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## THE KEY

San Gabriel Valley District  
Proud Member California Federation of Women's Clubs  
and General Federation of Women's Clubs



### August

**Monday, Aug. 30** SGVD Executive Committee Meeting -9:00 A.M.  
1200 S. Diamond Bar Blvd. #214, Diamond Bar—9:00 A.M.

### September

**Friday, Sept. 10** SGVD Board Meeting -9:30 A.M -Covina Woman's Club,  
128 South San Jose, Covina

**Thurs.-Sat., Sept.2-4** CFWC Board Meeting @ San Diego / Four Points by Sheraton Hotel

**Thurs.-Sun., Sept.9 –12** Western States Region Conference (WSR) – Colorado

**Monday, Sept. 20** DVAC meeting -Covina Woman's Club, 128 South San Jose, Covina-noon

**Tuesday, Sept. 21** - SGVD Parliamentary Affiliate Group Meeting, Baldwin Park Woman's Club, 10 AM – Masks required - Welcome Back - All are invited

### October

**Monday, Oct. 4** SGVD Executive Committee Meeting -9:00 A.M.-1200 S. Diamond Bar Blvd. #214, Diamond Bar—9:00 A.M.

**Friday, Oct. 8** SGVD Board Meeting -9:30 A.M -Covina Woman's Club,  
128 South San Jose, Covina

**Saturday, Oct. 16** Area B Conference—Wasco WC-1601 7<sup>th</sup> St. Wasco, Ca -10:00 A.M.

**Tuesday, Oct. 19** Past District Presidents Affiliate Group Meeting - TBA10:00 a.m.

**Friday, Oct. 22** Alumnae Affiliate Group Meeting - Baldwin Park Woman's Club,  
3817 Baldwin Park Blvd. Baldwin Park- 10:00 a.m.

**Saturday, Oct. 30**, District Fundraiser: *Mad Hatter Tea Party*, 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.-Covina Woman's Club, 128 South San Jose, Covina

**SGVD President**

**Rosette Clippinger...909-525-8828...dbrosette@aol.com**

### **They Are People Just Like We Are**

It was my pleasure to host an informal dinner with nine club presidents in August. Over the next few months I will be reaching out to other club presidents to join me for lunch so that we too can share and get to know each other better.

On our hot August night, we spent hours sharing our stories and enjoying each other's company. Our conversations had a common thread. Participation in clubs has given us all the opportunity not just to help others but to learn and grow as individuals.

Club presidents shared their desire for district meetings to focus on supporting the business we are in—helping others in the community in need. They suggested this purpose could be better supported by participants working cooperatively to focus meeting content and discussions, meetings carefully limiting conversations on the basic business items so that each meeting could have ample time devoted to providing a new and interesting resource that could be used at the club level in the future.

Each president's story included a common thread. When as club members we got involved in what pretended to be a simple project, problem solving built relationships and strengthened our ability to accomplish more than we ever anticipated. Active PTA moms, soccer moms, church league members and community volunteers became new members and brought more ideas and resources to our favorite causes. Focusing on finding solutions expanded the networking among community groups and lead to reaching out to elected officials and corporate boards. We learned to tap into the three resources available for us to use to accomplish our goals: fund raising, volunteerism. Presidents shared experiences and made suggestions to other presidents on how they raised money, how reaching out to others to solve problems generated volunteers and on how increasing recognition for their club in the community brought more resources to the cause.

Our involvement over the years has built interesting relationships and propelled many of us to join the ranks of elected officials and members of governmental commissions and corporate boards. In the end we discovered that City Council members, County Supervisors, Legislators and CEO's are people just like we are and ready to help!



**SGVD 1<sup>st</sup> VP/Dean**

**Linda Koontz...909-593-3906 Cell 909-720-8550...luv2collect@gmail.com**

Hope you had a fun & safe summer with your family and friends, managed to get away for a short summer break and feel energized to start all over again! For those of us who remained on the home front, I hope many of you took advantage of all the workshops offered by our state. I was pleased to see several of our clubs represented at the Zoom workshops. Please don't keep any valuable information to yourself and make sure to share with your club. WOW! Summer sure flew by and hard to believe we already started our second year of this administration. Now that we are all energized we need to prepare for our September District Board right around the corner. I hope to see many of you there.

### **CLARIFICATION**

I was asked by a member who misunderstood information presented by our CFWC 1<sup>st</sup> VP President Elect, Barbara Briley Beard at a summer workshop regarding member number used on reports. She asked for me to clarify for our clubs, which is exactly what I did. Spoke by phone with Barbara who confirmed the member count you use for your club reports **has not changed**. CFWC takes their number for each club directly from the club Information Form (Data Blanks) sent to them by our District which appears in your updated District yearbook. Please **DO NOT CHANGE YOUR NUMBER**, even if you took in new members since you turned in your Club Information Form. For clubs that finish reports earlier-Congrats and remember you may "project" on projects planned through the end of the year.

I look forward to attending our CFWC Board meeting the first weekend in San Diego (even though Labor Day weekend) with your Second VP/Membership Luanne Arredondo. Speaking of Luanne I am sure she and Nancy Anzalone, President of The Woman's Club of West Covina, will be anxious to share with us all about their experience attending their first GFWC Convention, in Atlanta, Georgia. I was excited for them since GFWC Convention is a once in a lifetime experience and I always encourage anyone to try and attend at least once!

### **CHAIN OF COMMAND: (worth repeating)**

Always follow the **Chain of Command**. **Questions regarding our program areas** clarification of a project, reports, responsibilities of your Chairmanship etc etc...call or email me. As your First VP/Dean of Chairmen that is my job and I will always be here for you. **Questions regarding meetings, District Calendar** etc. call your District President. Remember to always follow the chain of command.

### **PROCEDURE BOOKS/PROCEDURE PAGE**

Thank you to the Chairmen who turned in their procedure book to me at our June meeting. However, several of you did not, which is not fair to the member assuming your position for the second year of this administration.

So if you are a Program Chairman, Contest Chairman, or Project Chairman.....

Ask yourself how would you feel if you did not receive a Procedure Book/Procedure Page or Project Page?

**Please make sure to check off the following:**

- √Copy of your 2020 District Program Report.
- √Copy of your script from 2021 Convention & winners,
- √Copies of your District Board reports.
- √Suggestions for your chairmanship.
- √Copies of handouts given to you at workshops.

- √Copies of motions you've presented for District - wide projects.
- √Copy of Budget (if you're allocated money for your project) ]
- √Timeline set for yourself.

This is just an example and I will be emailing a complete list of information for you to include when you start your Procedure Book which should be now.

### **CHAIRMENSHIPS •**

I look forward to working with our new chairmen President Rosette appointed for our second year of this administration. Please remember to call me with any questions or concerns you may have. If you are a Program Chairman and have not written reports, it is imperative you attend the last two workshops Luanne and I are presenting. Please save the dates **Saturday November 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**. Probably Zoom. More info to follow.

### **Responsibilities of a Program Chairmanship/Project Chairman**

- Did you say yes and now wonder what your responsibilities are?
- √Report at District Board meetings (3 copies or email)
- √Disseminate information from District Dean to our Clubs.
- √Place message with pertinent information in The Key.
- √ Secure 3 Judges (outside the District) for judging end of the year reports.
- √Name of judges are due to me by October Board and I will email you your Judges packet by mid-September.
- √Write your end of the year District Report. → You will serve as a voting delegate.

### **COMMUNICATION FILES**

The following will have files to check when you arrive, during break and hopefully before I leave:

#### **Presidents, District Officers, District Chairmen, State Personnel and Past District Presidents.**

Please put any flyers, events and announcements in the communication boxes in the appropriate file. If distributing to everyone please figure on: about 80. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE FLYERS ON THE TABLES.** Our Hosting Club appreciates that they do not have to pick up flyers from the tables. Please put any paper goods you used in trash.

**CHAIRMEN REPORTS:** I will send out reminders monthly if you have a report and you may email your copy to the following: President, First VP & Secretary. If you will be reporting to expedite time I am asking to please come forward to form a line on the side of our Head Table to present your reports.

**SPOTLIGHT CHAIRMEN:** I am hoping to possibly spotlight a Chairman sometimes at our District Board meeting...depending on President Rosette's agenda. More info to follow.

**CLUB NEWSLETTERS:** Please email me your newsletter if I am not on your list. Thank you to the following clubs: Covina, Diamond Bar, Duarte, Sierra Madre, The Woman's Club of West Covina, South Pasadena, GFWC Federated East Valley, GFWC La Verne - San Dimas, Baldwin Park, Hacienda Heights, Walnut Valley, La Crescenta, Pio Pico. Hugs & Please be safe, Linda

**Luanne Arredondo...626-703-3041...wcwclub65@gamil.com**

### **Membership is Cumulative**

This month let's look at membership from a new perspective. Think of all the places you love to spend time. Why do you like spending time there? When we think of club membership, it is no different. We like to join clubs where we feel welcome, where we have fun, where we have a purpose, where we feel needed, and where we feel appreciated. Think about your club meetings and events. How do you achieve these things in your club? Now is the time to consider the cumulative effect of membership in your club. What needs to change and how will you change it? Who will be involved? What is still fresh and vibrant? How do you maximize or duplicate this in other areas? Membership is not just about bringing in warm bodies - it is an active engagement of your creative and collaborative genius. Share your successes with us so we can share them with other clubs. Can't wait to see you at the September board meeting. Hugs to all.



### **SGVD 3rd VP/Convention**

**Abbey Howell...(909) 348-3779...abbshowell@yahoo.com**

Welcome back Federated Sister's!

I trust that each of you were able to get out and enjoy the summer break. We have certainly enjoyed way too much sunshine. I am looking forward to the cold again. I must say it's been a Convention task of obstacle courses this past fiscal year, but we managed through it!

Looking forward to an in-person 2022 SGVD 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention held at the Courtyard Marriott - Monrovia, CA. Save the dates: Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> Early bird Check-In. Convention starts: Friday-April 22-23, 2022. We will celebrate the Out-going and Incoming Reception Ceremonies this year. I am looking forward to working with everyone, and having a wonderful in-person 2022 Convention. It will entail a great deal of work, staying within the city ordinances and guidelines keeping all attendees safe, along with adding additional volunteers to the committee.

Our Convention Committee will meet on Wednesday-September 29, 2021 on Zoom at 2:00 PM additional information will be forthcoming to all of the 2021-2022 Convention Team. Thank you, stay healthy and safe!

**SGVD Recording Secretary**

**Terry Perkins...(909) 895-7710...perkinstlee@gmail.com**

**Greetings to you all.**

**Here's to a great 2021-22 SGVD Year.**

I like to think of the beginning of a new club (district) year as the start of something great, and I am excited to embark on this journey alongside you my sisters in Federation. You are some of the most dedicated and selfless people the world. I know that together we will achieve many great accomplishments this year. Thank you in advance for your dedication and service to our organization: community, district, state, and national.

Let the new beginning signify a new chapter filled with pages of success and happiness, kindness and encouragement, hard work and shared goals.



**SGVD Corresponding Secretary**

**Betts Griffone...(909) 342-3598...bgriffone@yahoo.com**

Well, we are on the downside of August. Soon it will be fall and things will start to get back to normal, I hope. We have all become better at Zooming and wearing masks. We've learned to find new ways to succeed in spite of all the difficulties. I hope you are all doing well, but continue to stay safe and learn to embrace Netflix!!

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting. I think this is our chance to learn to appreciate each other and enjoy the interaction. It's time for all of us to take that first step out of our safe place.

As with all the other members of the Executive Council, I am anxious to hear from you. Keep in touch with me and let me know if any of your club members need some support. Get well cards as well as sympathy cards can help our friends know how much we care.

I read an interesting story about how, after all this hibernating, we are fun-starved. We need to find ways to get back to the business of just having FUN!

Hope to see you all at our September meeting.

**SGVD Treasurer**





**Marianne Jennings....818) 398-7723...fajmlj@aol.com**  
**Jeanne Long....818-248-7822 ...jeannehart45@att.net**

**SGVD 2022 Crafts Contest** will be held at January Birthday Council pm January 27, 2022. I. Crafts will be turned in on Thursday January 26, 2022. More information in coming newsletters.

**Creative Writing Contest**  
**Laura Schano...626.807-3291...LKS423@att.net**

**San Gabriel Valley District of Women's Clubs**  
**CREATIVE WRITING CONTESTS**

**RULES FOR CLUB MEMBER AND STUDENT COMPETITIONS**

1. Authors must be amateur; earnings from writing not to exceed \$500 annually.

Entries may not have been published prior to competition and must be original works.

**\*\* Entries must be typed and double-spaced to be considered for State contest\*\***

Please use minimum margins of (1) inch, using 8½x11-inch white paper, one side only.

2. Entries must be written during the Contest Year, Jan. – Dec. 2021.

3. Word limit for Prose is 2,000 words.

4. Poetry minimum length of (8) lines and maximum of (30) lines.

5. TOP RIGHT CORNER \*Place Author's Name, Address, Telephone number, Email, Name of Club, District Or School, Grade, Address, Parent or Teacher's Email address.

6. Title of Entry, Number of words (prose) or Number of lines (poetry)

7. Submit four (4) copies BY MAIL OR ONE COPY BY EMAIL of Entry AND Creative Writing Release AND Parent/Minor Publicity Release (if applicable) To: Creative Writing Chairperson, Laura Schano; on or before January 20, 2022.

8. One First Place winner in Each Category will be sent to CFWC for further competition.

Categories for Club Member Competition

(Club size is not a consideration)

1. PROSE: Short Story, Essay, Memoir, Inspirational, Skit/Play, or Children's Story

2. POETRY: Haiku, Whimsical, Limerick, Inspirational, or Poetry for Children

Categories for Student Competition

Each student may enter no more than one (1) short story and one (1) poem for competition.

The grade divisions are set forth by CFWC and judging is done accordingly.

Category 1 – Grades K, 1, 2

Category 2 – Grades 3, 4, 5

Category 3 – Grades 6, 7, 8

Category 4 – Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

ALL entries may be sent BY January 20, 2022

Email: [Lks423@att.net](mailto:Lks423@att.net) (To: Laura Schano) One double spaced copy with name, grade and school, observing items 1-7 listed above under Rules for Club Members and Student Competition OR Four (4) double spaced copies sent by U.S. mail to: Laura Schano 426 N. California Street San Gabriel CA 91775: Have Questions? Call Laura at (626) 807-3291

Awards: Adult Winners will receive certificates and recognition at District Convention, Students winners will receive ribbons and certificates delivered to their school. One First Place Winner will be selected from each category and forwarded to CFWC for further competition.

## CHPs for Kids

Joanne Synder...323-227-1994...jsnyer659@gmail.com

Hello Ladies, it is said that time flies by when you're having fun, and I am hoping that you have all had an enjoyable summer, and are looking forward to the beginning of our new District Calendar of events for the coming year, and speaking of events, let's all start planning now for a successful "CHPs for Toys" drive which we will have on December 10th at our District meeting at the Covina Women's Clubhouse. I am hoping to see all of your dear familiar faces, until then please continue to be safe.

## Education & Libraries

Esthela Torres de Siegrist...626-442-0354... hetds@yahoo.com

### **"Education in California—a Crisis—an Uncertainty"**

Due to the continuing covid-19 pandemic and the resultant uncertainties, education in California is undergoing a true crisis. Most public and private universities are opening on an in-person basis—the instructors and students are to meet in the classroom face-to-face (masks in place.) The same is true for most public k-12 school districts. Yet, most community colleges will now offer their classes online. Nobody can predict the future.

Many K-12 school districts are even offering parents a choice: to send their children to school or opting out for online/distance learning. Classrooms are being specially prepared: plastic barriers are in place between desks; special air cleaning machines have been installed, special drinking fountains allowing for children to refill their plastic water bottles, decontamination of desks and classrooms prior to the opening of the class day and at its closing, and...more. Students and all school staff will be required to wear masks and will be tested on a regular basis.

It is projected that due to the length of the schools' shutdowns, many of California's students have experienced a serious learning loss and they and their families have suffered serious emotional distress.

As for the libraries in Los Angeles County, many are now open again on a limited basis. Some are offering curbside service. You can order a book online and retrieve it at the library—it will be brought out to you. If you have a library card, you can enroll in Kanopy (to receive for free a host of videos online directly to you.) If you do not have a library card or have lost yours, you can secure a library card for FREE. A special offering this summer in many libraries was a free lunch to children under the age of 18. These lunches were provided four days per week and often included a paper bag with a learning kit. Kudos to our public libraries!!!!!!

Let us all pray that this awful nightmarish pandemic will soon be over for the good of our students and our communities. Keep safe.



KINDNESS ANGEL CHAIRMAN... Pat Borchard...909-576-4382

Wow! Where has the summer gone? Although many of us are given the opportunity to take a break in July and August, I for one have kept busy planning for my first grandchild that is due in December. That is the best Christmas present I could ever ask for. It is a boy due December 29<sup>th</sup>. Well now back to business.....

I need to share this passage with all of you from the 6/21/21 issue of Woman's World.....

**You are a genuine gem!**

**There aren't enough words to describe how special you are,  
But here are a few!  
You are important and impressive, filled with potential  
And the power to live your dreams, and worthy of  
Being thought the world of, given thanks for and celebrated.  
That's you!**

You are all fabulous! Although this pandemic is not over, I know that many of you have supported each other within your clubs and have also supported others outside of your clubs and within your communities. I celebrate all of you for your kindness, compassion friendship, and care that you share each and every day. You are all ANGELS.

### **Leadership/LEADS**

**Tami Miller...909-596-4084...tamgram8@yahoo.com**

**Leadership Education and Development Seminar**

**Who will represent your club?**

**Who is the member that you will honor by submitting her LEADS application?**

A candidate's Description:

- Demonstrates leadership skills
- Is organized, responsible, trustworthy, enthusiastic, and flexible
- A good communicator and meets deadlines.

Application deadline is November 12th at the District Meeting. Last year, out of 28 clubs we only had 3 applicants. All applications are judged by someone outside of our District. They will select one candidate to represent our San Gabriel Valley District.

Applications are available on the District Website, and in the District Yearbook. If you have any question, please email me [tamgram8@yahoo.com](mailto:tamgram8@yahoo.com).

I also have applications that I can email to you. November is only 3 months away. Don't put this off. Start the process today.

**SGVD President's Scrapbook Chairman**

**Pat Borchard...909-576-4382...peb1956@verizon.net**

As many of you begin to meet again and continue with your many amazing community service projects, fundraisers, and celebrations, keep in mind to take pictures for your scrapbook pages. Each club will receive 2 scrapbook pages at the January 2022 Birthday Council to complete. Please do not purchase scrapbook pages and sleeves on your own since there is a theme to these scrapbooks and all sleeves are not created equal and may not fit in the scrapbook. You can turn in your pages at the March SGVD Spring Council for President Rosette's scrapbook. This scrapbook will be presented to her at our next District Convention.

For anyone taking pictures at events that President Rosette is in attendance, you can print off extra pictures and give to me at District meetings or you can email them to me and I will print them off.

If you have any questions, you can always call me. Thank you.

**Women's History & Resource Center**  
**Kim Plater... 909-620-7235... kimplater@aol.com**

*A Book Review: Kindred Souls*

How well do you know First Lady Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt?

I am an avid "reader". Every day as I walk throughout my neighborhood I listen to books on my Kindle. Whether an autobiography, biography, historical fiction, true crime, etc., I never go a day without "reading". I put "reading" in quotes because I am listening to a narrator read the books to me as I walk.

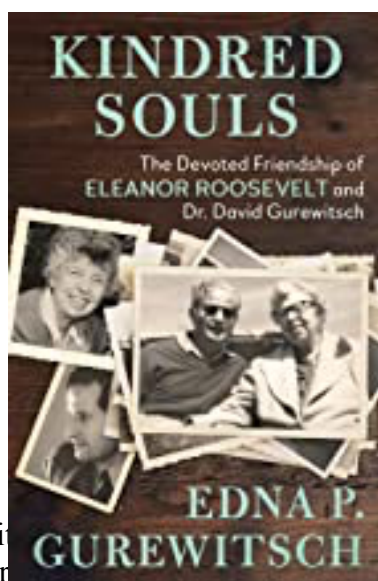
Recently, I have been studying the life and times of Eleanor Roosevelt, former first lady to President Franklin Roosevelt. What amazed me was how much I did not know about her, even though I count her among my favorite heroines. For those of you not that familiar with her, Eleanor Roosevelt was born in New York City on October 11, 1884. Her first name was actually Anna, not Eleanor. She had a tragic childhood losing both her mother and father at an early age. She was educated by private tutors until the age of 15, when she was sent to Allenswood, a school for girls in England. The headmistress, Mademoiselle Marie Souvestre, took a special interest in Eleanor and had a great influence on her education and thinking. At age 18, Eleanor returned to New York and on March 17, 1905, she married her fifth cousin, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and between 1906 and 1916, they became the parents of six children.

Upon moving to the White House in 1933 when Franklin Roosevelt was elected President, Eleanor showed herself to be an extraordinary First Lady. After President Roosevelt's death on April 12, 1945, she continued in her public life. President Truman appointed her to the United Nations General Assembly. She served as chair of the Human Rights Commission and worked tirelessly to draft the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which was adopted by the General Assembly on December 10, 1948.

But did you know? There was a different side to Mrs. Roosevelt. It is detailed in the book, *Kindred Souls*, written by Edna Gurewitsch, the wife of Mrs. Roosevelt's personal physician, Dr. David Gurewitsch. Dr. Gurewitsch served as Eleanor's physician during the last fifteen years of her life.

The book details both the diaries David kept and the hundreds of “loving” letters he and Eleanor exchanged over the years of their incredible relationship. If you enjoy reading love stories, travelling the world, learning about the science, politics, and culture of the 1950’s, you will find, like me, you cannot put the book down. In one section of the book their relationship was described as a “passionate” one on Eleanor’s side and an “intimate” one on David’s side. From her first encounter with David, Eleanor’s relationship blossomed into a unique and platonic love that also included David’s wife Edna. Have some Kleenex ready when you get near the end of the book.

I purchased my copy at Amazon Smile in the audible format. It was on the “free” list. I was excited to immediately download it and start listening. I walked for miles because I could not put it down. You can also purchase it in other formats.



Next month, I’ll share another book with you about my close friend Hick. This too will be another fascinating story about Eleanor Roosevelt and her family living in The White House and the friendship that developed between Eleanor and an API reporter.

For those of you who don’t know, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt was a General Federation of Women’s Clubs member. Her participation at her club is mentioned (vaguely) in both books.

## CFWC Events



**ADS**  
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Sierra Madre Woman's Club  
**Wistaria Thrift Shop**

the best little thrift shop in Sierra Madre!

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Monday, Thursdays, Fridays and  
Saturdays  
10am-3pm

**Dishes, linens  
purses, shoes  
toys, craft supplies  
books  
artwork, frames  
holiday items  
fabric  
&  
a curated collection of  
high-quality clothes**

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