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“The KEY”

San Gabriel Valley District
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Building our success as Federated Sisters
Through
Strength, Diversity and Joy!



April District Calendar

- 1 SGVD Executive Committee Meeting, Double Tree Pomona, CA, 10 a.m.
- SGVD Academic Scholarship and Returning Student Scholarship Applications due
- 15 DVAC Meeting, Covina Woman's Club, 128 S. San Jose, Covina, Noon.
- 26-27 SGVD 67th Annual CONVENTION, Double Tree by Hilton, Pomona CA.
- 24 GFWC FEDERATION DAY

Special Note: For US Mail Subscriptions Sept. 2023 – Jun. 2024, list of names, addresses and checks made out TO SAN GABRIEL VALLEY DISTRICT CALIF FERERATION OF WOMEN’S CLUBS need to be mailed to KEY Editor. Thank you in advance!!!

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Presidents and 1st Vice Presidents receive an email copy and are asked to share with their members. The District calendar, events and ideas for activities are in every copy of the KEY. Club events are noted in the KEY through the ads. The KEY helps all members stay in touch with San Gabriel Valley District.



Executive Board Messages

President's Message

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Hello Federation Sisters and Brothers,

Welcome to April Showers and Spring Flowers! The Clubs within the San Gabriel Valley District have started off this year very eventful. Lots of very well-organized club fundraising programs, community membership events and leadership trainings, I have had the pleasure of attending many of these events. This is very exciting! When I think back this time last year; we memorialized “We’ve Always Don’t it That Way and “That’s not the Way We Do It.” It appears the “Sand Box” have allowed us all to step in. Learning to take the very first steps to Leadership 101; speaking up, and believing in the process of moving forward, not focusing on the individual. Celebrating our success with gratitude and giving back to the very thing that has brought many of us together as community volunteers. Thank you!

Our Spring Council Program was extraordinarily rich this year. The local high school students competing and performing was magical in all four categories. The District was able to award 4-students with \$500 scholarships to support their continued music education. The Photography and Art displayed was enjoyed just as much, many club members were presented ribbons. Congratulations to everyone!

Celebrating the future & Opening Doors our San Gabriel Valley District 68th Annual theme for this year’s Convention held at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Pomona CA. April 26-27, 2024. Many celebrations will take place at this convention. We will enjoy the presentations of Club Awards Ceremonies throughout Convention for your 2023-Reports. On Friday evening we will enjoy the out-going 2022-2024 Administration Reception and Appreciation Ceremony. Saturday evening “Opening Doors to Leadership” with the new 2024-2026 Installment of the San Gabriel Valley District Officers & Reception.

Honoring our Club Members – Join us as we support these Club Members that will be recognized

Friday Session: Club Member of the Year / Saturday Session: Club Citizen of the Year.

*Ceremonies will begin shortly after lunch is served.

Federation Members Memorial Service – will be held on Friday evening immediately following the dinner session in the Ball Room. Those of you not choosing to remain for this service please exit quietly. The out-going Officers Reception will reconvene 30-minutes thereafter the closing of the services.

- Please note that the District Academic Scholarship Presentation was moved to the June Board Meeting at Covina Woman’s Club held on June 14, 2024 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

Thank you – Joy & Transparency



STAYING in the KNOW

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April 24, 2024 – GFWC Federation Day

At the CFWC Winter Board meeting held in February, I attended the Area B meeting hosted by VP, Rosette Clippinger. A motion was adopted to hold a special program collecting books and distributing them to the local small little libraries, and/or your choice of community support groups. I announced at this meeting that the San Gabriel Valley District had already adopted a program to support the Federation Day, at our February Board meeting. Membership, agreed to continue to raise awareness on “Food Insecurity” under the District Health & Wellness Chairman’s request. Under the Joy & Transparency of all Members and Clubs within the San Gabriel Valley District they have open choices to support and help wherever the need is requested by Federation. I would like to thank our Area B Vice President Rosette Clippinger for announcing and volunteering to donate 25-books to the San Gabriel Valley District to support this program under Federation Day. She will provide (1) book for the 25-clubs within the District giving us 25 in total that will be donated to the DVAC group agency under the McGill Street House, Covina CA. Photos and short articles may be submitted to the District “KEY” Newsletter for May publication and posting on the District Website and/or Facebook Group page for programs of your choice. Detailed instructions were not provided for submission to CFWC newsletter, however I am sure it would be a warm welcome to receive photos showing our support. Have lots of fun.....

March 12, 2024 – GFWC Convention “CALL” available at: gfwc.org
2024 GFWC Annual Convention – Chicago, Illinois June 29 – July 1, 2024

March 15, 2024 – CFWC Convention “CALL” available at: cfwc.org / QuickBytes (Special Edition)

May 16-18, 2024 - CFWC Annual Convention – San Jose, CA. Those of you that will be working at convention, reminder: you may be eligible to apply for the Convention Dollars for Delegates.



1st Vice President Message
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Hopefully many of you will be attending the San Gabriel Valley District Convention April 25th – 27th. We will be honoring our Clubwomen of the Year and our Citizens of the Year. Convention is a wonderful time for us as a district to get together to share ideas and experiences. We hear wonderful speakers; discover which clubs won awards for Report Writing, shop and enjoy each other’s company and celebrate what we’ve accomplished.



2nd Vice President Message
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Federated Sisters and Bothers

Hello Federated Sisters and Brothers,

Hope you all are doing well and getting ready for our 68th Annual Convention. Come and support your federated sisters your Citizen of the year and your club member of the year.

I have great news SGVD is now 1,208 members strong! You are all amazing! Continue with your recruitment efforts. Our last chance to increase our membership count will be in April at the San Gabriel Valley District 68th Annual Convention 2024. This will end our administration so let go full force to bring in more members. Get all your paperwork ready. I need 6 copies of the Data Blanks and 6 copies of the membership rosters. Please **highlight** all new members.

The CFWC reported 10,188 members and their new goal is 10, 500 in CFWC. We have 18 Districts, 220 Clubs, and 4 Areas. We lost Yosemite District. They had 4 Clubs, which all went to San Joaquin District. There is no lost in membership.

Members who feel invested in the club are more likely to stay committed over the long-term. By creating opportunities for members to contribute their time, skills, and expertise to the club, clubs can build a culture of volunteerism that fosters deeper engagement and commitment.

3rd Vice President Message
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Hello SGVD members,

Here we are, my most favorite Federation time of the year, Convention!

We are coming close to all deadline dates. Have you booked your room? Have you turned your meal selection form in? Club Presidents/ Dean's, have you submitted your club's paperwork? If the answer is no. Do not worry there is still time, but you must work quickly. The late fee has gone up, please get your paperwork in A.S.A.P.

SGVD has over 1,000 members and I look forward to seeing and meeting as many of you as possible. The memories we create are priceless and I cherish them all.

We have each chosen to volunteer as a woman's club member. We are aware that volunteers matter and that without active members we go nowhere. Convention is a wonderful time to continue, reconnect or even start your GFWC journey.

See you there!

"Honor the Past, Celebrate the Present, Embrace the Future"

YEARBOOK CORRECTIONS

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SGVD Committee Chairmen Messages

Advocates for Children

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Our California Federation of Women's Clubs (CFWC), Chair for Advocates for Children, Kelly Davis writes per the www.cfwc.org website that the goal of our project is to:

Speak up for children of all ages.

Make a positive difference in the lives of children in foster care. Increase child abuse awareness so that, together, we end exploitation, abuse and neglect to build a future for all children free from violence.

One of our CFWC President's Project is Covenant House located in 4 cities in California and have been. Covenant House caught my attention many years ago and I support them by donating to them. I have driven by their Los Angeles facility a few times which always reminds me of all the good things they do.

I have read many stories on their Street Outreach program and other programs they offer. The Street Outreach program touches my heart the most. They have teams of people who drive through the streets throughout the day and night looking for young people who are living on the streets, either by their choice or someone else's. Many are hungry, lonely, desperate, forced into selling drugs, on drugs, victims of human trafficking, and some who have aged out of the foster care system with nowhere to go.

Covenant House is there to help keep youth safe and loved. They offer so many services such as counseling, medical care, employment, education and spiritual ministry. They offer DreamCatcher Youth Services which is an emergency sanctuary for youth ages 13-18 and a youth shelter that provides sanctuary and support for youth experiencing homelessness ages 18-24.

I would hope that you take the time to go to their website: www.covenanthousecalifornia.org, learn more about them and to see all the things they do. Maybe this could be a new fundraiser for your club either by donating or volunteering.

ARTS & CULTURE



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS!!

Art Contest
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2024 ART CONTEST WINNERS

	Grades 1-2	
2 nd Grayson Li—Walnut Valley WC	1 st Brittany Chen—Walnut Valley WC	1 st Scarlett Gruz—Walnut Valley WC
2 nd Derrik Gonzales—Walnut Valley WC		
	Grades 3-4	
3 rd Charolette Tri—Walnut Valley WC	3 rd Aron Lu—Walnut Valley W	
No Grades 4-8 Entered	Grades 9-11	
		1 st Vivian Ngo—Baldwin Park WC
2 nd Melanie Llamas—Baldwin Park WC	3 rd Jinnex Wu—Baldwin Park WC	HM Joshua Solis—Baldwin Park WC
1 st Ashley Torres—Pio Pico WC		
	Seniors	
2 nd Judges put a non-senior here	3 rd Vivian Ngo-- Pio Pico WC	
Best In Show Winner	Ashley Torres—Pio Pico WC	
	Club Members Novice	
Portrait 1 st Nancy Roxan-Sanchez—Pio Pico WC	Scenic 1 st Barbara Ramirez—Covina WC	2 nd Nancy Roxan Sanchez—Pio Pico WC
Still Life 1 st Barbara Ramirez-Covina WC		

Music Scholarship Competition...
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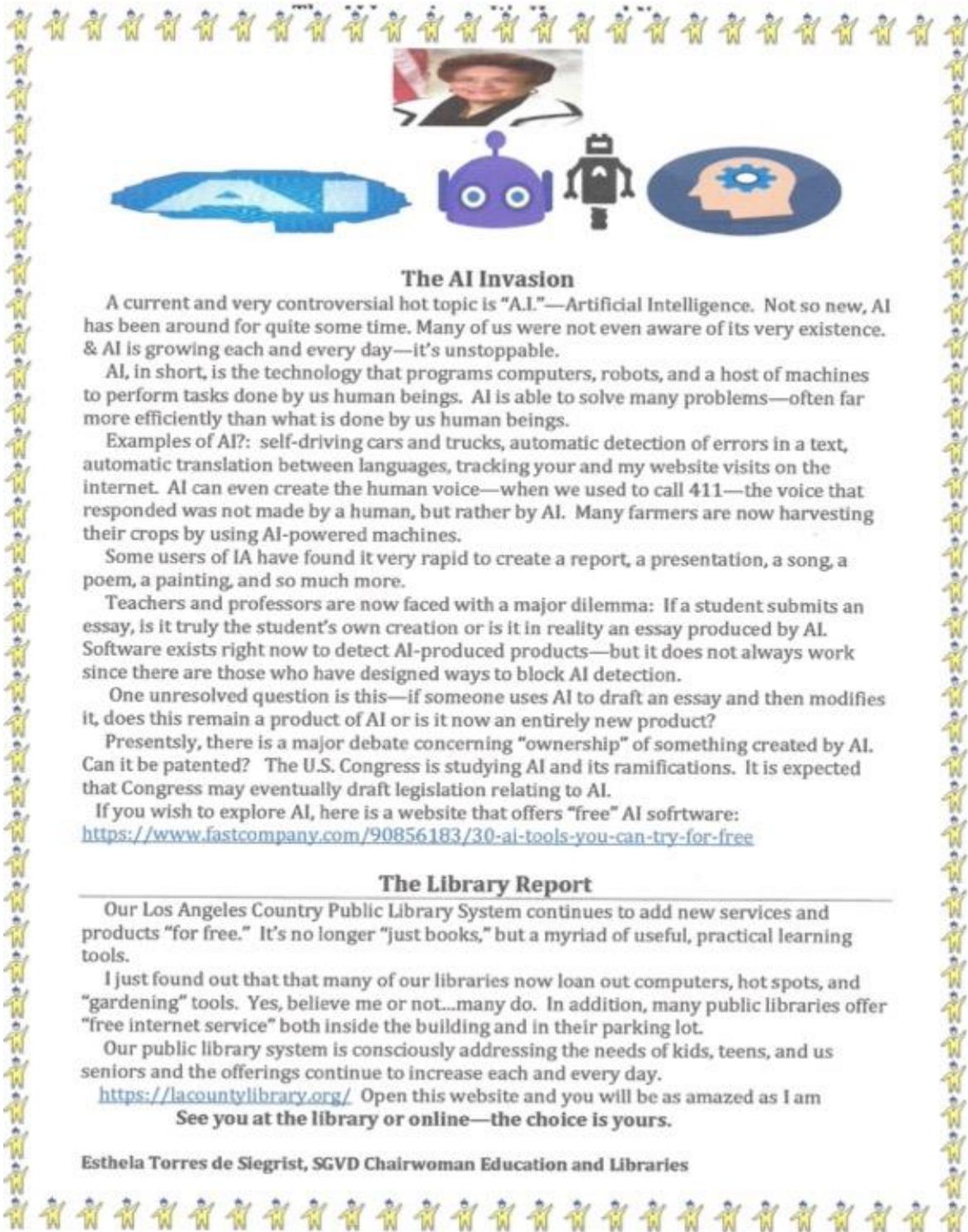
Classical Instrumental	PatirckWong	Walnut HIS	Walnut Valley WC
Pop Instrumental	Audrey Schmalzback	Charter Oak HS	Covina WC
ClassicalVocal West	Julianna Othmer	Coivna HS	Covina
Pop Vocal	Melanie Valle	Baldwin Park HS	Baldwin Park WC

Photography Contest
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SGVD CLUB MEMBER PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST			
MARCH 2024-COVINA WOMEN'S CLUB			
Seven Clubs participated in the Club Member Photography Contest: Covina, Diamond Bar, El Monte, La Puente, Monterey Park, Pio Pico and Walnut			
CATEGORY - OUR WORLD UP CLOSE			
Entry #	Name	Club Name	Place
8	Nancy Krueger	Pio Pico	1st Place
33	Virgina Quan	Covina Womens Club	2nd Place
21	Sonia Wildhaber	Monterey Park	3rd Place
13	Marie Montanez	Monterey Park	Honorable Mention
CATEGORY - NATURAL WONDERS			
19	Theresa Amador	Monterey Park	1st Place
24	Marian Hallin	Monterey Park	2nd Place
41	Grace Rodriguez	Pio Pico	3rd Place
14	Maria Montanez	Monterey Park	Honorable Mention
CATEGORY - REFLECTIONS			
15	Marie Montanez	Monterey Park	1st Place
12	Katherin Torres	Monterey Park	2nd Place
29	Brenda Newbold	Covina Womens Club	3rd Place
5	Joanne Karr	Walnut Valley	Honorable Mention
CATEGORY - LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT			
20	Steven Wildhaber	Monterey Park	1st Place
30	Brenda Newbold	Covina Womens Club	2nd Place
31	Kathryn Collier	Covina Womens Club	3rd Place
43	Sandy Medina	La Puente	Honorable Mention

SGVD STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST			
MARCH 2024-COVINA WOMEN'S CLUB			
Only Two Clubs participated in the Student Photography Contest: Baldwin Park (5), Pio Pico (12)			
GRADES 6-8			
Entry #	Name	Club Name	Place
16	Sylvia Cardenas	Pio Pico	1st Place
6	Ryder Pierson	Pio Pico	2nd Place
GRADES 9-12			
9	Nikolas Calvillo	Pio Pico Women's Club	1st Place
15	Danna Salto	Pio Pico Women's Club	2nd Place
5	Angel Gomez	Baldwin Park	3rd Place
14	Sienna Lopez	Pio Pico Women's Club	Honorable Mention

Education & Libraries...
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The AI Invasion

A current and very controversial hot topic is "A.I."—Artificial Intelligence. Not so new, AI has been around for quite some time. Many of us were not even aware of its very existence. & AI is growing each and every day—it's unstoppable.

AI, in short, is the technology that programs computers, robots, and a host of machines to perform tasks done by us human beings. AI is able to solve many problems—often far more efficiently than what is done by us human beings.

Examples of AI?: self-driving cars and trucks, automatic detection of errors in a text, automatic translation between languages, tracking your and my website visits on the internet. AI can even create the human voice—when we used to call 411—the voice that responded was not made by a human, but rather by AI. Many farmers are now harvesting their crops by using AI-powered machines.

Some users of IA have found it very rapid to create a report, a presentation, a song, a poem, a painting, and so much more.

Teachers and professors are now faced with a major dilemma: If a student submits an essay, is it truly the student's own creation or is it in reality an essay produced by AI. Software exists right now to detect AI-produced products—but it does not always work since there are those who have designed ways to block AI detection.

One unresolved question is this—if someone uses AI to draft an essay and then modifies it, does this remain a product of AI or is it now an entirely new product?

Presentsly, there is a major debate concerning "ownership" of something created by AI. Can it be patented? The U.S. Congress is studying AI and its ramifications. It is expected that Congress may eventually draft legislation relating to AI.

If you wish to explore AI, here is a website that offers "free" AI software:
<https://www.fastcompany.com/90856183/30-ai-tools-you-can-try-for-free>

The Library Report

Our Los Angeles Country Public Library System continues to add new services and products "for free." It's no longer "just books," but a myriad of useful, practical learning tools.

I just found out that that many of our libraries now loan out computers, hot spots, and "gardening" tools. Yes, believe me or not...many do. In addition, many public libraries offer "free internet service" both inside the building and in their parking lot.

Our public library system is consciously addressing the needs of kids, teens, and us seniors and the offerings continue to increase each and every day.

<https://lacountylibrary.org/> Open this website and you will be as amazed as I am

See you at the library or online—the choice is yours.

Esthela Torres de Siegrist, SGVD Chairwoman Education and Libraries

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

ARIES April 1 – 20 The Ram

ARIES tend to be spontaneous, frank, and open, but may also be self-centered and willful. They approach the world with awe and wonder. The urge to be the star and to shine is strong. Aries demand attention and have high self-confidence. Aries display a strong desire to lead and will find themselves frustrated if they lack the leadership skills needed. Aries can be truly original and idealistic pioneers.

COLORS are all shades of red.

GEMSTONES are Diamond, Ruby, Emerald and Amethyst. NOTABLES are Hans Christian Anderson, Marlon Brando, Charlie Chaplin, Leonardo da Vinci, Bette Davis, Billie Holiday, Vincent Van Gough and Sarah Vaughn.

TAURUS – April 21 – 30 The Bull

TAURUS show a great interest in all physical matters such as sex, food, and sports. Setting up and giving shape to projects is one of their great strengths. Taurus greatly enjoy repose and comfort and are very acute observers. They are valuable advisors. They will protect their own interests first, but care deeply for those around them. Taurus live for those they love.

COLORS are all shades of blue and deep green.

GEMSTONES are Rose Quartz, Emerald and Lapis Lazuli.

NOTEABLES are Fred Astair, Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald, Martha Graham, Shirley McLaine, Golda Meier, Jack Nicholson and William Shakespeare.

APRIL FLOWER IS THE DAISY

A symbol of innocence, loyal love, gratitude and healing.

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The Whittier Women's Club hosts

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Saturday • April 13, 2024

10 am - 4 pm

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clothes to food
...and so much more!

Raffle Baskets

proceeds to benefit various charities in
and around Whittier

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PRESENTS A
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DONATION: \$45**



Only 100 Opportunities Available

DETAILS

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- Tailored meals for cruise
- Up to 4 guests
- LA Harbor cruise
- Hostess

\$1,500 value

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HOW TO SUPPORT

- \$45 Donation (501(c)3 service club)
- Pay via Zelle – wvwc.org@gmail.com
- Check – Make checks payable to Walnut Valley Women's Club
- Cash donation accepted

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