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Chairman of West Nile Virus**

Mosquito & WNV Community Meeting (Held on November 27, 2018)

After two solid months of promoting the Mosquito & its' association with West Nile Virus, members of the Hacienda Heights community arrived to the community center to hear the presentation by Kelley Middleton, Director of Community Affairs from the Greater Los Angeles Vector Control Department. Kelley brought many brochures in Spanish, English & Mandarin to suit everyone's needs. In attendance were approximately 30 audience members anxious to show their mosquito bites and share concerns. The life cycle of the Mosquito was described leading to the many breeding grounds of egg laying which can be preserved for months without water. The rains arrived filling rims of potted plants, buckets, top of plants, anywhere there is a cool place to thrive, your patio! Best of all, while you too are enjoying your yard, the mosquito is feeding on you! Did you know female mosquitos are the only mosquitos that bite? Male mosquitos do not but rather feed on flowers or other plants.

There are insecticides to prevent bites. They come in spray or crème form to apply but what about your water or pond? There is a donut shaped pesticide named Bti (Bacillus Thuringiensis) that kills mosquito eggs and larva. One can purchase it at garden/department stores but one must make sure it is dropped with something heavy to keep it down to avoid your pet from licking it while floating.

The audience was very attentive during the presentation and asked many questions afterwards. Many came to the table at the front to view closer where Kelly had quite interesting samples of egg infested items.

Overall, learn the many ways and much more of prevention & breeding regarding the mosquito on HHIA website if you missed the meeting at: www.hhia.net

HHIA would like to offer a special "Thank you!" to Kelly for her fabulous presentation!