



YORBA LINDA LIGHTS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE YORBA LINDA WOMAN'S CLUB



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DATES TO REMEMBER

- 3/9 – Board Meeting/ Clubroom 7 p.m.
- 3/10 – District Council
- **3/11, 12 – Spring Craft Fair**
- 3/16 – General Meeting/ Yorba Room
Social 6 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.
- **3/27– Newsletter Articles Due for April**



REMINDERS

- 3/2 – Sew Kind/Clubroom 1 p.m.
- 3/7 – Book Club/Clubroom 9:30 a.m.
- 3/9 – Threads of Love 1 p.m.
- 3/23 – Socialite Dinner 6 p.m. (TBD)



BIRTHDAYS

- 3/2 - Yvette Lloyd
- 3/8 - Ann Walker
- 3/10 - Carrie Knipfer
- 3/16 - Julie Astle
- 3/18 - Pamela Tice
- 3/21 - Carol Beard
- 3/23 - Lisa Sherg
- 3/24 - Carol Roach
- 3/26 - Nikki Ware
- 3/30 - Janece Herrington



A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
INTERNATIONAL & CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

A letter from the President

THINK POSITIVE, BE POSITIVE

"No one can whistle a symphony. It takes a whole orchestra to play it." – H.E. Luccock

Happy Spring!

Our club members have been busy so far this year! Please take a look at our Facebook page to see the great activities! Our most recent club celebration was the 111th Birthday. It was an honor to have Barbara Briley Beard, CFWC State President, and Sandy Tessier, CFWC Orange District President, attend. We were presented with a proclamation by Barbara, and Sandy inspired us during her minutes at the podium.

We know March is Spring Craft Fair time! **Your help is critical to our success.** Allow me to repeat my message from the General Meeting about why your participation is so important.

1. We are fortunate as a club to only have two fundraisers a year.
2. It is expected that each member participates in the fundraisers.
3. The committee spends hours, days, and weeks organizing.
4. Any special needs can be accommodated.

Although the Craft Fair committee does a tremendous job organizing and preparing, they can't "whistle" this on their own. The entire club is needed to "play it."



Kaycee Stack
President



A message from



DOTTIE JENSEN

1st VP (Dean)

Guest Speaker



CAPTAN JOSES WALEHWA

Chief of Police Services
for Yorba Linda

PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

By the time you read this, I will have completed my leadership training at the CFWC Board Meeting and have competed for the LEADS Candidate for the State of California. I will be excited to tell you all about it.

You should be sure to attend the **March General Meeting, as our Guest speaker will be Captain Joseh Walehwa, the Chief of Police Services for Yorba Linda.** He will give a 15-minute speech and is excited to meet the Yorba Linda Woman's Club ladies. He has been our Chief of Police Services for about two years. He will talk about the services provided by the OCSD. I know you will all enjoy his speech. He will arrive at 6:30 to meet and greet all of you ladies.

Dottie Jensen

1st VP (Dean)

GUEST SPEAKER

Captain Walehwa was born in Uganda and immigrated to the US with his family in 1976. He joined the Orange County Sheriff's Department in 2005, when he transferred from the Scott County Sheriff's Office in Iowa.

In his time with the Sheriff's Department, he has worked in Custody Operations, Court Operations, Patrol Operations, the Professional Standards Division, and the Training Division. He has also served on the Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) and as the department's Public Information Officer. Most recently, Captain Walehwa served as Academy Commander for the Orange County Sheriff's Department Regional Training Academy.

We are honored to have him come speak to us.

A message from



NIKKI WARE + NICOLE LEYVA

2nd VP Membership Co-Chairmen

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL MONTH

Click here <https://forms.gle/vJwTo1bPDnKKj3hr6> to go to our 2023-2024 Membership Renewal Form; fill out all information and choose your renewal classification option.

Classifications: (Article I, Section 1 of the Bylaws):

Active - \$50: An active member is a full participant in activities of the Club and contributes to Ways and Means Projects.

Contributing - \$75: A contributing member is a full participant in all activities of the Club with the exception of General Meeting host duties.

Supporting - \$110: A member who is unable to be a full participant in the activities of the Club.

Life Members - \$400 one-time fee: An active member in good standing of the Yorba Linda Woman's Club for minimum of 15 years.

Payment Options:

1. Note: Renewal payment option will not be available online at this time.
2. We will be accepting cash, checks and/or credit card payments at the March General Meeting.
3. You may also mail a check to Nikki Ware (address in the Club Yearbook), made payable to Yorba Linda Woman's Club. Deadline to renew is March 30, 2023.

Nikki Ware & Nicole Leyva
2nd VP Membership Co-Chairmen

Membership Drive Win a Prize

- **One raffle ticket** - bring a friend to March General Meeting
- **Two raffle tickets** - renew your membership before the March General Meeting
- **Three raffle tickets** - bring in a new member.

[Membership Renewal](#)



Volunteers Needed



CAROLINE WAHLSTROM

3rd VP - Ways and Means

SPRING CRAFT FAIR 2023

As I write this, the Spring Craft Fair is two weeks away!

Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 11th, and Sunday, March 12th ... As already reported at the General meeting, we are **SOLD OUT**. **We have 166 vendors placed and fully paid.** That is so exciting! We have worked really hard to fill every space, and we are really excited by some of our new vendors. As you all know, this is our second main fundraiser of the year. This is our final opportunity to raise funds to support our numerous programs and projects for this club year. In addition, the money raised funds our student's art and scholarship awards that we will celebrate at our Club's Awards Ceremony in May.

Thank you to the many who volunteered. This event could not happen without you! Special recognition to those who are working double shifts. We are most thankful.

Friendly reminders:

- **Please wear your purple shirts and badges. Remember to smile; let's make these vendors and customers feel welcome.**
- **Please park off-site while working your shift.**

To kick off our event, we'll have the Bhagavatula family from Kids and Smiles host an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 11th, at 9:00 am on the lawn outside the East Lobby. The egg hunt will benefit pediatric patients. The Easter Bunny will visit on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The reigning princesses of Yorba Linda and Placentia will also visit us on Saturday. As you can see, there is a lot happening at the craft fair!

Feel free to support the Egg Hunt by donating a game or toy for a pediatric patient.

Caroline Wahlstrom

3rd VP - Ways and Means

Yorba Linda Woman's Club

2023 SPRING CRAFT FAIR

FREE ADMISSION + PARKING
OVER 160 VENDORS

March 11	⋮	March 12
9 a.m.-4 p.m.	⋮	10 a.m.-4 p.m.

YORBA LINDA COMMUNITY CENTER
4501 Casa Loma Ave.
Yorba Linda, CA 92886



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Happy Spring!

Our bank accounts are looking great! Please see below. The Teacher Grants have been delivered. The Budget Committee will be meeting at the end of March to review the remaining funds to allocate to projects and scholarships.



DEBBI PURPURA

Director of Finance

Beginning Register Balance	\$51,266.29
Deposits	14,417.96
Checks	(1,703.00)
Voided Check-BACA	150.00
Uncleared Items	1,378.24

Register Balance 1/31/23	\$64,131.25
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Debbi Purpura

Director of Finance

YLWC T-SHIRTS - SHOP YOUR STYLE

There are 9 different styles to select from. You can purchase short or long sleeves, v-neck, scoop neck, and yes, ladies, some t-shirts have bling!

Click on Shop Now and order your t-shirt today! For password and questions, email: [Lisa Scheible](mailto:Lisa.Scheible@yorbalinda.org)

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| 1. Short Sleeve V-Neck Silk Screen | \$18.50 |
| 2. Short Sleeve Scoop Neck Silk Screen | \$18.25 |
| 3. Long Sleeve V-Neck Silk Screen | \$19.50 |
| 4. Short Sleeve V-Neck Bling | \$19.50 |
| 5. Short Sleeve Scoop Neck Bling | \$19.25 |
| 6. Long Sleeve V-Neck Bling | \$20.50 |
| 7. Short Sleeve V-Neck Glitter | \$18.00 |
| 8. Short Sleeve Scoop Neck Glitter | \$17.75 |
| 9. Long Sleeve V-Neck Glitter | \$19.00 |

SHOP NOW



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A message from



TERRY KUESTER

Amenities Chairman

MAY THE ROAD RISE UP TO MEET YOU

March is such a grand month even if you're only a wee bit Irish! A pot of gold at the end of the rainbow? Yes, please! And there are many such treasures to be found at our Spring Craft Fair!

Can we count on you for a donation and your willingness to work a shift or two? Our wonderful vendors, as well as very generous shoppers, contribute to the success of our event – but it falls on all of us to sign up and show up! See you there!

Our General Meeting Lead Hostess for March will be **Leslie Sorrells**. Assisting **Leslie** will be **Nancy Capel, Jane Spence, Ann Test, Ans Varenhorst, and Ann Walker**. Thank you Ladies! Our hostesses are the best!

AND MAY THE WIND ALWAYS BE AT YOUR BACK,

Terry Kuester
Amenities Chairman



Our February Hostesses L-R: Joyce Hackman, Dinah O'Brian, Loui Cronholm, Cindy De Mint, Lucy Huerta, Kim Cantrell. Not shown: Cheryl Bowen and Sondia Buscaino.

A message from



LOUISE HERNANDEZ

Nominating Committee
Chairman



NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2023

“The committee shall publish a single slate in the March Newsletter and present the nominees at the Club’s March General Meeting.” [Bylaw Article III, Section 4]

“The President shall call for nominations from the floor following the presentation of the slate...” “Candidates nominated from the floor shall have consented to be nominees and shall meet the Bylaw requirements of eligibility.” [Bylaw Article IV, Section 4]

The Nominating Committee submits the following proposed Slate of Officers for the 2023-24 club year:

President:	Kaycee Stack
1st VP/Dean:	Dottie Jensen
2nd VP/Membership:	Carrie Knipfer
3rd VP/Ways & Means:	Caroline Wahlstrom
Recording Secretary:	Donna Watkins
Corresponding Secretary:	Laura Metsker
Director of Finance:	Debbi Purpura
Treasurer:	Denise Mitchell
Financial Secretary:	Sondia Buscaino

Thank you to the members of the Nominating Committee for their time in determining this Slate of Officers: Sue-Cyprien Garvey ~ Lucy Huerta ~ Terry Kuester ~ Sandy McPherson ~ Alternate Tara Campbell ~ Alternate Nancy Capel

Louise Hernandez

Nominating Committee Chairman

Congratulations to
our Recipients!

ANN TEST

Teacher Grants Chairman

TEACHER GRANTS

The work for this committee is completed for the present school year. Following our committee’s organizational meetings in the fall – to the publication and dissemination of the teacher application process in early December – and the receipt of the applications from teachers in January; we were able to complete the process this week and deliver the recipients’ checks.

There were fifteen original applicants for the Teacher Grant funds, and we discussed thoroughly each application’s adherence to the ‘terms and conditions’ specified. Following our reading of the submissions, and discussion of each, we determined that twelve teachers merited the awards. The teachers and their principals were notified and the date for visitations was determined.

On Wednesday, February 22, members of the committee were able to complete the visitations and awarding of the grant checks – twelve recipients at nine sites in the school district. The 2023 Teacher Grant recipients include:

Teacher	School
Pam Arroyo	Bernardo Yorba Middle School
Reid Petersen	El Camino Real High School
Krista Jones	El Dorado High School
John Lindell	Esperanza High School
Tom Freeman	Esperanza High School
Beth Mazurier	Kraemer Middle School
Sheila Chew	Kraemer Middle School
Ami Mulhall	Lakeview Elementary School
Donna Lopez	Rio Vista Elementary School
Norma Flores	Rio Vista Elementary School
Bernadette Osborne	Travis Ranch School
Jodie Hawkins	Woodsboro Elementary School

The teachers and their principals have been delighted with this process and the awards. All have been notified of the upcoming YLWC Awards Ceremony, and invitations will also be sent.

Ann Test
Teacher Grants

A message from



DINAH O'BRIEN

Domestic Violence Awareness
and Prevention Chairman

DOMESTIC ABUSE HELP

Domestic Violence Shelters in Orange County

- [Human Options](#), [Interval House](#), [Laura's House](#), [Women's Transitional Living Center](#)

Domestic Abuse Hotlines

- Human Options - 877-854-3594
- Interval House - 562-594-4555, 714-891-8121, 800-978-3600
- Laura's House - 949-498-1511
- Women Transitional Living - 714-992-1931

Sexual Assault Hotline:

Community Service Programs, Sexual Assault Victim Services 714-957-2737 (North) 949-831-9110 (South)

Legal Services

- [California Courts Self-help Center](#) Information on restraining orders and other legal aspects of Domestic Abuse.
- [Waymakers](#) assists individuals, families and communities with legal issues.

[Housing Shelter Resources](#) - 2-1-1 Orange County.

Dinah O'Brien

Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Chairman



A message from



ANN WALKER

BACA Project Chairman

BIKER'S AGAINST CHILD ABUSE

In January's newsletter, I shared a child's testimony with you, who's nickname is "DJ". This month I would like to share two testimonies from Haven of Hope, Inc., A Residential Treatment for Children, where "DJ" resides.

"BACA has been a wonderful resource for Haven of Hope and the young ladies we serve. They strive to empower youth and they do so with amazing thoughtfulness and compassion. We have had children terrified to face their abusers in court, but with the support of BACA, they were able to meet this challenge with confidence, courage and strength. The service they provide is invaluable and it is my hope that more agencies serving victims of abuse become more aware of this gem of a service that we have discovered."

Davina Polanco, Executive Director Haven of Hope

"Working with BACA was like working with a team of Angels. They were such a positive light surrounding our client and turned such a tough day into one full of Laughter, Love, and Hope. I really appreciated BACA's persistence, consistency, and dedication to "DJ". "DJ" proudly sported her BACA vest into the courtroom and I could see in her a sense of fierceness, knowing her BACA team was there to fill the benches. She was invincible, and she showed it. "DJ". definitely joined the ranks of the "BACA family," and she is proud of it. I feel so privileged to have worked with BACA and became aware of the wonderful work they are doing for so many kids. Seeing the caravan of BACA bikes pulling out from the courthouse was a moment I will never forget."

Julie, Haven of Hope Counselor

I am happy to report that, in 2022, **we donated 182 bears, 67 jackets and \$1,350 in cash donations.** The people in B.A.C.A. are so appreciative of our support to ensuring the safety of children caught in the crossfire of domestic strife. For more information about this worthy organization go to [bacaworld.org](https://www.bacaworld.org).

Ann Walker

BACA Project Chairman



Thank you from

CATHY AIKEN

Environment Chairman

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Thank you all so much for your generosity. My trunk is filled to the brim with blankets and towels for the Orange County Animal Care Centers. This will help the animals stay warm this winter.

Recently scientists have determined through extensive evidence that spending time in nature has a positive effect on people's emotions and physical health. Various studies have concluded that people have their spirits lifted by the presence of wild birds, especially multiple species of birds. Residents living in neighborhoods with birds active during the day with a lot of vegetation are less likely to suffer from depression, anxiety, and stress compared to people who do not. We are lucky to live in an area with so many opportunities to bird-watch with our numerous parks and walking paths. Our little feathered friends may well be our key to preventative health care.

Cathy Aiken

Environment Chairman

ENVIRONMENT-BIRD SANCTUARY

The Western Bluebird nesting season has arrived! Some Club members have asked me about acquiring a western bluebird nesting box/house and what do they look like. (Some pictures below)

The Southern California Bluebird Club (SCBC) is a non-profit education and conservation organization that promotes the protection and support of Western Bluebirds and other cavity-nesting birds that have historically relied on tree cavities for nesting. This Club constructs wood and hardware bluebird nesting boxes/houses with the correct specifications needed to attract western bluebirds. These are constructed for the SCBC's bluebird trail monitors to hang in trees for bluebird conservation efforts. Donations for \$25.00 to help the SCBC fulfill their mission is very much appreciated, and you will receive a western bluebird box/house. In addition, colorful hand-painted decorated boxes/houses are also available for a donation of \$40.00.

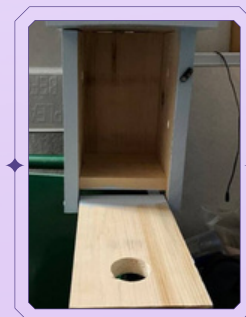
Olivia Alessi

A message from



OLIVIA ALESSI

If you are interested in acquiring a western bluebird box/house, please contact Olivia



A message from



LINDA QUEEN

Education & Libraries
Program Chairman

A FREE LIBRARY COMING SOON

A Little Free Library Coming Soon! Last November, the club was excited to receive a fully-built Little Free Library cabinet from Yorba Linda Girl Scout Troop 3276 (now Troop 3292). They expertly designed, built and painted the large wooden cabinet themselves - impressive! Our goal is to have it installed soon at a local park. YLWC will then be responsible for keeping the box maintained and stocked regularly with books for all ages.

I have submitted a request to the Yorba Linda Parks & Recreation Dept for approval to place the box at Jessamyn West Park (on Yorba Linda Blvd). This location was suggested by the City and should be a very nice, central location. Two other Little Free Libraries are located at Box Canyon Park and Veterans Park and there are additional ones around Yorba Linda on private property.

It will likely be another month or so before we're ready, but this project will soon need a chairman to coordinate book stocking by our members. Please let me know if you are interested.

Also, a BIG thanks to members who have brought books to our general meetings. Every month, I donate the "leftover books" to the Book Corner, a used bookstore at the Yorba Linda Library -- and they're very happy to get them! Remember -- this is an ongoing, monthly opportunity at our meetings. Simply bring in books you've finished reading, drop 'em on the "book swap" table, and choose a few new-to-you ones to take home.

Linda Queen

Education & Libraries Program Chairman

Last November, the club was excited to receive a fully-built Little Free Library cabinet from Yorba Linda Girl Scout Troop 3276 (now Troop 3292).



Messages from



AILEEN BAKER & ANDREA HAGEN

Sew Kind, Co-Chairmen



JACKIE MCPHEETERS

Threads of Love, Chairman

SEW KIND & THREADS OF LOVE

During the February Sew Kind workshop, the ladies were busy cutting out the turtle pillows made for the Painted Turtle Camp. The Painted Turtle Camp was founded in 1999 and opened in 2004 by Paul Newman and others to allow children with serious medical conditions to go to camp and have fun. It is located in the mountains NW of Palmdale. It is totally free for campers and their family. Each weekly session is organized to accommodate children with the same medical condition so they can experience the fact that others have similar problems. They receive a turtle pillow when they arrive and can take it home with them when they leave. The group will be working on similar projects in March.

The Threads of Love group was also busy in February and, of course, will continue their projects for premature babies, which are always in demand.

The next workshops are:

Sew Kind

MARCH 2 - 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Clubroom

Threads of Love

MARCH 9 - 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Clubroom

Aileen Baker and Andrea Hagen

Sew Kind, Co-Chairmen

Jackie McPheeters

Threads of Love, Chairman



LIFE IS ALL ABOUT MAKING MEMORIES



YLWC ladies enjoyed a Socialite dinner at El Cholo.



L-R: Karen Medland, Pam Kibby (new members), Nikki Ware, Nicole Leyva, and President Kaycee Stack

Don't miss out...

You are invited
to attend our Socialite dinner

MARCH 23rd at
Mimosa Kitchen and Bar
in Anaheim

Mimosa Kitchen and Bar will be
sending us special menus to
view and **will take our orders and
payment in groups of 4, so bring
cash please.** We will be seated
in the back, so more private.

Should be great!

**RSVP is a must: Nancy Capel or
Lucy Huerta**



A message from



CHERYL BOWEN

Yorba Linda Lights Editor



LOUISE HERNANDEZ

Yorba Linda Lights, Co-Editor



NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Helpful tips:

- **Please email your article to Cheryl Bowen, for April's newsletter, on or before MARCH 27th.**
- Create a descriptive title that states your subject matter (two to four words).
- Create your article in a Word document and attach it to your email. If you include pictures, **do not incorporate them in the Word document** but attach photographs separately.
- If you are attaching an image, we have the discretion of not including the image/picture in our newsletter.
- If your article is a request for volunteers for an upcoming event, include dates, times, locations, and a brief description of what the volunteers will be asked to do.
- Word count is a minimum of 150 words and a maximum of 200 words, if you are submitting pictures. If text only, the maximum word count is 375.
- When submitting your article, please attach a color photo of you to be inserted into your article. (If we already have a photo, you do not have to submit another.)

HOW TO CONTACT YLWC

For the safety and privacy of our Yorba Linda Woman's Club members, we do not include telephone numbers or other contact information in Yorba Linda Lights newsletters. To contact one of our members, please use your Yearbook or go to our [website](#) to our Membership page and click on Current Members.

"May the blessings of each day be the blessings you need the most." —Irish blessing

Cheryl Bowen & Louise Hernandez

Yorba Linda Lights, Editor and Co-Editor

LIFE IS ALL ABOUT MAKING MEMORIES



Principal for John Lindell



Principal for Norma Flores
and Donna Lopez



Principal and Reid Petersen



Ami Mulhall



Bernadette Osbourne



Beth Mazurier



Sheila Chew



Jodie Hawkins



Pam Arroyo

2023 Teacher Grant Recipients

LIFE IS ALL ABOUT MAKING MEMORIES

Celebrating Our 111th Birthday!



L-R: Kaycee Stack and CFWC President Barbara Briley Beard



L-R: Kaycee Stack, OD President Sandy Tessier and CFWC President Barbara Briley Beard



Back row (L-R): Linda Queen, Marcia Willett, Barbara Briley Beard, Sandy Tessier, Colleen Janssen, Susie Autry, Kaycee Stack
Front row (L-R): Louise Hernandez, Sandy Weinrich, Lynne Yauger, Aileen Baker, Pamela Harrell



Past and Present Presidents



LIFE IS ALL ABOUT MAKING MEMORIES

You've heard people say, "It was just a little thing." What we don't realize is that the little things can make the biggest differences. This was the case with our **First Annual Valentine's Day Drive By**. Thank you to Past President Marcia Willett for suggesting that we visit current and former club members who have given so much to the YLWC, but are no longer able to come to meetings. We created a plan to let them know how much they are missed by delivering a heartfelt Valentine's Day Thank You.

To say that we walked away with our hearts full doesn't begin to explain how wonderful our interactions were at each destination. Our short visits were filled with sweet, club history memories, laughter and hugs. Our parting promises were to visit again when we had more time. What we didn't realize was that this little thing, which we hoped our special ladies would enjoy, became life changing for all involved.



Julie Astle



Sandy Castle



Sally Barron



Norma Susic



Pat Porter



Jo Ann Ardanaz



Norma Keating

"True friends
are never apart,
maybe in distance
but never by
heart."



MARCH

DATES TO REMEMBER

Club Related

Holidays

Monthly Events

Special Events

EVENTS AT A GLANCE



MARCH BUNCO

You're invited to our Bunco night in March.

Let the good times roll!

Connect with some of our members on:

MARCH 14th

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Community Center Clubroom

For more information, contact: Heather Laporte



SOCIALITE DINNER

Dinner 3/23 - 6:00 p.m.

Mimosa Kitchen and Bar

8150 E. Santa Ana Canyon Road

Fiesta Center

Anaheim Hills

RSVPs are a must! Lucy Huerta or Nancy Capel

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29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

- 3/2 - Sew Kind/Clubroom 1 p.m.
- 3/2 - Read Across America Day
- 3/6-10 - Wellness Week at Yorba Linda Community Center
- 3/7 - Book Club/Clubroom 9:30 a.m.
- 3/8 - International Women's Day
- 3/9 - Threads of Love/Clubroom 1 p.m.
- 3/9 - Board Meeting/Clubroom 7 p.m.
- 3/10 - District Council Meeting
- **3/11-12 - SPRING CRAFT FAIR**
- 3/12 - Daylight Savings Time
- 3/14 - Bunco
- 3/16 - General Meeting/Yorba Room Social Hour 6 p.m.
General Meeting 7 p.m.
- 3/20 - Spring Begins
- 3/23 - Socialite Dinner - 6 p.m.
- **3/27 - Newsletter Article Due for April**
- 3/31 - Cesar Chavez Day