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Yorba Linda Lights

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Theme: "Bee the Reason Someone Smiles"



Joyful (adj.): *delighted; glad; satisfied; bringing joy to others.*

Always, our Decembers are packed with "pre-Christmas chaos" -- shopping, wrapping, cooking, family events...the list goes on. December also offers an opportunity to take part in special YLWC happenings. **Saturday 12/14** is **Wreaths Across America Day**. We honor the military by participating in the early-morning ceremony each year at *Memory Gardens Memorial Park* in Brea, helping lay hundreds of fresh pine wreaths on the gravesites of veterans. This inspiring national event takes place that morning at cemeteries around the country. On **Thursday 12/19**, club members will assist at the **11th MEU Marines Holiday Party** (Camp Pendleton). We'd love to have you come along – contact Chairman Donna Watkins for details about both projects.



There are several Orange District events on the horizon. **February 8** is the Quartermania fundraiser at Garden Grove WC clubhouse. *Bring quarters. Win prizes. Simple.* **February 21** is the annual District Art Festival - more details on page 7.

We are so fortunate to continue gaining wonderful, friendly and enthusiastic new members. Knowing that women in Yorba Linda or nearby communities hear about us and are excited to join in is, perhaps, the best testament that YLWC is fulfilling its mission of service. Please welcome our newest member **Jeannette Gosnell**. We look forward to getting to know you, Jeannette!

Thank you, ladies, for all you do every day, every month, all year long, to support those in our community and many worthy causes through your generosity, kindness and good works.

Wishing everyone a joyful and joy-filled holiday season!

Linda Queen, President



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- **NO General Mtg. in Dec.**
- Board Meeting, Dec. 5
- **Holiday Party, Dec. 12**
- OD Council Mtg., Jan. 10
- OD Art/Photo Festival, Feb. 21

1ST VP/DEAN ~ SUSIE AUTRY

It's Report Writing Time!

Every December, each club gathers all their numbers and writes a report about what their club did during the calendar year. These combined reports show our history but also, should there ever be an audit, the reports and minutes show how we have spent our fundraising money.

As a 501c3 we have limits to how much money has to be spent on philanthropy and overhead. Our Financial Team keeps track of this so that at year's end when we file our taxes, everything is complete and meets the requirements of law.

These reports reflect all of the donations and all of the hours our club has spent on our philanthropies. And all of that is thanks to you, our members.

Enjoy your holidays with family and friends.

Susie Autry, 1st VP/Dean



3RD VP/WAYS & MEANS ~ SALLY BARRON

YLWC Fall Craft Fair a Huge SUCCESS!

Well ladies, all the hard work paid off in one huge SUCCESS! The customers had a blast, the vendors had record breaking sales, our Club Café sold more food than ever, the Opportunity Baskets were a big hit and we raised more money than we ever have! Our goal for this event was to raise \$25,000, and we actually raised \$31,000!! This is such great news because we have even more money to spread across our scholarships and philanthropies.

Thank you to all who donated their time and talents to this year's Fall Craft Fair! I would like to say a special THANK YOU to all the Craft Fair Chairmen:

Banners	Linda Halbur/Katie Hranuelli
Flyer Distribution	Diane Watson-Beal/Jane Spence
Kitchen (Club Café)	Mary Ann Alcocer/Anna Nickl/Felicia Huynh
Opportunity Baskets	Nikki Ware/Cindy Leighton
Parking	Dottie Jensen
Print Materials	Nancy Capel
Publicity (Online)	Sally Barron/Sandee Van Oyen
Sponsors	Louise Hernandez
Venue Setup	Heather Laporte
Vendor/Booths	Karen Lindell/Sally Barron/Louise Hernandez
Volunteer/Concierge & Students	Nancy Capel/Mary Lien
Volunteer/Member Coordinator	Leslie Sorrells/Diane Dotson



And of course we can't forget our special guest, Santa (*Gene Hernandez*), who brought smiles to our shoppers and vendors. We even had members from out-of-state show up to help (thank you *Carol McCarty* and *Kathy Carswell*)! Congratulations YLWC ladies ... well done!

Sally Barron, 3rd VP /Ways & Means

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

"BEE-CAUSE WE CARE!"

To care is to show kindness and concern for others. It also means providing a listening ear and noticing when someone needs help. As we know, it's often the little things that make a person feel most cared about. Please keep these club members in your thoughts:

- Karlene Ballard is doing well after her recent surgery.
- Margie Donovan is recovering from back surgery.
- Donna Parfitt lost her spouse in October due to health complications.
- Julie Astle fell a couple weeks ago and broke her arm.
- Linda Woods is undergoing cancer treatment.

Don't forget let me know if you hear about a club member who would be cheered by receiving a card from the club.

Martha Doose, Corresponding Secretary



GIRLS LOVE MAIL (GLM)- CFWC President's Project

Girls Love Mail began when founder, Gina Mulligan, received letters of well wishes after she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Those letters touched her, and she thought others would be encouraged by this type of support. Earlier in the year our club participated by sending our own letters of support to women diagnosed with breast cancer. Below is an article from the CFWC Quick Bytes of what a simple letter can do.

A Letter Recipient's Story

I recently met a woman who received one of your letters. The story she told me is so touching that I must share it. It's a reminder of what a simple act of kindness can really mean.

When Jennie was first diagnosed, her nurse navigator at the cancer center gave her a letter. It was included with a bunch of other information about treatment options, and she was overwhelmed. Just thinking about the letter made her tear up. When she spoke about the letter, a simple letter, she had to stop for a moment to compose herself.

The letter, the only one she received, was uplifting and encouraging. So much so, for two years she took it with her to every doctor's appointment and treatment. Every appointment, she stressed. She kept the letter on her nightstand and read it every night before bed. When I asked her why, about the connection, she said that she needed the words of strength. She liked the physical reminder of not being alone and felt she could get through what was being done to her body by keeping her spirit strong. (Yes, I teared up, too.)

The woman gave me a big hug, and I'm passing it along to you. If you think about changing the world, it's daunting. But remember, by writing a letter, spending just ten or fifteen minutes, you're changing that one woman's world. And for your letter recipient, that could make all the difference.

Miles of Mail 2019

Thank you for spreading kindness to over 17,000 women this year. Let's see how many women we can encourage!

Best Wishes,

Gina (Gina L. Mulligan, Founder Girls Love Mail)



IMPORTANT!

Due to our Dec. 12th Holiday Party, the December **Board Mtg** will be Dec. 5th at 7:00pm.

Also, there is **NO** December General Meeting.

JANUARY MEETING - HOSTESS TEAM

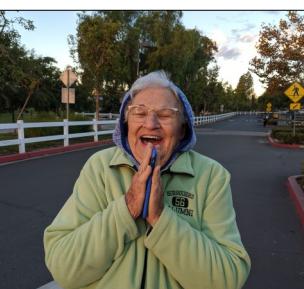
REMINDER! These ladies are on "refreshment duty" for the **January 16th** General Meeting: **Sandee Van Oyen (Lead)**, Jo Ann Ardanaz, Mel Bond, Karlene Ballard ©, Billie Cerovac, Margaret Leverett, Dori Myers, Pat Porter, Pat Rune and LaVerne Stern.

FALL CRAFT FAIR PHOTOS!



Club members getting things ready!

FALL CRAFT FAIR PHOTOS!



Club members having fun and making it happen!

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN

Remember this December, that love weighs more than gold.
~ Josephine Bacon



November YLWC volunteers!

SEW KIND & THREADS OF LOVE

Both sewing groups have been busy sewing items to create Christmas memories for all the children and babies. There were 300 Christmas stockings delivered to the Crittenton Children's Home that will be filled by Crittenton volunteers for the Christmas enjoyment of many children.

The ladies have been busy and instead of sewing and working at the December workshops they will relax and have a little Christmas Party. **Both groups will meet on December 5th, 12:00 in the Clubroom;** this will be a potluck so bring your favorite dish to share, along with your Christmas spirit!! Drinks and paper goods provided.

As a heads up for the Sew Kind ladies, the January workshop would normally be the 1st Thursday of the month, but since it falls on the day after New Year's Day, we will shift down to the 3rd Thursday instead. After that we will go back to the usual 1st Thursday.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!

Sew Kind Workshop: **Jan. 16, 2020, 1:00-3:00 pm** in the Clubroom
Threads of Love Workshop: **Jan. 9, 2020, 1:00-3:00 pm** in the Clubroom

Aileen Baker & Andrea Hagen, Sew Kind Co-Chairmen
Jackie McPheeters, Threads of Love Chairman

GIVING CHILDREN HOPE

The month of November brought about an opportunity for the YLWC to assist with Friday Client Food Distribution at the [Giving Children Hope](#) facility in Buena Park. Thank you to our repeat volunteers and two first time volunteers who lent a helping hand distributing food to over 80 families.

Alexandra Nay from Giving Children Hope was the speaker at November's monthly meeting. Alexandra provided an overview of Giving Children Hope and thanked the YLWC for their **volunteering time of 200 hours** this year! We would like to thank everyone for their continued support and for those who donated 22 boxes of cereal at the November Meeting. We're looking to continue with volunteering on **Friday afternoon December 6th** - thank you to those who signed up at the meeting and if anyone else is interested please feel free to reach out to Anna Nickl or Katie Hranuelli for details.

Anna Nickl & Katie Hranuelli, Giving Children Hope Co-Chairmen

ART & CONSERVATION

December's wintery breath is already clouding the pond, frosting the pane, obscuring summer's memory...
~ John Geddes



"TALENTS & TREASURES" ~ District Art & Photo Festival

The Orange District will hold its annual Art & Photo Festival on **February 21, 2020**. You can either enter the Art/Photo competition or just join in on the fun! Lunch will be included (catered by *Nikki's Kitchen*) and reservations/payments of \$15 will be accepted at the January General Meeting or by contacting Sandy McPherson.



EVENT INFORMATION:

When: Friday, February 21, 2020

Where: Yorba Linda Community Center

Time: 10am to 12:30pm (check in art from 9-9:30am)

JUDGED CATEGORIES:

- Counted Cross-stitch
- Crochet/Knitting
- Embroidery/Needlework
- Jewelry
- Painting (oil/acrylic/watercolor)
- Pottery/Mosaic
- Quilting
- Handmade Cards
- Photography ^^
- Seasonal/Holiday Décor
- Trash-to-Treasure
- Hidden Talent!

^^ NOTE: Photo entries to be delivered by Feb. 11 for earlier judging.

Contact **Susie Autry** for any questions, and an Eblast will be sent with the rules, entry forms and additional information.

CONSERVATION—WINTER TIPS

Cold-weather conservation tips from the US Dept. of Energy:

-To take advantage of heat from the sun, open curtains on your south-facing windows during the day to allow sunlight to naturally heat your home, and close them at night to reduce the chill you may feel from cold windows.

-Turn down the temperature of your water heater to the warm setting (120°F). You'll not only save energy, you'll avoid scalding

your hands.

-Lower your holiday lighting costs by using "LED" holiday light strings to reduce the cost of decorating your home for the winter holidays.

-The errands and to-dos just seem to pile up this time of year! Unfortunately, all of these errands add up; plan to combine multiple errands into one trip to be as efficient as possible.

**Sandee Van Oyen,
Conservation Chairman**

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & LEADERSHIP

In cold December
fragrant chaplets blow,
and heavy harvests nod
beneath the snow.

~ Alexander Pope



LIFE LESSON FROM A RESILIENT SURVIVOR

I volunteer to drive the clients of the Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force to their doctor or dentist appointments. I often do not know what to expect. Some clients do not talk and that's perfectly fine. The last client I helped was sociable. Growing up his Mother encouraged him to be like a frog. A frog can only jump forward. It cannot jump backwards. She advised him that in every challenge or setback choose to move forward. After all the trauma, disappointments and setbacks he experienced He made the decision to forgive himself for believing a trafficker's lies and even forgive them. He's decided to move forward. His counselor was blown away by this wisdom. I was too. She now uses this illustration with all her new clients. I drove home with a huge joy bubble in my belly with the resolve to be like a frog.

Lucy Park, Domestic Violence Chairman

CLUB LEADERSHIP INTEREST SURVEY

As Nominating Committee Chair, it is my duty to publish a single slate of Officers for the 2020-2021 Club Year in the March Newsletter. Voting will take place at the April General Meeting. As the Nominating Committee will be meeting soon, we need to hear from you to facilitate this process.

If you are a new member, it's never too early to share your experiences with your Club. If you are an established member, perhaps you've had a burning desire to be elected to the Board of Directors. In either case, please don't let your thoughts be the best-kept secrets in town. The positions of ***Elected Officers*** are listed on page 8 in your Yearbook. The duties of each office are listed in Article VII on pages 48 to 52.

A short survey has been created to give us an idea of your willingness to serve in a leadership position. [CLICK HERE](#) for the survey link. Taking the survey as easy as 1,2,3 clicks. Maybe this next year won't work for you. The survey will give us that information as well.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, consisting of **Leslie Sorrells, Pat Rune, Crystal Gates, Dianne Williamson**, and alternates **Judy Robert** and **Sandy McPherson**, we look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email or call me.

Lynne Yauger, Nominating Committee Chairman

HOME LIFE

Chill December brings
the sleet, blazing fire and
Christmas treat.

~ Sarah Coleridge



Pat Rune & Pat Porter with
Smile Maker Award



SMILE MAKERS GIFT WRAPPING

Tuesday, December 10, members and friends are scheduled to go to Irvine to help wrap the 6,000 Angel gifts. The morning wrapping session is from 9:00am to 12:00pm and the afternoon group wraps from 1:00pm to 4:00pm.

We usually carpool and leave from the Community Center. Please park in the east parking lot near the Casa Loma entrance. The morning group should leave by 8:15am and the afternoon group should leave by 12:15pm.

The address is 6 Executive Circle, Suite 250, Irvine 92614. The turn into the complex is off Main Street between McArthur and Red Hill.

It was suggested that we wear comfortable clothing and shoes as the room is not carpeted. There are restrooms near and a place to take a short rest break. They usually have bottled water and a few snacks.

The boxes are made, the paper is cut to size, and no bows are required. It is a fun time!

Pat Porter, Home Life Chairman

HIS HOUSE FOOD DRIVE

Thank you ladies for your eternal generosity and graciousness in giving!!! I'm so proud to be part of your women's club and your giving hearts. As you shop for your holiday meals this season, please add a few food items to your basket for HIS House (Homeless Intervention Shelter) in Placentia. We will have a Food Drive collection at the **January General Meeting**, such a great way to clean out your pantry. They are always in need of the following items. Please call or email Connie Lasley with any questions.

- Soups (Top Ramen/Cup of Noodles)
- Canned Fruit (packed in water or juice) or Natural applesauce
- Canned Vegetables (low sodium)
- Canned Ready to Eat Meals
- Protein bars or protein shakes
- Real Juices
- Healthy Snacks (low sugar granola bars, raw nuts, dried fruit, etc.)
- Bags of dry beans, rice (brown) and whole grain pasta
- Peanut butter or other seed butters
- Whole Grain Cereal

Connie Lasley, HIS House Project Chairman

PUBLIC ISSUES

Will love be true as
December frost, or fickle
and fall like the rose in
June?

~ Clement Scott



CHRISTMAS NAVAJO INDIAN PROJECT

Just ordered the basketballs and volleyballs, and they will be delivered the first week of December. I heard from the Reservation, that they have a real volleyball net with the poles in cement, so maybe I could send some extra volleyballs this year. The volleyballs had gone up \$10.00/per set, but they honored last year's price for us, so I was able to send another set.

I collected from you generous ladies \$353.00, and Santa's credit card picked up the rest to allow extra this year. Also, collected 30 bags stuffed to the brim. In addition to that **Felicia Huynh** donated lots of food, shampoo, and other personal products. **Linda Woods** also, filled a big kitchen size bag full of goodies, and the list goes on. Don't know who else brought big bags full of needed things, but the Navajo will be absolutely delighted.

Thanks again for your generosity in supporting the Navajo families! They will have a great Christmas.

Jackie McPheeeters, Project Chairman

KNIT YOUR BIT

Thank you to all who are knitting or crocheting scarves for the Veterans project! We are using a wonderful variety of neutral colors and simple patterns for either men or women! This is an ongoing project, so there is plenty of time to participate. Stop by my interest table at the next General Meeting to drop off your scarves. The suggested size is 6" across by 60" long. Do not use any frilly or fuzzy yarns. Attach a tag to each scarf with your name and number of hours you spent knitting. Any questions, please feel free to call me. Thank you for your participation!

Jane Spence, Chairman

TROOPONS UPDATE

Thank you all for the support of this program! The recent mailing is:



November

Pets	\$ 104.00
Babies	\$ 56.00
Food	\$1,003.65
Non-food	\$4,630.85
Totals	\$5,794.50



Our annual total to be reported is: **\$63,711.88**

Susan Hillman, Chairman

NOVEMBER CLUB HIGHLIGHTS!



(Clockwise)
Members at Giving Children Hope;
Jewelry Party;
Veteran's Day Ceremony;
Topaz Read for the Record; and WOW!



November was a big month with members supporting many of our philanthropies!

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Guest speaker Alexandra Nay from GCH;  
Heather is our "High Five" recipient;  
Welcome new member Kat Drewes!



## SECTIONS

Cold in the earth and  
fifteen wild Decembers,  
from those brown hills,  
have melted into spring.  
~ Emily Bronte



### BOOK CLUB

#### BOOK CLUB SURPRISE

The Book Club members who were ill missed out on a special treat. One member reviewed a recipe book and brought us a treat from a recipe in the book! Here are the books reviewed for November.

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| Garden Spells.....   | Sarah Addison Allen |
| Come and Get It..... | Ree Drummond        |
| Blue Moon.....       | Lee Child           |
| Varina.....          | Charles Frazier     |

Join us next month (**Dec. 3**) at **9:30** in the Club Room. There will be coffee, snacks, and lively conversation.

***Sandy Weinrich, Head Book Club "Librarian"***

### HOLIDAY PARTY ~ DECEMBER 12th

Time is almost running out for members to sign up for the Yorba Linda Woman's Club Holiday Party on **Thursday, December 12 at 6 PM**.

If you did not get an opportunity to sign up at the November General Meeting, please give me a call or email me. You are welcome to bring your husband, if we have space available.

We will be collecting toys for the 11<sup>th</sup> MEU Deployment Families. Ages are from Newborn to 11. If you would like to donate a toy, please give me a call. I hope to see everyone at the dinner/party at the East Lake Community Center from 6 to 9 pm. We will have a delicious dinner from Stefano's and very lively entertainment.

Our next Socialite events will be **lunch on Wednesday, January 8** and **dinner on Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**. More details on both as we approach the NEW YEAR.

I wish to all our member,  
the very best Holidays.

***Dottie Jensen,  
Socialite Chairman***



# HAPPENINGS

THIS MONTH

## DECEMBER 2019

| Sun                                                                                                          | Mon | Tue                                          | Wed                                                                                                          | Thu                                                                                                                                  | Fri                                    | Sat                                      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 1                                                                                                            | 2   | 3<br>Book Club:<br>9:30am                    | 4                                                                                                            | 5 <u>Sewing Groups' Holiday Party:</u> 12pm<br><br>Board Mtg: 7pm                                                                    | 6<br>Giving Children Hope:<br>9am-Noon | 7                                        |
| 8                                                                                                            | 9   | 10<br>Smile Makers Wrapping:<br>9:00am & 1pm | 11                                                                                                           | 12 HOLIDAY PARTY: 6-9pm<br>Eastlake Village                                                                                          | 13                                     | 14 Wreaths Across America (in Brea): 9am |
| 15                                                                                                           | 16  | 17                                           | 18                                                                                                           | 19 Help with 11th MEU Holiday Party                                                                                                  | 20                                     | 21                                       |
| 22<br><br>happy Hanukkah! | 23  | 24                                           | 25<br><br>Merry Christmas | 26                                                                                                                                   | 27                                     | 28                                       |
| 29                                                                                                           | 30  | 31                                           |                                                                                                              | <u>WOW: Women Out Walking</u><br>Meet at the trailhead on the west side of the YL Community Center, <u>Tuesday/Friday at 8:30am.</u> |                                        |                                          |

### DEC. BIRTHDAYS

- Dec. 4—Angie Cohen
- Dec. 8—Donna Watkins
- Dec. 15—Kaycee Stack
- Dec. 19 —Diane Watson-Beal
- Dec. 20—Carol McCarty
- Dec. 21—Caroline Wahlstrom
- Dec. 22—Carol Davis
- Dec. 31—Jo Ann Ardanaz



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### JANUARY EVENTS

- 07 Book Club: 9:30am
- 08 Socialite Lunch: 11:30am TBD
- 09 Threads of Love: 1-3pm
- 09 Board Meeting: 7pm
- 10 District Council Mtg: 9:30am
- 14 BUNCO: 7:00-9:00pm
- 16 Sew Kind: 1-3pm
- 16 General Mtg.: Social 6pm/Mtg. 7pm
- 23 Socialite Dinner: 6pm TBD

## GFWC ~ A NOTE OF THANKS

YORBA LINDA WOMAN'S CLUB

### CFWC ORANGE DISTRICT

The Orange District is made up of 21 Women's Clubs in Orange County. We are part of the California Federation of Women's Clubs and act as a conduit for information between clubs and the organization. To facilitate communication, Orange District maintains certain Community Service Programs which research and report on issues of interest of the clubs of Orange District. These include Education, Conservation, and Public Issues. We also maintain two permanent projects focused on educating our community. These projects are Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention and Advocates for Children.



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### Mission Statement

"We are a diverse organization working to promote civic, philanthropic, cultural and educational interests within our community through the spirit of volunteerism."



### A NOTE OF THANKS



GENERAL FEDERATION  
of WOMEN'S CLUBS

GFWC is thankful for its club members. **YOU** have given clothing, coats, and household goods to those in need; provided shelter to survivors of abuse; supported St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. **YOU** have established libraries, helped fill damaged libraries with books, and shared Dr. Seuss with children who've never had a book of their own. **YOU** have raised dogs for Canine Companions or supported programs so others can have a service dog to help them live a more complete life. **YOU** have planted trees, established community gardens, and beautified public parks and businesses. **YOU** have provided supplies to men and women in the military. **YOU** have initiated and supported legislative action for gun control, domestic violence prevention, school safety, and more.

*"Volunteerism is the voice of the people put into action. These actions shape and mold the present into a future of which we can all be proud."* – Helen Dyer (1895–1998; notable American biochemist and cancer researcher).

## ORANGE DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

### District Council Meeting & Luncheon

The next Orange District Council Meeting will be held at the Phoenix Club on **Friday, January 10, 2020**. Attendance, which includes lunch, is \$17 per person with the club picking up the balance of the cost. We encourage all members to give it a try. Many of us carpool. Please send your checks (payable to YLWC) to Sandy McPherson, our Event Coordinator. **RSVP deadline is December 10, 2019.**

### 2020 District Art & Photo Festival ~ "Talents & Treasures"

It's time to start thinking about what **YOU** will be entering in the District Art Festival! This fun morning will include lunch, photography, arts & crafts contests, and entertainment. This annual district event is designed to highlight the talents and creativity of members in all Orange District clubs. Of course, YLWC is simply loaded with talented ladies – please think about submitting an entry or two! Photography or crafts ain't your thing? ...Come on over anyway to enjoy a nice morning and a delicious lunch (catered by Nikki's Kitchen/YL)! Contest entries not required. **February 21, 2020!**

### 2020 District Convention Business Ads

There is a new opportunity this year to place business ads in the district convention program. If you have a local business please consider supporting Orange District by sponsoring an ad (which will be seen by members of 21 OC women's clubs. Tax deductible ad prices are: \$50 business card size; \$150 half-page size. Ads include a link to your business on the district website ([cfwcorangedistrict.com](http://cfwcorangedistrict.com)) and will be mentioned on the district Facebook page. Contact chairman Sandy Tessier ([istessier@msn.com](mailto:istessier@msn.com)) for more info.