in the club know... and we will be glad to give you our ideas. David, if you need assistance with the newsletter when you are ready for vacation or whatever, let me know and I will be glad to assist and pinch hit for you if you need it.

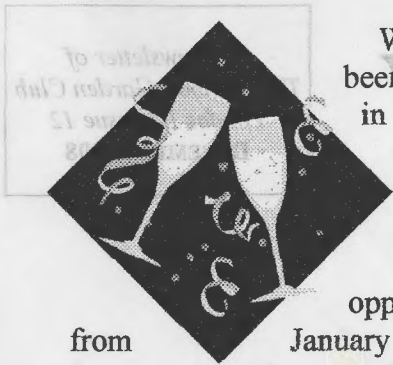
The Rainbow Garden Club welcomes two new members Charles P. and José M. who joined in December after attending the November meeting that was so graciously hosted by Dave and David... Thanks Guys!

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AND TWO MAKE 48!



With the two new members who joined in December, our membership has been increased to 48 incredible members. We have grown this year, not only in size but in diversity. We have seven new female members this year and each has interesting backgrounds and qualifications that will help The Rainbow Garden Club to move in many new directions. Ladies, we always welcome input from each and every one of you.

Having mentioned the two new members, this would be a great opportunity to mention that membership in The Rainbow Garden Club runs from January through December of each year with memberships to be renewed in January. However there is an understanding that people interested in the club may receive three complimentary newsletters before having to join. The members who joined in October, November, or December will be carried over into 1999 without having to renew their membership. If the newsletter couple continues with the method that Smitty and used at the beginning of 1998. All members on the roster will receive their newsletters, giving them ample time to renew their memberships.

The Holiday Season and 1999 Are just a few days away!

Smitty and I are hosting a New Years Party on Thursday, December 31st, 1998 to bring in 1999! The occasion will have fireworks hosted by Fiesta Texas, Sea World, and several other locations throughout the City. Our home is located to take best advantage of this occasion and invite each of you to bring in the New Year with us. The information is included in this newsletter as an insert.

A Note From The Prez... Charles B.



Even though we don't have the brisk cold winds of winter yet, Mother Nature has been doing her thing with the leaves. The Maples are even red this year, and the Ginkgo is screaming yellow. The Orange trees are bright with ripe fruit and free mulch is everywhere! But soon, those cold winds and freezing temperatures will be here and then it's **CRISIS TIME!** Soooo...don't wait too long, we usually think of 14 December as our D-day (dead plant day). Plan now to save those tender tropical hanging baskets, hibiscus, and gorgeous bougainvillea. Even an unheated, dimly lit garage is a safe haven for our tropicals if a brightly-lit setting is not available. Plants are very forgiving and can exist through our 45 day "Winter" even though they may lose their leaves and look forlorn. For those plants far too large to move indoors, try a large sheet of plastic film and a 150 watt flood light plugged into an extension cord. That little bit of heat can make all the difference on a frosty night.

We want to express our sincerest thanks to Dave and David, our hosts for our November brunch and meeting. Their home was festive and the brunch delicious, as always. Thanks guys for being such perfect hosts.

At our November meeting, we had a spirited discussion regarding our new slate of club officers for 1999. Several members have agreed to serve the club next year. Luis T. has agreed to be our 1st ever Vice President, Charles B. will run for Presidency, and Dave Simmons has agreed to be our lifesaving Newsletter Editor. Mary Ann C. has agreed to be our new Secretary and Ken W. and Smitty will continue as our joint Treasurer. If you would like to serve the club in some capac-

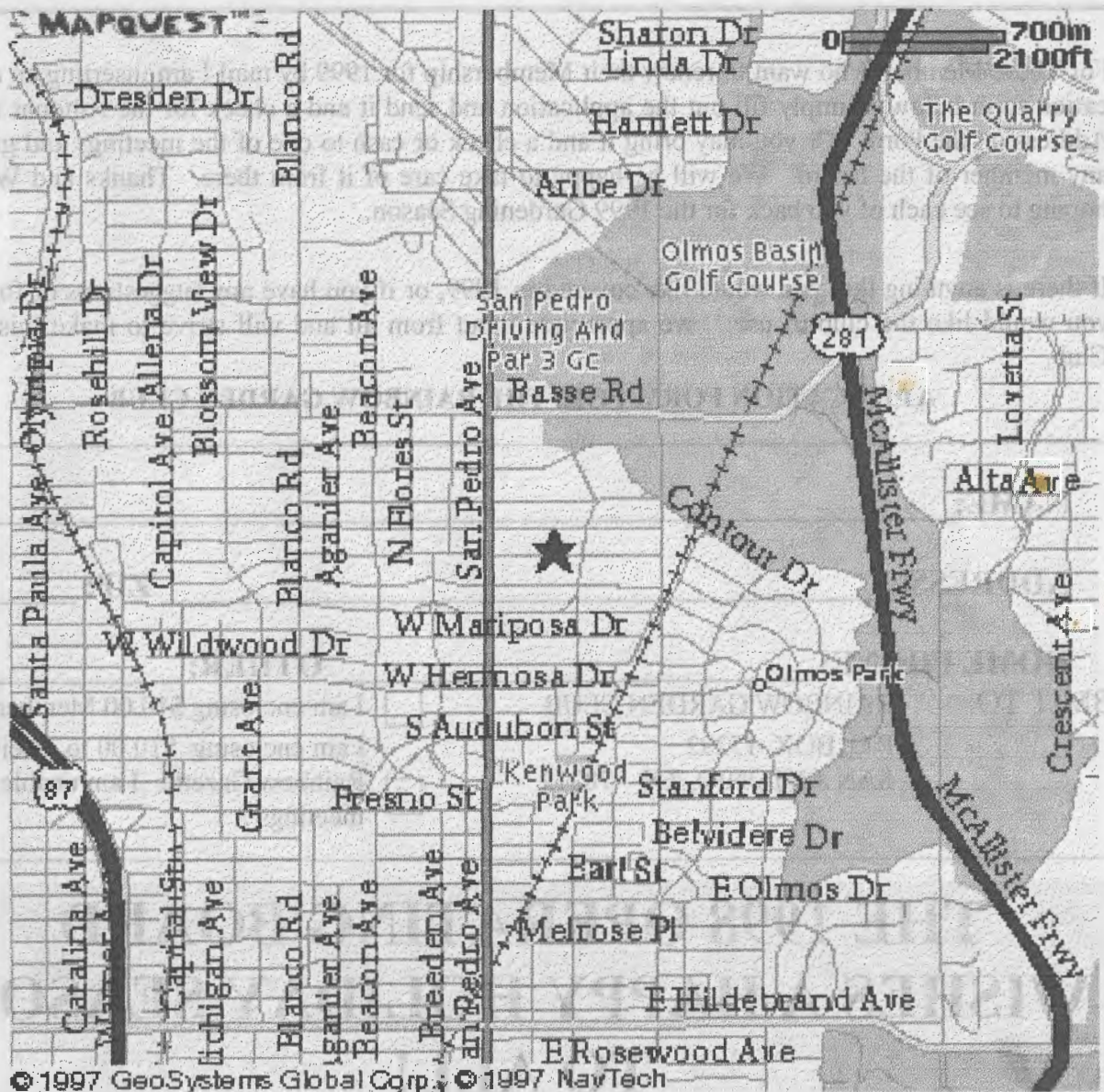
ity next year, please attend our December meeting and volunteer. We promise that you will receive lots of help to make your duties as light as possible.

Albert and I want to thank each and every one of you for all your support this past year and wish everyone a wonderful **Holiday Season** and the best ever **New Year**. We will be in San Miguel de Allende this Christmas visiting with all the snowbirds, so we won't be in San Antonio for present day, but we will return in plenty of time to join everyone for our January meeting. Till then, keep warm and here's wishing you celebrations filled with joy and enough love to last you throughout the coming year. Hang up the mistletoe!

CHARLES B.

THE DECEMBER MEETING OF RAINBOW GARDEN CLUB

Mary Ann C. has graciously offered her lovely home for our Holiday end of the year meeting, so reserve a place on your Holiday Calendar for our December brunch and meeting. We will meet at 11:00 am on Saturday, 12th of December. Mary Ann's home is at 227 Hermine Blvd. I will insert a map on this page. If you get lost, give Mary Ann a call at (210) 824-4165.



The meeting once again will be our usual format with a Pot-Luck Style Brunch. If you aren't sure what to bring... you may give Mary Ann a call and see if there is any thing that she feels would be good for you to bring.

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CONTACT:

CHARLES BARTLETT AND AL DEL RIO

For Those Member Who want to renew their Membership for 1999 by mail I am inserting an application form below. Simply fill out the application and send it and a check for the Amount to the Address on the Form. Or you may bring it and a check or cash to one of the meetings and give to any member of the Board. We will be happy to take care of it from there. Thanks and We are hoping to see each of you back for the 1999 Gardening Season.

If there is anything that you would like covered in 1999, or if you have any suggestions or formats you would like the club to use... we appreciate input from all and will strive to make this your Club.

APPLICATION FORM FOR: THE RAINBOW GARDEN CLUB

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ **ZIP:** _____

HOME PHONE: _____ **OTHER:** _____

SUBMIT TO: RAINBOW GARDEN CLUB
 P.O. BOX 15292
 SAN ANTONIO, TX 78212

- ☐ I am enclosing \$10.00 Membership fees
☐ I am enclosing \$10.00 to receive the
☐ Rainbow Gazette...I am unable to attend
 meetings.

**THE 1998 OPERATING BOARD
 WISHES A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON
 TO ALL!**

RING IN 1999

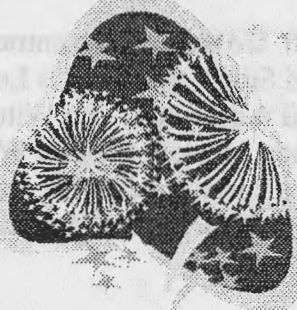
Smitty and Ken Invite you to join us on Thursday, December 31st, 1998 to Ring in the New Year! The Party will begin at 8:00 PM and Continue until 1999!

19 NEW YEAR 99
PARTY!

Thursday, Dec. 31
8:00 PM Till ?

AT

Smitty & Ken's



Please RSVP by 12/20

**Casual dress--- Indoor and
Outdoors**

**Beer, Wine, and Setups
provided**

**Bring your favorite appetizer,
muchies, or dessert**

**Fireworks Courtesy
of Fiesta Texas!**

DIRECTIONS TO SMITTY AND KEN'S

In CrownRidge Estates (by Fiesta Texas and La Cantera Golf Course)

Address: **6623 Wagner Way (210) 698-9767**

1. From Downtown San Antonio... get onto I-10 going toward El Paso.
2. Go past Loop 410 and 1604 (Anderson Loop) Go past Loop and La Cantera
3. Exit at Camp Bullis Road (Exit # 554)
4. At Camp Bullis Road go left under I-10. Go through the entrance to Crownridge Estates.
5. Once past the entrance go to the second Stop Sign which is Legend.
6. Turn Right onto Legend , follow it until it dead ends into Wittenburg.
7. Turn left onto Wittenburg for a very short block to Wagner Way
8. Turn Left onto Wagner Way (which is a curvy street). After it turns sharply to the right, it becomes a steep incline. Just at the top of the hill look for **6623 Wagner Way** on the left. It is a White Texas Stone house with Gray trim.

Address is 6623.. located on front stone balustrade. :

