

Dinner with the Koops & Hensons

On a beautiful September evening, Jerry Koop of Alpha & Omega Gardening and Mike Henson of Maranatha Landscaping teamed up to provide a spectacular chapter event at Jerry's facility off Brundage near Weedpatch Highway.

Starting the evening off, Dennis Banducci of RainBird introduced Luke Timmons, our new contractor representative. Together they gave a quick review of the RainBird Controllers and their features.

Dinner was then served in Jerry's shop. The tables were surrounded by antique gas pumps and an antique doctor's coach. Antique cars and gas pumps are a passion of Jerry's. Mike and his family provided barbequed chicken and tri-tip with salad, rice, desert, and Connie Koop's special freshly made Zweiback rolls with butter and homemade jam.

Our speaker was none other than chapter president Olga See. Olga recently returned from a 3 week mission trip to an orphanage in Uganda. She shared stories and photos of her trip. She reported that over 350 well behaved children with bright smiles showed up for their ministry work. Olga thanked the board for their donation which helped pay for the van to be fixed.

Many of the children were given food and clothing through sponsorships and gladly received schooling and religious training. In Uganda, many children are orphans due to AIDS. Uganda is working to reduce its spread.

"It was a wonderful experience," said Olga. "I really love going. It changes me each time."

Thanks again to Steve Baumgarter of Kern River Power Equipment for bringing a variety of caps, trimmer wire and cleaner. Thanks to Dawn Baumgarter who donated two beautiful flower arrangements of orchids and violets. Thank you Dennis Banducci for donating two \$15 Starbucks gift cards. Thanks to the Henson Family and Maranatha Landscaping for the bottles of wine, and good food. Thanks to the Koops for opening up their shop to our Chapter. It was a lovely time.

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Above: Dennis Banducci of Rainbird and new sale rep Luke Timmons showed the Rain Bird controllers.

Below: The group looks on in rapt attention.



Above: Jim Rios and Sam Perez.

At left: The raffle table runneth over thanks to Steve and Dawn Baumgarter, Dennis Banducci and the Henson family.

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