

THE PEAL



GFWC/CFWC Orange District

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Fall has finally come and with it the brisk cool air and I hope you all feel refreshed and alert and ready to go. Go Where? Naturally these days there are not too many places to go but you can visit by phone, write a letter (who still does that), send a card, or sit at your computer. Who should you visit by phone, other members, who should you write to or send a card, former members, prospective members, military, lost friends and why sit at your computer because it is report writing time.

At the November Council Meeting, Sandy Tessier, Orange District 1st Vice President, conducted the first report writing workshop by zoom. While the clubs may not have had the same opportunities to do community projects there have still been many projects completed. The Annual Reports gives us the opportunity to realize what we have done and feel a sense of accomplishment. Use this opportunity to include others in writing the reports by emailing them to members to proof-read, edit, and help write the reports. This will help all the members understand the reporting process and be involved.

I have used the following before but this time of year in federation I always find it enjoyable.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Around the start of the new year
To add to our job and sports
Come a pause in the Year's occupation
That is known as "doing reports"

It's the bone of our existence,
With its detail of every sort,
This infernal, inquiring query
This deal Annual report.

It's so simple and easy to read, too,
So interesting, clear and so short.
If I could only remember all we did
We'd have SOME annual report.

I hope when we stand on the threshold
Of that glorious eternal resort,
Saint Peter in all of his fairness
Will demand
NO ANNUAL REPORT!

Julia Larson, Sierra Cahuenga

From the Executive Committee ...

Sandy Tessier
1st Vice President/Dean



Viewing Reports

Did you ever wonder what the winning reports look like or what clubs did to “win” an award? Well now you can. Go to the Orange District webpage www.cfwcorangedistrict.com. Then click on the Reports tab. Then click on the

>SEE ORANGE DISTRICT'S 2019 WINNING REPORTS<

You will see a list of the club winners in the different categories. If you select a club and click on it you will see the actual report. Like this:

ARTS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Small Clubs: [FIRST: Ebell Club of Irvine](#) **Medium Clubs:** [FIRST: Ebell Club of Fullerton](#)

Intermediate Clubs: [FIRST: Ebell Club of Anaheim](#) **Large Clubs:** [FIRST: Yorba Linda Woman's Club](#)

Also in the Orange District Website are the videos from the Summer virtual workshop. Just click on the Summer Workshop tab and select the video that interests you. It's fun to see the board members and committee chairs give their presentations. Their handouts are available right there also for you to download, copy and print.

I want to give a BIG THANK YOU to Katie Stewart for making all this possible!

Marilyn Bennett
3rd Vice President/Ways & Means

Changing times—that's what it's all about! Change is affecting everyone and everything including Orange District and, without a doubt, fundraising. All of our clubs are feeling the pandemic effects on fundraising. Now is the time for creativity and changes in your clubs. That's true for District as well.

Change your saved date, February 13, 2021, on your calendar from Quartermania to **BINGO!** Restrictions due to COVID seem to be going up and down and nothing is remaining constant that allows us to plan the event. Therefore, we had to cancel the Quartermania for this club year. However, a zoom Valentine Bingo event is taking its place. The zoom Bingo is open to everyone—members, friends, family, neighbors, etc. We are planning two sessions on that Saturday beginning at 10:00 a.m. and at 2:00 p.m., a Valentine theme, “Heart to Heart” and free to all participants. Voluntary donations to CFWC Orange District will be appreciated. Reservation date and further information are forthcoming.

Save the Date ~ February 13, 2021 ~

♥ “Heart to Heart” ♥ **BINGO**

The Pegboard Highway has graciously extended their website shopping until December 31st allowing for Christmas shopping. For details, see the ad in this PEAL. Remember that Orange District will receive 15% of purchases when using the **ORANGE** shopping code.

A big “thank you” to all who participated in the Polly's Pies Dine-In event in October. District did capture \$123 profit and members were able to socialize, considering the required restrictions. Dine-Ins at other restaurants and locations will be considered when restrictions are lifted.

****Please update my email: mjbennett2849@sbcglobal.net*****

From the Executive Committee Cont'd ...

Diane Lundquist Behrens
Director of Finance

Clubs should have a document retention policy. I have posted to the District website the National Council of Nonprofits article on document retention for nonprofits. It states what documents should be retained permanently.



To view the National Council of Nonprofit article on document retention
click below.

www.cfwcorangedistrict.com > Resources > Document Retention Policy

Kathi McGraw
Parliamentarian



Changes to Bylaws and Standing Rules

Bylaws are the rules adopted by your club to provide a framework for its operation. As times change, your bylaws need to change. Bylaws can be changed at any time in the club year provided a 30-day written notice is given to the membership. Because we are living in changing times, now might be a good time to review your bylaws and make changes.

- 1. Quorum.** Is your club quorum realistic? Are you having trouble making a quorum at a meeting? Remember you need meet the present quorum in order to change the bylaw. If you feel you might not make a quorum, take time to call absent members are ask them to attend.
- 2. Meetings.** Most clubs do not have any mention in their bylaws concerning electronic meetings. The Ebell Club of Irvine added this phrase to their bylaws: In the case of a national or state emergency or any type of event that could potentially put members in danger, the President, with the consent of the majority of the Executive Board, ,may order an electronic meeting be held as a substitute for a club or Executive Board Meeting. Remember at the end of this pandemic, you will need to go back and ratify all the work you have done by electronic meetings since you did not have a provision in your bylaws on electronic meetings.
- 3. Elections.** Who knows where we will be in the Spring? Now is the time to plan in case your club cannot meet for elections. I would recommend adding a bylaw concerning holding an election by mail (in case of an emergency) since this will reach all your members. The details of how you would hold the election would be in your standing rules i.e. Who makes the ballots, who counts the ballots, etc. Again, the election committee needs to receive enough ballots to make the club quorum.
- 4. Out-dated Bylaws.** Are you having trouble filling your officer positions? Maybe the responsibilities of the positions need to be up-dated and changed. Maybe the club needs to take one position and make it into two positions. The opposite is also true. Drop officer positions if no one wants to do that job and divide the responsibilities among the other officer positions. Please take out any mention of voting on new members. This can only cause the club trouble especially if a new member is refused membership.

From Community Service...



Veena Narain, Education and Libraries Community Service Program

I look forward to reading about the wonderful projects your clubs have been doing in your Education & Libraries year-end reports. Meanwhile, here are some ideas to get you started on planning activities for the coming year, even if we still have to stay close to home.

Education projects:

- ◆ Ask local schools what special equipment or materials you can donate that students/teachers need these days for virtual or physical learning/teaching.
- ◆ Donate school supplies, children's masks, hand sanitizer to local schools.
- ◆ Become a physical/virtual tutor to help students with homework.
- ◆ Host Story Reading to children physically or virtually.
- ◆ Donate books of diversity to schools, children's hospitals, libraries, senior facilities, homebound seniors.
- ◆ Hold a "Book Shower" for a homeless/women's shelter.
- ◆ Upon a club member's passing, donate a book to the library in her name.

ESO reading suggestions: These are some uplifting, "feel good" books (good plots and happy endings!) for your reading pleasure, courtesy of OD Dean Sandy Tessier. Watch for additional titles coming in subsequent Call/Peal issues.

- ◆ The Brilliant Life of Eudora Honeysett by Annie Lyons
- ◆ My Italian Bulldozer by Alexander McCall Smith
- ◆ The Sunday Philosophy Club by Alexander McCall Smith
- ◆ The Chaperone by Laura Moriarty
- ◆ Clock Dance by Anne Tyler
- ◆ The Story of Arthur Truluv by Elizabeth Berg
- ◆ The Ninth Hour by Alice Mc Dermott
- ◆ My Name Is Lucy Barton by Elizabeth Strout
- ◆ Lost and Found by Brooke Davis
- ◆ The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin



OC Public Libraries (OCPL) has some interesting announcements:

- ◆ Click on <https://ocpl.org/elibrary/virtual-programs> to get started with Storytime videos for children through YouTube; craft videos for all ages; cooking videos; yoga videos; and online games for teens and adults. All are free!
- ◆ OC Read offers adults tutoring in basic reading and writing, and needs adult volunteers to be tutors.
- ◆ Grab & Go Library Service
- ◆ Curbside Pickup

Wishing you a joyous holiday season and a new year filled with opportunities and blessings! Please take care of yourself, and stay happy and healthy!

CALL/PEAL MESSAGES DEADLINE

The January CALL messages due:
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 04, 2020



From Community Service ...



Irene Iverson
Environment Community Service Program

Let's talk about the birds and the bees. (Am I reporting in the wrong department?) No, Saving the Honeybees is our CFWC President's Special Project. We need to be aware of their importance. When we use pesticides or replace plants with concrete, we will have fewer honeybees and our food chain is disrupted. Plant flowers in pots or dedicate larger spaces for pollen collection in your yard or park. Our Santa Ana Zoo has such an area and that can be supported. Perhaps your local school has an area where a garden can be nurtured. Looking forward to reading your reports and your projects.



Club Communications...

Cuddle Quilts for Human Options

Club members began the cuddle quilt sewing project 10 years ago to provide a homemade quilt for a child who has left home with a parent fleeing from domestic violence and seeking shelter and help from Human Options. The club provides the financial resources, and the members provide the loving hands to complete each quilt. In 2016, four members have machine sewn and donated 20 quilts; a finished cuddle quilt measures 36 inches by 48 inches. Step one is shopping for coordinating fabrics, thread, and batting to create each unique quilt. Some cuddle quilts are designed with very young children in mind, while others would suit an elementary school aged child or a teen. This year, thanks to our eagle-eyed sale shoppers and using left-overs from one quilt to fill out another quilt's design, only \$230 has been spent on sewing materials to produce the 20 quilts. Our four members have put in a total of 300 hours in 2016.



- Ebell Club of Irvine

Club Communications Cont'd ...



FREE Crazy Holiday Outfit BINGO ON ZOOM!



DATE: Friday, December 11, 2020

TIME: 6:30 pm Wear a *Crazy Holiday Outfit*

PLACE: On Zoom! Up to 50 players — invite your friends.

RSVP: To Colleen Janssen by December 9th by EMAIL ONLY to colleenj02@gmail.com. Instructions and a BINGO card, rules, and games list will be emailed back to you before Dec.11.

COST: FREE to play. Optional – you may make a donation check to *Woman's Club of Cypress*. Proceeds will support club philanthropies (half) and Crime Survivors (half). Mail checks to: Colleen Janssen, 4554 Middlebury Circle, Cypress, CA 90630.

PRIZES: Winner prizes are small items that will either be delivered to your home or mailed, depending on Colleen's mood. If you would like to donate prizes, contact Colleen.

ZOOM: You DO NOT need the Zoom app, or a Zoom account to play. You DO need a computer, iPad, cell phone, etc., with a camera. If you are unsure about whether you are able to Zoom with your device, call Colleen at least a week before the event, and she will help you check. Please contact her ASAP so there is time to make sure you are able to participate.



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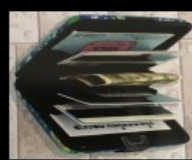
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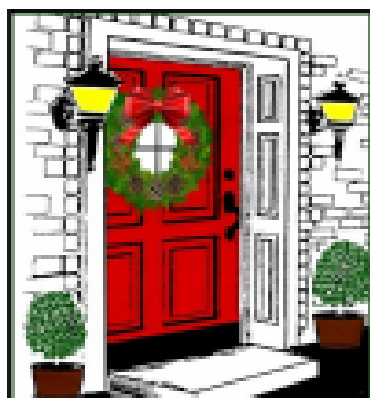


Art Shawls —
designs inspired by
Monet, Van Gogh,
Picasso, *and more!*
\$29



Bling Scarves
\$15

Due to the surge in Covid-19 cases, the Rossmoor Woman's Club has cancelled their Holiday Boutique that was to take place on December 6th.



Rossmoor Woman's Club
Presents the 2020
HOLIDAY HOME TOUR
From
THE HEART

The Rossmoor Woman's Club Holiday Home Tour, is our largest fundraiser and community tradition for more than 30 years. All net proceeds go to support local charities.

But as you know, these are unprecedented times. For the safety of our friends and families we have cancelled the 2020 Holiday Home Tour.

However, your generosity means more now than ever. For in a critical time, our charities are facing increased demands with increasing need.

Please consider making a gift donation in lieu of our Holiday Home Tour so we can continue to provide the help we need. Any donation amount will be gratefully received!

Thank You

Please make your deductible donation today to:

The Holiday Home Tour from the Heart:

Rossmoor Woman's Club,

P.O. Box 357, Los Alamitos, Ca 90720

So, please visit our **Outdoor Holiday Bazaar**

December 6, 2020 11am—3pm

Farmers and Merchants Bank

Parking Lot

Raffle Basket worth \$500, RWC Crafts Booth, Seasonal Gifts, and our Ye Olde Christmas Shoppe!

Mask & Social Distancing will be required !