

JANUARY 2025 THE CALL



The Newsletter of The Orange District

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

P.O. Box 1443, Anaheim, CA 92815



Orange District
Council Meeting
Friday, Jan. 10, 2025
10:00 am

El Adobe de Capistrano Restaurant

31891 Camino Capistrano,
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

There's something about starting a new year that makes me feel refreshed and ready to take on the world. Old worries fade to the back, and the future is filled with possibilities for success.

I have never been a big fan of New Year's resolutions. They always seem to be something I have to force myself to do differently to make me feel better about myself, like losing weight, exercising more, etc. Ugh!

I choose each year to make a goal of accomplishing something outside my comfort zone. Some of my past challenges were to be more patient, learn to ride a horse, learn to bake a decent loaf of bread, write a thank you note to someone every week, learn to network with strangers at meetings, etc.

Some goals have had more success than others, but each was a positive motivation for me for an entire year. If you think this will work for you, feel free to try it. Just make sure it's something new you will learn, or a goal that has success you can measure.

Be as specific as possible, and make sure the goal is attainable - but a bit of a stretch. Your sense of accomplishment will be a great motivator for you.



ORANGE DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING



- DATE:** Friday, January 10, 2025
- TIME:** Doors open at 9:30 am. Meeting begins at 10:00 am
- COST:** \$40
- PLACE:** El Adobe de Capistrano Restaurant, 31891 Camino Capistrano, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675. Park in back, then enter through the side patio gate.
- INVITED:** All Club Presidents and Deans are voting members of the council and should be in attendance to represent their club. All club members are welcome, too.
- RSVP:** To Pam Pearson, Meeting Planner, p.pearson@earthlink.net, 714-717-1803
- PAY:** With one club check at the door made out to "Orange District CFWC"
- LUNCH:** This is a buffet, so no lunch choice will be necessary.

BUFFET LUNCH

Chicken Enchiladas and Crispy Shredded Beef Tacos
Spanish Rice & Refried Beans

Dessert: Mexican Rosca (*fried dough, sprinkled with cinnamon & sugar*)



"DISASTER PREPAREDNESS!"

Our speaker will be Christopher Barry from Orange County Fire Authority

Whether it is an earthquake, wildfire, flood, or other disaster, Christopher Barry, Community Relations Education Specialist-Div 3 will tell us what we need to know, and get your questions answered by a local expert on this topic. Bring a notebook and pen to write down the important information you want to remember.



- What to put in your home or clubhouse disaster kit
- How to get up-to-date info about the disaster including evacuation plans
- What to bring with you during an evacuation, and how to find out where to go in the event of an evacuation
- Disaster and preparedness information handouts

Club RSVPs are due to Pam Pearson, p.pearson@earthlink.net
by December 27, 5:00 pm. No late RSVPs, please.

ORANGE DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Friday, January 10, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Colleen Janssen, President

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pamela Tice, Civic Engagement & Outreach Chairman

PATRIOTIC PRESENTATION, LA HABRA WOMAN'S CLUB

Gina Whinery

INSPIRATION

Maria Sterk

CREDENTIALS AND QUORUM

Beverly Rigney

WELCOME

Carol Allen, Woman's Club of Orange

INTRODUCTIONS

Colleen Janssen, President

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Colleen Janssen, President

GROUP ACTIVITY

Colleen Janssen, President

SPOTLIGHT ON PROGRAM CHAIRMEN

Linda Queen, 1st VP/Dean

PANEL DISCUSSION BY CLUBS

Linda Queen, 1st VP/Dean

BLESSING

Maria Sterk, Inspiration Chairman

LUNCH

RECONVENE

SPEAKER

OFCA, Christopher Berry "Disaster Preparedness"

DISTRICT CHAIR REPORTS

Linda Queen, 1st VP/Dean

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

PIN DRAWING

Natalie Skullr-White, 2nd VP/Membership

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

Louise Hernandez, 3rd VP/Ways & Means

ADJOURNMENT FOLLOWING THE COLLECT

Colleen Janssen, President



Doing More to Give More -- Gets the Job Done



SUPPORTING EACH OTHER IS ALWAYS A GOOD THING

At January's council meeting, we'll be collecting the following items on behalf of Dana Point, San Clemente WC, and Yorba Linda clubs. I hope you'll help increase the impact of their efforts by contributing toward these projects. With your help, **more** kids will have what's needed to create; **more** breakfasts will include a bowl of cereal; and **more** women will enjoy showing off a 'new' purse!

Club participation in this philanthropic activity is reportable. The estimated value of contributions can be shown as in-kind donations in the report that are appropriate for the items donated. :

- **Purses/cross-body bags** (gently-used or new) (collected by Dana Point WC)

Purpose: the club will add "necessities" and donate the filled purses to women's shelters in February for Valentine's Day.

A MESSAGE FROM 1ST VP/DEAN

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- **Art Supplies** (for 1st - 7th graders) (collected by San Clemente WC)

Purpose: The items will be donated to a local *Boys & Girls Club* that offers art lessons taught by high school students. Specific requests: *Crayola* watercolor palettes; colored marking pens (not *Sharpies*); paint brushes (soft bristles for watercolor/acrylics); 12" x 18" drawing paper

- **Boxes of Cereal** (any size) (collected by Yorba Linda WC)

Purpose: Donate to Giving Children Hope, a 501(c)3 organization in Buena Park that provides nutritious, packaged food options, weekly and at no cost, to food-insecure families and youth throughout Orange County.

It's easy to participate – either as a club or individually:

- 1) Decide which item(s) you'd like to contribute;
- 2) Ask members to bring items to a club meeting or use club funds for new purchases;
- 3) Deliver it all to the OD council meeting;
- 4) All items will go directly to the philanthropy projects described above.

REMEMBER! Club reports are due on or before JANUARY 10 (the same date as the January OD council meeting). Please email the documents in PDF format to OD 1st VP Linda Queen, including the mandatory Club Statistical Report. The 2024 report forms are on www.cfwcorangedistrict.com. Please do not use old or prior-year forms. ****District chairmen's reports are also due January 10****

ATTN DISTRICT REPORTING CHAIRMEN

There will be a 1-hour Zoom meeting on Monday, January 27, at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the club report judging process. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. The Zoom link will be shared a week or so prior.

Lastly, as we approach the 2nd half of the 2024-25 club year, I encourage clubs to consider inviting a district chair to speak at a meeting. This talented group has plenty of ideas and service experience to share. Of course, I'm also happy to visit and would appreciate the opportunity to get to know your members to understand their interests in community philanthropy as well as our Federation.

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A MESSAGE FROM 2ND VP MEMBERSHIP

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GFWC Resources

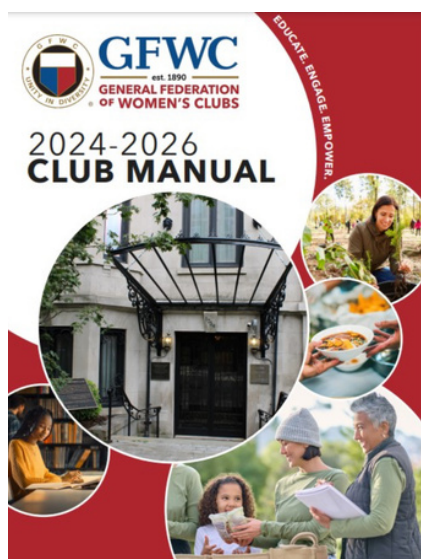
As we approach the deadline for report submissions on January 10th, many of you will be deep in compiling your club's year-end activities. But after those reports are in, what comes next? 2025 will be here before we know it, ushering in a new club reporting year!

I wanted to remind you all about a fantastic resource that can help as you begin planning for the upcoming year: the GFWC Club Manual, available on the GFWC website. This manual contains the Advancement Plans, which are comprehensive guides for club activities across a variety of key areas—membership, fundraising, communications, and more. It also includes detailed plans for all of the GFWC signature and special programs.

If you're looking to plan for the next year, this manual is an invaluable tool. It offers support for those who might need assistance with their club planning and is also an excellent resource for newer members who want to get a clearer picture of what GFWC is all about and how to get involved.

I highly encourage every club to take some time to review the GFWC Club Manual—it's packed with practical advice and resources that will help ensure your club's success in the year ahead. Trust me, it's worth your time and effort!

Wishing you all the best as you wrap up your reports and look forward to a fantastic 2025!





A MESSAGE FROM 3RD VP WAYS & MEANS

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4. Highlight the Urgency

- Emphasize why donations are needed now.
- Example: "With the holidays approaching, your support is more vital than ever to purchase gifts for seniors in assisted living homes."

5. Build Trust

- Share your club's credibility through testimonials, awards, or financial transparency.
- "We are proud that 90% of every dollar goes directly to our programs and projects."

6. Show Gratitude

Emphasize appreciation for current and potential donors:

"Your generosity helps us bring hope and opportunity where it is needed most. Together, we are creating a brighter future. Thank you for being part of this journey."

Fundraising Ideas

Motivating someone to donate to your club involves connecting with their values and demonstrating the tangible impact of their support. Here are strategies to inspire generosity:

1. Share the Mission and Vision

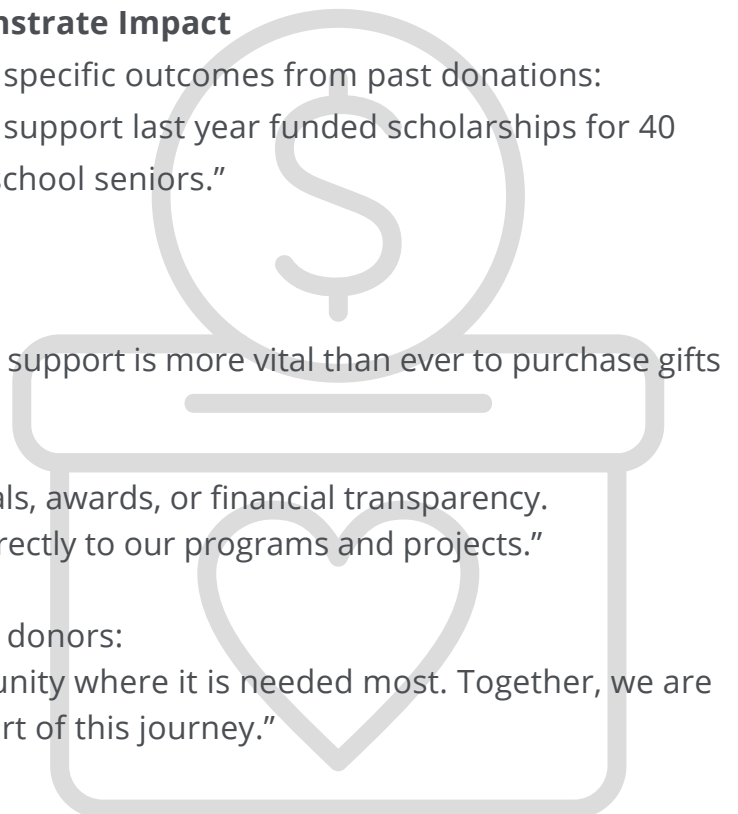
- Clearly articulate the purpose of your club and its goals.
- Example: "We are a diverse organization working to promote civic, philanthropic, cultural, and educational interests within our community through volunteerism."

2. Tell Compelling Stories

- Highlight personal stories of individuals who have benefited from the organization.
- Example: "When our local Veterans' housing development was in a challenging situation, our Civic Engagement & Outreach Program provided much-needed resources to relieve their heavy burden."

3. Demonstrate Impact

- Show specific outcomes from past donations:
- "Your support last year funded scholarships for 40 high school seniors."





A MESSAGE FROM RECORDING SECRETARY

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Recording Memories for Everyone

People keep records for all types of reasons- to be better organized, to record important events, and most importantly to stay on top of bills and taxes. There are family history records, work data and tally sheets, state and local government records, and birth/death records. We as humans have recorded our important events for centuries, if nothing else but to keep track of the fact that we were here for future generations. It's at certain times in our lives that we realize the importance of keeping a record of what we've done and all we've accomplished. It's especially meaningful during the holidays when we gather with family and friends, to record our memories of what we did over the past year and to set goals for the coming year. Below is a list of ways you can record your end-of-year experiences and make plans for a fun and successful new year.

1. Plan a Day of Photos- this is a day you can do solo, with a small group or a large gathering. Take a camera, or your phone, to 3-5 of your favorite places like a park, a garden (the Arboretum at Cal State Fullerton), or a shopping center (like the Citadel Outlets). Be in the moment and enjoy where you are, and who you're with, and make sure to capture the memory with pics you can enjoy for years to come.

2. Favorite Family Memories- this is an activity you can do whether you live close to family or far away. Plan a time when you can come together as a group (in person or on Zoom/phone conference call) and each person has a chance to share a special memory of theirs. Think of a theme you want to focus on like a special holiday memory, or if a loved one passed recently, each person's favorite memory of them. Have one person write down each memory and create a log or book that can be shared with everyone (digitally or printed out).

3. Scrapbook Journal- Come up with 10 of your favorite memories of the past year with photos, notes on the events, and memorabilia from it, and make an 8x11 inch page for each. For those who are tech savvy this can be done digitally, for us "old folk" use good old-fashioned paper, pen, and glue. Once each page is done, take it to your local Fed Ex or UPS location and have them bind it into a book, and be sure to label it with the year.

There are so many ways you can record your life, your family history, and all that you've done. Just remember that it's not what you write down or photograph that's important. It's the memories we make with those we love that we cherish. Have a wonderful holiday season.



A MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN OF WOMEN'S HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER

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Women's Club Impact

At the end of 2024, I thought it would be interesting to know a little bit about what the Women's Clubs have done in the past. They have been responsible for many VERY IMPORTANT developments in women's progress to where they are today. As we start 2025 we need to remember what these early women did. We can continue to do great things and be very proud of what we accomplish, not only our club but all of the women who are still working to make things better for many lives.

- GFWC members work in their communities to support the arts, preserve natural resources, advance education, promote healthy lifestyles, and encourage civic involvement

What did the Federation of Women's Clubs lead the fight for?

- As part of this tradition of maternal activism, the Progressive-era General Federation supported a range of causes, from the Pure Food and Drug Administration to public health care for mothers and children to a ban on child labor. Each of these looked to the state to help implement its vision of social justice.

What results did the General Federation of Women's Clubs achieve?

- Major achievements of the GFWC include establishing a large number of public libraries, assisting in the passage of child labor laws, and helping establish the National Park Service.

What was the original intent of most early women's clubs in the United States?

- The original intent of most early women's clubs in the United States was primarily to lead reform campaigns. These organizations were a response to the societal constraints placed on women and aimed to address various social issues through community engagement and activism.

Which was the most famous women's club?

- The Society of Revolutionary and Republican Women was the most famous women's club during the French Revolution. It was formed on 10 May 1793. They had so many demands for example their one demand was the same; political rights must be granted to all women.

What was the most famous women's movement?

Suffrage Movement, 19th Amendment

- May 15, 1869: Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton founded the National Woman Suffrage Association, which coordinated the national suffrage movement. In 1890, the group teamed with the American Woman Suffrage Association to form the National American Woman Suffrage Association.



Save the Date

Orange District Convention



***Tiaras, Diamonds
and Pearls***



April 11, 2025

**Santa Ana Elks Club
1751 S. Elk Lane
Santa Ana, CA**



WOMAN'S CIVIC CLUB OF GARDEN GROVE FUNDRAISING EVENT -

GOLDEN AGE OF VEGAS!!

DINNER & CONCERT - SAT, JANUARY 25, 2025
EXPERIENCE THE ICONIC MUSIC OF THE LEGENDS

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NEIL DIAMOND, ELVIS AND MORE!

HONORING THE GREATS OF THE BIG VEGAS STAGE!
FEATURING RYAN CHRISTOPHER & THE 9 CARAT GOLD BAND



CONCERT LOCATION: WOMAN'S CIVIC CLUB OF GARDEN GROVE
9501 CHAPMAN AVE. GARDEN GROVE, CA. 92841

DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM, DINNER & DANCING 5-7PM, SHOW STARTS AT 7 PM



Tickets : \$55 per person
\$100 for 2 tickets - includes Dinner and Concert
Call for Reservations: 714-846-7533

**Dance
With the
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Woman's Civic Club of Garden Grove Fundraising Event

**Silent
Auction
Items
for Bid!**

**“GOLDEN AGE OF VEGAS”
MENU**

ACT ONE MEDLEY:

**SHRIMP COCKTAIL - MARINATED MUSHROOMS
OLIVE TAPENADE WITH GARLIC TOASTS**

SECOND ACT:

**MIXED GREENS WITH CRANBERRIES, PECANS, BLUE CHEESE
CHAMPAGNE VINIGARETTE**

MAIN SHOW:

**CHICKEN CORDON BLEU STUFFED WITH HAM & SWISS
WITH LEMON HERB SAUCE
STUFFED PORK LOIN WITH WINE REDUCTION
WILD RICE MEDLEY
SEASONAL VEGETABLES**

CLOSING ACT:

**BLUEBERRY PEACH COBBLER
WITH VANILLA ICE CREAM
CHOCOLATE WALNUT FUDGE BITES**

**COFFEE AND HOT TEA INCLUDED
WINE, BEER AND SOFT DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**

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QUARTERMANIA

WOMAN'S CLUB OF ORANGE
121 S. CENTER STREET, ORANGE



SATURDAY, JANUARY 18TH, 2025
DOORS OPEN AT 10:30 AM

\$25 ADMISSION INCLUDES:
BOXED LUNCH AND AUCTION FUN

*Bring a roll of quarters. First time?
Don't worry, rules are fully
explained before the auction begins.*

INVITE: FRIENDS AND FAMILY

PURCHASE TICKETS AT THE GENERAL MEETING,
BUY YOUR TICKETS EARLY, THIS EVENT ALWAYS SELLS OUT

INFO: DEBBI TODD 714.856.0901



Fundraising Proceeds Support
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Supporting Our Community Since 1915
2024 Non-Profit of the Year



Club House Location:
121 S. Center St., Orange, CA 92866
Mailing Address:
PO Box 674, Orange, CA 92866

The logo for the Woman's Club of Orange features an orange, a white flower, and the text 'Woman's Club of Orange', 'Est. 1915', 'Federated 1921', and 'Member CPWOC/OPWC'.