

Happy New Year 2021

President — Susie Autry
Theme: Together — Teach — Trust

I like my theme; I might even say I love my theme. But how do we handle the *Together* part during these hard times?

Stay in contact ladies. Call your family. Call your friends. Call potential new friends. Have any of you considered calling the Telephone Tree member who has been calling you? I see a group of people that meets in the McDonald's SAVI Ranch parking lot...6' apart. Sounds very doable. Find a way that works for you but stay connected.

Togetherness at Christmas time meant Zooming for some and Face Timing for others. And for you partiers who actually stay up until midnight on New Year's Eve, consider staying home this year and watching the ball drop. That way, when it drops in New York, you could go to bed at 9:00 in California.

At this time, we have all heard about the vaccines that are soon to be available. Unfortunately, scammers have already figured out a way to take advantage of our lack of full knowledge and our Covid worries. If you receive a weird email, don't give out any of your information and don't open any links. A member told me yesterday that she had received a very strange email from another of our members with an attached link. Instead of opening it, she called and sure enough, the sender was a scammer. Some of you may know that a supposed email from me went out requesting members purchase gift cards. Someone called me and I quickly eblasted the scam.

Stay aware, safe and happy,
Susie

**Deck the Door & Deck the Store Holiday Decorating Contest — Lucy Huerta, 2nd VP,
Membership
Committee Members: President Susie Autry, Louise Hernandez, Edie Israel, Dottie Jensen, Robin Solomon**

During December, our club members and all residents of Yorba Linda were encouraged to join in the fun of our Deck the Door Holiday Decorating Contest. What began as a discussion about a fun membership door decorating contest quickly evolved into a city-wide event. Businesses were encouraged to enter the Deck the Store Contest sponsored by the Yorba Linda Chamber of Commerce. This was the first year for both contests, and we look forward to partnering with the Chamber next year because we had so much fun. We learned that we need to start earlier in publicizing the contest and will

be creating a committee before the end of our 2020-2021 club year. Please let me know if you're interested in joining the group. I'm happy to report that one of our own club members won in the Religious Category. Connie Lasley's husband actually made a beautiful manger for their front porch. To say that Connie and her family were excited is an understatement, when they were presented with a plaque and gift cards to Lamppost Pizza, Nikki's Kitchen and Blue Scoop. Thank you, Connie, for your support and enthusiasm. We owe our success to all of you who registered for the contest and/or gave a generous donation out of the goodness of your hearts. Your club spirit was uplifting more than you will ever know. Stay tuned for a financial report at our January General Meeting by our Director of Finance, Dottie Jensen.

Thanks, Louise



Finance Report — Dottie Jensen

Book Balance as of 10-31-20	\$11,007.16
Deposits	1,524.75
Payments	<u>(1,811.34)</u>
	\$10,720.57
Outstanding checks	<u>872.00</u>
Bank Balance	\$11,592.57
RESERVED FUNDS	<u>1,980.41</u>
Funds available	\$ 8,740.16

We raised a net total of \$1,100 with the Membership Deck the Door Scholarship Fundraiser. Thanks to everyone who donated to that project. You will see this money with the December financial report.

Programs:

Domestic Violence — Lucy Park

“Be the One” to Raise Awareness on Human Trafficking

For the past 6 years the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) has used its award winning “Be the One,” (BT1) Human Trafficking Awareness Campaign to call attention to human trafficking. Large posters on the side of the bus encourages the public to say something to “Be the One” if you think someone is being recruited into human trafficking. This campaign is in collaboration with the task force and other service providers. A local survivor revealed that traffickers send girls under their control on buses to recruit runaways for the trafficker. It’s the promise of a meal, housing and safety that lures unsuspecting girls to trust the recruiter. Drivers receive training to spot a vulnerable lone rider and watch for signs of a recruitment happening. BT1 bus advertisement campaign will happen for the entire month of January.

In honor of Human Trafficking Awareness Month, we will be collecting bath towels for the task force. Any color appreciated. This is a voluntary project. Look for a future eblast for more information.

Thanks for your support,
Lucy



Environment: Bird Sanctuary — Olivia Alessi

Did you know — Studies are showing our birds are making us happier.

Mental Health & Environmental contributions —

During the pandemic, Birding in the United States has become more accessible and a common hobby according to Eco Watch. Today we are finding birds are associated with feelings of happiness as ecologists are investigating whether birds make humans happy. According to researchers from the German Center for Integrative Biodiversity Research, there is a link between birds and human happiness. These recent findings are significant to the efforts in bird conservation and important for human-well-being.

A study found that the happiest Europeans are those that can experience numerous different bird species in their daily life or those who live in near-natural surroundings where various species live. Fortunately for us, this is what our City-Yorba Linda Bird Sanctuary provides, that is, various species and natural surroundings of green belt parks, trees, near-by Santa Ana river, etc.

For a full article and videos regarding birds and happiness click below:

[Do Birds Make People Happy? - YouTube](#)

[According to Science, Birds Do Make People Happy | Science Times](#)

[YLWC Mascot/Logo – The Western Bluebird. I hope the video below can bring you feelings of happiness.](#)

[Olivia Video - Bluebirds of Happiness are environmentally educational and fun for ours kids and grandkids. <https://www.facebook.com/100000043050829/videos/1873382556006495>](#)

Happy New Year!

May any blues experienced in our New Year 2021, be bluebirds.

Thank you all for sharing, Olivia

Sew Kind — Aileen Baker and Andrea Hagen, Co-Chairmen

During the month of December, the ladies took a well-deserved break from sewing to concentrate on the holidays. Of course, December was also the time to do the District Reports for the group.

For the Sew Kind group it was nice to find out that the group sewed just as many items as it did last year, despite the work at home situation. Good job ladies.

With the New Year, we see nothing new in the way we will be working, so the routine of pick-up/drop-off will continue as was done most of 2020.

Any questions or concerns; give one of the Chairmen a call or email.

Wishing everyone a Safe, Healthy and Happy New Year!

Thanks, Aileen

Threads of Love — Jackie McPheeters

This year, Threads of Love was approached by our usual hospitals to make fabric masks. In February and early March, the hospitals did not have enough personal protection and the need was great. The nurses we had been working with for the last fifteen years begged for help.

Fabric and helpers came out of the woodwork. We had donations of fabric, which was wonderful, but elastic was very hard to find. We sent out the word that we needed elastic and clothing manufacturers from Los Angeles and friends across the country came to our aid. We put together kits that could be picked up and dropped off from the president's patio. We followed Covid rules as carefully as we could. We received over \$2,000 in donations from the public and \$2,000 in donated materials.

I delivered to many of our hospitals. The nurses met her in the parking lots for their deliveries where many tears were shed. The word spread and we were soon supplying local senior centers and other facilities.

All in all, we donated over 12,000 masks.

WISEPlace — Marcia Willett

The mission of WISEPlace is to provide vital wrap-around services to the participants in their care. WISEPlace is a non-profit solutions-based program to help homeless women get back on their feet. The services they provide include shelter, case management and counseling, goal creation, employment assistance, socialization, health and wellness, addiction recovery, financial planning, and housing assistance.

The Yorba Linda Woman's Club has been actively donating materials to WISEPlace. WISEPlace informed us they need office appropriate clothing so when the woman is ready to start job hunting, she has the apparel she needs. We informed our membership of this request and we received more responses than we ever imagined we would. Together we donated 180 pieces of clothing including dresses, pants, pant suits, skirts, suits, tops, sweaters, and jackets. We then had further donations of new underwear, shoes, purses, socks, earring, necklace, and bracelets amounting to 72 pieces.

Gifts had been donated to WISEPlace from other organizations but were not wrapped, so we provided SUV's to pick up the gifts and take them to the church where they were divided into groups of bundles to wrap. Women's club members and the church ladies then took them home to wrap and brought them back to the church the following week. We loaded them back into the SUV's and delivered the gifts to WISEPlace. In addition to gift wrapping WISEPlace asked if we could also provide homemade cookies for their holiday party. Between the woman's club and the church ladies we had baked so many cookies that they were divided into three large boxes with one going to WISEPlace and the two others to local non-profit organizations.

In total 15 woman's club members wrapped 136 gifts and provided dozens of cookies. The church ladies had 13 women who wrapped 126 gifts and also provided dozens of cookies. It was truly inspiring to see such an outpouring of good will during such a difficult time and we look forward to working together on other WISEPlace projects again in the future.

Socialites — Dottie Jensen

Thank you to the 45 members who participated in our Holiday Party at Marcia Willett's back yard. We had a wonderful time visiting, eating and playing games. The Sandwich Boxes were very popular from Stefano's.

The club raised \$230 from the sale of centerpieces which were donated by Susan Hillman and Ans Varenhorst. Thank you to our special guest, Santa Claus, for appearing and allowing us to raise money from pictures with Santa.

A special thanks to the committee: Dottie Jensen, Nancy Capel, Leslie Sorrells, Lucy Huerta, Ann Walker, Heather Laporte and Carrie Knipfer

I hope we can have a socialite lunch on Wednesday January 13th. This will depend on our Covid Restrictions and if any restaurant will be open. Weather permitting, I am working on an outside picnic. Have I piqued your interest yet?

***Here is hoping 2021 will be a
good year for all of us.***