GFWC California Federation of Women's Clubs Orange District





THE CALL

President: Marcia Willett
Communications Secretary: Frances Phelps
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November 2019



Orange District Council Meeting
Friday, November 8 - 9:45 a.m.
El Adobe, San Juan Capistrano
Luncheon Fee \$32.00 per person*
Hostess Club: Dana Point Woman's Club

RESERVATION PROCEDURE Please read carefully, there may have been important changes!

October 18 is the deadline for the November 8, 2019, Council Meeting Luncheon Fee \$32.00 per person

Please Email names of those attending to O.D. Vice-President Mary Sprague - mlsprague@sbcglobal.net.

Your club check is due at the Council Meeting. 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.

PLEASE NOTE: Correct information for GFWC Convention in Atlanta June 27 - July 1 (previously printed as <u>C</u>FWC with incorrect dates)

YOUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WELCOMES YOU!

PRESIDENT

Marcia Willett: W.C. Cypress

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Mary Sprague: Ebell Club of

Fullerton

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Tess Rupe: Ebell Club of Anaheim



ORANGE DISTRICT PRESIDENT ~ Marcia Willett

Our November 8th Council meeting will have an emphasis on veterans in honor of Veterans Day, which is on Monday, November 11. We will be recognizing those club members who are veterans at our meeting, and I encourage clubs to make sure to extend a special invitation to any club members who have served in the military. Our speaker will be Retired Staff Sergeant, United States Marine Corps Jodie Grenier. She is now very active in helping Women Veterans

and you won't want to miss her message.

Mary and I have just returned from the Fall CFWC Board meeting and we want to remind you to encourage your club members to call or email United State Senators Diane Feinstein and Kamala Harris, as well as your Congressman on October 23 and urge them to vote in favor of the passage of the **3D Printed Gun Safety Act of 2019**. One of the 3 Brand Initiatives' Goals of the GFWC is to have at least 1,000 calls or emails made to our US Senators and Congressman in support of this issue. If every member of Orange District would do this, we could fulfill this initiative ourselves.

At the Council meeting we will be giving you a full update on other items of interest concerning our District and Clubs which we learned about at the CFWC Board meeting. If you purchased a CFWC yearbook or ordered the thumb drive version, they will be distributed at this Council meeting. If you have not already done so, please bring three copies of your current yearbook. If your club does not produce a yearbook, then bring three copies of your roster and current bylaws. These items should be given to the District Parliamentarian Tess Rupe.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Council meeting in beautiful San Juan Capistrano at the El Adobe Restaurant which is just a short walk from the train station. Consider traveling by train as an opportunity to enjoy the companionship of your club sisters before you arrive See you on November 8th! In Federation, Marcia

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT ~ Mary Sprague

It seems like the clubs are just getting started after a summer break and we are already talking about reports, but now is the time to start gathering all of the information about what your club has accomplished since January of 2019 as reports will be due before you know it.



Just a reminder about the Report Writing Workshop on October 24th at 10:00 am at the Women's Civic Club of Garden Grove. Hopefully there will not be many changes from last year but it will give us a chance to talk about the procedure for reports.

As was mentioned at the Summer Conference, GFWC has added 3 new **BRAND INITATIVES.**

- #1 Calls or emails to your US Representatives on September 23rd regarding Miranda's Law HR 2793
- #2 Calls or emails to your US Senators and Representatives on October 23rd regarding 3D Printed Sun Safety Act of 2019
- #3 Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Women winning right to vote on August 26, 2020

I would again like to thank all of the Orange District Chairmen for an outstanding summer conference.

ORANGE DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA* El Adobe Restaurant, San Juan Capistrano November 8, 2019

8:45 am REGISTRATION Louise Hernandez Susan Hillman 9:40 **CHIMES**

9:45 CALL TO ORDER

> Pledge of Allegiance Linda White Dottie Jensen Inspiration

Welcome – Dana Point Woman's Club Kathy Belanger/Diane Levy

Credentials Report Louise Hernandez

INTRODUCTIONS - PAST PRESIDENTS & CLUB PRESIDENTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Linda White 10:45 **GUEST SPEAKER** – Jodie M. Grenier,

> Ret. Staff Sergeant US Marine Corps Board Member California Women Veterans Leadership Council

11:20 **DISTRICT CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS** Mary Sprague

11:45 **RECESS**

12:00 noon LUNCHEON

> Donna Watkins Blessing

12:45 RECONVENE

> District Chairmen's Reports – cont. Mary Sprague Louise Hernandez Final Credential Report

Announcements Clubs

Pin Drawing Kathy Belanger/Diane Levy

Opportunity Drawing Lois Small

ADJOURNMENT - Following the reading of The Collect

LEADERSHIP - Kathi McGraw 714-995-8850

Each year since 2002 GFWC has sponsored a Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS). The purpose of this seminar is to identify and train future leaders. Each club can nominate one member each year to apply for this seminar. Orange District will choose one of those nominated to attend the CFWC LEADS seminar which will be held in late February 2020 in San Diego.

Application forms were given to Club Presidents at the September Council Meeting or they can be found at CFWC.org. Look under chairmen and then click on Leadership. The forms are at the bottom of her page, click on CA LEADS application and one will be able to fill in the forms online. Mail the completed forms and recommendation letters to me by November 15th. This is a wonderful opportunity for one of your members to receive excellent leadership training

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN

Join clubwomen around the world to celebrate **Advocates for Children Week** from October 20-26, 2019. Planning projects can make a large difference in the lives of children.

A few suggestions:

* Host a screening of the video "Not My Kid" at club and community meetings. This will help parents and grandparents watch for signs of a teen in crisis.

*Collect toiletry items such as lotion, toothbrush/toothpaste, shampoo/conditioner, for moms with babies in neonatal care units.

*Sponsor Body Confidence Seminar for girls to help our younger generation look beyond appearance and increase Self Esteem.

Chairman: Alison Wessler 714-847-5044 ~ alisonwessler@gmail.com



CONSERVATION ~ Beverly Rigney and Barbara Murphy

I was standing outside the other day when the Long Beach recycle truck came by. On the side I saw the words FoamFreeLB. Curious I looked it up online. Long Beach has a "expanded polystyrene ordinance" going into effect on January 2020. This will rid the city of polystyrene plastic #6. We, as a country, use 2.5 billion foam cups every year!

The problem is it never decomposes in our lifetime or even our kids lifetime. And it causes a health risk...take home cups, plates and trays made from foam are toxic and can cause cancer, especially when you reheat it in the microwave. It's nice to know that there are already quite a few establishments that have gone foam free...Long Beach Airport, Long Beach Unified School District, the Aquarium of the Pacific and numerous food places. You can check your city's website to see if they have an ordinance in place and support those places.



WOMANS CLUB OF ORANGE ~2019 ORANGE FIELD OF VALOR

Saturday, November 9th - Saturday, November 16th Handy Park in Orange (NOT Hart Park), 2143 E.Oakmont, Orange, CA 9286

Remember when.....We American students recited the Pledge of Allegiance before our school day started? We stood as the flag passed and all men removed their hats. We stood quietly, as the Star Spangled Banner was sung and we sang along proudly.

Do you need a boost in your patriotic spirit? Here is a suggestion. Visit, volunteer, or purchase an American flag at Orange Field of Valor. Witness 1,776 flags each dedicated in honor of a friend or family member. More information is available at Community Foundation of Orange.org, click events.

Our veterans and those on active duty give us part of their life while serving our country, preserving our security, our independence, and our freedom. ALL GAVE SOME. SOME GAVE ALL.

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

I hope you'll encourage your members to attend our November 8 Council Meeting in San Juan Capistrano. The venue is especially pleasant and last year's taco salad buffet was great. Our guest speaker is Jodie Grenier, a retired Marine. She'll talk about women in the military including, her experiences overseas, and also what women face after leaving active duty. She's young, quick and I think you'll enjoy her story.

We have just three reporting months left of this administration to fulfill the Seven Grand Initiatives our International President has proposed. One of the initiatives asks that each GFWC club participate in a project benefitting women having served or are now serving in the military. Has your club done this? The holidays are coming....maybe a holiday coffee honoring women who have served in your area is a possible project. The ideas are countless

USO is a GFWC partner. They are always in need of volunteers and supplies for the centers and will be even busier with the upcoming holiday travel.

Say "thank you" to our troops overseas with a cup of coffee. \$2.50 will buy a cup of coffee through Cup of Joe for a Joe, an Orange District project. Visit greenbeanscoffee.com for more information.

ATTENTION ORANGE DISTRICT CLUB PRESIDENTS!!

If you failed to bring them in September, please bring three (3) copies of your club Yearbook for 2019/2020 to the November Council Meeting. One is for the Orange District President, the Orange District First Vice President/Dean and one to the District. Parliamentarian. You can hand them to me personally. Tess Rupe, Parliamentarian – tessr@pacbell.net - 714-527-5502

LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC POLICY Update

Colleen Janssen 805-813-0844 colleenj02@gmail.com

Thank you to all who attended the Legislation & Public Policy session at the Orange District Summer Conference. We had some great discussion and those present signed up to be notified of the dates and locations for the Fall Regional Legislation & Public Policy meetings. Two locations will be available to allow for options for attendance.

The meeting dates will be announced soon, and it would be GREAT if every president assigned one or more members from their club to attend one of the meetings to learn more about how to successfully start a committee in their club. Step-by-step instructions and assistance will be provided at the regional meetings.

YOU and YOUR CLUB can make a difference in your community, state, and nation. Join clubs across America in the effort to make our world better!



See what you missed if you didn't attend the September Orange District General Meeting????



FROM GFWC...News and Notes

Clubwomen throughout the Federation haave contacted their Senators and Representatives in support of Miranda's Law (S. 1787 and H.R. 2793). Keep promoting the importance of this legislation among your family, friends, and community members as part of one of the three GFWC Brand Initiatives. Even with 1,000 attempted contacts to members of Congress, there's still much work to do so that parents feel safer about who's behind the wheel of school buses.

Last year, a New Jersey student and teacher were killed in a school bus accident. The bus driver's license had been suspended fourteen times already. Miranda's

Law, named in honor of 10-year old Miranda Vargas who died in the crash that day, will ensure that schools receive those kind of records. Miranda's Law will provide real-time notifications to schools and bus companies when one of their bus drivers receives a moving violation, allowing them to immediately take that driver off of the road. Sign in Red

Keep calling, emailing, and writing your U.S. Senators and Representatives every week and ask a friend to do so as well! Be sure to sign your support in red and mention GFWC. Visit the Legislative Action Center to find your elected officials. Together, we can help get this legislation passed!

District Art & Photo Festival

"Talents & Treasures"

It's time to start thinking about the 2020 District Art Festival! This fun morning will include lunch; demos; photography & art contests; and entertainment. Our clubs are loaded with talented members! Encourage your members to participate! Encourage your members to attend (contest entries not required)!

> Friday, February 21, 2020 Yorba Linda Community Center, 4501 Casa Loma Ave 10am to 12:30 pm

Judged Art & Graft Gategories (created in 2019)

Crochet/Knitting; Cross-stitch; Embroidery/Needlework; Jewelry; Painting (oil/acrylic/watercolor); Pottery/Mosaic; Quilting

Members' Thoice Graft Tategories (created anytime)

Handmade Cards; Seasonal/Holiday Décor; Trash-to-Treasure; Favorite Photo; Hidden Talent**(see below) (these categories will be judged by members in attendance)

<u>Judged Photography Gategories (2019 photos)</u> • The World in Pictures (living things/scenes/still life)

- GFWC Volunteers in Action (candid/club members)

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

**What's your HIDDEN TALENT? Do you create or do something unusual, surprising or just plain FUN that doesn't fit any of the other categories? Here's your chance to unbury that treasure and show off that talent! This can even be a "live" talent performance at the festival!

GFWC CENTENNIAL

Join GFWC as we prepare to celebrate the centennial of the 19th amendment, granting women the right to vote! As a part of the 2018-2020 Administration's "Brand Initiatives," we've asked each club to begin planning projects to celebrate this milestone. In addition to this, we're asking you to contact your members of Congress to support H.R. 1923 and S. 2427, the Women's History and Nineteenth Amendment Centennial Quarter Dollar Coin Program Act.

These bills will allow a trailblazing women to be honored from each state, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories on the reverse side of the U.S. quarter. Urge your members of Congress to celebrate 100 years of suffrage for women by supporting the Women's History and Nineteenth Amendment Centennial Quarter Dollar Coin Program Act today! Take Action!



WOMAN'S CLUB OF CYPRESS!



COME SUPPORT YOUR DISTRICT

FUN SAVE THE DATE OF FEBRUARY 8, 2020 FUN



ORANGE DISTRICT QUARTERMANIA

FEBRUARY 8, 2020

WOMAN'S CLUB OF GARDEN GROVE

9501 CHAPMAN AVENUE, GARDEN GROVE 92841

\$20 PER PERSON INCLUDES

LUNCH, DESSERT, BEVERAGE, AUCTION PADDLE

AND 1 DRAWING TICKET

DOORS OPEN 10:30

11:30 AUCTION ROUND 1

12:30 LUNCH BREAK

1:15 AUCTION ROUND 2

DRAWINGS

*****RESERVATIONS*****

QUESTIONS - CALL LOIS SMALL 714.838.3083 OR

BUNNY SMITH 714.417.7611

\$\$\$\$\$ MAIL CHECKS MADE OUT TO ORANGE DISTRICT \$\$\$\$\$

WITH LIST OF ATTENDEES TO

MAIL TO LOIS SMALL, 13852 BRENAN WAY, SANTA ANA 92705

RESERVATION DEADLINE JANUARY 5, 2019