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SAN GABRIEL VALLEY DISTRICT OF WOMAN'S CLUBS

Good Thoughts. Good Words. Good Deeds.
2024 – 2026

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Gina Morales



Hello February!

Report writing is behind us, how did you do? I am so happy to see all the projects that clubs have completed. You are all amazing and in the future I'd love to know how you keep your clubs motivated and moving forward. You are true inspirations.
The Call has been released. We are making big changes by hosting a one day convention. I hope to see all 25 of our clubs in attendance. Wonderland is the theme, and as you all are aware this plays into spirit award. What I want to know is what does "wonderland" mean to your club? I cannot wait to see how each of you translate it. There is no wrong answer and definitely no wrong way to present it. Let's have fun.
By our next meeting we will have CFWC meeting to report and hopefully a LEADS candidate to assist moving forward.
Leadership remains our goal, and we will continue ongoing trainings to make sure all member have all updated procedures.

Happy Lunar New Year



If you receive an email from President Gina asking for credit cards, money or anything through email, please be advised that it is a scam. If you receive an email from President Gina seeking money, please report it to her by calling her directly. Thank you!

1ST VICE PRESIDENT, DEAN
DENISE JACKMAN

Thank you Thank you Thank you!
You are amazing! We collected 162 reports and 17 clubs participated!
We are going to be sending the reports to CFWC on February 1st.
SGVD will be sending the reports out to the judges this month and we are going to have an amazing convention! Congratulations to the hundreds of successful projects that our clubs completed!

Presidents and 1st Vice Presidents:
Our next Zoom Training will be held on:

Zoom Information for February 19 th at 7:00 p.m.
Join Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 507 963 3709
Passcode: 143585

2ND VICE PRESIDENT, MEMBERSHIP
TERRI CARDENAS

Reminder: Please submit your new memberships at the SGVD monthly meetings!
OR:
Mail payment and forms to Terri Cardenas at:
8845 Clarinda Ave., Pico Rivera, CA 90660

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
ROSETTE CLIPPINGER

Please remember to provide the SGVD 6 copies of your Club Yearbooks to the District!

District and State Yearbooks are in! To order please contact Rosette Clippinger. District Yearbooks are $20.00.
You can access the electronic version of CFWC in our Dropbox link included in the email with this newsletter!

3RD VICE PRESIDENT, CONVENTION
ABBEY HOWELL

HHello Federation Sisters & and Brothers,

It's hard to believe we have entered the second month of 2025. The doors of the floodgates have brought forward so much tragedy. However, as volunteers we have all banded together to help in our own special ways. No matter if it was a small community donation, church donation and/or a club donation giving from the heart was very well received from the smallest to the largest. Thank you!

We have persevered through our goals and action plans to commit every task assigned; Written Club Reports, Convention Meetings, Preparations for Birthday Council and upcoming club events. Stay the course and be mindful of the present moment.

The San Gabriel Valley District 69th Annual Convention check list was developed at the last meeting and our Convention Hostesses, Chairpersons and Task-team are ready to make this 1-day Convention a successful event. The "CALL" will be release for membership publication on January 27th bring your question that you would like addressed to the January 31st Business Birthday Council Meeting. I will be glad to answer any questions personally. If our program timeline does not permit, just see me.

This document the "CALL" will be sent to all Club Presidents, District Chairs, District Officers, Past District Presidents and the Convention Committee. It should also be shared with your Club Delegates and Membership. The purpose of the "CALL" will give each member new and old the direction of what takes place at the convention. Keep in mind this is not a program in which the order will follow, it provides
information. The President can change the program order of the session at her discretion. I am available to attend and speak on convention at your club meeting, with just a simple invite.

RECORDING SECRETARY
NANCY KRUEGER



WOMEN'S HISTORY - CHAIRWOMAN CLAUDIA MAIDENBURG

Ida Wells Barnett – Educator & Advocate

Most of us reading this article are old enough to think 1931 is not ancient history. We might think of the 1930's as a troubled time but certainly in the modern era. After all by 1931 women in the United States had had the vote for eleven years. Of course there was and currently still is a fight for equality, but not a fight about eliminating horrific things. Unfortunately, that is not true.

Ida B. Wells Barnett who lived until 1931 was born a slave and was not considered a free person until she was 16 years old. She then dropped out of high school and found employment as a school teacher. In 1880, she moved to Memphis, Tennessee, and became a part-owner of the Memphis Free Speech newspaper, launching her activist career. Though a mob ransacked her offices and threatened her life if she did not leave town, she stood steady.

In 1895 she moved to Chicago and married Ferdinand Barnett. The couple published the Chicago Conservator, where Ida wrote many articles on the lynchings taking place in the south.Wells was a founder of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). As a Black female activist she faced regular public disapproval, sometimes including from other leaders within the civil rights movement and the women's suffrage movement.

In 1883, a train conductor ordered Wells to give up her seat in the first-class ladies car and move to the smoking car. When Wells refused she was dragged out of the car. Wells hired an African-American attorney and sued. When her lawyer was paid off by the railroad, she hired a white attorney.
Wells won her case on December 24, 1884, when the local court granted her a $500 (~$16,956 in 2023) award. This award was reversed on appeal. Her reaction to the higher court's decision, as she responded: "I felt so disappointed because I had hoped such great things from my suit for my people. ... O God, is there no ... justice in this land for us?"

Wells was posthumously honored with a Pulitzer Prize special citation "for her outstanding and courageous reporting on the horrific and vicious violence against African Americans during the era of lynching."

What made a difference when the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's succeeded using some of these same strategies to demand equality? The 1960's movement brought the cooperation and support from many people who believed in the cause of equality.

A common deeply held believe that generates the united work by many people for an agreed upon goal is always the most direct road to success. Be it our country, state, city or Club unity vs distraction and focus on the goal leads to success. If the goal did not come from a deeply held belief, once the goal is reached compliancy allows distraction to gain traction and often reverses successes. Know why you do what you do and ensure everyone is on the same page.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS
MAVIS HANSEN

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The beautiful Amethyst is the birthstone for those born in February. A variety of quartz that is a spectacular purple color that ranges from a blend of deep violet to a lighter lilac hue. The Amethyst is thought to provide the wearer with stability, peace, courage, focus, royalty, romance and affection. The perfect gift to express love and affection.
The Birthday Flowers for February are the Violet and Primrose.
The Violet is a symbol of watchfulness, loyalty and faithfulness.
The Primrose lets someone know that you can't live without them.

February Birthdays are either Aquarius of Pisces

AQUARIUS January 20 – February 18 are known for adaptability with a unique style, flowing personalities, charming and charismatic. Aquarius are powerful, self-disciplined and goal directed. Aquarius love meeting new people and new situations. Adding novelty and variety to the daily routine and obligations will renew enthusiasm.

PISCES February 19 – March 20 are ruled by their feelings. A dreamer, but with determination. Pisces always emphasis camaraderie and teamwork which brings many friends. Pisces always avoids those who are upsetting or have negative thoughts. Pisces follow their intuition, but also welcome the opportunity for change and accept help when offered.
Special days in February are: Groundhog Day on the 2nd, Lincoln's Birthday on the 12th, Valentines Day on the 14th, Presidents Day on the 17th and Ash Wednesday. February is the shortest month of the year with only 28 days, except every four years the 29th day is added.
Celebrities with February Birthdays are Zsa Zas Gabor (6), Garth Brooks (7). Jennifer Aniston (11), Ice -T (16),John Travolta (18) and Drew Barrymore on the 22nd.

AQUARIUS OR PISCES
Happy Birthday!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 14, 2025 - Executive Board Meeting - Covina Club 9:30 am to 12:30 pm
Happy Valentines day! Wear red!
Spring Council (3/14) - Club Reservations and Club Checks due to Reservation chairperson Cheryl Linnborn $25.00 per attending member
February 22, 2025 - "Dazzle with Detail" Fashion Show - Attend and get the accessories to make your outfit complete! Buy your tickets for $35.00 and attend this fun event! Turn tickets in at the February 14th meeting!
March 13, 2025 - SGVD Arts and Photo Contest Set Up - Covina WC
March 14, 2025 - Spring Council & Music Competition, Art and Photo, Covina Club 9:30 to 1:30 p.m. Music Competition held with Art and Photography contest and judging. Executive Board Meeting.
****Deadline to submit your Club Member of the Year and Citizen of the Year 3/14**
April 25, 2025 SGVD- 69th Annual Convention Held at Covina WC.
See CALL sent on 1/27 to all presidents.
No District meeting in April

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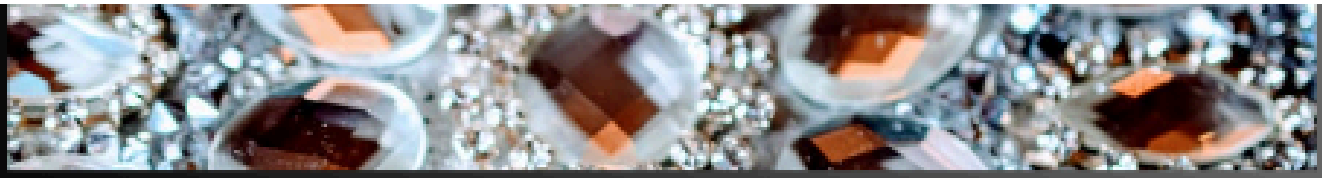

San Gabriel Valley District Presents:

"Dazzle with Detail"

Accessory Fashion Show

February 22, 2025

10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Scarves, purses, jewelry, belts, and so much more!

Tickets are $35.00

Event to

Honor our Kindness Angels

Deadline to purchase tickets February 14

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Walnut, Ca 91789

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