



Yorba Linda Woman's Club
January, 2024
Newsletter

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*Think Positive, Be Positive*  
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Kaycee Stack – President

"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year." —Ralph Waldo Emerson

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone enjoyed time with family and friends over the holidays! Although we are in the middle of the club year, January is a time for new beginnings. What new projects could use our assistance? Which new organizations would benefit from our support? We would love to hear that our help made it the best day of the year for an organization or for a family. We have had great successes over the last several months and I'm sure that trend will continue! Wishing each member the best for the new year!

Kaycee Stack, President

Dottie Jensen – 1st VP/Dean

I hope each of you had a wonderful Christmas with your family and friends. I did. Below you will find pictures from our YLWC Holiday Party. Thanks to everyone who attended and sent me pictures. We had 76 people attend and I believe everyone had a good time. I received great reviews about the party and the food.

The Chairs of each Program have completed their reports for the year 2023. I am working on compiling the reports to submit to the Orange District. I will have the results of all your good deeds at the January meeting. We have 26 projects and hundreds of hours donated.

January is here and we have a lot of exciting plans for 2024. A couple of new projects are in the works and will be discussed at the January Meeting, January 18th. Please make sure you attend the meeting to get details.

The next Orange District meeting/luncheon is **Fri., Jan 12 in San Juan Capistrano at the El Adobe Restaurant**. You have until Jan. 4 to RSVP to me. Louise Hernandez will be one of the speakers. It starts at 10am and is over about 2. We will be carpooling. The cost is \$40 and YLWC pays \$15. So your cost is \$25.

Dottie Jensen, 1st VP/Dean

Debbi Purpura – Director of Finance

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Beginning Register Balance	30,903.20
Deposits	12,994.89
Checks	(4,540.15)
Register Balance 11/30/2023	39,357.94
Uncleared items	1,432.53
Bank Balance 11/30/23	40,790.47
Reserved for Artis 2022 Scholarship	1,500.00

Debbi Purpura, Director of Finance
Denise Mitchell, Treasure
Sondia Buscaino, Secretary of Finance



2023 Holiday Party!



PROJECTS

Crystal Gates – Advocates for Children

Bikers Against Child Abuse:

To learn more about B.A.C.A check out this website: california.bacaworld.org

As I sit here thinking about what I would like to share with all of you, I went online to BACA site... surfing different areas of FAQ's. There is so much more that what I can share in a paragraph or two to help understand the importance of this Organization.

Not just as a Mom but just being a human being on what exactly can I do to help even just one child from this type of abuse. I am grateful to be part of our organization that gives me this opportunity....

Every time you bring a teddy bear or jean jacket or vest, know that you just made some child feel safe .. know that in the end that child has seen the part of the bigger picture.. not just a dark and scary world but a world full of caring, loving and giving people that they can eventually trust!

Let's make the end of our Club year the best it can be. If each one of us just brings one teddy bear & jacket each month by the end of our club year, we can and will double our goals to help another child no longer fear and find there is trust in this crazy world we live in.

Thank you for all the support.

Crystal Gates
B.A.C.A Chairperson



Karlene Ballard– Civic Engagement and Outreach

Members of The Yorba Linda Woman's Club were honored to attend WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY on December 16, 2023 held at Memory Gardens in Brea, California. The Wreaths Across America mission is: **REMEMBER**, **HONOR**, **TEACH**. **Remember** the fallen. **Honor** those who served. **Teach** the next generation the value of freedom.

Over 500 wreaths were placed on the graves of veterans interred at the Brea cemetery. Club members participated in the laying of the wreaths. As a wreath was placed on a veterans tombstone, the soldiers' name and the military branch they served in were read out loud. That was followed by a moment of silence and then the wreath was respectfully laid on the headstone.

All of our 50 states across our nation were part of the Wreaths Across America. Ceremonies were also held at sea and on foreign soil. All ceremonies are synchronized to be held at the same time. It was a touching ceremony to attend and be a part of this wonderful event to honor our Veterans.



Donna Watkins– Civic Engagement and Outreach

Christmas Party/Camp Pendleton:

Once again it was a wonderful Christmas party at Camp Pendleton. A big thank you to the club members that put a smile on the kids' faces. We bought a gift for everyone on the list and thanks to Robin we had extra gifts for kids that weren't on the list. So just like Santa we delivered to everyone.

Donna Watkins
11th MEU Project Chair



WE GOTTA HOMETOWN HERO HERE!



At times throughout the year, YLWC members attend Yorba Linda City Council meetings for various reasons: perhaps YLWC is receiving a proclamation or recognition relating to our philanthropy work; perhaps we want to promote an upcoming club project or fundraiser; or simply support the efforts of other local nonprofits.

On December 5th, several YLWC members were in the council meeting audience to demonstrate our appreciation and gratitude to Yorba Linda's outgoing Mayor, Gene Hernandez; and congratulate incoming Mayor, Tara Campbell (also a YLWC member).

During the meeting, we were surprised and thrilled when Mayor Hernandez announced that the city wished to honor **Louise Hernandez** and recognize her as a ***Yorba Linda Hometown Hero!*** Mayor Hernandez described the impressive contributions Louise has made in her community and shared how Louise devotes her time and talents to several local philanthropic organizations, including her many years of service as a member of *Yorba Linda Woman's Club*. Louise is a past club president (2016-18) and continues to be a very active member and a vital part of our club's ongoing success. Congratulations, Louise, on this well-deserved honor! We couldn't be prouder of all the good you do in our city and your commitment and dedication to YLWC.

Linda Queen – Education and Libraries

HOLIDAY CARD EXCHANGE

Our “first annual” **holiday card exchange** was a wonderful Christmas miracle! We hope you enjoyed both the “giving” and the “receiving” parts of this festive, feel-good project. The Card Elves have shared numerous stories about all the fun and merriment they had as they made their way around Yorba Linda (and beyond) to drop cards at the homes of every member. I’m also thrilled to report that **\$420 was raised** though this project and is earmarked for our Education & Libraries community service program.



I’d like to give a huge shout-out and my sincere thanks to the team of **Card Elves** who helped sort and deliver all the cards: **Karlene Ballard, Sally Barron, Loui Cronholm, Ruth Gruchow, Louise Hernandez, Katie Hranuelli, Dottie Jensen, Heather Laporte, Jackie McPheeters, Laura Metsker, Colleen Smith, and Donna Watkins.** We couldn’t have done this project without you!



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*From Pat Porter: “Ladies, Thank you for the holiday cards! It was much appreciated and made my day. Happy New Year to you all!”*

## Linda Queen – Education and Libraries

### REMINDER! SUNDAY COMICS & MONTHLY BOOK SWAP

YLWC will continue to collect **Sunday newspaper comics** through June. The comics are added to the Cypress Woman's Club's "*Comics for Troops*" project and forwarded to numerous U.S. military bases. If you subscribe to a Sunday newspaper, please bring the weekly "Sunday Funnies" section to general meetings. [*Sunday comics only, please as they are in color and more fun to read!*]

Also, don't forget that we have a **monthly book swap** at our general meetings. You bring in a few books you've finished reading and then choose a few new-to-you books to take home. Any books left at the end of the meeting are donated to the Book Corner, a used bookstore at the Yorba Linda Library.

Linda Queen  
Education & Libraries Program Chair



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## Aileen Baker – Health & Wellness

Happy New Year!

The New Year will find the cutting, sewing, stuffing, etc. to be continued by all the ladies in these two groups. For any new members, we hope some of you will consider joining us to help with these projects. Make a New Year's Resolution to try something new, there are jobs to be done that don't require sewing, but if you do sew, that is good too. The next workshops are:

**Sew Kind – January 4, 2024, 1:00-3:00 pm in the Clubroom**

**Threads of Love – January 11, 2024, 1:00-3:00 pm in the Clubroom**

Aileen Baker & Andrea Hagen - Sew Kind Co-Chairmen

Jackie McPheeters – Threads of Love Chairman





## Louise Hernandez – Health & Wellness

### SmileMakers Project

SmileMakers is an annual club project under our Health & Wellness Program, which provides holiday gifts for seniors in assisted living facilities. The Council on Aging supplies the residents' information by providing "Angels" to our club members. Our club fulfilled a request by donating gifts to 80 residents. Gifts were returned at the November General Meeting and picked up by the representative from SmileMakers.



On December 7<sup>th</sup>, ten club members drove to the Council on Aging distribution center for the SmileMakers Wrapping Workshop. Within three hours, we wrapped 100 gifts. Sixty donated blankets were prewrapped in bags, so we just had to add a gift tag to them, for a total of 160 gifts, which were earmarked for one assisted living facility. A final count by Linda Queen, our Table Captain, determined that everyone listed on the facility registration sheet was accounted for, and then the gifts were bagged and taken to the distribution room. Ruth Gruchow had the privilege of placing a "green dot" on the facility board, which meant that our wrapping project was complete. It was a proud moment for all of us, on behalf of the YLWC. This operation is a whirlwind of excitement, but the method is critical to follow.

If you are a new member this year and would like to be the Chairperson for 2024, please contact me. We begin at the September General Meeting and finish the project in early December. This truly is a very rewarding project. Thank you to all club members who generously donated a gift(s) or their time. Most of all, thank you to the past Chairperson, Pat Porter, for the decades she handled this project on her own!

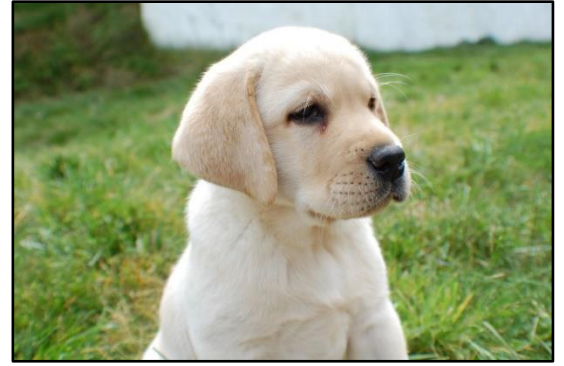
Louise Hernandez, Health & Wellness Chair  
Nicole Leyva, Past Membership Chair





## Cathy Aiken – Environment

We have a new member of our club. Her name is Scarlett aka Miss Wiggle bottom. As you all know, Canine Companions is an affiliate charity with the GFWC. Canine Companions is in such a need for puppy homes, so they have dogs to fill their community future needs, they have asked for people to sponsor a puppy for one year. Scarlett is ours. She is a yellow Labrador who just wants to have fun and please her owners. We will be receiving monthly e-mail updates on her progress.



Many of you were interested in personally donating to the Pacific Marine Mammal Center located at 20612 Laguna Canyon Rd., Laguna Beach 92651. To donate online, use [pacificmmc.org](http://pacificmmc.org).

In January the Environment Committee will be collecting clean, used towels and blankets for the Orange County Animal Care Center located in Tustin. The blankets cannot have any filling in them as it is a choking hazard for the animals.

Happy New Year!

Cathy Aiken  
Environment Program Chair

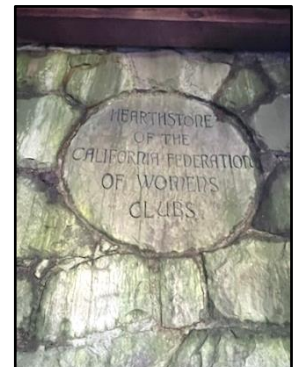


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## Jackie McPheeters – Environment

These photos were taken in the Humboldt Redwoods State Park, near Myers Flat in Northern California on the coast. It's located in the Avenue of the Giants. Thought all club members might want to see it. We traveled through here on our way to Grants Pass, OR for a 4-generation Thanksgiving celebration.

Jackie McPheeters





# SOCIAL

## **Terry Kuester – Amenities**

Welcome to the New Year!

Hope your holiday was a happy one! We are kicking off the New Year and looking forward to seeing everyone at the January meeting where we will learn what is coming up for the YLWC!

January Hostesses include: **Robin Solomon (Lead Hostess), Kathy Carswell, Susan Delavan, Sandy McPherson, Denise Mitchell, and Lynne Yauger.** Thank you ladies!

Terry Kuester  
Amenities

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## **Heather Laporte – WOW (Women Out Walking)**

Join us as the new year begins and walk with us on **Tuesday and Friday mornings**. We start at **8:30**, leaving the Community Center at the trail near Imperial Highway. Our walk takes us to Rose Drive and back in about an hour. Come and burn off those holiday calories.

Heather Laporte  
WOW Chairman



## **Heather Laporte – BUNCO**

**Tuesday, January 9 at 7 pm in the Clubroom.** Come throw the dice with us. You may be a winner. Please bring a snack to share, your own drink and \$5. R.S.V.P. to Heather Laporte

Heather Laporte  
BUNCO Chairman



## **Nancy Capel – December Luncheon**

Our luncheon for January will be at **Rodrigo's Mexican Restaurant**, 5665 E Santa Ana Canyon Rd, Anaheim, CA 92807 (at the 91 Fwy on Imperial Hwy), **Wednesday, January 10** (2nd Wednesday) at 11:30 am. I will be sending out an eblast so please email me or text me to sign up for the luncheon. They do have a luncheon menu with entrees at \$11.95 and great margaritas.

See you there,  
Nancy Capel  
Socialite Co-Chair

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## Happy January Birthdays

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| 11-Jan | Debbie | Weber     |
| 12-Jan | Lucy   | Park      |
| 22-Jan | Jan    | Lavison   |
| 24-Jan | Helen  | Gillette  |
| 24-Jan | Robin  | Solomon   |
| 27-Jan | Louise | Hernandez |
| 29-Jan | Billie | Cerovac   |



## January Calendar of Events

|           |    |                      |                           |
|-----------|----|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Tuesday   | 2  | Book Club            | Sandy Weinrich            |
| Thursday  | 4  | Sew Kind             | Aileen Baker/Andrea Hagen |
| Tuesday   | 9  | Bunco                | Heather Laporte           |
| Wednesday | 10 | Socialite Lunch      | Nancy Capel               |
| Thursday  | 11 | Threads of Love      | Jackie McPheeters         |
| Thursday  | 11 | Board Meeting        | Kaycee Stack              |
| Friday    | 12 | District Council Mtg |                           |
| Thursday  | 18 | General Meeting      | Kaycee Stack              |
| Thursday  | 25 | Socialite Dinner     | Lucy Huerta               |