

# THE CALL



**GFWC/CFWC Orange District**  
**PRESIDENT: Mary Sprague**



**Corresponding Secretary: Natalie Skullr-White**  
**Website: [www.cfwcorangedistrict.com](http://www.cfwcorangedistrict.com)**  
**January 2021**

**Orange District September Council Meeting via Zoom**  
**Friday, January 8, 2021**

**RSVP by emailing list of attendees along with designations i.e. Club President, Chairman, or Member etc. to Mary Sprague at [msprague@sbcglobal.net](mailto:msprague@sbcglobal.net) by Saturday, January 2, 2021**

**\*\*\*MEETING WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 10:00AM.\*\*\***  
**Zoom will open at 9:30am. Please log in/call in by 9:50am.**

**How to join the Orange District November Council Meeting via the web or Zoom app on phone:**

STEP 1: Go to [www.zoom.us/join](http://www.zoom.us/join)

STEP 2: Enter Meeting ID **590 231 1544** and click Join.

STEP 3: Enter Meeting Passcode **01082021**

STEP 4: The host will admit you in to the meeting.

A couple of things to note...You DO NOT need to create an account to join a meeting as a participant. You only need an account if you plan on hosting a meeting. You also DO NOT need a webcam or camera on your computer. You can fully participate in the meeting without video. You will see/hear those who are using video but they will not see you.

**There are limitations but you can also call in to the meeting on your phone.**

**STEP 1: Dial (669) 900-9128      STEP 2: Enter Meeting ID 590 231 1544 followed by #**  
**STEP 3: It will ask for a participant ID. There is no participant ID. Hit # for Participant ID**  
**STEP 4: Enter Passcode 01082021 followed by #**



December PEAL messages due: FRIDAY, January 15, 2021  
Submit messages to: [lhwcserver@gmail.com](mailto:lhwcserver@gmail.com)

## President's Message— January 2021 CALL



I hope all of you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving and looking forward to the Holidays approaching.

As always with this administration I have GOOD news and BAD news. First the bad news. While we had hoped to be able to have the January Council Meeting in person with the current situation of the Covid-19 we are unable to meet at the Phoenix Club so the January 8<sup>th</sup> Orange District Council Meeting will be held as a zoom meeting.

Now the GOOD news. We all want to have a positive attitude to start 2021 so wanted to have something special at the Council Meeting. While looking for a “UP” speaker, I would like to thank Maria Sterk for her suggestion and Veena Narain, for arranging it and we will have Dr. Marissa Pei as our speaker at the January Zoom Council Meeting. Dr. Marissa aka “the Asian Oprah” is a motivational speaker, Celebrity Host, Corporate Psychologist, Life Balance Coach, #1 Bestselling Author and a Happiness Catalyst. She will enlighten as well as entertain. Please let all of your club members know so they can hear her also.

I know that this is a very busy time with writing of the reports, getting ready for the Holidays (made more difficult with the stay at home order) and just coping with the changing day to day environment but please take the time to remember to reach out to fellow club members that you have not seen or those less fortunate. Let's remember this is a time for love of each other.

Together We Make A Great Team.

Mary Sprague, President



## Orange District Council Meeting Agenda Friday, January 08, 2021

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ZOOM MEETING	Natalie Skullr-White
CALL TO ORDER	Mary Sprague
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Judy Wagner
INSPIRATION	Mercedes Szarka
WELCOME	Mary Sprague
PRELIMINARY CREDENTIAL REPORT	Barbara Murphy & Bev Rigney
ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS	
SPEAKER	Dr. Marissa Pei
Motivational Speaker, Celebrity Host, Corporate Psychologist, Life Balance Coach, #1 Bestselling Author, & our Happiness Catalyst. Her fans say she's funny, insightful & inspiring, so much so they've dubbed her "the Asian Oprah."	
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS (4 MINUTES) (Timekeeper)	
Recording Secretary	Linda Queen
Report of Minutes of November 13, 2021 2020 Minutes	
Approved as read____ corrected____	
Financial Secretary	Geri Walsh
Treasurer	Maria Sterk
Director of Finance	Dianne Lundquist-Behrens
Communications Secretary	Katie Stewart
Corresponding Secretary	Natalie Skullr-White
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	Marilyn Bennett
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Colleen Janssen
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Sandy Tessier
President	Mary Sprague
ZOOM GAME	
MINI WORKSHOP – 15 MINUTES Kathi McGraw, Parliamentarian	
The most <b>important committee</b> in your club or "How Did She Become President". Kathi will explain the importance of the nominating Committee including bylaws, rules, and responsibility.	
DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS (3 MINUTES)	
FINAL CREDENTIAL REPORT Barbara Murphy & Bev Rigney	
ANNOUNCEMENTS CLUBS	
PIN DRAWING	
OPPORTUNITY DRAWING	
ADJOURNMENT _____	

## ORANGE DISTRICT CONVENTION – Bev Nihei & Lynn Winkler



**SAVE THE DATE: April 17, 2021**

**LOCATION: La Habra Community Center**

Mark your calendars for (hopefully) our Orange District Annual Convention on April 17, 2021. Although we are not certain what lies ahead we are moving along with planning of the convention which will be held at the La Habra Community Center, 101 W. La Habra, in La Habra. Special Thank You to Natalie Skullr-White and the La Habra Woman's Clubs for arranging for us to use the facility.



### CONVENTION ADS

Deadline for Convention Program Ads will be January 15, 2021.

All ads must be camera ready – sent electronically to:

[MLSPRA GUE@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:MLSPRA GUE@SBCGLOBAL.NET)

Full Page Ad 4 ½ x 7 ½ \$40.00

Half Page Ad 3 ½ x 4 ½ \$25.00

Checks should be sent to: Beverly Nihei,  
5513 E. Edgemar Ave.  
Anaheim, CA 92807

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

At the convention we would like to remember those members that have passed during this past Calendar year so please send a list of any club members you have lost this year to: Mercedes Szarka,

Orange District Inspiration Chairman  
1378 Puente Lane  
Brea, CA 92821

[Mercedes.szarka@gmail.com](mailto:Mercedes.szarka@gmail.com) by January 15, 2021.



## From the Executive Committee ...

**Sandy Tessier**  
1st Vice President/Dean



Report writing season is upon us. Remember our reporting year is January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. This has been such a crazy year, who remembers what happened last January and February? It's time to pull our minutes and newsletters and gather all the information about all the wonderful things your club did during this last year.

Find the report form by going to the [CFWCornagedistrict.com](http://CFWCornagedistrict.com) web site and select the reports tab. From the list select Statistical Report and the Club Award Entry Form (narrative form). The report forms from the web site are interactive. However you must save them first into your word documents so you can edit the report and complete it on line.

### **Statistical report is required!**

Your club may choose not to write a narrative report but the **statistical report is required**. Statistical reports reflect the **hours spent, dollars and in-kind donations made** as well as how many members were involved in each and every activity your club has held.

### **When writing your Statistical Reports remember to include:**

- The hours spent in meetings, all meetings including GFWC, CFWC Orange District and club meetings
- Hours spent in preparations
- Miles driving to and from
- Hours spent on projects and committees
- Hours spent in delivering monetary and in-kind donations

### **Affiliate Organizations Data**

- This is a new section at the bottom of the statistical report form.
- This new section will provide information specific to each affiliate organization.
- The national totals received by GFWC will be shared with each affiliate organization to demonstrate service by GFWC club-women.

### **Narrative Reports**

Your club can enter a report on any or all of these service areas.

#### **CFWC Community Service Programs**

Arts and Culture  
Conservation  
Health and Wellness  
Environment  
Education and Libraries  
Civic Engagement and Outreach  
Community Impact Program  
Domestic Violence  
Advocates for Children  
Civic Engagement

#### **Advanced and Special Programs**

Communications and Public Relations  
Fundraising  
Membership  
Leadership  
Legislation  
Women's History and Resource Center (WHRC)

\*\* Visit the [www.cfwcorangedistrict.com](http://www.cfwcorangedistrict.com) website to see a list of suggestions of where to report your project.\*\*

We apologize for the inconvenience but, due to the current circumstances, reports must be delivered on/before the January 8th meeting to one of the following locations. . We tried to pick 3 locations central to the Club Locations.

**\*\*Sandy Tessier 4825 Ironwood Ave. Seal Beach, 90740**

**\*\*Katie Stewart 30 Finca, San Clemente 92672**

**\*\*Mary Sprague 5924 Arno Crescent Anaheim 92807**

In closing I'd like to propose a challenge to clubs who didn't write any narrative report last year to write one this year.

Pick a project which you are very proud and write it up and send it in with your statistical report. Every club who writes a narrative report this year, who didn't write any last year GETS A PRIZE!

If you would like help your club with reports Just call or send an email to me.

Sandy Tessier  
Odsandy1stvpdean.com  
562-234-3371

## From the Executive Committee Cont'd ...

Colleen Janssen

2nd VP/Membership

(805) 813-0844 [colleenj02@gmail.com](mailto:colleenj02@gmail.com)



### YOUR MEMBERSHIP NEEDS YOU!

How are you connecting with your members during the Covid lockdowns? Are you making phone calls, sending cards, arranging Zoom meetings? Many clubs are getting creative about fundraisers and connections with their members.

All club Presidents and Membership Chairs should have received the A-Z Target List I sent out to help you identify potential new club members in your community. Give people a chance to be part of your amazing club. Let them help with fundraising and other club activities. Let them help make a difference in your community.

Maybe some of your members are understandably concerned about mingling with others. It is NOT necessary that you need to risk anyone's health or safety. There are terrific things you can do using Zoom and social distancing.

If you need help learning Zoom, call me; I can help. Additionally, you can ask your members if any of them are Zoomologists (my word), or know people who can help you meet on Zoom.

Look at fun ways to fundraise. Perhaps Zoom Bingo! That's something we do in my club. I am happy to share the instructions, just ask. You can reach me at the email and phone number listed above.

Perhaps your group has another event – which is great, too. Whatever you do, look for ways to include new people, then invite them to join your club and be part of the important work you do. You CAN do it!

Marilyn Bennett

Third Vice President/Way and Means

[mjbennett2849@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mjbennett2849@sbcglobal.net)

Orange District Council meetings have been on zoom, as will be the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Have we missed a fundraising opportunity? YES, an opportunity drawing (50/50):

**New Year's Drawing:** Orange District Council–January 8, 2021  
 7 chances for \$5.00 (buy as many as you wish)  
 Make check payable to: CFWC Orange District Mail by January 5<sup>th</sup> to:  
 Marilyn Bennett, 16089 Shasta St, Fountain Valley, CA 92708  
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 7 chits with your name will be put in for every \$5.00

♥ **Heart to Heart** ♥ BINGO will be held on Saturday, February 13, 202, at 10:00 a.m. and at 2:00 p.m.. Save the date on your calendar. This zoom Bingo replaces the previously planned Quartermania that was cancelled. A reservation invite for the free Bingo is forthcoming. In the meantime, plan your theme attire, heart month or valentine. You could win a prize!

There is still time, through December 31<sup>st</sup>, to make online personal and gift purchases from Pegboard Highway, [pegboardhighway.com](http://pegboardhighway.com). Enter shopping code **Orange** to receive a discount and Orange District will receive 15 percent. See the ad in the December PEAL.

How did your club raise funds during this pandemic year? Fundraisers are projects for which you can submit narrative reports. I'm looking forward to knowing how clubs have raised their funds.

## From the Community Services Programs ...

Veena Narain, Education and Libraries



As promised, here are some more suggestions of “feel good” books for your **ESO reading** pleasure:

- ◆ City of Girls by Elizabeth Gilbert
- ◆ The Whistling Season by Ivan Doig
- ◆ The Big Summer by Jennifer Weiner
- ◆ The Overdue Life of Amy Byler by Kelly Harms
- ◆ The 100 year Old Man Who Climbed out a Window and Disappeared by Jonas Jonassan
- ◆ Evy Drake Starts Over by Linda Holmes
- ◆ The Dutch House by Ann Patchett
- ◆ The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper by Phaedra Patrick
- ◆ The Lady and the Monk by Pico Iyer
- ◆ Save Me the Plums by Ruth Reichl

And here are some **Education project ideas** for your clubs to try in the new year:

- ◆ Advocate for and support STEM For Her in local schools. This organization encourages girls to pursue STEM- related careers.
- ◆ Celebrate World Read Aloud Day on February 5
- ◆ Plan a special event to honor teachers on Teacher Appreciation Day (the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in May). Host a celebratory breakfast/lunch, or provide snacks, or give thank you cards or other expressions of gratitude.
- ◆ Award scholarships to local students
- ◆ Tutor students at local Boys and Girls Club
- ◆ **OC Public Libraries (OCPL)** offers some interesting virtual programs for children’s storytime (through OC Read) and provides a free bag of program materials to participants via curbside pickup at local libraries. Volunteer to provide craft materials, stickers, etc. to enhance these programs.

~~~ *As we look forward to a new year filled with hope and optimism, I wish you all the best of health and happiness in 2021* ~~~



**From Advancements/Special Appointments...**

Margaret (Maggie) Paul, Legislation/Public Policy

**Contact Your Senators and Representatives Today!**

Protect Funding for Victims of Crime

The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grants provide federal funding that enables local organizations serving survivors of domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, trafficking, and other crimes to provide counseling, case management, crisis hotlines, emergency shelters, and other community-based programs. Congress is finalizing its FY2021 Appropriations Bills and substantial funding cuts to VOCA are being considered, as is language to fix the formula and stabilize the Crime Victims Fund.

The VOCA formula must be fixed to avoid further financial crisis and the elimination of services. Congress must bolster the Crime Victims fund by ensuring federal financial penalties from deferred prosecution and non-prosecution agreements are deposited into the Crime Victims Fund and used to serve victims of crime.

We are asking you to contact your members of Congress immediately. Congress has an opportunity to save victim service grants by stabilizing the Crime Victims Fund. It is important that you act now. Write to your Senators and Representatives today!

Rep. Kevin McCarthy, Minority House Leader:

Washington, DC Office

2468 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
Phone: (202) 225-2915  
Fax: (202) 225-2908

Bakersfield District Office

4100 Empire Drive , Suite 150  
Bakersfield, CA 93309  
Phone: (661) 327-3611  
Fax: (661) 637-0867



**PLEASE GET THE WORD OUT TO ALL OUR SISTERS IN FEDERATION. THIS BILL MUST BE FUNDED AND PROTECTED.**

**12/31/2020 Deadline to Shop  
for Orange District.  
Coupon Code: Orange**

**Face Masks \$15**



**Sequin Slippers under \$15**



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