

GFWC California Federation of Women's Clubs Orange District



THE CALL

President: Marcia Willett
Communications Secretary: Frances Phelps
Website: www.cfwcorangedistrict.com
January 2019



Orange District Council Meeting
Friday, January 11, 9:45 a.m. - Phoenix Club
Luncheon Fee \$30.00 per person
Hostess Club: Yorba Linda Woman's Club
RESERVATION DEADLINE: Monday December 31st

RESERVATION PROCEEDURE **Suzanne Vaugine, Financial Secretary**

December 31st is the deadline for the January 11, 2019, Council Meeting.

Please **email** to me the names of those attending and include the designations of any Past District Presidents, District Officers and District Chairmen.

If a cancellation of an attendee is not made by the deadline, the meal is still charged. A substitute is acceptable the day of the event, and your club check is due at the Council Meeting.

Please do NOT leave your reservation on the message machine. **Email or phone** the District Financial Secretary Suzanne Vaugine: svaugine@aol.com – 714.538.2226. Thank you!



**MARCH
FOR
BABIES**

COLLECTIONS ~ ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN!

On Friday January 11 at the Phoenix Club District Council Meeting our speaker will be a representative from the March of Dimes. We are asking that each club bring the following with them that day to donate.

Collecting:

Packages of disposable diapers – sizes 1 and 2. (They do not need infant size.) Packages of diaper wipes. Any brand is fine. Bring them with you that day. Let's shower them with diapers! Chairman Alison Wessler, alisonwessler@gmail.com 714-847-5044

President – Marcia Willett
marciaewillett@gmail.com

I hope you were able to attend the first South County District Council Meeting on November 9th. We had a great turn-out, heard from the CFWC President Dori Kelsey, had some fun and had a great lunch. If you missed it, you will get another chance next year. Thanks to all who helped make this a special day.

The frenzy of the holidays is upon us. Shopping, cooking, parties and decorating just to name a few of the things many of us are in the midst of doing. I hope you will pause and take some time for yourself and also remember those who may need a little extra love and care. Please consider an additional donation to the food bank of your choice to help those who are in need.

It is hard to believe that the new year is almost upon us. Don't forget to place these dates on your calendars:

January 11 & 12

Club reports will be due on January 11, and the next day you can blow off some steam at District Quartermasteria to be held at the Woman's Club of Garden Grove. Cost is \$20 including lunch and bidding paddle. Make checks out to Orange District. Send checks and attendee list to Lois Small at 13852 Brenan Way, Santa Ana. Doors open at 10:30 am. Deadline January 5, 2019.

February 8

Don't miss this opportunity to show your artistic skills at the District Art Festival.

March 8

March 8 District Council Meeting will have a focus on new Members so make sure they have this date on their calendars.

April 27

Time to celebrate our hard work at the District Convention! A new addition to the District Convention will be the First Annual Juniors Reunion Breakfast. We are looking for all past, present members and

President, Cont.

friends of Juniors. This is strictly a time to reconnect with Junior Friends and of course anyone who was a Junior General Coordinator and friends of Juniors. Everyone is welcome. Come socialize at the breakfast and stay for the convention!

Wishing all of you a Happy, Fun-filled, Safe Holiday with Friends and Family and look forward to seeing you in January!

Marcia



First Vice President - Mary Sprague
msprague@sbcglobal.net

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL! I don't want to be the GRINCH but just a reminder that **ALL club reports will be due at the January Council Meeting.** There will be a box for the reports. Have fun writing your reports and if you have any questions or problems please do not hesitate to call me.

A special THANK YOU TO ALL THE Orange District Chairmen for all the information they give to the clubs in the district mailbox. Club Presidents and Deans please be sure to look through this information and share with your members.

8:45 am	REGISTRATION - Louise Hernandez
9:40	CHIMES ~ Susan Hillman
9:45	CALL TO ORDER
	Pledge of Allegiance - Linda White
	Patriotic song - Pamela Hughes-Tice
	Inspiration - Norma Susic
	Welcome – Yorba Linda Woman’s Club ~ Linda Queen
	Credentials Report - Louise Hernandez

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Financial Secretary	Suzanne Vaugine
Treasurer	Nancy Capel
Director of Finance	Maria Sterk
Communications Secretary	Frances Phelps
Corresponding Secretary	Susie Autry
Recording Secretary	Gayle Carter
Parliamentarian	Tess Rupe
3rd Vice President/Ways & Means	Lois Small
2nd Vice President/Membership	Sandy Tessier
1st Vice President/Dean of Chairman	Mary Sprague
President	Marcia Willett

12:45 RECONVENE
District Chairmen's Reports – cont. - Mary Sprague
Final Credential Report - Louise Hernandez
Announcements - Clubs
Pin Drawing - Ruth Carter
Opportunity Drawing - Lois Small

*Subject to change

WRITING REPORTS?

As you are working on your Report Writing, you need the most up-to-date information. Please check page 20 in your Yearbook. There was an error during the printing and a new page 20 has been added. If your copy of the Yearbook doesn't have the new page 20, please email Susie Autry, susie@autrys.com and a copy will be emailed back.

Each year the Orange District Corresponding Secretary prepares the new Yearbook. This secretary gleans the information from various sources; one of which is the club Data Blank turned in to the OD Financial Secretary. The OD year is June 1 to May 31. However, if your club uses January 1 to December 31, the Data Blank doesn't supply the information regarding the officers taking office January 1.

The Financial Secretary doesn't need to know you have new officers but the Corresponding Secretary does. This secretary could list both sets of officers by date when completing the next Yearbook.

Any questions, I'd be happy to help.

Susie Autry, OD Corresponding Secretary



HELLO AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

It probably seems way too early to be thinking about the 2019 District Convention, but we have lots of great things planned and do not want you to miss out!

We are having the FIRST Annual Junior Reunion Breakfast, opened to all former and current Orange District Juniors. We want Juniors who were club members, District Officers and Chairmen, and State Officers and Chairmen to attend and renew friendships, plus have an opportunity to share memories of their years in Federation.

If you are still in touch with any Junior members, please let them know what we are planning. They do not need to stay afterwards for Convention but are more than welcome to do so! Send Junior information to pamela_tice@yahoo.com and they will receive an invitation!

Don't forget to **Save the Date for the Convention! It will be on Saturday, April 27, 2019, at the Tustin Ranch Golf Club, 12442 Tustin Ranch Road, Tustin.** Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season!

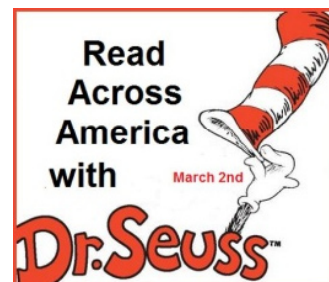
Pamela Hughes Tice, Orange District Convention Chairman



ORANGE DISTRICT EDUCATION CHAIR

Connie Wadsley - crwadsley@yahoo.com

One of GFWC's 7 Grand Initiatives for 2018-2020 is to promote literacy and GFWC's involvement with libraries; GFWC would like to collect 1,000 new Dr. Seuss books (in English and different languages) to distribute 500 to Washington, D.C. schools, hospitals, and shelters and 500 to clubs' local schools, hospitals, and shelters on Dr. Seuss' birthday, March 2, 2020.



Orange District will be collecting new Dr. Seuss books at the **January 11th Council meeting**. In coordination with Orange County Department of Ed and CHOC, the books will be distributed to Orange County Schools or hospital. You may also bring (or mail) a club or individual donation check to the Friday, January 11th Council meeting. Make checks payable to Orange District and indicate in the memo line that it is for Dr. Seuss Reading Across America Program books. You might consider hosting a club wine or Pampered Chef Party, a tea or cards party, a bunco night or other fun gatherings and donate all proceeds to this worthwhile project. You will receive a flyer at the January Council meeting with details.



CALLING ALL CLUBS!

The Orange District's newly redesigned website is a work in progress. Currently, most of the photos on the site are generic images culled from stock photo libraries. As webmaster, I'm trying to add more photographs of our members, actively engaged in our work and fun activities. To accomplish this, I need your help. Please email me photos of your members at your events so I have a good selection to choose from. Please send large format jpgs to susandenley4804@gmail.com. The emails should include the name of your club.

Thank you! Mary Susan Denley - susandenley4804@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP TIP #2 ~ "Can I find you on the internet"?

Sandy Tessier - jstessier@msn.com

Like it or not you need to make your presence known on the World Wide Web (www).

Now days that's how people find other people, places and/or things. No longer do we search the newspaper or the "yellow pages" for names and addresses. Word of mouth is great but it only goes so far. Yes, someone heard about your club. Now what was the name? Where was it?

Our target audience is the newly retired person. She still has lots of energy and a desire to "give back". Her skills are up to date. She is computer literate and she enjoys searching the "web". She is looking for a group that does well in her local community and looks like she might have fun and meet new friends.

So where does she look? She may nities near me". If she has heard of the search engine. She might look on The question is will she find you



Make sure you have a website and When she logs into your website That first page should have the name information. This home page should useful to put the days and times that you meet, where, and how to make a reservation. Also the home page should have an index or an easy way to navigate the site. Usually across the top of the screen is a list that might include links to events, officers, news and newsletters. There should plenty of pictures with news about what you are about to do and pictures of what you have done.

Then there is Face book – its easy to set up and easy to change and easy to update. Best of all it is easy for people from all over to see your club and the fun and important things it does. They can then pass your information on to their friends.

There are many more of these networking sites that you can use for free to get your name out there.

But I can hear you muttering, "We can't do that we don't know how. None of us can use a computer so we can't use social media and don't know how to establish a website". There is help for this dilemma. Go to the internet (Google) and type in free website builder. There are several free web builders listed and all their information.

You can also check in with your local high school. They may have students who are willing to help you out for community service points. Or ask your grandchildren. So there is no excuse, we are in the 21 Century and like it or not life is digital and we all need to be connected! See you on the internet!

search Google and type in "volunteer opportunity the name of your club she might type that in to Facebook or Linked in. there?

that is easy to use, informative and up to date. does she land on a welcoming home page? of the club the address, phone and contact be colorful and have lots of pictures. It is also



AWARENESS AND PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

CHAIRMAN: Karlene Ballard karlala@aol.com 714 875-5275

(See Purse Flyer on Page 12!!)

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What we do puts a smile in someone's heart, and ours.

LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC POLICY - Chairman: Colleen Janssen**E: colleenj02@gmail.com - P: 805-813-0844****Your Opinion Counts**

Have you ever heard about a new law and wondered, ‘What were they thinking?’ Conversely, have you wondered, ‘Why doesn’t someone do something about that?’

Now is your chance to be heard. The GFWC Legislation Action Center can notify you by email whenever there is legislation that impacts you, your family, and our country. Examples of issues include human trafficking, safety for children, and much more.

As part of the Seven Grand Initiatives proposed by our International President, Mary Ellen Brock, our goal across the country is to have 1,000 more members sign up for these alerts.

Here’s how you participate: Go to the GFWC website at www.gfwc.org. Click on What We Do. Click on Legislative Action Center under Public Policy. Click again on Legislative Action Center. Look to the right and find Join the Legislative Action Center box called Join Now. Fill out your information. Be sure to use your home address so they can locate the legislators for your area.

IMPORTANT! Be sure to scroll down once you have filled out your information and click on the Email Opt-In, then click Register.

On an occasional basis, you will receive an email asking for your support or opposition for a legislative item. You can read about it and decide if you would like to participate.

GFWC will have already written the letter and knows which legislator covers your area. All you do is follow the instructions, and the letter will be forwarded. Upon completion, you will receive an email thanking you for participating.

Be sure to check on the right side of the email once you finish to see if there are any other legislative items for which you would like to participate by forwarding a GFWC letter. It’s easy and it helps our organization make a difference. Be part of the 1,000 members to sign up this year! We signed up members at the November Orange District meeting and appreciate those who participated. If you need help signing up, please contact me.



PUBLIC ISSUES - Linda White, Chairman - 562 858-3440 gmatwhite@twc.com

Cup of Joe for a Joe

Want to send a quick, easy gift to a troop overseas? For \$2.50 you can send a cup of coffee to one of our men or women serving overseas. Green Beans Coffee operates coffee stands and cafes in many bases overseas, mostly in the Middle East and several airports here in the states.

“Cup of Joe for a Joe” was approved as a district project at our most recent meeting. To gift a cup of coffee visit greenbeanscoffee.com and click on the Cup of Joe heading to purchase the coffee. You are able to send a message with your purchase and oftentimes you will receive a thank you from the soldier in return.

**Martin Luther King Day, January 21, 2018**

In 1994 Congress passed the King Holiday and Service Act. As one of our GFWC President’s Grand Initiatives, Mary Ellen Brock has asked that each club participate in a service project on that day. I’m hoping you’ll choose a project in the Public Issues department. You could deliver wish list items to the USO at John Wayne airport, visit and support a local museum or landmark and contribute to its upkeep or provide information to your members on how to prepare for a disaster/evacuation as we’ve seen recently.



In early November, Yorba Linda Woman's Club held it's 23rd annual Fall Craft Fair! We took over the entire Yorba Linda Community Center with over 150 vendors selling a variety of items, a Create-A-Craft activity area, delicious food in our Club Café (the loaded baked potatoes were the talk of the town), several Opportunity Baskets and a surprise visit from Santa! The money raised from our Craft Fair goes back into our local community by awarding scholarships, art awards, and sponsoring students to attend leadership seminars, as well as other philanthropic causes throughout the year.



TREE CITY USA- THE ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION - Bev Rigney[bevrigney@yahoo.com]

The Tree City USA program recognize cities for their excellence in urban forestry management. As Arbor Day Foundation program, Tree City USA provides direction, assistance and national recognition for a community by developing a framework for a healthy , sustainable urban forestry program in a town. If your community is not a Tree City, USA, now is the time to support an effort to make that happen.

Visit...www.arborday.org/programs/treecityusa



HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

We are at the beginning of a new club reporting year but also planning to share our accomplishments from 2018. So place our Annual Convention date of Saturday, April 27, 2019 on your calendar! Marcia and I are happy to announce that the theme for Convention will be: "Feeding Hunger – Feeding the Mind" with the beloved Dr. Seuss character driving his Seuss-Mobile.... driving out hunger and promoting reading! Take that theme and design your table centerpieces for a special prize at Convention! The Convention Call will be available at the January Council Meeting. Please make sure you have a Club representative at this meeting to bring the Call back to your members. "You are off to great places....today is your day....your mountain is waiting....so get on your way!" -Dr. Seuss

Pamela Tice, Convention Chairman (714) 686-6492



MEMBERSHIP NEWS!

Just a reminder: No dues will be accepted by Orange District after December 1. Then your club will not be sending dues to Orange District until April because annual dues are due on or before May 1. So what happens if you gain a new member on December 24th and another new member joins on January, 17th and two new members join your club in February and some join in March?

On the road this year our little red sports car is fueled by new member counts. So how can you get credit for the new members you add between December 1 and April? Fill out the New Member Form for every new member you get from December to April and send it to Sandy Tessier our Membership Chairman. Send NO MONEY (December 2 – April) just complete the form and send it to Sandy That way we can keep our little red car full of fuel all year long. If you have any questions please feel free to call or email:

Sandy Tessier - - Membership Chair - 562-234-3371 - jstessier@msn.com

2018 GFWC INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Tommie Kalman, District Chairman _ 6041 Foxfield Lane, Yorba Linda, Ca. 92886
714-779-1845 - spuzk@yahoo.com

There has been a change in attitude lately in helping people in other countries to not only prosper but to survive. We have always looked beyond our borders to help those in need with supplies or dollars to improve their lives by giving them a helping hand. It is our trademark and our history. As members of GFWC we are given abundant ways to reach out into our state and local communities to make a difference along with our worldly neighbors. That is why you are all here today. International Outreach allows us to reach a world where over 3 billion people live on less than \$2.50 a day and 24,000 children die each day due to poverty. We reach beyond our own communities and make a global impact by donating to our 4 global partners who have established a proven track record, the best return on dollars invested, and reach those in the greatest need. Yes, the same 4 as last year. Let's take a quick look at those partners for the new club chairman and then turn our focus to the new IO District project for the coming year.....I think you will be pleased and ready to make it as big a success and as much fun as "Change For Good". I've listed two here, more will be coming in the next O.D. issue!

OUR NEW DISTRICT INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH PROJECT

Our new IO project for this year is still on the drawing board. We have had so much fun with the foreign money collection and, of course, the shoe project that earned our District \$1,180.00., that I am taking time to find the right project. Good work...from all our members! I was very proud of our group. We had over 110 bags of 25 pair of shoes in each bag. They were quite heavy so we conscripted two strong men to toss them on the truck. We filled up the truck half way...a really great collection of shoes, all in wearable condition. In total the weight of our bags was a little over 1,100 pounds. You have all been so supportive of these International Outreach projects that I want to find a fun, light weight project for this year.

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL: TO END HUNGER & POVERTY & TO CARE FOR THE EARTH

Heifer empowers families to turn hunger and poverty into hope and prosperity. How? With sustainable agriculture and commerce, products such as milk, cheese, eggs, and honey which can be sold or traded at market. "Passing On The Gift" is the core of the program as families share their training and pass on the first female offspring of their livestock to another family. You have the power to give a hungry family the training it takes to feed themselves and their children, to give a young girl a chance at an education, & to have a voice in her community. Program kits are available at Heifer.org/gfwc. 855-948-6437.



THE ROSSMOOR WOMAN'S CLUB recently presented a check for \$1,900 to the Long Beach chapter of the American Association of University Women to fund two middle school girls' attendance at AAUW's Tech Trek Camp, designed to foster young women's interest in science, technology, engineering, and math. Shown here at the check presentation are, from left, Rossmoor Woman's Club member Pat Aldridge, AAUW Tech Trek Chair Anne Supple, AAUW Co-President Shelley Arnold, Rossmoor Woman's Club President Maggie Paul and AAUW Co-President Denise Montoya.



ATTENTION!
LOOKING FOR SOME FUN?
Come join us for a day of quarters
that can turn into prizes!!

CFWC ORANGE DISTRICT QUARTERMANIA

WHEN: Saturday, January 12, 2019

WHERE: Garden Grove Womans Club

9501 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove

TIME: 10:30 AM

COST: \$20.00 (entrance and lunch)

DEADLINE, JANUARY 5!

BRING YOUR GOOD LUCK, GOOD ATTITUDE
AND MOST OF ALL ~ HAVE FUN!
(AND BRING QUARTERS)

GREAT VENDORS TOO!
COME ONE, COME ALL - BRING A FRIEND
JOIN THE FUN!



2019 District Art & Photo Festival "Put Art in Your Heart"

Mark your calendars now for this annual district event! The day will include a box lunch; entertainment; hands-on craft demos; member photo, art and craft contests; and more. Tell your members...they won't want to miss it! More details at Sept OD mtg.

Friday, February 8, 2019

Women's Club of Orange

121 South Center Street

10am to 2pm (entries delivered 8:30 ~ 9:30 am)

Art Categories (created 2018):

Crafts, Crochet/Knitting, Embroidery/Needlework, Painting,
Quilting, Sewing, Trash-to-Treasure

Photography Categories (taken 2018):

The World in Pictures (living things/scenes/still life; color & b/w)

Volunteers in Action

A Year in Pictures (display only, judged at GFWC level)



In honor of President Marcia's R.E.D. theme, there will be a special **RED** category. No "age limit" on these items, doesn't matter when you created it – painting, photos, crafts, quilts, jewelry, needlework...but it must be **RED** (or mostly **red**)! Category judged on originality by members in attendance.

Are you an artsy-crafty kind of club? Want to showcase your talented members? Display-only space will be available: \$10 full table, \$5 half table.

Got Questions?

Linda Queen, Art Festival lindaqueen@roadrunner.com (714) 777-4208

Anna Fairchild, Photography Contest annaute@gmail.com (714) 743-8779

PURSE PROJECT



A GFWC SIGNATURE PROGRAM PROJECT



**P-PURSES
U-UNITING
R-RESOURCES TO
S-SUCCESSFULLY
E-END VIOLENCE AGAINST
WOMEN!**

"PURSE CONTEST"

WHEN AND WHERE: MARCH 8, 2019 @ COUNCIL DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING

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ITEM IDEAS FOR PURSE

Shampoo
Conditioner
Toothpaste
Toothbrush, floss
Feminine products
Band-aids
Lotion
Tissues
Emery boards
First-aid kit
Key chain
Calendar
Journal/Pen
Wallet/coin purse
Brush/comb

gift cards

Walmart
Target
Food/restaurants
Grocery stores
Movies

Feel-good items

Scarf /tied to outside of purse
Candy/gum/chocolate
Jewelry/Coin keychain
Make-up bag
Make-up kit(s) be new!
Nail polish (new)

Cards or labels with encouraging quotes

GIRL/BOY BAGS

Coloring book/crayons
Activity book
Toys/Board games
Fillers/blanket
Board-book games: include batteries
Sports items
Lined bags: girl/boy/
paw-town/teen

NAME: District Chairman:

Karlene Ballard
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714 875-5275