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San Gabriel Valley District
Proud Member California Federation of Women’s Clubs
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DECEMBER

Monday, Dec.7 SGVD Executive Committee Meeting --zoom

Friday, Dec. 11 SGVD Board Meeting - Leads Due—zoom

Saturday, Dec, 12 +CHIPS for KIDS Dropoff: **9 Am -12 noon clubs may bring their gift cards and/or toys to Covina WC parking lt. The officers will pick up the donations.**

DVAC Holiday Meeting—Covina Women’s Club Parking lot

JANUARY

Monday, Jan. 4 SGVD Executive Committee Meeting –zoom

Friday, Jan. 8 SGVD Board Meeting –zoom Reports Due, Kindness Angel due, Creative Writing due
DVAC meetings will not resume until Further Notice.

Tuesday, Parliamentary Affiliate Group Meeting, Baldwin Park WC: 3817 Baldwin Park Blvd., Baldwin Park 10:00 am

Jan. 8 Craft Contest –Photos of items due to Marianne Jennings

Jan. 29 Birthday Council & Crafts Contest----TBA



SGVD President . . . Rosette Clippinger ...909-525-8828...dbosette@aol.com

Happy Holidays!!

It's the most wonderful time of the year and it's finally time to deck the halls!

As another year draws to a close, most of us will be in the midst of preparations for this festive season. Although this year will be much different than seasons past, it still provides many of us with time to enjoy our family and friends and all our traditions that we miss during the rest of the year. 2020, without a doubt, has been one of the most challenging years for me. Being elected as your District President in the mid of the COVID pandemic, has been interesting to say the least. I have become far more tech-friendly than I ever imagined I would be. I can now attend Zoom conferences with ease, I FaceTime more than ever before, and I must say that my online shopping is doing quite well too! Overall, I have found continuous comfort and joy in our Club and our friendships.

While keeping with the spirit of this joyous time, it is equally important to take a few moments and recall the tragic events that took place in 2020, and keep those affected in our thoughts and prayers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the tremendous efforts to keep our clubs and projects going, as well as keeping our membership growing. All of your hard work is greatly appreciated.

I would like to encourage each of you to attend the San Gabriel Valley District meeting on December 11th. We will have our Awards Celebration and we'll be recognizing our 2019 Report Winners. We'll also celebrating our 2019 Citizen of the Year and Club Member of the Year Awardees.

Please do invite me to your Zoom meetings, and do not hesitate to contact me.

This is the season of giving, and I hope this holiday season is an exceptionally blessed and safe one for each of you and your families. I wish for the New Year to bring you much health, happiness and prosperity.

Have a blessed Christmas!

"Christmas is doing a little something extra for someone." - Charles Schulz



SGVD 1ST VP/Dean ... Linda Koontz ...909-593-3906...luv2collect@gmail.com

END OF THE YEAR HOLIDAYS!

Where has this year gone? I am sure all of you are asking the same thing and saying “Glad when 2020 will be over”. Yes...however, we must remember (unfortunately) this Pandemic is not going anywhere too soon. With that being said...please practice social distance, wear your mask and always be aware of your surroundings! We made it through Thanksgiving with loved ones and perhaps close friends. **However, the Holidays are not over.** Remember...even if we don't celebrate the Holidays the way we have in the past doesn't mean there will not be times ahead to celebrate. I expect some are in denial that everything is going to take place just like before which is not the case. However, we make the best of what we have and are thankful for our Health. All of you who attended our November District Board heard me report on behalf of your Fundraising Chairman, that we will not have our annual Fashion Show. We have also been told by State our CFWC Board meeting in February, will be via Zoom. Please respond to President Rosette when she sends out the survey regarding State Convention on what we are willing to do instead. Hotels are not having events and probably not until the end of 2021 or 2022.

As our President's theme is “**Color with Kindness**” ... we should practice Rosette's theme for our District at all times, especially when stressed, worried, disappointed and yes even frightened not knowing what tomorrow will bring. I know we are disappointed that we can't continue with our traditions regarding Club and District. However, we must all remember the most important thing is our “Health”. Remember...we are in this together and need to be supportive and kind to each of our Federation Sisters. On the cover of your District Yearbook is the rainbow...let of us all remember...There is always a rainbow after the storm settles...even if you can't see it!

RECOGNITION

As I announced several times, I will have ‘KUDOS TO YOU’ at the end of my message in the Key and this is to give special recognition to our clubs and our members, who have “Colored with Kindness” to others during this pandemic we are going through. I was very impressed with what Kim Plater sent to me regarding what Covina Woman's Club has done since the start of COVID and their suggestions to other clubs with clubhouses as well. However, with Kim's approval, I will share what she sent during December, January and possibly February. Please read Kim's message as well as other recognitions I have extended to clubs and members.

Remember I pick out what is being done by your club/members if you send me your newsletter...so please do if you haven't already.

REPORTS

Yes, it is that time of year... gathering our stats and gearing up for Club and District Reports. I need boxes (paper ream size) for the collection of our reports. Please contact me. I attended our second “Meet the Chairs” on the 10th of November (via Zoom).

CLUB NEWSLETTERS: Please email me your newsletter if I am not on your list.

Thank you to the following clubs: Diamond Bar, Duarte, Sierra Madre, Woman's Club of West Covina, South Pasadena

“KUDOS TO YOU...FROM YOUR DEAN”

1) **The Woman’s Club of South Pasadena has collected more than \$2,000** for their Scholarship Fund by selling masks. The campaign ended on September 30th. When the existing masks are distributed, if there are still masks available, they will be donated to medical facilities. Mask Scholarship Project. In addition, there have been Philanthropy donations; Ways and Means Bingo fund raising, and The Stay at Home Tea. “Our club is fortunate to have so many people donating time and effort during this difficult time” stated Dean, Liz Calvert. They have also managed to play virtual BINGO and raised money. Want to know more contact one of their members. **KUDOS TO ALL OF YOU!**

2) **GFWC La Verne-San Dimas Woman’s Club:** Members in this club have been busy making “much needed” blankets for the March of Dimes “2021” challenge....check the GFWC website for further details or the most recent “news & Notes”. One member made 30 pillow cases while other members made blankets and hats. **KUDOS TO ALL OF YOU!**

3) **Covina Woman’s Club:** When the original lockdown was initiated in March, the Board set into action a written plan to handle everything from closing their clubhouse to ensuring their members were safe. They appointed an emergency planner to serve as liaison with the police and city, assigned specific tasks to Executive Board members (Insurance, Utilities, Sunshine, Rentals, Attorney contact, etc.). They then implemented the plan so that within a week the club was safely closed, financial contingency plans were in place, members were kept informed of all proceedings and a newsletter was distributed on a weekly basis through August (the Calendar Marker began again in September). The membership team and club callers checked in with their assigned members every week or two. The plan was shared with the San Gabriel Valley District and several district clubs received copies. Any club desiring a copy can contact kimplater@aol.com. The plan is geared to clubs that have clubhouses. I will publish more of Kim’s notes in the following months regarding their COVID activities. **KUDOS TO ALL OF YOU!**

Enjoy your Holidays, please be safe and may we all have a “better” 2021!



**Happy
Holidays!**

SGVD 2nd VP/Membership ... Luanne Arredondo...626-703-3041...rotarylu@gamil.com

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of 2020. With our training behind us until the Spring, let's take the time in December to focus on our report writing and gathering data to complete those reports. There is no membership work too small to be reported. Keep an eye out in your emails for tips and tools that will help you with your report writing.

Be sure to also leave a few days in December to just pause and think about the calendar year ahead. What ideas do you have to help member retention (in spite of COVID-19)? What types of fun activities can you do online to refamiliarize your current membership with each other? You may want to consider a member scavenger hunt with a prize. You can list fun things that your members do not know about each other and see if they can guess who it is.

Lastly, don't ever forget that your district team is here to support you! **Happy Holidays!!!!**



SGVD 3rd VP/Convention...Abbey Howell... (909) 348-3779...abbshowell@yahoo.com

Friendly reminder... Friday, December 4, 2020 Convention Committee Meeting held on Zoom. Please have your Convention Portfolios with you.

We will move forward with Scheduling Convention Activity Due Dates at this meeting. This will help with completing the task list for each volunteer. The Zoom official invite will be sent out as November 27th. I am hoping to have more information made available for hotel accommodation in January 2021.

We must carry on until we are told to "Shut it Down" - with the increase cases in COVID-19 a complete stop is possible. Therefore, we are preparing a plan if not in person, our 2021-SGVD Convention will carry on by way of Zoom.

I would like to thank each and every one that participated in the November Holiday Wreaths Fundraising Campaign. The generosity and support of each campaign has been overwhelming and thankful. More Holiday items to coming in December along with a Live Auction. Check out SGVD.org for all details forthcoming in December.

Wishing All my Sister's in Federation Season's Greeting's and a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa and Happy New Year! Stay safe and healthy. Enjoy family and abide by all guidelines in celebrating this joyous time of the year

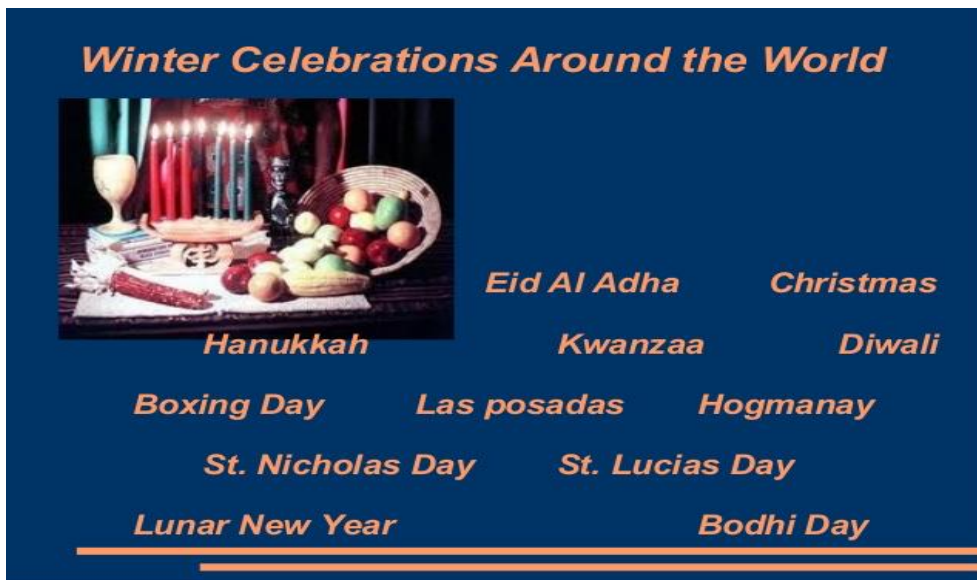
SGVD Recording Secretary...Terry Perkins...(909) 895-7710...perkinstlee@gmail.com

Tips on taking effective minutes.

Minutes are a written record of a club meeting. Meeting minutes are considered a legal document, so when writing them, strive for clarity and consistency of tone.



Minutes are a legal document. They are used to establish an organization’s historical record of activity. It is essential to maintain an even, professional tone. Never put inflammatory language in the minutes, even if the language of the meeting becomes heated. You want to record the gist of the discussion objectively, which means mentioning the key points covered without assigning blame.



SGVD Corresponding Secretary..Bette Griffone. (909) 342-3598bgriffone@yahoo.co

Sorry I missed you last month everyone. I’m back and I want to take this opportunity to thank those clubs that have sent their yearbooks and have put me on their mailing list for their newsletters. I’m really enjoying reading them. It’s wonderful to get new ideas and ways to get our members involved.

For those clubs that haven’t yet put me on their mailing list or sent their books, please do so. I really need them to be able to keep track of what’s going on. The yearbooks help me send cards to members, so please remember to do this.

It’s the holiday season. I hope all of you can enjoy it with friends and loved ones. Please, be careful and remember to wash those hands, wear a mask and no hugging for now. Just think how many hugs we’ll be able to give when things get better.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

SGVD Treasurer....Cheryl Linnborn....951-90-6441....c.linnborn@yahoo.com

New members are very exciting and welcome into our clubs. The more the merrier!

One gift that would make me smile this year is to receive five (5) copies of your Club Late & New Member Dues Form as well as five (5) copies of the roster that accompanies the form. It's always five. Like five golden rings! Chanel #5, The Jackson 5, 5 little monkeys jumping on the bed!

HAPPY, HEALTHY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE!

SGVD Parliamentarian..Marianne Jennings..(818) 398-7723.. fajmlj@aol.com

With the holidays just around the corner and this pandemic under foot, we are all regrouping our holiday plans in an effort to maintain safety for the sake of ourselves, our family and our friends.

As we were unable to come together for the SGVD 2020 Convention last April so we are now doing a little catch-up with regards to the Proposed Standing Rules Amendments which was attached to the SGVD 2020 Convention CALL earlier this year. Please read the following proposed amendments to the SGVD Standing Rules and be prepared to vote on them at the January 8, 2021 SGVD Board Meeting.

If you have any suggestions to place before the SGVD Bylaw Committee which will meet in December, please email to me (fajmlj@aol.com) at your very earliest convenience.

Wishing all of you a safe and happy holiday season!

SGVD PROPOSED STANDING RULES AMENDMENTS

C. FINANCIAL POLICIES

Add new Standing Rule 12 and renumber the remaining.

12. Members officially representing the San Gabriel Valley District at CFWC or GFWC functions shall be reimbursed as outlined in the Standing Rules. If, for any reason other than sudden sickness or family emergency, a member fails to attend any registered portion, one-half (1/2) reimbursement for the required portion will be paid provided notice was given to the District President.

Rationale: If a member fails to attend a registered portion, it should be at their own expense, not the District's.

15 Now reads:

All members and guests participating in District Convention must make meal reservations through the District Third Vice President.

Proposed: Delete "the District Third Vice President" and insert "their club."

Rationale: Clubs are responsible for submitting reservations to the Convention Committee.

If amended will then read:

15. All members and guests participating in District Convention must make meal reservations through their club.

Add new Standing Rule 16.

16. Winners of District raffles (opportunity drawings) shall be given a gift in lieu of cash, effective June 1, 2020.

Rationale: This change is necessitated by new California law regarding non-profit organizations.

E. COURTESY MEALS

Add new rule No. 2 as follows and renumber the remaining:

2. The District President and First Vice President/Dean of Chairmen shall have their lunch paid for all District Councils.

Rationale: This has been the practice for years and should be included in Standing Rules.

F. AWARDS

4. Now reads:

All District Chairmen who have reports to be judged must submit to the First Vice President no later than November 1 the names of three Judges who are not members of Clubs in our District. Signed Judges Placement Sheets must be turned in with reports to the District First Vice President at the Birthday Council.

Proposed: Add “including LEADS” after Chairmen in the first line. Add “for approval by the Executive Committee” after District in line 3.

Rationale: LEADS candidates also must be judged by impartial judges, and approval of the list of Judges by the Executive Committee is already in practice.

If adopted shall then read:

Section 4. All District Chairmen, including LEADS, who have reports to be judged must submit to the First Vice President no later than November 1 the names of three judges who are not members of clubs in the District for approval by the Executive Committee. Signed Judges Placement Sheets must be turned in with reports to the District First Vice President at the Birthday Council.

G. DISTRICT BULLETIN

Section 2 now reads:

GFWC/CFWC President, GFWC/CFWC First Vice President, GFWC/CFWC Second Vice President, GFWC/CFWC Area C Vice President, GFWC/SGVD President, GFWC/SGVD Past Presidents, and GFWC/SGVD Past CFWC Presidents from SGVD shall receive The KEY gratis. All Clubs and Affiliate Groups shall receive one complimentary copy of The KEY sent by the most economical means.

Proposed: Change Area C to Area B and correct GFWC/SGVD to GFWC/CFWC.

Rationale: SGVD is now a member of Area B.

If adopted shall then read:

Section 2. GFWC/CFWC President, GFWC/CFWC First Vice President, GFWC/CFWC Second vice President, GFWC/CFWC Area B Vice President, GFWC/SGVD President, GFWC/SGVD Past Presidents, and GFWC/CFWC Past Presidents from SGVD shall receive The KEY gratis. All clubs and Affiliate Groups shall receive one complimentary copy of The KEY sent by the most economical means.

CFWC Yearbook Orders....Pat Bourchard...909-576-4382 ...peb1956@verizon.net

Club presidents that placed orders and made arrangements for delivery. If you have not received your yearbook/flash drive order before December 12th, you may stop by Covina Woman’s Club on December 12th from 9am-noon. Although the order form indicated that each club would receive a free flash drive, that did not happen. Each club President was sent a zip drive of the yearbook versus receiving the flash drive.

Birthdays, Care and Concern...Mavis Hansen...626-4416231...hansenmavis625@gmail.com



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to all members born in December! Those born December 1 through 21 are known as a Sagittarius. And can be sure to have a desire to put their imprint in the world, which is paired nicely with their appreciation of life's finer things. You are a workaholic, optimistic and playful.

Those born from December 22 to 31 are members of the Capricorn Zodiac sign and are skilled at navigating both the material and emotional realms. You have a Can Do Attitude, physical strengths and love to party. Sagittarius or Capricorn, the flower for December is the Narcissus, delicate white flower of the daffodil family. Your Birthstone is the beautiful Turquoise gemstone or also may be Tanzanite or Blue Topaz.

Well know celebrities sharing your December birthday month are: Prince Charles, Woody Allen, Jeff Bridges, Little Richard, Ellen Burstyn, Walt Disney, Sammy Davis Jr., Emily Dickinson, Frank Sinatra and Ludwig Von Beethoven. December, the last month of the year, also holds the world's most loved traditions of Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year's Eve.

Sagittarius or Capricorn,

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

HAPPY HANUKKAH!

AND

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Art & Photo Contests & Music Scholarship ...Terry Perkins...(909) 895-7710...perkinstlee@gmail.com and Sue Hogenaur...hogenoursue@gmail.com...909-379-8613

More information will be in the January KEY. Considering how things are it will most likely be virtual. Sue and I are working on the details along with one of our club members, Joanne Karr, who is very experienced in virtual events.

Craft Contest ...Marianne Jennings...818) 398-7723.. fajmlj@aol.com

For many years we have enjoyed coming together for our San Gabriel Valley District Birthday celebration that also included our Craft Contest. Many of you worked diligently throughout the years in preparing and creating your wonderful items to submit to this popular contest.

This event is definitely affected by our inability to come together to admire the talents and creativity of our members. Therefore, we are creating a new and different way to move forward with this event. To do so it is necessary to pull this event together.

We are moving this event to February 2021. The rules will still apply, which includes that the item(s) must be completed by December 31, 2020.

You will need to photograph your item(s) for presentation to the judges. Your photos will be due to me by January 8, 2021.

At your earliest convenience please email me (fajmlj@aol.com) and let me know if you will be submitting items for this unique event. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you for continuing to support our District events.



Wishing all of you a happy and healthy holiday season!

[Creative Writing Contest...Laura Schano...626.807-3291...LKS423@att.net](#)

CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST RULES

CLUB MEMBER AND STUDENT COMPETITION



1. Authors must be amateur; earnings not to exceed \$500 annually.
2. Entries may not have been published prior to competition and must be original works by the author.
3. Entries must be typed, double-spaced, minimum margins of (1) inch, 8½x11-inch white paper, one side only.
4. Entries must be written during the Contest Year, 2020.
5. Word limit for Prose is 2,000 words.
6. Poetry minimum length of (8) lines and maximum of (30) lines.
7. Place author's name, address, telephone number, name of Club and District or School, Title of entry, and number of words (prose) or number of lines (poetry) on top right-hand corner of each page.
8. Submit (4) copies of entry on or before January 15, 2021 by placing it in the SGVD WRITING folder in box during District Board meetings or mailing or emailing to Creative Writing chairperson, Laura Schano.
9. Submit (1) Creative Arts Waiver and (1) Publicity release; (1) Minors release (if applicable)for EACH ENTRY.
10. One First place winner in each category will be sent to CFWC for further competition.

CATEGORIES FOR CLUB MEMBER COMPETITION

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 (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

Student entries may be sent in one of two ways:

Email : Laura Schano LKS423@att.net including your name, teacher & school; observing items 1-5 listed above under Rules for Club Members & Student Competition.

Mail: (4) copies to Laura Schano-- 426 N. California Street San Gabriel, CA 91775 (626) 807-3291

Awards: Winners will receive certificates at 2021 District Convention

One First Place Winner will be selected from each category and sent to CFWC for further competition.

CHIPS for KIDS Mary Matson ~909-418-0418



Hello Everyone: It's been a long time since we have been able to see each other and I hope that you are all well, safe and not going to crazy. With his hot weather I'm sure you have not given a thought about Christmas. I know it will be different for us all this year, but we still have a wonderful project to support. I have been in touch with the CHP and they are doing things different as well. They are asking for Walmart gift cards. So, here's how you can participate. IF you feel safe to purchase a gift card please do so, if not you may send me money and I will take care of it for you. The CHP has offered to come to my home to pick up the cards. I will need these all by the first of Dec. If you need my address please call me, 909 418-0418. This year there are more people in need than ever before, so please just \$10 can make a difference. Let's continue to keep up the generous donations that we have been doing for years.

Happy Holidays to all!!!!

Also, on Dec. 12 from 9-12 clubs may bring their gift cards and/or toys to Covina WC parking lt. The officers will pick up the donations.

Domestic Violence ... Linda Vallejo...562-639-6546...linda.valejo@aol.com

Please use the following website as a useful tool for finding domestic violence organizations in your community. <https://www.cpedv.org/domestic-violence-organizations-california>

Listings contain hotline numbers and websites (where available).

If you or a loved one are experiencing domestic violence and need assistance, you may use this map to find your local hotline or call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 4 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or TTY 1-800-787-3224.

While the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence does not provide direct services, we can assist survivors with finding local programs who may be able to provide assistance. We are available during business hours, Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at (916) 444-7163.

Don't see your organization listed here? Contact us: info@cpedv.org.

Reference and direct quote from

<https://www.cpedv.org/domestic-violence-organizations-california>



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

Hope that all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and that all of you and your families are healthy and safe and enjoy a most wonderful Holiday this Decmebr.

I received the information from Jane Thorne about where to send our Penny Pines Donations. This information was also presented by the CFWC Environment Chairman at the meet the chairs Zoom session this past Tuesday. So here it is.....

Angeles National Forest
701 Santa Anita Avenue
Arcadia, CA 91000
626-574-1613



One of the focus areas this year has been on the declining population of pollinators and how it endangers our food supply. Save the Honeybees is one of our CFWC President's Special Projects.

Also important is the Challenge Project of our GFWC Environment Chair, Karen Martinek. Our oceans and landfills are overwhelmed with indiscriminate use of plastics. By *ReFusing, ReUsing and Recycling* plastics we may start a process of healing our damaged planet.

I announced that November 15th was America Recycles Day. Always remember that we need to respect the planet that we live on and not abuse it.

I would like to encourage all of you to subscribe to CFWC Quick Bytes and to GFWC News and Notes for updates on information related to our Environment. You may also find interesting, easy, and fun project ideas and suggestions for this Program area.



Kindness Angel...Pat Borchard ... 909-576-4382 ...peb1956@verizon.net



As was announced at the November SGVD Board meeting there will be no Fashion Show in 2021 but we will still be honoring our Kindness Angels. Look for more information in the Key or I will email all Club Presidents/Deans information. With that being said, two

copies of your Kindness Angel narrative are due to me no later than January 8th. You can email or US mail those narratives to me. I have already received a narrative from Walnut Valley Woman's Club. Thank you!

Leadership/LEADS...Tami Miller...909-596-4084...tamgram8@yahoo.com

Congratulations to East Valley and West Covina clubs for nominating a candidate for the LEADS Program.

Today is the day you start to look for your next year's LEAD candidate. I can't believe there are only two possible candidates out of twenty-eight clubs. At your next meeting, even if it is ZOOM, be aware of those members who contribute to the meeting, and the Chairmans' that are still producing new projects during these difficult times. Who is that member that came up with a new project?

Presidents and Executive Members, open your eyes to see what is happening in your club.

Ask yourself,

"Am I leading my members to take on new responsibilities?"

Be a leader and lead your members. Make a list of possible candidates and lead them to success.

SGVD President's Scrapbook...Pat Borchard ... 909-576-4382 ...peb1956@verizon.net

At this time, my plan is to still get each club their scrapbook page at the end of January. If that changes, I will send an email to Club Presidents and Deans.



Women's History & Resource Center...Kim Plater... (609)620-7235... kimplater@aol.com

Six Degrees of Separation

Part II

Two months ago I posed the following question to SGVD members: *What did WWII, The United Nations, JFK, Inga “Binga”, Eleanor Roosevelt, and the General Federation of Women’s Clubs have in common? In Part I I discussed what was taking place in Germany and the United States from the 1930’s and 1940’s. I talked about WWII, Hitler (Chancellor of Germany), Inga “Binga”, (President Kennedy’s “true love”), and introduced J. Edgar Hoover (Director of the FBI) into the story. So where does the General Federation come into the picture?*

Part II

Founded in 1890, the General Federation of Women’s Clubs can be traced back to 1868 when Jane Cunningham Croly, a professional journalist, attempted to attend a dinner at an all-male press club honoring British novelist Charles Dickens. Mrs. Croly was denied admittance based upon her gender, and in response, formed a woman’s club—Sorososis. In celebration of Sorososis’ 21st anniversary in 1889, Jane Croly invited women’s clubs throughout the United States to pursue the cause of federation by attending a convention in New York City. On April 24, 1890, 63 clubs officially formed the General Federation of Women’s Clubs by ratifying the GFWC constitution. The organization continued to grow leaps and bounds and their accomplishments were amazing. They included such things as: **Child Labor Laws, 1898:** GFWC unanimously passed a resolution against child labor. With the help of clubwoman Jane Addams (1860-1935), child labor became a major area of concern for the Federation. In 1901, Addams headed the Federation’s Child Labor Committee to work for the maintenance and improvement of child labor laws. **Juvenile Courts, 1899:** GFWC’s Chicago Woman’s Club supported the juvenile court law, the first ever to be passed in the United States. This law became the model for all subsequent juvenile court laws, many of which were passed at the insistence of GFWC clubwomen. Julia Lathrop (1858-1932) led this club effort and was appointed by President William Howard Taft to head the Children’s Bureau in 1912. In **1901, the 56th U.S. Congress** granted GFWC a Federal Charter, which stipulated that it maintain its headquarters in Washington, D.C.

By the 1930’s the seeds of unrest were brewing in Europe towards a second world war with Adolph Hitler leading the charge. Inga “Binga” and JFK were involved in a semi-secret relationship, and J. Edgar Hoover, FBI Director was creating his “personal” files on the three of them.

At about the same time GFWC began a 10-year study to review the question of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). Franklin Roosevelt was President of the United States and Eleanor Roosevelt was First Lady. Eleanor was the longest-serving [First Lady of the United States](#), holding the post from 1933 to 1945 during her husband’s terms in office.

Eleanor was a GFWC Clubwoman early on. In the 1920’s she was living in Washington D.C. on N Street, directly across the street from what is now GFWC Headquarters. She knew GFWC was looking for a headquarters building and so she notified them there was a perfect house on her street that would be suitable for a Federation Headquarters. The federation moved into 1734 N Street in 1922.

As the war approached GFWC continued to support the US effort and GFWC’s “Buy a Bomber” program generated enough money to purchase 431 planes. Also, after their study on equal rights, in 1944 GFWC adopted a resolution in support of the ERA, which the Federation continues to support today. We at our clubs are still fighting for this right.

This is not the end of the story. Please read you January 2021 *Key* and find out what happens to Mrs. Roosevelt, JFK, J. Edgar Hoover and the GFWC.



GFWC Headquarters located at 1734 N Street NW Washington, DC 20036



*Photo of Eleanor Roosevelt
on her wedding day, 1905*

Messages from Clubs/Affiliates

GFWC La Verne-San Dimas Woman's Club won the Past district Presidents Leadership Sweepstakes award for 2019.



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December 3, 4 & 5

~~Thurs. / Fri. / Sat.~~ 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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Max: 14 Shoppers In House; 4 in Shop @ a time

626 355-7739

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We're holding a Raffle!!
It's an opportunity to win this beautiful
Ladies Movado Watch!! (Retail cost: \$1,595.00)

Raffle Tickets @ \$10.00 each

Drawing to be held on December 11, 2020
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For Raffle Tickets, please contact us via email: GFWCLVSD@gmail.com

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