

THE PEAL



GFWC/CFWC Orange District

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April 2021



IMPORTANT ORANGE DISTRICT CONVENTION UPDATE

While Covid-19 is improving, at this time it is felt that there are still members who have been unable to receive the vaccine and too soon to have the 2021 Orange District Convention in-person so we will be having the convention via Zoom. All luncheon fees will be returned to the club.

If there are members who would like to now register to attend the convention via Zoom, please complete the registration form at the end of this Peal and return it. If your club did not use all of the delegates allowed, please complete the orange card and send **HALF** of the card with the registration form and registration fee of \$5.00 per person which helps cover the expenses of convention such as awards, call, etc.

Please be sure to review the proposed bylaws and that all delegates have a copy to review. It is extremely helpful if you have the copy when we will be voting on this, especially since we will be voting by Zoom.

The log-in information will be sent to the Club President in early April to distribute to the club members attending.

CFWC CONVENTION – All Club Presidents should have received the Call to the CFWC Convention by email. Please be sure to discuss this information with your club Members. There are 3 forms that must be completed if you will to attend.

1. Registration Sheet to register for the convention (Page 31)
 2. Voting Credential – information on being a voting member (Page 30)
 3. Debate Sheet – if you wish to debate a bylaw or resolution (Page 29)
- If you have any questions, please give me a call.

On the brighter side, I know many of the clubs are beginning to start having Club meetings together and soon we will be able to return to hands-on projects. Since we were uncertain as to the convention there was no mention of a Charity donation. One of my special projects is "Stand Up for Kids". The organization could use new socks, blankets and \$10 Gift cards to fast food restaurants for Incentive programs, or if you would like to make a donation through the District, please send checks for Orange District Financial Secretary, Geri Walsh.

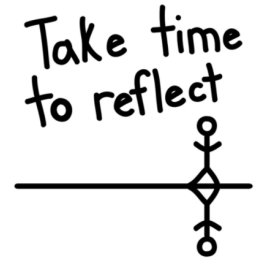
I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING ALL OF YOU IN-PERSON AS SOON AS WE CAN.

Love,
Mary



From the Executive Committee ...

Sandy Tessier
1st Vice President



Reflections on the February 2021 CFWC Board Meeting

We are all in the midst of change and change is the motto of our CFWC president Pam Ament. All of the meetings that we would normally attend in person we are now attending via Zoom. And that is particularly true of our CFWC meetings. Normally, Mary and I would be attending the CFWC Board meeting in person but this year this board meeting was held via Zoom.

I believe that one of the very good things that have come out of this Covid19 confinement has been, believe it or not, the Zoom sessions. Because of the Zoom technology we have all had an opportunity to participate in workshops that under other circumstances would not be available. And I believe the quality of these workshops has been improved as well.

Here are a few of the key learnings from the February 24 - 28 CFWC Board meeting.

Look for specific ideas and information coming from your program chairs in your April Peal. Deadline for submitting articles is April 15 and the Peal will be available April 22.

Barbara Briley-Beard our CFWC Dean told us that all club narrative reports go on to CFWC, not just the district winners. The reports will be reviewed and one report in each program will be granted an Achievement Award. To share all these reports an Achievement Award booklet will be created.

The CFWC convention will be held May 13 – 15 via Zoom. It will feature many very interesting and informative workshops presented by our CFWC program chairs. Achievement Awards will be presented then CFWC bylaw revisions and resolutions are available for viewing in the CFWC CALL and will be voted on at the convention. The CFWC CALL includes; the new bylaw revisions and resolutions as well as registration forms, voting information and convention details. Find the CALL on the CFWC website (www.cfwc.org).

PLEASE Check out our dynamic web site www.cfwcorangedistrict.com. On the website you will find up to date and interactive forms for club dues and registration for Orange District Convention. On our website you can also view the actual winning narrative reports from 2019 and see Program Chairs and executive board members talking about their programs and duties. Pictures featuring your active and vital Orange District club members and their activities make the website fun to view. Our website was created and is maintained and kept up to date by our wonderful Katie Stewart. Thanks Katie!

I want to give a shout out to our own Linda Queen who serves as the CFWC webmaster. She is doing a stellar job. Check out the www.CFWC.org web site and see for yourself what a wonderful job she is doing making this web site easy to use, informative and very attractive. Thanks Linda!

That's all for now. Keep safe, Stay safe, and don't let your guard down yet, we are almost to the goal line.

Sandy Tessier Orange District 1st VP Dean

From the Executive Committee ...

Colleen Janssen

2nd Vice President

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This "My A-Z Target List" is to help club Membership Chairs and club Presidents as they look to their community to find new members to join their club. Take a look and see how many of these categories you can fill in your club. The new members and your club will benefit!

See how many of these new members you can recruit into your membership to help your club grow. Be sure to add the names of these new members to the right of each listing. 😊

- A: Accountant *(Helpful with Treasurer duties and tax prep for your club.)*
- B: Baker *(Helpful with desserts and other catering for meetings and events.)*
- C: City Council Member *(Helpful while working with your City and other government agencies.)*
- D: Dog walker *(Usually a friendly, helpful person.)*
- E: Eldercare expert *(Usually a caring person, helpful with issues affecting aging members.)*
- F: Florist *(Possibly help with discounts on centerpieces for events, etc.)*
- G: Great attitude *(Every club needs a cheerleader)*
- H: Hotel staff *(Helpful with meeting room discounts and event catering.)*
- I: Idea person *(Has great ideas for fundraisers and projects.)*
- J: Journalist *(Can help get coverage in a newspaper or on social media.)*
- K: Knitter *(Great project person.)*
- L: Lawyer *(Can help with bylaws, insurance, and legal questions.)*
- M: Musician *(Helpful with getting entertainment for events and fundraisers.)*
- N: Nature-lover *(Helpful with environmental and conservation projects.)*
- O: Optimist *(A positive attitude can be contagious.)*
- P: Printer *(Helpful with printing your Yearbook, invitations, etc.)*
- Q: Quilter *(Another great project person.)*
- R: Realtor *(Knows everyone in a wide network. Can help finding event sponsors, etc.)*
- S: Small business owner *(Knows everyone, and connects with chamber of commerce members.)*
- T: Therapist *(Helpful with difficult situations between members; a calming influence.)*
- U: Unemployed *(Intentionally unemployed, ie. Retired, and has time to volunteer)*
- V: Volunteer-minded person *(A person who loves to volunteer to help in the community.)*
- W: Writer *(Can help with writing about the club for publication, etc.)*
- X: X-event planner *(This person loves parties and events. Their organization skills are amazing.)*
- Y: Youth contact *(Has connections with teens and college students as volunteers for events.)*
- Z: Zoom expert *(This has become one of the most important people to recruit during Covid lockdown!)*



From the Executive Committee ...

Marilyn Bennett

3rd Vice President

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Fundraising of this club year has been diligently challenged by our district clubs as the narrative reports indicate. A big *Thank You* to all the clubs, especially those who submitted reports. Some extremely interesting events were held—such as, auctions via internet with items delivered to the buyer, bingo games on zoom, and online wine tasting, greeting card sales and recycling bottles and cans. Creatively, clubs managed to support their ways and means and philanthropic contributions.

Orange District's sanitizer pens sale was a great success—selling 200 pens for \$1,000. We sold out and are now attempting to acquire inscribed pens for district. The ♥ to ♥ Prize Drawing Bingo event was a fun day that netted \$500 also.

Since we are slowly moving toward the end of this 'unusual' club year and looking toward the future in every phase of our lives, let's also give thought to our next club year. We can begin now to throw out ideas and even make some plans. We have all learned many new ways of doing things in our everyday lives and club activities and responsibilities. Let's formulate all we have experienced and begin planning for the future. As a team, we will have great success!

Geri Walsh

Financial Secretary

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I am very happy to announce that the Instructions and all of the forms used to submit the Membership Dues can now be found on the Orange District Website (www.cfwcorangedistrict.com). In addition, the forms are interactive and can be filled-in directly on the computer.

A reminder that the Club information Form (7 copies), together with a list of paid members and a check made payable to "Orange District" are to be received by me no later than **Saturday, May 1st**. Please read the Instruction on the district website for complete information.

Should you have any questions, my email address is Wonderlandcats@sbcglobal.net.

Geri Walsh, Orange District Financial Secretary

Membership Dues

From the Executive Committee ...

Kathi McGraw

Parliamentarian

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Club Presidents: 1) We need nominees for our District Nominating Committee which will be elected at the District Convention in April. Please ask someone from your club to be a nominee. 2) We will be voting on the Proposed bylaw and standing rules changes. It is important that each delegate from the club has a copy of these changes in advance so they can follow along and vote. The proposed changes were printed in the CALL to the March Council Meeting. If you need a new copy, please email me glenn.mcgraw@ca.rr.com.



When you are working on bylaw changes, be sure to include both electronic meetings and optional ways to vote (i.e. by mail or electronically) during an emergency when clubs cannot meet. It was also suggested by the CFWC financial team that clubs should have a term limit on the office of treasurer. It is best for a club to have term limits on all offices. How can you encourage new members to step up when they see the same person in the same job year after year?

From Advancement/Special Appointments...

Lynne Yauger

Women's History & Resource Chair

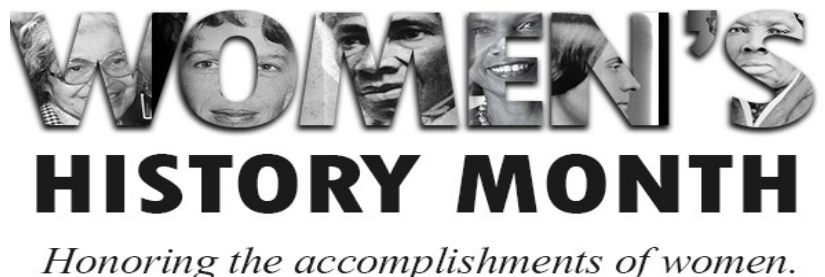
March is Women's History Month

The month of March is dedicated to honor the contributions of women to the history of the United States.

Women's History Week started in Sonoma California in 1978. Local students participated in a "Real Woman" essay contest followed by a parade in Santa Rosa. The idea of Women's History Week spread across the country. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter declared the week of March 7, 1982 as the first National Women's History Week. In 1987 the National Women's History Project petitioned the US Congress to designate the month of March as Women's History Month to recognize the achievements of women in American History. Today Women's History Month in March is also celebrated in the United Kingdom and Australia to highlight the contributions of women to events in history. International Women's Day is March 8th.

Since the beginning of the Coronavirus Pandemic in March, 2020 we have all lived through an extraordinary year that will go down in history.

Lynne Yauger, Orange District Women's History & Resource Center Chair



From Advancement/Special Appointments...

Margaret (Maggie) Paul
Legislation/Public Policy

There has been some misunderstanding as to what the ERA really says. Below is an article by the GFWC's Women's History and Resource Center Committee Chairman, Hope Royer, which explains the ERA and some history that support the ratification of this amendment.

The Equal Rights Amendment: Are we there yet?

Hope Royer, WHRC Committee Chairman

The answer is a resounding "no!"

The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) is not a long amendment made confusing by rhetoric. It is a brief, simply worded, three-section proposal:

Section 1. Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

Section 2. Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

Section 3. This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification.

The ERA was passed by Congress in 1972 and sent to the states for ratification. It was the culmination of a nearly 40-year fight – a fight that appears to be far from over. When the legislation was passed in 1972, it included a seven-year deadline. The ERA failed to achieve the requisite number of state ratifications by the required deadline, so ERA advocates convinced Congress to extend the deadline until 1982. However, the ERA failed, again, in 1982, just three states short of the 38 were needed for ratification. It has been at a stalemate since.

The ERA Coalition and Fund for Women's Equality composed a letter in December 2020, to the incoming administration documenting the urgency of ratification, requesting a pledge from the new administration to encourage publication and certification of the ratification, and removal of the deadline. At the request of the ERA Coalition D.C. Director/ Director of Outreach and Advocacy, and in support of the Coalition's effort, GFWC International President Marian St. Clair added the name of the General Federation of Women's Clubs to the list of organizations that support the ERA.



Thank you to all club members who TOOK ACTION and contacted their House Representative in support of HJ Res 17. It passed the House on March 17, 2021.

HJ Res 17 is a bill that removes the time limit on the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.

There is more work to do.

Urge Members of Congress to cosponsor bipartisan House Joint Resolution 17 and Senate Joint Resolution 1 to remove the deadline for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.

TAKE ACTION



Once again it is time for GFWC clubwomen to urge Congress to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). The General Federation of Women's Clubs has long supported local domestic violence shelters and rape crisis centers even before the first Violence Against Women Act was passed by Congress in 1994. Today, we continue to support survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking with our advocacy, time, energy, donations, resources, scholarships, and commitment to education and prevention.

TAKE ACTION

From Community Service ...



Linda Holman
Arts & Culture

What clubs can do to promote Art Curriculum and Outdoor Activities at schools.
Prep/Provide Materials and consider the following projects.

PROJECTS

Adopt-a-Village * Baby Sitting Classes-Boys and Girls Clubs/Scouts; Buckle-up Buddies; Bullying

CASA-Court Appointed Special Advocates; CARE International; Childreach Child care; Child Safety Seat Donor Program; Drug Free Youth; Cure Internationally

Emergency Medical Services-Children * Food Pantries and Food Banks; Feeding Hungry Children; Foster Care

Girls on the Run International * Heifer Project International * Human Trafficking-UN Fund for UNICEF

March of Dimes; My Stuffed Bags * Operation Smile International * National Foster Parent Association

Prevent Child Abuse America {Pinwheels for Prevention}; Plan USA; Project Concern

SADD-Students Against Destructive Decisions; Safe Kids; School and Day Care Center Volunteers; Self-Image Program Children; Special Olympics * St. Jude Children's Hospital; Save the Children; Shot @ Life; Sister Cities Activities; Sponsor A Child

Threads of Love * UNICEF and Any United Nations work * Youth Suicide Prevention

Children are our greatest resource for the future and the projects our clubs do for children assure the future of our nation and the world. **We care for the future.** What is your club's story?



Irene Iverson
Environment

Soon Mary will open our District Convention and the awards ceremony will be an important part. I would like to thank all the clubs for their dedicated work but especially those who wrote reports to share that work with others. Six out of 20 clubs reported and I'm hoping next year when we, hopefully, have the pandemic in the rear view mirror, most of you will share your work. The following are the stats from the reports that were submitted.

Projects - 21	Hours - 459
Donated money - \$5,655	In-kind money - \$1,568

You worked hard and we appreciate all you have done. Congratulations!



Community Service Cont'd ...



Judy Wagner
Civic Engagement and Outreach

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March is Women's History Month and I would like to let you know what the past GFWC Women have done to promote the GFWC in the past. Due to their work we now have Clubs in many Nations and throughout the United States.



Eleanor Roosevelt helped secure GFWC-NC's financial future by supporting the 2020-2022 GFWC-NC President's Special Project, Corporate Champions for Women & Children, Legacy and 1902 funds, special designation funds and scholarships. Founder Jane Cunningham Croly, who was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls, New York in 1994, to First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, who recommended GFWC purchase 1734 N. Street NVV to serve as Headquarters in 1922, the Federation has a long legacy of strong women.



Charlotte Emerson Brown was an American woman notable as the creator and first president of the GFWC, a progressive women's movement in America beginning in the 1890s. During her presidency, membership expanded quickly from 50 cultural clubs to several hundred, and grew to representing tens of thousands of women. She was instrumental in the GFWC's formation of state-level organizations.

Brown was born in Andover, Massachusetts on April 21, 1838, to Reverend Ralph Emerson and Eliza Rockwell. Brown's father was a professor of ecclesiastical history and pastoral theology at Andover Theological Seminary. Brown was an avid reader and student who spoke many languages. She graduated from the Abbot Academy of Andover. She was Vassar's first female president and studied business in Chicago. Her first clubs were a music club and a French club and her home in Illinois hosted literary, musical and artistic events. Working part time as a teacher from 1879-1880 she served as Jan Addams's teacher of the German language. She became president of the Woman's Club of Orange in 1890, she was elected president of the GFWC, an organization which encouraged women to educate themselves and become advocates in their communities. Advocating for; clean milk, street lights, and libraries, as well as, regulations regarding child labor and child and maternal health. Under her leadership the organization grew from initial meeting of delegates of 61 Clubs to 475,000 U.S. women from 2,865 clubs in the mid- 1920s, and was notable for assisting the career development of advocates such as Eleanor Roosevelt. Membership peaked at 830,000 members in 1955. Brown served as the organization's president until 1894.

Charlotte Brown married William Bryant on July 20, 1880, a congregational pastor who served parishes in several states. She died on February 4, 1895 and was buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Newark, New Jersey.



CALL/PEAL MESSAGES DEADLINE

The April PEAL messages due:
FRIDAY, April 15, 2021

Community Service Cont'd ...**Veena Narain****Education and Libraries ESO Program****Email:** v_narain@yahoo.com**Phone:** 714-236=0173

- **Orange County Public Libraries (OCPL)** is celebrating their 100th Anniversary! It started out as Orange County Free Library on August 1, 1921, in a rented room in Santa Ana with a staff of 3 people. By the end of that year there were 8 pioneer branches (still existing today) and 4,609 borrowers. Now with 33 branches and nearly a half-million cardholders, OCPL meets the diverse needs of its communities with extensive electronic resources, and programs & services for all ages, including several types of virtual events.

For the centennial, you or your family can sign-up for their 100 Book Reading Challenge and collect badges for every 10 books read. Visit ocpl.org/centennial for information on this and all their centennial events. Consider planning a project or event to support your library branch this year in honor of their 100th Anniversary.



- The **GFWC Education and Libraries Challenge Project** is to promote STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) educational activities encouraging cultural diversity. Think about organizing projects to teach students about various cultures and backgrounds. These could be students from, for example, local elementary schools, Boys and Girls Clubs, or Girl Scout troops.



- Are you a member of a book club or just enjoying reading on your own? Let me know what book you would recommend to others, and why, and I'll print some of your reading suggestions in upcoming articles. Here's the first one:

READING RECOMMENDATIONS

From **Sandy Tessier**, Rossmoor Woman's Club

Calling all you gardeners and nature lovers! I highly recommend *Epitaph for a Peach: Four Seasons on My Family Farm* by David Mas Masumoto.

"A lyrical, sensuous and thoroughly engrossing memoir of one critical year in the life of an organic peach farmer." I am enjoying every delicious paragraph of this lovely book.



- Remember, you can also count your books/magazines reading hours towards your club's hours for **ESO**. Even audiobooks, books on Kindle, and books you read to your kids or grandkids will count! If you'd like to form an ESO group in your club, or join ESO alone, contact me to get started. Happy Reading!

Community Service Cont'd ...

Linda Wochner
Health and Wellness

Do you know who the “hidden homeless” are? They may be a single individual or a family. Are they really hiding? No, they are hiding in plain sight! They have lost jobs, homes, and many, their dignity. They are living in cars, vans, RVs, and campers so you won’t find them in shelters or on the street. Since the pandemic started, it has doubled as the housing crisis has worsened. Chances are, they are undercounted in a census and so the state receives less money for services for all its citizens. It is estimated that 1 in 500 Americans are homeless, but it could be more if the “hidden homeless” are counted. Vehicle residency is one of the fastest growing forms of homelessness.

Some of these people do have unemployment benefits and can get food stamps, but they also depend on Food Pantries for food. Many families are afraid to go to a shelter as they don’t want Family Services to get involved or are afraid their children will be exposed to unpleasant experiences. An uptick to vehicle living is there is less exposure to the coronavirus than in other homeless living in shelters or on the street.

The main problem is that there are few places these people can stay without getting a vehicle towed (which then costs money). A few churches, non-profits, and local governments have created overnight parking lots with portable toilets and showers, but these are few and far between as funding has dwindled. Of note is that California is one of the states that has stepped up to create Safe Parking Programs. Other states seem to be taking the cue.

Please take note the CFWC Health and Wellness Chairman, Myrna Binford, has an updated email (milliebin9@gmail.com).

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15% of Sales to Orange District (ends 4/30/21)

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pegboardhighway.com

Orange District Club News...

Woman's Club of Cypress



Woman's Club of Cypress has been busy making Operation Smile gowns. They are almost at 100 gowns made. They are having a Polly Pies fundraiser on March 31st to support Operation Smile as well as clean water projects. Please see the flyer below.

Let's Raise Some Dough!

Dine In or Takeout



WOMAN'S CLUB OF CYPRESS

Location:

POLLY'S PIES

**3464 Katella Ave
Los Alamitos, CA 90720**

Date:

**Wednesday
March 31, 2021**

Time:

8 am — 7 pm

**Polly's will donate 20% of the proceeds to
Woman's Club of Cypress
when you bring this flyer and present it to your
friendly Polly's server**

No coupons or discounts will apply. Gift Cards and Holiday Pre-Orders not included. Ordering must be off of the regular priced menu. Polly's is proud to support your event. Flyers may not be passed out in Polly's restaurant or in Polly's Parking lot on the day of the event. Thank you for your understanding.

**Attention Polly's Team Member:
Please scan barcode with the
guest check**



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**Rossmoor Woman's Club
Presents the 17th Annual**

GARDEN TOUR

Sunday, May 16, 2021

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Tickets \$15

Unique & Colorful Gardens
Including **OUTDOOR LIVING** at its BEST !

**Plus Outdoor Marketplace in the Farmers & Merchants
Bank Parking Lot (10am – 5pm)**

***Vendors *Food Truck *Raffle *RWC Craft & Plant Sale**

Tickets may be purchased @ the following locations after April 16th

Brita's Old Town Gardens

225 Main St. A
Seal Beach, CA 90740

PREP Kitchen Essentials

12207 Seal Beach Blvd
Seal Beach, CA 90740

Antica Olive Oil

11110 Los Alamitos Blvd
Los Alamitos, CA 90720

Cinnamon Stik

10641 Los Alamitos Blvd
Los Alamitos, CA 90720

McNally Electric

10792 Los Alamitos Blvd
Los Alamitos, CA 90720

Outdoor Marketplace

Farmers & Merchants Bank
St. Cloud & West Rd, Rossmoor
On the day of the event only

ENJOY A DAY WITH A PURPOSE

Visit our website @ www.rossmoorwomansclub.com

All net proceeds go to local charities

Face Coverings Required & Social Distancing will be in place.

ORANGE DISTRICT CONVENTION – SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2021 REGISTRATION FORM

CLUB

PERSON MAKING RESERVATION

PHONE

Please indicate chicken or vegetarian. With the exception of non-members and guests, a REGISTRATION FEE must be paid for all persons attending any portion of the Convention.

DEADLINE DATE: April 1, 2021 – Mail Credential Cards, 2 copies of this form and One Club Check, payable to – ORANGE DISTRICT CONVENTION.
Mail to: Loveta Prescott, 21082 Calle Matorral, Lake Forest, Ca 92630 (949) 510-3921

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