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A Message from the President:

Hello, everyone,

What a thrill to begin my term as President of Los Cerritos District! I am quite excited and will strive to serve you all the best I can. Now, this does not mean perfection so this is where you all come in. I need your help to build this wonderful GFWC “Fabric” of dedicated, talented, caring, and giving ladies. You look at this “Fabric” and you see all sorts of threads of all sizes, colors woven together to add strength. So remembering CFWC and “Strength United Is Stronger” keeps us mindful that being part of Federation is not just local but global. It is bigger than any one of us; but because we are a part of GFWC, we are the largest women’s volunteer organization in the world! Now, that must make all of you quite proud.

Because of your enthusiastic response to my plea for more chairmen, I only have a few positions left and know they will be filled by September. Barbara will be very pleased and will keep you all informed of the latest information that will be passed down from GFWC to our State, CFWC. Some of you may feel a little unsure of taking on a new chairmanship—but remember, even your GFWC and CFWC are new and working out their job duties; and at the same time, they will gather the information you need to carry out a successful chairmanship.

This year, my request for Clubs will be a bit different. Each Club president will select a member of her club who has been in Federation the longest to share her experience in an article for our LCD bulletin. This member will write (or have someone help write) her reason(s) for being in Federation so long and what benefits she has received. This should be very interesting.

We will have a Presidents and Deans meeting in late August. The date will be announced later and each club will be contacted.

Remember, this president is learning too and mistakes will happen but not intentionally. We will work together and have a great time in Los Cerritos District with contagious enthusiasm. Always feel free to contact me via e-mail or phone.

I will see the new District Board members at the next meeting on the 7th of June. Executive Committee is at 8:30 a.m., coffee at 9:30 a.m., and District Board starts at 10:00 a.m.

Yours in Federation, *Suzanne Seager*

CALENDAR

Mon., June 7—8:30 a.m.
District Executive Committee
(9:30 a.m. coffee) 10:00 a.m.

District Board Meeting
Bellflower Clubhouse
9402 Oak St., Bellflower

Thurs.–Sun., June 11–15
GFWC Convention
Omaha, NE

Fri., June 25—11:30 a.m.
Les Chapeaux Divas
(Red Hats Section)
Delius
2951 Cherry Ave., Signal Hill

Thurs., July 15—1:00 p.m.
WC of Artesia-Cerritos
Bingo Party

Sat., July 24
WC of Artesia-Cerritos
Horse Therapy Fundraiser

Sat., July 31—9:00 a.m.
WC of Artesia-Cerritos
Casino Bus Trip

Tues., August 10—11:00 a.m.
North Long Beach WC
Annual Summer Auction
Dominguez Community Center
21156 Santa Fe Avenue

1st Vice President, Dean:

Dear Club Members,

The State convention was wonderful, and I wish you could have all been there with us. The energy and enthusiasm and important information passed on is so valuable for each of us to be able to help in the district and our own clubs to run more efficiently and smoothly.

The Friday awards luncheon was exceptional with 22 districts that make up the state of California receiving many awards from Art to Conservation and Education, Home Life, International Affairs, and Public Affairs, to Special Appointments and other categories of interest. The exhibit rooms were full and it is amazing the talent that is displayed by the students and clubwomen in many areas of chairmanship. Artesia/Cerritos took a third place in State and Woman's Club of Downey took two third places in State, one for photography and one for oil painting. We were proud to have our treasures on display at State, too.

I look forward to being your district Dean, and we have already started on the Fine Arts Festival for February 28, 2011—so mark your date for next year. More information to follow.

Blessings for a wonderful summer. See you in the fall. Love, **Barbara Briley Beard**

2nd Vice President, Membership:

Hi Everyone,

This vice president enjoyed a new experience at the CFWC Convention in San Francisco having the opportunity to serve you as a member of the Elections Committee for next year's administration. Although I missed a couple of events, working and getting acquainted with members from the other areas was great.

As outgoing Membership chairman, Barbara Beard reports that:

There are 22 districts that make up the State of California. Membership 6-30-09 for the State was 14,104 members. There are 299 clubs in CA and 23 junior clubs. Clubs as of 2-15-2010 for the State is 292, and 16 junior clubs.

"Act in Oct" was very successful and California was Number 1 in the country. We beat the state of Florida, with 42 clubs reporting five or more new members during the allotted time. 91 clubs sent in the postcard to advise the states of their successes.

Where is GFWC/CFWC today in membership? There is a lot of competition for members in other organizations, and our membership is declining. **WE MUST BUILD NEW CLUBS AND TRAIN NEW LEADERS.**

Ask someone to come to a club meeting or gathering to observe; and as CFWC President Vicki Holden says, "I'm asking you because you're one of me" and there is no better reason than that to join a Women's Club! President Vicki continued on to say, "Be the Change You Want to See." Don't wait for somebody else to do the job, just jump in and do it!

As your new Chairman, I will continue to keep you updated with the new information from State. However, continue the great job we have been doing by promoting our good works with enthusiasm and inviting others to join.

Yours in Federation, **Laura Oropeza**

4th Vice President, Fundraising:

We had a very nice turnout at the flower conference. All the raffles went well. The food was great. The flowers were beautiful.

I will try and get a casino trip together, sometime in September or October, the first for me. I welcome any help I can get.

Have a nice summer. I am going to Oregon and Utah. See you in September.

Betty Bates

Itinerary:

As you are beginning to plan your programs for next Club year, if you wish to have a CFWC officer or a CFWC chairman come to your club as a speaker, please get in touch with me. I will send you a form for you to send back to me filled out.

Fran Itkoff, Chairman
5307 Kettler Ave.
Lakewood, CA 90713
562/925-4405

Red Hats Section—Everyone is invited!

The Red Hats luncheon is always the 4th Friday of the month except around a holiday.

The June luncheon will be on Friday, June 25, 11:30 a.m., at Delius, 2951 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill.

For information and reservations, email me or call me.

QueenMum Barbee
barbeeheiny@verizon.net
562/498-2103

Correction from the May Bulletin:

In the list of deceased members memorialized at the District Convention, the LA Philippine Club's member's name should be **Gloria Bykowski**. *Mary Lou Hjort*, Editor

New correction in District Yearbook:

Pages 4 & 44—Phyllis White 562/272-4319
6012 Castana Ave., Lakewood 90712

Los Cerritos District Board Alumnae

Come and join us at Alumnae meetings! We meet 4 times a year for lunch and fellowship.

We are different from District and Club in as much as we DO NOT have to do Fundraising projects—we just meet and socialize!

So, won't you join us in October? The date and place are to be announced.

REQUIREMENTS for MEMBERSHIP:

Section 1. of our BYLAWS reads:

Any woman who has served for at least one year on the Los Cerritos District Board shall be eligible for membership in the organization without sponsorship. She may become a member by paying the membership dues for the year, June 1st to June 1st.

So, please give us a chance to welcome you into our group, where friendships old and new are formed.

Where else can you find something like this for a \$10.00 annual dues fee?

Have a wonderful summer and we will see you in the fall.

In Federation, **Betty Mc Dougall**,
Membership Chairperson
562/715-5553
bettymcdougall@aol.com

Awards at State Convention

1st Place Membership Narrative

North Long Beach Women's Club

Sent on to GFWC—Fundraising Award

LA Philippine Women's Club

All sponsored by Norwalk Woman's Club:

Student Photography

Grades 7–8, 1st Place: Antonio Guerrero

Student Art

Grades 9–12, 2nd Place: Emily Curiel

Grades 7–8, 2nd Place: Amy Perez

Grades 9–12, for Participating: Helene Pham

Bingo Party

Woman's Club of Artesia-Cerritos is having a Bingo Party on Thursday, July 15, at Cerritos Park East, 13234 East 166th St., between Shoemaker and Carmenita Rd. in Cerritos starting at 1:00 p.m. Cost is \$10. Snacks, beverages, and prizes are provided. RSVP to Nancy Sousa at 562/866-0155 or Linda Harp 562/860-9964.

Ride Your Horse Therapy Fundraiser For the Developmentally Disabled

Bring the family to B & B Stables in Cerritos at Artesia Blvd. and the 605 Freeway on Saturday, July 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the Annual Celebration of the American Cowboy. Free admission and no fee to demonstrations of horse riding, roping, and other events. Vendors are needed to sell crafts and other items. Charge for lunch, drinks, pony rides, and booths. Adults can enjoy the evening event fundraiser at the Bird Cage Saloon and Casino 6:00 p.m.–11:00 p.m. A fun night with good barbecue, raffle, and great band and dancing. Call Alison 562/531-0805 or Joanne 562/860-2036.

Casino Bus Trip

A bus trip to San Manuel Indian Casino to benefit the 1st CEB Marine Battalion will be Saturday, July 31, leaving Target parking lot, Bloomfield and Del Amo, at 9:00 a.m. and returning at 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$21, which includes tip for driver and \$10 gaming coupon. Call Joanne at 562/860-2036 or Dorothy at 562/926-1092.

It's Coming ...

and just in time to break up your boring summer. Once again the North Long Beach Women's Club will hold its annual Summer Auction on Tuesday, August 10, at the Dominguez Community Center, 21156 Santa Fe Avenue, at 11:00 a.m. (Go ahead, I'll wait while you mark your calendar.) Join us for a delicious luncheon, browse sale tables, and be sure to bring your good luck for the always-fun auction. Invite friends, neighbors, and relatives for a pleasant diversion and don't forget to bring along your spare change. Call Lynn at 310/835-1451 or Julie at 562/428-6306 to make reservations. We'll be looking for you.

Information from CFWC Convention

Leadership Workshop

Presented by Patricia Munson

“If it is to be – it’s up to me”

Be the change you want to see

Federation members can be well aware of the fact that over 75% of the nation’s libraries were the results of hard work by members of the GFWC. On the national scene, our Federation has strongly promoted and supported over 270 pieces of legislation including the following programs: juvenile court system; PURE FOOD & DRUG ACT; equal working opportunities for women; 8-hour work days; women’s right to vote; child labor laws; creation of the United Nations; alcohol & drug programs for women and children; helping to establish 6 national parks; creating workman’s compensation; youth suicide prevention programs; elimination of sweatshops; sexual harassment education and domestic violence legislation and stricter laws dealing with the human trafficking of women and children for prostitution and pornography purposes; the UN Coalition for the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW); aggressive medical treatment for women with heart disease and cancer and adequate time needed for hospital care after childbirth and mastectomies (no more drive-throughs) and veterans’ health and medical benefits. To date, the U.S. has not signed on to the United Nations VAW proposals. With 17 women Senators, perhaps this is our next challenge.

The CFWC has proudly demonstrated its support through promotion and legislation focusing on road safety initiating the white line markings on the highway; strengthening the juvenile court system; establishing protected Redwood Groves; installing El Camino Bells along California’s historic roadways; creation of a breast cancer stamp to assist in breast cancer research; promoting smaller classroom size for grades K1–3; denying triple-trailer trucks (LVT’s) access to California roadways; and stricter enforcement of laws pertaining to sexual predators and with the violence against women.

TODAY, LADIES, OUR FEDERATION IS POWER IN PRIDE, POWER IN THE PAST & PRESENT, POWER IN PURPOSE, AND PERHAPS THE GREATEST POWER IS THE POWER OF LOVE.

Jean Barrera

District Garden Conference May 24, 2010

Flower Categories

Arrangement of Roses — 5 or less

1st Ruby Cure, Lakewood WC

2nd Laura Oropeza, Paramount WC

Arrangement of Roses — more than 5

1st Loretta Wagner, WC of Downey

2nd Gerda Trutzl, Paramount WC

Old Fashioned Mixed Bouquet

1st Ana Flores, Paramount WC

2nd Laura Oropeza, Paramount WC

Arrangement — All of One Kind

1st Helen Jaramillo, South Gate WC

2nd Laura Oropeza, Paramount WC

Arrangement of Succulents or Cacti

1st Lynn Dietlin, WC of Downey

2nd Elizabeth Romero, Norwalk WC

Single Flower

1st Ruby Cure, Lakewood WC

2nd Laura Oropeza, Paramount WC

Miniatures — 6 inches or under

1st Gerda Trutzl, Paramount WC

2nd Helen Jaramillo, South Gate WC

Categories for Tables

Best of Theme

1st WC of Artesia-Cerritos

2nd South Gate WC

Most Beautiful

1st North Long Beach WC

2nd Paramount WC

Best Overall

1st WC of Downey

2nd Norwalk WC

Hat Parade

Most Beautiful — Fresh Flowers

1st Esther Koler, South Gate WC

2nd Betty Harkema, Paramount WC

Most Humorous — Fresh Flowers

(None entered)

Most Beautiful — Silk Flowers

1st Louise Ralston, Norwalk WC

2nd Jaime Osuna, Paramount WC

Most Humorous — Silk Flowers

1st Lynn Dietlin, WC of Downey

2nd Elizabeth Romero, Norwalk WC

Care & Concern Updates:

The “2 B’s”—**Bonnie** (Dannaman) and **Betty** (Walter)—fell and broke the same bone (thigh) in the same leg (right). They each had surgery, are having physical therapy, and are making good progress.

Gerri McGlocklin

**Awards at LCD Convention
for Jan. 1, 2009–Dec. 31, 2009**

Art Department

Arts in the Community, *Debbie Hernandez*

Div.	Place	Club
I	1 st	North Long Beach
II	1 st	Paramount
	2 nd	South Gate
III	1 st	Artesia-Cerritos
	2 nd	Norwalk

Creative Arts Program, *Alison Babcock*

II	1 st	South Gate
III	1 st	Artesia-Cerritos

Conservation Department

Beautification Program, *Diane Deliz*

I	2 nd	North Long Beach
II	1 st	South Gate
	2 nd	Lakewood
III	1 st	Artesia-Cerritos

Resource Conservation, *Elaine Steen*

I	1 st	North Long Beach
II	1 st	South Gate
	2 nd	Paramount
III	1 st	Artesia-Cerritos
	2 nd	Downey

Education Department

Focus on Literacy,

Carolyn West & Mary Lou Hjort

III	1 st	Artesia-Cerritos
	2 nd	Norwalk

Education in the Community, *Elizabeth Romero*

I	1 st	North Long Beach
II	1 st	Paramount
	2 nd	South Gate
III	1 st	Artesia-Cerritos
	2 nd	Norwalk

Home Life Department

Helping Hands in the Community, *Naomi Pasillas*

I	1 st	North Long Beach
II	1 st	Lakewood
	2 nd	South Gate
III	1 st	Norwalk
	2 nd	El Dorado

Focus on Health, *Hazel Anderson*

I	1 st	North Long Beach
II	1 st	South Gate
	2 nd	Lakewood
III	1 st	Artesia-Cerritos
	2 nd	El Dorado

Focus on Financial Issues, *Charlotte Weigel*

III	1 st	Artesia-Cerritos
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International Affairs

Reaching Out Internationally, *Helen Melton*

I	1 st	North Long Beach
II	1 st	Lakewood
	2 nd	Paramount
III	1 st	Norwalk
	2 nd	Artesia-Cerritos

United Nations Program, *Helen Melton*

II	1 st	Paramount
	2 nd	Lakewood
III	1 st	Norwalk

Public Affairs Department

Citizenship in Action Program, *Fran Itkoff*

I	1 st	North Long Beach
II	1 st	Lakewood
	2 nd	South Gate
III	1 st	Artesia-Cerritos
	2 nd	Downey

Focus on Community, *Shirley Elliott*

II	1 st	Lakewood
	2 nd	Paramount

Domestic Violence, *Diane Spalding*

II	1 st	South Gate
III	1 st	Artesia-Cerritos
	2 nd	Norwalk

Special Projects

Advocates for Children (Juniors' Special Project), *Mary Correa Walton*

(No reports submitted)

Fundraising Program, *Betty Bates*

I	1 st	L.A. Philippine
	2 nd	North Long Beach
II	1 st	Paramount
	2 nd	South Gate
III	1 st	Artesia-Cerritos
	2 nd	Downey

Jennie Award, *Helen Brown*, Chairman

(None presented to be judged)

Leadership Program, *Winnie Baker*

I	1 st	North Long Beach
II	1 st	Lakewood
	2 nd	South Gate
III	1 st	Artesia-Cerritos
	2 nd	Downey

Public Policy and Advocacy, *Jean Barrera*

III	1 st	Artesia-Cerritos
	2 nd	Downey

Public Relations Program, *Fran Smith*

III 1st Artesia-Cerritos
2nd Norwalk

Public Relations–Newsletter/Bulletins,
Fran Smith

II 1st Lakewood
2nd South Gate
III 1st Artesia-Cerritos
2nd Downey

Public Relations–Press Book, *Fran Smith*

II 1st Lakewood

Public Relations–Club Profiles, *Fran Smith*

II 1st Lakewood
III 1st Downey

Membership Program, *Barbara Beard*

I 1st North Long Beach
2nd LA Philippine
II 1st South Gate
2nd Paramount
III 1st Artesia-Cerritos
2nd Downey

Women's History and Resource Center,
Norma Byllesby

III 1st Artesia-Cerritos

Inspiration

The Need of Friends

If nobody smiled and nobody cheered
and nobody helped us along;
If every man looked after himself
and good things all went to the strong;
If nobody cared just a little for you,
and nobody thought about me,
And we all stood alone in the battle of life,
What a dreary old world it would be.

Life is sweet just because of the friends
we have made
and the things that in common
we share.

We want to live on,
not because of ourselves,
but because of the people who care.

It's giving and doing for somebody else;
on that all life's splendor depends;
And the joy of the world when you've
summed it all up
is found in the making of friends.

—Selected

Gerri McGlocklin, Chairman