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# Yorba Linda Lights

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Theme: "Bee the Reason Someone Smiles"

Dear Members,

**Bee Grateful for Club Membership.** I've come to the conclusion that joining the *Yorba Linda Woman's Club* was a life-changing event (the kind we don't realize at the time). I am so grateful for what our organization offers and the purpose it gives me. My wish is that each of you feels the same way. With club membership comes activities, friends, opportunities to help others, learning, and leadership opportunities. To a great extent it is these things, along with our loved ones and families, that give us the most joy. Thank you for being the wonderful women you are. YLWC is definitely a reason I smile.



Several weeks ago, Sally Barron, our Communications Chair, offered club members a great opportunity to learn more about their computers, managing Facebook and emails, opening attachments safely, and more. Over three sessions, Sally and her assistant Jason Halbur (the son of member Linda Halbur) shared their impressive knowledge in a patient and easily understood manner. Our thanks and appreciation to you both.

During October's segment of "*Club Chronicles*" we learned lots of interesting details about how our former clubhouse benefitted the City throughout its lifespan. Lynne Yauger and Pam Harrell did another wonderful job with their research. I'm really enjoying these brief trips to our past and hope you are, too!

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Fall Craft Fair, Nov. 3 & 4
- OD Council Mtg., Nov. 9
- General Meeting, Nov. 15
- Holiday Party, Dec. 6

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

This is a busy time of year; not just at home preparing for the holidays, but also because of the many club projects we have going in the Fall. I'm certain you've found several that interest you. Though it can be difficult to squeeze in a chance to serve others during this hectic time, it can provide the true spirit of the holidays.

We are fortunate to often have guests at our meetings -- ladies who want to see what we do and learn why we do it. Please remember to take a minute to interact with these potential new members and make them feel welcome. In other words...



*Be Friendly, Be Enthusiastic, Be Positive,  
and...Be Willing to Sit With Them.*

*Linda Queen, Club President*

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*"I am so grateful for what our organization offers  
and the purpose it gives me." ~ Linda Queen*

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### 1<sup>ST</sup> VP/DEAN ~ SUSIE AUTRY

#### **Save the Date!**

Our own Orange District Convention is coming up so mark your calendars for Saturday, April 27, 2019 (oh my!) at the Tustin Ranch Golf Club. There will be more information as the date gets closer.

The district is holding a Contest for the theme of the event. So, for all you women with incredible wit, they want a theme idea utilizing the Orange District slogan, "Driving Out Hunger." (I'm guessing the centerpieces, dress, program, etc. will center on Hunger and the color is RED!)

The deadline to the district is November 9, so email me your slogan. Let your wild ideas soar. Send your entry to [Susie@autrys.com](mailto:Susie@autrys.com).

We have started our year with donations to Veteran's First and the Painted Turtle Camp as well as learning more about domestic violence and crime safety. Good for us!

#### **Wanted!**

The Orange District Art & Photo Festival to be held February 8, 2019. YLWC needs a chairman for this event. Linda Queen was our chair last year and is the district chair this year. Please call me, see me at a meeting or arrange to meet with me and I can share the information.

We have had many winners in the past so please join in this event. (A few of our past winners are Louise Hernandez, Linda Queen, Heather LaPorte, Karlene Ballard, Sally Barron and Susie Autry.) These women can tell you first-hand about their experiences. It was a lot of fun. And Heather, Karlene and Sally's entries went to State!



*Susie Autry, 1st VP/Dean*

## 2<sup>ND</sup> VP/MEMBERSHIP ~ KAYCEE STACK

Happy Thanksgiving! Let your friends, neighbors and family know all the good work we do and the great friendships that are created. We have grown to 114 members! All are welcome to attend the General Meetings or they can meet with me to discover more details about our awesome club!

Our October Meet 'n Treat was a great success! Club members and visitors dressed in Halloween style! Each guest was given a trick or treat bag filled with YLWC information. They had the chance to talk with the Project Chairs and collect candy! As everyone sat down to have snacks, lots of conversations were heard making for a lively event. Our President Linda Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Susie Atry, and 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Nikki Ware spoke, welcomed the guests and provided a bit more information about our club. Looks like our club will continue to grow!

Speaking of new members, be sure to say hi to our newest member - Maria Lumby. Also, if you didn't pick up your yearbook at the General Meetings, it was mailed to you. If you haven't received it or you have any changes or corrections email Kaycee Stack.

New members please [Click Here](#) to complete the Membership Profile. This information helps us create more philanthropic opportunities, discover what members would like to see, and make our meetings more informative.

*Kaycee Stack, 2nd VP/Membership*



*“See you all at the ... Fall Craft Fair on Saturday and Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> at the Yorba Linda Community Center!”*

## 3<sup>RD</sup> VP/WAYS & MEANS ~ NIKKI WARE

### **It's Craft Fair Time!**

Hello ladies, as you read this newsletter we are most likely days away from our Fall Craft Fair. As one of our biggest fundraisers, I know the time and hard work that goes into making this event a success and I want to thank everyone who has been a committee chair, worked on a committee or signed up to volunteer to work the fair. Whether this is your first time volunteering or you've been volunteering for years, please make sure you take some time to shop, eat or simply enjoy all that was made possible by YOU, the members of our club!

I hope to see you all at the Yorba Linda Woman's Club 2018 Fall Craft Fair on **Saturday and Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>** at the Yorba Linda Community Center!

*Nikki Ware, 3rd VP / Ways & Means*



# MEET 'N TREAT ~ MEMBERSHIP EVENT



YLWC members in the spirit of things and ready to Meet 'N Treat guests at our Membership Event!  
 Jackie McPheeters, Marcia Willet, Linda Woods, Venita Baker, Martha Doose, Leslie Sorrells, Nikki Ware,  
 Pam Tancordo, Dottie Jensen, Pat Porter, Carrie Knipfer, Linda Queen, Heather Laporte & Louise Hernandez.  
 (Not shown above: Susie Atry, Lucy Huerta, Kaycee Stack & Sandee Van Oyen)



Photo Credit: Sandee Van Oyen



# COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS

## **TECH WORKSHOP ~ A BIG SUCCESS!**

Last month, we had **30 club members** attend our Free Tech Workshops! We provided helpful tips to make "computer stuff" more friendly and less intimidating. Many thanks to all who attended and to my assistant, Jason Halbur (member Linda Halbur's son), for his invaluable expertise!



## **SOCIAL MEDIA REACH**

We're making a big impact through our Social Media channels! This means not only reaching folks about our major Fundraisers (the Craft Fairs), but also reaching ladies who may become interested in joining YLWC! As an example, here are results from just one Social Media channel where we promoted our events ~ our Facebook Pages.

- \* Fall 2018 Craft Fair = over **31,000** people reached
- \* Fall Meet & Treat = over **6,000** people reached

## **STAY CONNECTED**

Here are ways to stay up-to-date on club happenings:

- \* **Website** - [yorbalingawomansclub.org](http://yorbalingawomansclub.org)
- \* **Facebook** - [Yorba Linda Woman's Club](https://www.facebook.com/YorbaLindaWoman'sClub)
- \* **Photos or Articles** - Send yours to [ylwcpublicity@gmail.com](mailto:ylwcpublicity@gmail.com)
- \* **Eblasts** - Send to [ylwceblast@gmail.com](mailto:ylwceblast@gmail.com) (published Tuesdays & Fridays)

## **THANK YOU'S**

Many thanks to the Publicity Team for all their hard work for YLWC.

- \* **Diane Watson-Beal & Jane Spence** - Craft Fair flyer distribution
- \* **Nancy Capel** - Craft Fair flyer, poster & banner designs
- \* **Sandee Van Oyen** - Club photos & Craft Fair Facebook sharing
- \* **Jamie Campbell** - Club eBlasts
- \* **Sally Barron** - Club, Craft Fair & website photos, designs & social media

*Sally Barron, Communications & Public Relations*



**FINAL CALL ~ SPREAD  
THE WORD FOR OUR  
FALL CRAFT FAIR!!**

### **On Social Media:**

- [Facebook](#) link
- Instagram  
[@ylwccraftfair](https://www.instagram.com/ylwccraftfair)
- Twitter  
[@ylwccraftfair](https://twitter.com/ylwccraftfair)
- Website link  
[yorbalingawomansclub.org](http://yorbalingawomansclub.org)
- KTLA's Event page  
[Click Here](#)
- West Coast Magazine  
[Click Here](#)



### **Around Town:**

- City of YL Cable TV, Channel 3
- YL Community Center TVs in Lobbies
- Local Flavor Magazine (Nov. 1 to 50k homes)
- Large Banners to be hung just before event
- Flyers canvassed to YL businesses (starts Sept.)  
\*\***Contact DIANE WATSON-BEAL** if you want any flyers.\*\*

## ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN & EDUCATION

DO SMALL THINGS  
WITH GREAT LOVE  
~ Mother Theresa



### SEW KIND & THREADS OF LOVE

The sewing machines are still whirring away, the ladies in both sewing groups are doing lots of good things for all the charities that they sew for. They are gearing up for the holiday needs as well as the normal items they make. Come on by the workshops to see what they are working on, they will welcome your help in any way. You do not need to know how to sew and all supplies are furnished. The next workshops are in the Club Room on:

Sew Kind: Nov. 1, 1-3pm and Threads of Love: Nov. 8, 1-3pm

*Aileen Baker & Venita Baker, Sew Kind Co-Chairmen*  
*Jackie McPheeters, Threads of Love Chairman*

### GIVING CHILDREN HOPE – FOOD BACKPACKS

YLWC is partnering with [Giving Children Hope](#) and will be helping with the School Backpack Program “We’ve Got Your Back”. Backpacks are filled with nutritional foods, given to students on Friday and returned on Monday to be re-filled for the next weekend. This program supports 1,500+ families every week in Orange and LA Counties, including 81 families in the Placentia/YL School District.

We are scheduled to fill backpacks on Wed., Dec. 5 from 9:00am-Noon at their facility in Buena Park. 10 members have already signed up, but we could use more help. If you’re interested in joining us, please contact Anna Nickl or Katie Hranuelli.

We’re excited about the YLWC working together with Giving Children Hope to benefit kids in need - together we can BEE the reason someone smiles!

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



*Sally Barron, Mary Lien, Ans Varenhorst, Sandy Weinrich, Maria Lumby & Anna Nickl helping at Topaz—Read for the Record!*

### EDUCATION ~ FOCAL BOOK SALE

The FRIENDS OF THE CANYON HILLS LIBRARY (FOCAL) is holding its Annual Happy Holiday Book Sale Nov. 13-17. Come visit to buy books (rare, sets, on CD, on Tape) tchotchkes, gift items, DVD’s, and more. Saturday is \$2 a regular size bag or \$4 large bags and boxes. See [Friends of the Canyon Hills Library](#) on Facebook to learn more. Library is located off Imperial Highway and Nohl Ranch Road at Scout Trail. All proceeds benefit this Library’s programs and needs, and FOCAL has also made donations to Topaz Elementary School from it’s children’s overstock.

*Peggy Markson*



## PUBLIC ISSUES

THE BEST MIRROR IS  
AN OLD FRIEND ~  
George Herbert



### NAVAJO CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING

Thanks to you ladies, some of the children on the Navajo reservation will get a Christmas gift this year. I collected 29 bags full of, I'm sure, great goodies. I also have \$300, and \$8 dollars left over from last year, to buy basketballs to use on their wonderful new basketball court. The balls should last longer, since they have a proper surface to play on.

On another note, for 20 years I drove to the reservation 3-4 times a year with a loaded van. But, more importantly, Jewel was the master at collecting things to take each time. She was truly a "Jewel". Will miss her and her constant smile, and readiness to help.

**Jackie McPheeters, Chairman**

### TROOPONS UPDATE

Just a quick note to all those who clip, count or just bring in coupons. Thank you for your support! Here are the latest totals of what was sent:

	Sept. 29	Oct. 23
<b>Baby</b>	\$ 90.75	\$ 65.00
<b>Food</b>	\$ 904.75	\$ 574.75
<b>Pet</b>	\$ 302.00	\$ 92.00
<b>Non-food</b>	\$3,734.25	\$3,338.35
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,031.75</b>	<b>\$4,070.10</b>



**Susan Hillman, Chairman**

### VETERAN'S DAY

With Veteran's Day being this month, I want to share a little history of how women have and are serving in the military (from this month's GFWC Newsletter).

**Donna Watkins,**  
**Public Issues Chairman**



### Women in the U.S. Military

Since the United States first declared itself an independent nation, American women have found ways to serve their country despite resistance from men, sometimes going as far as impersonating male soldiers to join the fight at the front lines. Women have long been an important part of the military, with 33,000 women serving in World War II and 7,000 serving in the Vietnam War. Let's acknowledge the women who have paved the road!

- **Deborah Sampson** served in General Washington's army disguised as a man. When she was wounded in battle, she dug out the musket ball in her thigh rather than seek treatment for fear her sex would be discovered.
- **Harriet Tubman** served as an armed scout and spy scout in the Union Army, leading an expedition which liberated 700 enslaved people.
- **Dr. Mary Walker** was an abolitionist, prisoner of war, and Civil War surgeon in the Union Army. She's the only woman to receive the Medal of Honor.
- **Cmdr. Elizabeth Barrett** was the first woman to hold a command in a combat zone during the Vietnam War.
- **Sergeant Leigh Ann Hester** was the first woman awarded the Silver Star for combat action during the "War on Terror."
- **Army Gen. Ann Dunwoody** was the first woman to achieve four-star officer rank in 2008.
- **Capt. Kristen Griest, Maj. Lisa Jaster** and **1st Lt. Shaye Haver** were the first female soldiers to graduate from Ranger school in 2015.
- **Delphine Metcalf-Foster** was injured serving in a support role during Desert Storm/ Desert Shield. She was elected in 2017 as the first female African American National Commander for the one million members of the Disabled American Veterans of America (DAVA).

In every case, these were historic firsts for women in the armed forces! Today, women make up 18% of the military. This Veterans Day, honor female veterans for their sacrifices, hard work, and for the challenges they've faced along the way.

## HOME LIFE & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

TOGETHER WE CAN DO  
SO MUCH ~ Helen Keller



*Pat Rune & Pat Porter with  
Smile Maker Award*



### SMILE MAKERS ADOPT AN ANGEL PROJECT

Thank you to everyone that adopted an angel. The angels are being distributed on November 5 and I will get your angel to you as quickly as possible. Most will be mailed. Watch your mail for an address label that says Smile Makers and my name and address. Included with your angel will be instructions about returning your angel gift.

**We are scheduled to help wrap gifts on Wednesday, November 28, from 9 A. M. till noon.** We will plan to car pool. Details will be available at the November General Meeting.

***Pat Porter,  
Home Life Chairman***



### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ~ HATS & SCARVES

#### ***Crocheted & Knitted Hats & Scarves - Due at General Meeting***

A special thank you to those who learned how to loom hats and scarves at our class. Please bring your completed projects to our November General Meeting. These items will be given to survivors of human trafficking at a Christmas Celebration on Saturday, December 1 at Richfield Community Church. If you need more time to finish your work contact either Lucy or Martha and we will come and pick up your donation at a later date. This project meaningfully covers a Survivor with love. Many have no cars and must wake up early or leave late at night to catch a bus in the winter cold.

***Lucy Park & Martha Doose, Domestic Violence Co-Chairmen***

### FINANCE & BUDGET

If you have an approved expense or budget item, please complete the reimbursement slip. Be sure to include how you would like the check, mailed, given to you at a meeting etc.

Please allow a week for check processing as we have some additional steps we need to follow now. Questions about something financial? Email [finance@yorbalindawomansclub.org](mailto:finance@yorbalindawomansclub.org).

***Carrie Knipfer, Director of Finance***



## SAD NEWS ...

Club member **JEWEL HOLLINGWORTH** passed away on October 15<sup>th</sup> following a period of decline. Jewel joined Yorba Linda Woman's Club in 2009 and immediately became Parliamentarian, a position she held several times. That December, Jewel organized our first annual outing to see the *Young Americans Christmas Show* at La Mirada Theater. We had such fun and enjoyed going to this show for many years!



In 2011, Jewel spearheaded our participation in a District project honoring Women Air Force Service Pilots (WASPs). She collected, organized and handled publishing of a cook book of favorite recipes of YLWC members. The books were sold to friends and family and the proceeds donated toward a plaque honoring local women who served as Air Force Service Pilots during WWII.

2012 was our Centennial Celebration. Jewel wrote and directed the play put on by the club to depict our 100 years of service. Jewel was not only a dedicated club member, she was a delightful woman and a friend to us all.

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Club member **GAYLE TURNER** passed away in early October. Gayle joined the club in 2011. She always had a great big smile and thoroughly enjoyed being at meetings, among dear friends. If there was ever a project involving knitting or crocheting, Gayle jumped in and got to work! She was also a "regular" at Bunco Night.



We will miss these dear club members.

## OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS



*Lynne Yauger & Pamela Harrell, presenting "Club Chronicles"*



*Pam Tice with Tim Howells, Tara's Chance Program*



*New member, Maria Lumby with Kaycee Stack*



*Candle lit in memory of lost members*

*Member Collection ~ Disneyland ~ from Linda Queen*



*Members at Hitching Post Dedication at Susanna Bixby Bryant Museum*



*Members at YMCA Bowling Fundraiser*



*Shopped 'til they dropped at Outlets of San Clemente Fundraiser*

## SECTIONS

IT'S THE MOST  
WONDERFUL TIME  
OF THE YEAR ~



### AMENITIES

#### **PIN RAFFLE:**

When you arrive at the General Meeting be sure to sign in before visiting all the wonderful projects and sampling the yummy food supplied by our hostesses. Wear your CFWC pin (shown) and you will receive a raffle ticket at sign-in for the chance to win a great prize at the end of the meeting. (If you don't have your pin, let Kaycee Stack know.)

***Cheryl Bowen, Amenities Chairman***

### DINNERS, LUNCHES & HOLIDAY PARTY!

Because of the busy holiday season, there will be NO Lunch Out or Dinner Out in November and December. We will, however, be attending the [Veterans Day Ceremony](#) on **Sun., Nov. 11 at 2:00pm** at Veterans Park. All are invited to come, and we'll go out for refreshments afterward. Details will be sent in an eBlast.

Our Holiday Party will be on Thurs., Dec. 6th at East Lake Village Community Center. [Click Here](#) for the invitation and details, and ***please send me your payments ASAP*** (\$25/person). Hope to see you all there! If any questions, just let me know.

***Dottie Jensen, Social Chairman***

### Yorba Linda Woman's Club Holiday Party

Thurs., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>  
6:00-9:00pm  
\$25/person

East Lake Village Community Center  
5325 Village Center Drive, Yorba Linda

# SECTIONS

IT IS HUMAN TO  
STRIVE ~ Temple Grandin



## BOOK CLUB

Friends, Books and Coffee

Discussing stories, authors, and plots over a cup of coffee is very relaxing.... and stimulating at the same time. Grab your current read and join in the conversation at the next Book Club meeting on November 6 at 9:30 am. It's a great way to start your day!

These were our latest topics:

- North Country Family.....Lois Richen
- What Alice Forgot.....Lilane Moriarty
- Detective Cross.....James Patterson
- Most Wanted.....Lisa Scottoline
- Little Fires Everywhere.....Celeste Ng

***Sandy Weinrich, Book Club Chairman***



## BUNCO

Our next Bunco night will be on Tuesday, November 13 at 7:00pm. Join us in the Club Room for some fun dice rolling. Bring a snack to share, your own drink and \$2. Don't miss out on the fun!



***Heather Laporte, Bunco Chairman***

## W.O.W. ~ WOMEN OUT WALKING



*W.O.W group enjoying a morning out walking!*

It's getting cooler and very pleasant to walk in the morning. We walk every Tuesday and Friday morning. We meet on the Imperial side of the Community Center at the trail by the white fence. We leave at 8:30 am., walk to Rose Drive and we're back at the Center by 9:30 am.

Come and get some exercise (mild) with us. We'd love to have a big group. And by the way, we are known as the ladies in purple, so wear something purple if you have it.

***Heather Laporte, W.O.W. Chairman***

# LEGISLATION & PUBLIC POLICY

BE A VOICE, NOT AN  
ECHO ~ Albert Einstein



## ELECTION DAY ~ VOTE

As the Club's Legislative liaison, I want to remind you that Election Day is near (Tuesday November 6). Go to the polls and VOTE (or mail in your ballot). Vote for the Candidates and Propositions as your conscience dictates but VOTE!!!

***Peggy Markson, Legislation & Public Policy Chairman***

## GFWC ~ LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER

One of the 7 Grand Initiatives of the GFWC is to enroll 1000 women in the Legislative Action Center. So here we go. Through the years, writing a letter to a state or federal legislator was the thing to do. Now, GFWC has simplified this process. No more letter writing!

Instead, GFWC has set things up at their Legislative Action Center on their website where they have written the appropriate letter, you simply sign in and they will add your name. (The first time you do this, you will complete a profile. Afterwards, the software will have saved that, and you'll only submit your name.)

1. [Click Here](#) to go to [GFWC Legislative Action Center](#).
2. Now you can read [What's in the News](#) articles and/or drop further down the page to read [GFWC Engagements](#).
3. Click on the item you are interested in. And if you want to add your signature to a previously GFWC written letter, [fill in the information form](#). And you must click on the [Remember Me](#) button!

Technology being what it is, there might be some glitches but let's try this. And, if you still write letters or you sign a petition, anything legislative, sign it in **RED!**

We are planning on having laptops set-up at the November General Meeting, on the side of the room, to help you with this process. What could be easier?

***Susie Autry, 1st VP/Dean***



# HAPPENINGS

THIS MONTH

## NOVEMBER 2018



| Sun                                                                 | Mon                | Tue                                                  | Wed                                                | Thu                                                 | Fri                                                                                                                                   | Sat                                            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                     |                    |                                                      |                                                    | 1 Sew Kind:<br>1-3pm                                | 2                                                                                                                                     | 3 FALL CRAFT<br>FAIR: 9am-4pm<br>YL Comm. Ctr. |
| 4 FALL CRAFT<br>FAIR: 10am-4pm<br>YL Comm. Ctr.<br>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS | 5                  | 6 ELECTION DAY<br>Book Club:9:30am<br>Board Mtg: 7pm | 7                                                  | 8 Threads of<br>Love: 1-3pm                         | 9 OD Council<br>Mtg. in San Juan<br>Capistrano:<br>9:45am                                                                             | 10                                             |
| 11 Veterans Day<br>Ceremony at<br>Veterans Park:<br>2:00pm          | 12<br>VETERANS DAY | 13 Bunco: 7pm                                        | 14                                                 | 15<br>General Mtg:<br>- Social 6pm<br>- Meeting 7pm | 16                                                                                                                                    | 17                                             |
| 18                                                                  | 19                 | 20                                                   | 21                                                 | 22<br>THANKSGIVING                                  | 23                                                                                                                                    | 24                                             |
| 25                                                                  | 26                 | 27                                                   | 28 Adopt an<br>Angel Gift Wrap<br>Day: 9:00am-Noon | 29                                                  | 30 WOW: Women Out Walking<br>Meet at the trailhead on the west side<br>of the YL Community Center every<br>Tuesday & Friday at 8:30am |                                                |

### NOV. BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 9—Linda Halbur  
 Nov. 9 —Pamela Harrell  
 Nov. 9 — Diane Harris  
 Nov. 9 —Donna Welling  
 Nov. 12 — Diane Cieslak  
 Nov. 16 —Theo Larabee  
 Nov. 16 —Leslie Sorrells  
 Nov. 18 —Aileen Baker  
 Nov. 21—Sandra Castle  
 Nov. 24—Cheryl Bowen  
 Nov. 29—Dottie Jensen



### DECEMBER EVENTS

04 Book Club: 9:30am  
 04 Board Meeting: 7pm  
 05 Giving Children Hope: 9am  
 06 YLWC Holiday Party: 6-9pm  
 11 BUNCO: 7:00-9:00pm  
 13 Sewing Groups' Holiday Party  
 13 11th MEU Holiday Party  
 \*\*NO GENERAL MEETING\*\*

## GFWC IS YORBA LINDA WOMAN'S CLUB

### 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.



### YORBA LINDA WOMAN'S CLUB

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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."



Although our focus might be our local community, Yorba Linda Woman's Club is actually part of a large, national organization – the General Federation of Women's Clubs (aka GFWC), an international organization with 80,000 members, dedicated to community improvement and enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.

GFWC's roots began in 1868, when journalist Jane Cunningham Croly of New York City attempted to attend a lecture by Charles Dickens at a men-only press club. When she was denied entrance, Miss Croly resolved to form a club for women. 21 years later, in 1889, a conference of like-minded women's clubs was organized in NYC and the General Federation of Women's Clubs was formed, having member clubs in 17 states. The national motto "*Unity in Diversity*" was adopted in 1957 to describe the broad range of programs and projects that clubs offer to meet the needs of their communities.

In 1921, an elegant 5-story Victorian mansion was purchased in Washington DC to serve as GFWC headquarters (at 1734 N Street NW). Built in 1875, the mansion today provides office space to a professional staff. It is also where each GFWC International President traditionally resides during her 2-year term... surprisingly, without her husband or family. Over the years, GFWC clubs and club members have donated artwork, furnishings, silverware, and historic artifacts. The mansion became a registered National Historic Landmark in 1991.

GFWC's goal is to encourage women to improve their skills, expand their rights, and apply their talents and efforts to challenges in their communities. The Federation has a long and distinguished record of achievement, for example:

- A GFWC letter-writing campaign to Congress helped to pass the U.S. Pure Food & Drug Act in 1906.
- Realizing the importance of preserving natural resources, GFWC helped to establish the National Park Service in 1916.
- In 1925, GFWC members lead a nationwide survey on household technology, leading to the occupation "homemaker" appearing for the first time on the 1930 Federal Census.
- By the 1930s, Federated women's clubs were credited with having established 75% of the nation's public libraries.
- During World War II, GFWC Headquarters was transformed into a war service office, distributing literature to keep women on the home front abreast of war activities.
- In the 1960s, GFWC promoted its Crusade for Seatbelts program, resulting in installation of more than 1 million car seat belts in just 1 year.
- Following the Sept 11<sup>th</sup> attacks in 2001, GFWC members raised \$180,000 to purchase a fully-equipped ambulance for New York City's Fire Dept, which proudly displayed the GFWC emblem.
- The GFWC Library Replenishment Fund, established in 2011, continues to assist in restocking the collections of public and public school libraries affected or destroyed by disaster.