



November 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

Be Like Jane



Get the Job Done!



Orange District Council Meeting

Friday, November 14, 2025

10:00 am

Canyon Hills

Presbyterian Church

190 S. Fairmont Blvd.

Anaheim CA 92808



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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GRATITUDE

At our Orange District meeting November 14, we will be hearing from a panel of four local authors. Many of our clubs have ESO groups (*AKA book clubs*), so it seems fitting that we celebrate reading, hear a little from these writers about their journey to becoming an author, and some details about the books they have written. We have invited each author to bring some books to sell, so be sure to bring some cash with you. Perhaps you will find a new favorite author and book to read.

The month of November is all about gratitude. We even celebrate our gratitude with an annual holiday called Thanksgiving. Regardless of your religion, political views, or family status, we all choose to spend a day each year remembering to give thanks.

Some of you may have heard about my recent trip-and-fall accident on the afternoon of September 26, after I arrived home from the GFWC/CFWC Orange District Emeritus meeting. In the midst of my trip to the ER, the casting of my broken hand, and lovely bruise under my eye, I felt a sense of gratitude.

I am thankful the two breaks are in my left hand, so I am still able to type this message to you (albeit slowly) with my dominant right hand; and my husband was home to witness my lack of grace as I tripped on a single step, fell to my knees, left hand, then full-force on my face/eye glasses on the hardwood floor. He took me to the ER and has been so helpful driving me everywhere. Additionally, my club friends have offered rides and help as I recover. I appreciate everyone's assistance.

The morning after the accident, I arrived at Dollarmania in Laguna Niguel to serve as their auctioneer. I looked a little beat-up, but we raised a good sum to donate to two worthwhile charities.

It is with a spirit of gratitude that I, and I hope you, will venture into the rest of October, and the month of November. Let's remember to thank those who mean so much to us.



ORANGE DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING



- DATE:** Friday, November 14, 2025
- TIME:** Doors open at 9:30 am. Meeting begins at 10:00 am
- COST:** \$40
- PLACE:** Canyon Hills Presbyterian Church, 190 S. Fairmont Blvd, Anaheim, 92808
- 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:** By November 5, 5pm, to Marilyn Mocilnikar, marilyn.mocilnikar@gmail.com
- PAY:** With one club check at the door made out to "Orange District CFWC"
- LUNCH:** Please tell Marilyn which lunch option is desired for each member.

Lunch Choices made by Savor/ K[her]UT program. K[her]UT details on the agenda.

- 1) **BBQ Chicken Wrap:** Marinated grilled chicken breast, pepper jack, romaine, grilled corn, black beans, BBQ ranch dressing, spinach tortilla.
- 2) **Turkey Cranberry Sandwich:** Roasted turkey breast, jack cheese, lettuce, mayo, cranberry sauce, on a ciabatta bun.
- 3) **Caprese Sandwich (vegetarian):** Focaccia bread, tomato, buffalo mozzarella, basil, Dijon vinaigrette.

All lunches include:

Fruit salad, potato salad, and a fabulous chocolate chip cookie.

MEET LOCAL AUTHORS!



Many of our clubs have an ESO/Book Club, or would like to start one for their members. Our guest speakers for this meeting will include four local authors who will share their journey to becoming an author, tell us about their books, and answer your questions. This is an amazing opportunity to meet local authors—in person! They have been asked to bring some books to sell and sign for you during lunch, so bring some cash! You may find a new favorite author or book.



Elisabeth Rhoads
Author of
Haggard House



Mary Vensel White
Publisher, editor, and author.
Her books include *Starling*,
Things to See in Arizona, and more.



Patti Palermo
Author of *Diary of a Sock*,
The Adventures of Jack
and Baxter, and more.



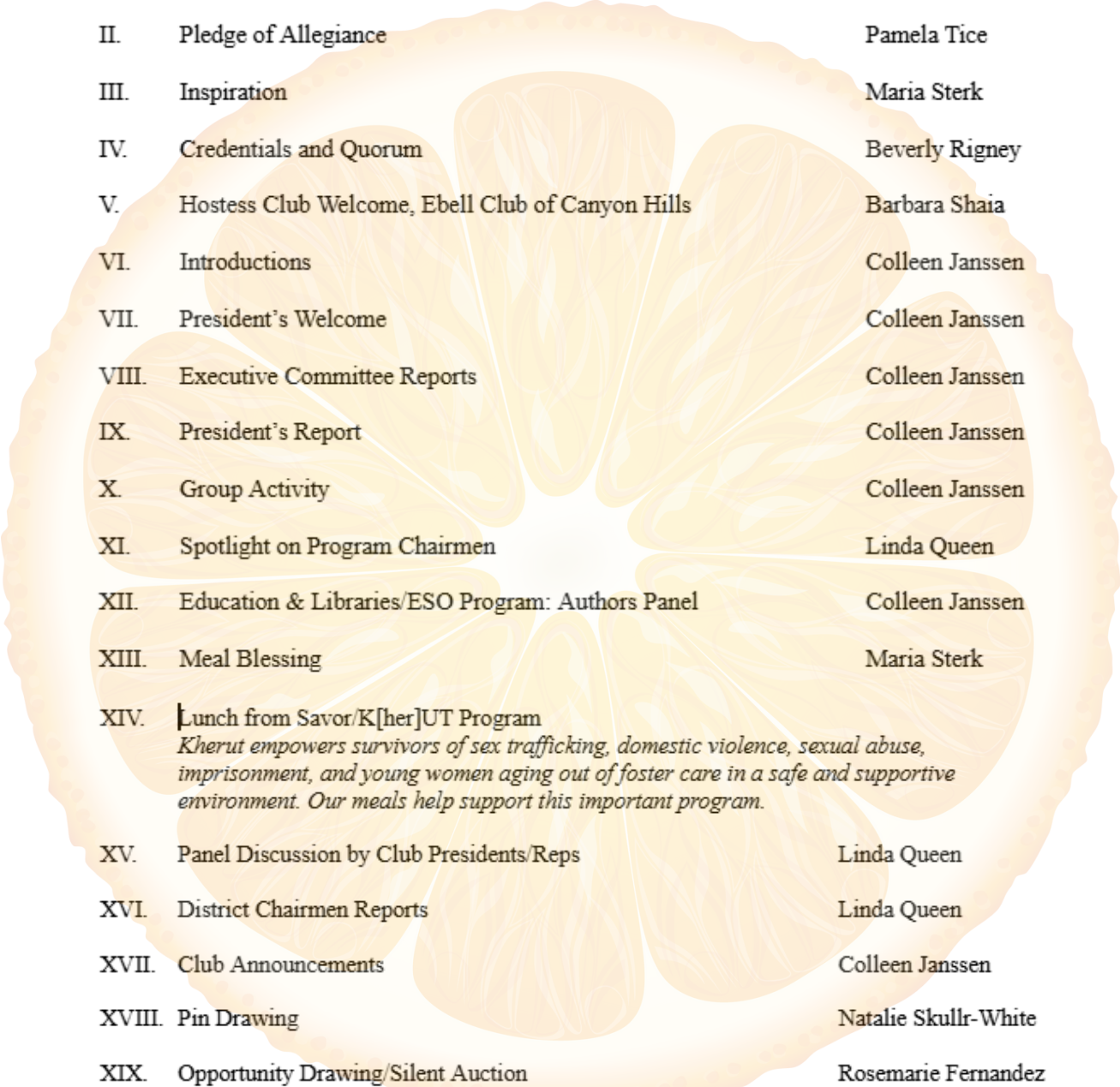
Chrysteen Braun
Author of *The Guest Book*
series of seven novels.

Club RSVPs are due to Marilyn Mocilnikar,
marilyn.mocilnikar@gmail.com, by November 5, 5:00 pm.
RSVP questions: (817) 946-1461. *No late RSVPs, due to caterer deadlines.*

ORANGE DISTRICT, CFWC COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

NOVEMBER 14, 2025

Canyon Hills Presbyterian Church
190 S. Fairmont Blvd., Anaheim, CA 92808

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| I. | Call to Order | Colleen Janssen |
| II. | Pledge of Allegiance | Pamela Tice |
| III. | Inspiration | Maria Sterk |
| IV. | Credentials and Quorum | Beverly Rigney |
| V. | Hostess Club Welcome, Ebell Club of Canyon Hills | Barbara Shaia |
| VI. | Introductions | Colleen Janssen |
| VII. | President's Welcome | Colleen Janssen |
| VIII. | Executive Committee Reports | Colleen Janssen |
| IX. | President's Report | Colleen Janssen |
| X. | Group Activity | Colleen Janssen |
| XI. | Spotlight on Program Chairmen | Linda Queen |
| XII. | Education & Libraries/ESO Program: Authors Panel | Colleen Janssen |
| XIII. | Meal Blessing | Maria Sterk |
| XIV. | Lunch from Savor/K[her]UT Program
<i>Kherut empowers survivors of sex trafficking, domestic violence, sexual abuse, imprisonment, and young women aging out of foster care in a safe and supportive environment. Our meals help support this important program.</i> | |
| XV. | Panel Discussion by Club Presidents/Reps | Linda Queen |
| XVI. | District Chairmen Reports | Linda Queen |
| XVII. | Club Announcements | Colleen Janssen |
| XVIII. | Pin Drawing | Natalie Skullr-White |
| XIX. | Opportunity Drawing/Silent Auction | Rosemarie Fernandez |
| XX. | Final Credential Report | Beverly Rigney |
| XXI. | Reading of <i>The Collect</i> | Colleen Janssen |
| XXII. | Adjournment | Colleen Janssen |

GETTIN' THE JOB DONE: NARRATIVE REPORTS



Reporting season is almost upon us! It's time to start gathering the details and tallying the hours. OC clubs do sooo much and help sooo many in our Orange County communities. I hope every club will submit reports this year to share what we did, collectively, to Get-The-Job-Done (while having fun)!

2025 reporting period is Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2025

Confirm your club's reporting size (based on membership as of July 31, 2025). Use # and club size shown on page 23 of Orange District 2025-26 yearbook, regardless of whether you've gained new members since July 31.

A MESSAGE FROM 1ST VP DEAN

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CFWC's 2025 report forms will be provided to Orange District club deans when they become available from the state (usually early November).

IMPORTANT! The 2025 report-writing workshop is **NOVEMBER 10** – club deans (or club pres) @ 10am; OC reporting chairmen @ 11am (on Zoom). An email reminder and Zoom link will go out the week before.

HEY!! Are you a project chairman? Did you plan a club project this year? Will you be asked to write about that project so it can be included in your club report? Are you responsible for, or assist in, writing your club's reports? If you answered "YES" to any of these, here are some **REPORT-WRITING TIPS...**

- It is NOT necessary to include every project in the narrative report.
- Highlight projects that were: unique; successful; had good participation; made an impact and/or increased club awareness in the community.
- Write in an active, upbeat manner; use engaging and descriptive adjectives.
- A "narrative report" means sentences and paragraphs; NOT a list of bullet points.
- Use language that conveys pride -- in your club, in the work you did, and in your members.
- Do NOT include photos or use individual names.
- Identify acronyms before using them. For example, write out "California Federation of Women's Clubs" or "General Federation of Women's Clubs" the first time they are mentioned, followed by the acronym in parentheses: (CFWC)/(GFWC). You can now use CFWC or GFWC in the rest of the report.
- Include the hours members spent planning a project; setting up for the project; 3) working the activity; and 4) traveling to/from project planning meetings. *Do not include time from outside volunteers*
- Always use the full and correct name of any organization, company, school, etc. that is mentioned.
- Font can be **no smaller than 11 pt** (Calibri or Ariel fonts are good options)
- Review sample reports at www.cfwcorangedistrict.com

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GFWC AFFILIATE PROJECTS: If your club did projects or made monetary donations benefiting a GFWC Affiliate, include the project in the appropriate community service category, according to the project's intent. Addl info about GFWC Affiliates is on the district website.

Current GFWC Affiliates (9):

Alzheimer's Association
Heifer International
March Of Dimes
Shot@Life
UNICEF USA

Canine Companions
Hope For Justice (DV prevention/support)
Operation Smile
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital



Members,

GFWC is beginning a new Gateway Series of free online webinars. Each workshop is informative, timely and well-presented by an expert on the topic. Please consider attending the upcoming session described below. Register at www.gfwc.org (you will receive the link and codes directly from GFWC).

THE GFWC LEARNING GATEWAY SERIES

GFWC MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO REGISTER FOR THE NEXT GFWC LEARNING GATEWAY WEBINAR, PRESENTED BY THE 2024-2026 GFWC HONORARY CHAIRMEN.

NEW October 14, 2025 @ 7 P.M. ET - *Child Advocacy Week with David Coffey and Graeme Page, Safe Surfin' Foundation*

The Safe Surfin' Foundation shares a similar mission to GFWC in supporting internet safety education for all children by providing training, technical assistance, and educational materials for those in local communities, while being Proactive to prevent dangers rather than just being Reactive after they occur. This webinar will highlight Resources for educators, parents, and students, as well as advocacy efforts. All teens and children need our help to equip them with the tools to NOT become a victim of cyberbullying, sextortion, suicide, abduction, and many other internet-related crimes. This webinar will introduce you to the tools at your fingertips that could save the life of your child or grandchild."

<http://bit.ly/46fMlvU>



Orange District Member Spotlight Myrt Perisho, Rossmoor Woman's Club



This year Myrt Perisho was recognized for her over 50 years of membership in the Rossmoor Woman's Club (RWC). She joined in 1971 when her third and last child started first grade.

Myrt has an entertaining personality and loves sharing tales about the club's "old days." RWC had fewer sections back then and the meetings were more formal. For instance, at the Pot Pourri section meetings home-cooked specialties were presented on fancy dishes.

Something from Costco would have been frowned upon. When it was Myrt's turn to host, she asked a new restaurant in town if they would come and do a food demonstration for their section meeting.

The restaurant took this opportunity to market themselves in the Rossmoor community. They set up their barbeque equipment in Myrt's backyard, cooked fish and shrimp, and provided everything free of cost. That restaurant is very popular today. It is the famous Fish Company!

A MESSAGE FROM 2ND VP MEMBERSHIP

*Natalie Skullr-White,
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We love you Myrt!

Another section Myrt likes to talk about was a section she and a fellow member, Jackie, started called "Road Runners." Once a month they rented a 49-passenger bus and took members on road trips to places like Tijuana, the Garment District, Riverside Victorian Homes, and Solvang (over-nighter). Sometimes they had so many people who wanted to go that they had to get two buses. They would serve coffee and pastries on the way over and wine with appetizers on the way back while they played BINGO for silly prizes. One tale Myrt likes to tell is about the skinned, bloody goat head from a butcher shop at the LA Century Market downtown. It was gift-wrapped and when the winning member opened it, she threw it up in the air and it landed in the lap of the lady behind her. It was quite hilarious! When they were done with their joke the bus driver asked if he could take the goat head home as it was considered a delicacy in his household.

Myrt was on the RWC Board for many years and has seen many changes. She is proud of what the club has accomplished and what it has done for her. "I don't think people outside our club realize how much charity work we do. It's been such a big part of my life. Most of my friends in life I met in the club. When my husband and daughter died of cancer, they supported my family with food and friendship." Today Myrt does the same for fellow members and often organizes a food train.

Ways to handle the Gift Card dilemma with the Holidays almost here



What happens when you purchase a gift card to send as a gift only to find out from the recipient it has a ZERO balance. Embarrassing right? – It happens more than we realize.

Scammers discreetly break into gift card packaging while the cards are still on the store rack, stealing the card number, and any pin instructions. Once a card is purchased and activated, the scammer knows the card is activated, they then can use it at their leisure but more than likely right away before someone else can do so.

A MESSAGE FROM 3rd VP WAYS & MEANS

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Unfortunately, there is little to no recourse once the funds have been removed from the gift card however it's best to save your purchase receipt and take a photo of it for proof of purchase.

If you find yourself needing a gift card last minute and you do purchase from a retailer here are a few before you buy tips:

Inspect the packaging; Look for any signs of tampering, like peeled stickers or scratched-off barcodes as more than likely the PIN has been stolen.

Choose secure locations: opt for gift cards that are locked in a secure display or kept behind the register, as these are harder for criminals to access and tamper with.

Avoid large kiosk displays: These are common targets for fraudsters, its best and safer to buy card that are more secure.

Consider digital cards: Sending an electronic gift card directly to the recipient's email is a safer alternative to physical cards.



How about skipping the retail gift card dilemma all together. A great way to avoid all this and raise money for your Club at the same time is Raise Right. A fundraising platform that lets your club raise money through everyday purchases like shopping, dining and travel. Enrolled participants buy gift cards or shop online through the Raise Right shopping portal and earn money for their club.

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I know we have shared this several times before, but I still hear from members it's too hard or its inconvenient. It's really not. It just takes a few steps to enroll. I have used it many times with my own club. Here is an example:

My local club signed up our organization; we notified our members at our monthly meeting and helped them to enroll. I downloaded the Raise Right App and linked my credit card and/or debit card into the secure app. Raise Right will send alerts when they have specials on Gift Cards or shopping.

We were taking our daughter and son in law to a restaurant for dinner. About a week or two before the dinner I received an alert that Raise Right was giving 14% back on very restaurant we were going to for dinner. I purchased \$200 to the restaurant as e-gift cards. I placed them directly in my Apple iPhone Wallet. Nothing to print out. Once I paid for the gift cards (not used them) my club received \$28 dollars deposited in our club's account. It's a Win-Win for you & your club.

Another opportunity is to use the online shopping portal. We all shop online at stores such as Macy's, Old Navy, Nike, Sephora, Kohl's, Best Buy, eBay or Michael's just to name a few. There are hundreds of stores in the online portal. You log into the Raise Right app and review their offers, or you can set up alerts to know when they appear. Select a store and the portal takes you directly to the store's website. Shop and Raise Right will send funds directly to your club's account.

If this is still too much, a Club can prepurchase gift cards in bulk and provide them to members for the face value. No individual account necessary. The Holidays are almost upon us, and many stores will be promoting their gift card and online shopping so now the time to get started.



Travel bonuses start now!

EARN UP TO **14%** or more

+MORE

Hotels.com

DELTA

Disney GIFT CARD

Shell

Planning a trip? Earn extra with bonuses from 20+ brands. Whether you're tuning up the car, booking a flight, or arranging a hotel stay, there's a bonus for that. Travel bonuses end 10/3.

SHOP ALL BONUSES

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A MESSAGE FROM FINANCIAL TEAM



Gina Whinery, Director of Finance
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DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING YOUR NEW AND RETURNING MEMBER INFORMATION

Important Reminder

If your Club gains new members or has members renew in the months of May 2025 through November 2025 you will need to submit a CFWC Orange District Monthly Dues Remittance Form for those members. Go to the CFWC website: [cfwcorangedistrict.com/Member Resources/Forms/Remittance Form for New and Returning Members](http://cfwcorangedistrict.com/MemberResources/Forms/RemittanceFormforNewandReturningMembers).

Once the form is completed send the form with a check, payable to CFWC Orange District, with the correct monies totaled.

Mail the form to Orange District, Attention Financial Secretary. P.O. Box 1443, Anaheim, CA 92815.

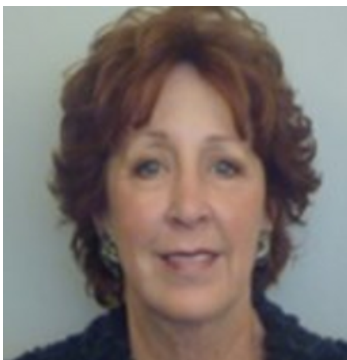
I have enclosed a copy for review. See next page for sample form.

Barbara Murphy, Financial Secretary



Marsha LaRusso, Treasurer 818-522-6613
rmlarusso@msn.com

**DUES ARE TO BE RECEIVED BY
ORANGE DISTRICT NO LATER THAN
DECEMBER 1, 2025**



Barbara Murphy, Financial Secretary
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chuckandbarbmurphy@verizon.net



CFWC ORANGE DISTRICT

Note new mailing address

MONTHLY DUES REMITTANCE FORM FOR NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS (2025)

Use this form to report members who JOIN or are RETURNING in **May, June, July, August, September, October and November**. The year-end district deadline to report new and returning members is December 1. Required dues to cover District/CFWC/GFWC is \$22.00 per member. This form is due on the 1st of each month shown above.

For new members joining in **December, January, February, March and April** – remit their dues with your annual Club Information Form (aka Data Blank) due to district by May 1.

CLUB: _____ Date Submitted: _____

NEW MEMBERS

GFWC DUES	# of <u>NEW</u> members	_____	x \$15.00 = \$
CFWC DUES	# of <u>NEW</u> members	_____	x \$ 5.00 = \$
DISTRICT DUES	# of <u>NEW</u> members	_____	x \$ 2.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

RETURNING MEMBERS (formerly called "LATE-PAYING")

GFWC DUES	# of <u>RETURNING</u> members	_____	x \$15.00 = \$
CFWC DUES	# of <u>RETURNING</u> members	_____	x \$ 5.00 = \$
DISTRICT DUES	# of <u>RETURNING</u> members	_____	x \$ 2.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete information above and list the names and addresses of these members below. Send **3** copies by mail, or you may email me at ginawhinery@aol.com. Please mail your check for the amount payable to: CFWC Orange District to:

Orange District, Financial Secretary
P.O. Box 1443
Anaheim, CA 92815

NAME & ADDRESS OF NEW and/or RETURNING MEMBERS (attach additional sheet if needed):

A message from Marsha LaRusso - The Finance Team

I am confident that everyone has filed all necessary paperwork for the federal and state taxing agencies as I outlined in the previous publication. Now we are going to renew our raffle permits for the following calendar year, 2025. I know it is only October, but the process takes time, and you want to be fully prepared for all the fundraisers that include raffles.

You will go to the Office of the Attorney General website:
oag.ca.gov/charities and look for form CT NRP-1.

Fill out the form and include the \$30 fee. You must wait to receive a registration confirmation letter before conducting the raffle or selling raffle tickets. The raffle form to report the previous year, 2024, will be due February 1st, 2025. You go to the same website and find the form CT-NRP-2. Only raffle proceeds/expenses are included in the report.

Always remember to keep a copy for the club or District records.

The forms can be downloaded to your computer, Mail printed copies to:
Office of the Attorney General Registry of Charitable Trusts
PO Box 903447
Sacramento, CA 94203-4470



LEAD BY EXAMPLE



A MESSAGE FROM RECORDING SECRETARY

Monica Dekany-Beeker
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The courage it takes to step up and be a part of the board for your club isn't easy, but it is rewarding knowing you are an integral part of the organization. Each member plays a part in helping the club grow and thrive, and the role of recording secretary is no different. You become the gatekeeper to the knowledge and history of the club, logging reports and minutes and photos and events. Here are some keyways in which a recording secretary is so important:

1. Write articles for your club newsletter encouraging members to participate in activities, take photos at events and submit them, and write feedback for the board.
2. Become a mentor and allow members to shadow you and what you do by attending board meetings, help take notes during member meetings and collect information on events. This will allow those interested in stepping up as secretary to have a better understanding of what you do.
3. Help plan and implement bi-annual historical events with the club to introduce new members to the history of your organization and remind current members how and where the club got its start.
4. Plan and document an annual event by inviting community members to see what your club is all about and encourage participation. This you can coordinate with your membership chair to help inspire future leaders.

These ideas and more are a great way to branch out as a recording secretary and become more than just the one who takes minutes of meetings. Remember to include photos from your events and activities, they say a picture can be worth 1,000 words.



Happy Autumn



A MESSAGE FROM CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

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November can be a special month for many of us. The beautiful fall colors of orange, yellow, red, and green are abound. They may not be as dramatic in California as they are on the East Coast, where I experienced it growing up in New York State, but it is an awesome colorful time of year nevertheless.

This season represents the importance of feelings of gratitude. It's a wonderful time to share our gratitude with our family, our club members, and our community. Our clubs have so many charities in-need and it's very rewarding to be a part of giving to them, especially at this time of year. Volunteering our services and our time to these charities is also a great way to pay it forward for all we have been given. Contributing food and self-care items to various shelters, visiting senior centers and memory-loss facilities, are appreciated during this time of year as well. I'm full of gratitude for our women's clubs for all they do to help those in-need in our communities.

The September Orange District Council Meeting presented a plethora of project ideas to support GFWC Affiliates. It was so interesting hearing from other clubs and their projects supporting so many of these fine organizations. Information on these vetted and impressive organizations can be found on the GFWC website....[GFWC.org/Programs/Affiliate Organizations](http://GFWC.org/Programs/AffiliateOrganizations). My Rossmoor Woman's Club has a vibrant "Helping Hands Section" that offers many outreach projects and opportunities to assist our surrounding communities. It's a reminder to carry the spirit of gratitude and Thanksgiving all year long.



Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving!

*Happy
Thanksgiving*

THE CALL



Our Website Administrator, Bonnie Peat developed "Takeaways for Member Clubs" for our district website as well as our social media, specifically Facebook.

The website is a great resource and provides easy access to many useful tools for all clubs. Sign up today to receive the GFWC/CFWC magazines and CFWC QuickBytes delivered directly to your email.

For Facebook, follow or like the pages and you'll show your support, receive updates, show community engagement and get others to express interest in our organization.

A MESSAGE FROM COMMUNICATIONS SECRETARY

KEY TAKEAWAYS

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cfwcorangedistrict.com
Member Resources

ORANGE DISTRICT	GFWC/CFWC
- Budget - Bylaws - Calendar - Document Retention Policy - Forms - Flyers - Glossary of Terms - New Member Video - Orange Blossom - Report Forms/Winners	CA Clubwoman Magazine - CFWC Art of Leadership - CFWC Federation at a Glance - CFWC Member Handbook - CFWC Parliamentary Gems CFWC QuickBytes - GFWC Club Manual GFWC Clubwoman Magazine - GFWC Ceremonies Guide - GFWC Logo Template - GFWC Style Guide

Takeaways for Member Clubs:

- District Website is a great resource for member clubs
- Checkout QuickBytes and Magazines available virtually**
- Forward flyers for club events to Ginger Osman

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FACEBOOK:

- Orange District CFWC
- GFWC California Women's Club
- GFWC

Takeaways for Member Clubs:

- Follow and "like" Facebook pages
- Forward flyers for club events to Ginger Osman
- Get your club activities highlighted on CFWC Facebook
 - Email content to: socialmedia@cfwc.org
 - Include: club name, date of activity, # of participating members, a couple of sentences describing project
- Get your club activities highlighted in California Clubwoman Magazine
 - Email content to: cacclubwoman@cfwc.org OR federationlu@gmail.com
 - Include: club name, date of activity, # of participating members, brief description.
- Common hashtags: #GFWC, #WeAreGFWC, #IAmGFWC, #LivingTheVolunteerSpirit, #2025Ignite, #CFWC

National First Responders Day – October 28



In 2019 a six-year push, inspired by heroism and tragedy, culminated when a bipartisan group of senators successfully passed legislation to annually observe October 28 as National First Responders Day, a day to honor the service and sacrifice of those answering the call in their communities. While there are several days to exclusively show appreciation of EMS providers and law enforcement, National First Responders Day honors the collective work of all public safety professionals.

Though there have been sporadic efforts throughout the years for a specific day honoring first responders, it took a tragedy and the efforts of a grieving community to put the resolution in successful motion.

A MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

Pamela Tice,
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The unofficial origin of National First Responders Day can be traced to the death of 26-year-old police officer Sean Collier, who was shot and killed by two men responsible for the 2013 Boston Marathon Bombing. In the wake of Collier's death, his brother, Andrew, began advocating for the creation of a national day to honor all first responders. "This is the next step," Andrew told the Boston Herald in 2016. "On Memorial Day after Sean died, I noted how we, rightfully, honor our veterans. Our first responders are our front line here at home. We deal with them every day. They save lives and take care of us. It's a huge safety net. It makes the most sense to honor and show them the support they really deserve."

Andrew continued to advocate for the day of appreciation, garnering media attention and the support of national organizations and spurring hundreds of thousands to sign petitions for the proposal. Ultimately, Andrew's goal was to honor his brother's sacrifice and the service of first responders across the country succeeded.

Think about what they do in your own community, where they may have done heroic acts of bravery on a daily basis, and gone unrecognized. Take this time to think about honoring your local EMT's, the Police and Fire Station personnel at this time. They are always on call for our emergencies, both large and small.



Have a safe Halloween!

**“An educated citizenry is a vital requisite
for our survival as a free people.”**

Thomas Jefferson



As you probably remember Huntington Beach City Council tried to pass a law that would require a “handpicked or selected” by the City Council panel to decide which books the Huntington Beach Library would and would not be allowed to purchase and have available. I am pleased to say that it did not pass.

Thank goodness for the citizens who stood up for their rights to choose and the students who stood up and fought through our judicial system. They showed the meaning of Freedom of Speech and their right to choose.

A MESSAGE FROM EDUCATION & LIBRARIES/ ESO

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In this day and age of propaganda, AI and media surrounding us, it is good to know some common sense still prevails. We will have to stay alert to additional attempts to ban books and news from the people to maintain freedom of speech in the future. Our diligence and actions will be meaningful.

Now on a happy note. I have a couple of ideas for club projects that sound like fun.

1. Have a Teddy Bear tea party at the library.
2. Take your child or grandchild on a nature walk to a special spot to read a story.
3. Work with your library and have a “Read to a Dog” for children once a month.

I wish that I had thought of these, but they sound like fun and easy to implement. If you need help, please contact me at jdpoire1@gmail.com.



Happy Haunting!

ENVIRONMENT

Update on Trees



Every tree makes a big difference and planting trees is giving hope and life for a better world, and now we have the opportunity to do just that. There is an opportunity to plant 94 trees in Ralph B. Clark Regional Park. Please join me in helping this park get some of those trees.

I invite each club to donate \$150 per tree. The deadline for contributing to this project is December 15, 2025 and checks must be received by then to determine how many trees we can plant. Your contribution will directly support this inspiring effort to green our community.

A MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN OF ENVIRONMENT

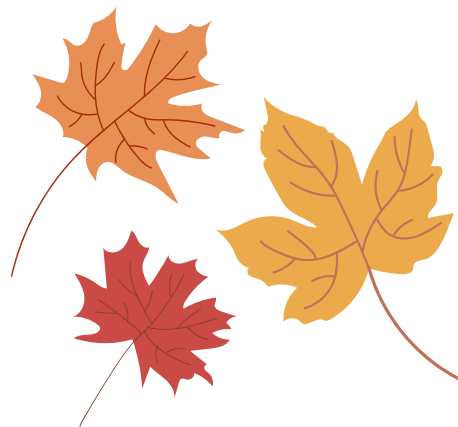
Linda Holman
enrichedspirit@aol.com
714-329-8177

Our District received the CFWC award for our Environment project last year. Let's continue that momentum by aiming to plant at least 20 trees—matching or exceeding our previous impact.

Every club is invited to the tree planting in January 2026, the exact date to be determined. Join us for a meaningful morning in the park as we plant the trees you helped make possible.

Together, we're growing a better future—one tree at a time.

For more info: The Value of Trees | Arbor Day Foundation



Let's see how many trees we can plant this coming year.



A MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH & WELLNESS

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nettie6@cox.net
714-747-7270

Healthy Habits as You Get Older

- * Head Outside
- * Phone a friend every day
- * Play some mind games
- * Reading is fundamental
- * Choose water for the win
- * Release daily tension
- * Volunteer your time



LEADERSHIP In Our Clubs



A MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP CHAIR

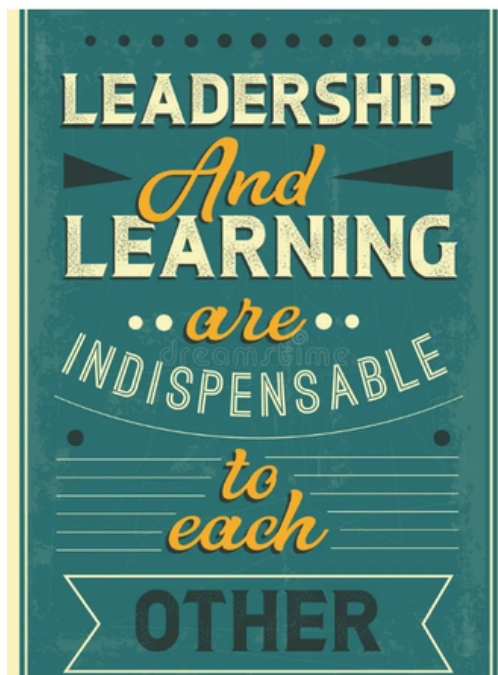
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714-875-5976

The General Federation of Women's Clubs offers a unique opportunity to develop leadership skills through its LEADS program, held on the Friday before the GFWC Annual convention. Each state selects one candidate to attend, but all members can access LEADS resources through the GFWC Member Portal. The Leadership Committee encourages every state to host a LEADS Program. Leadership grows when we share it. As you prepare for this next club year, be sure to offer opportunities for leadership growth.

The CFWC LEADS Meeting is scheduled for February 26-28, 2026, in Santa Clara, CA. The Orange District winner must be available to attend the CFWC LEADS meeting on those dates.

The LEADS application is available by contacting me, ASAP, by email at kathibaldwin@aol.com or by phone at (714) 875-5976. Applications and information will be available at the Orange District Meeting, scheduled for Friday, September 19, 2025, at the Ebell Club of Anaheim. **LEADS applications must be returned to me (in my hands, not postmarked) no later than November 21, 2025.**

The Orange District Leadership Workshop will be held on **Monday, November 3, from 9-12** at the Placentia Round Table Women's Club, located at 901 N. Bradford Avenue Placentia. The event flier is on the next page. To RSVP or with any questions, please contact Kathi Baldwin by email at kathibaldwin@aol.com.



The Orange District LEADS Workshop
flier is on the next page.

Sign up today!

ORANGE DISTRICT, CFWC

LEADS WORKSHOP

Leadership Workshop to Unlock Potential

Featuring: **Attorney Judith Kaluzny**

COLLEEN JANSSEN
ORANGE DISTRICT PRESIDENT
LINDA QUEEN
1ST VP/DEAN ORANGE DISTRICT
MARCIA WILLETT
ORANGE DISTRICT
PARLIAMENTARIAN

Monday, November 3, 2025

9:00am-12:00pm

**Placentia Round Table
Women's Club
901 N. Bradford Ave.
Placentia**

ALL CLUB
MEMBERS
IN
ORANGE
DISTRICT
INVITED



Kathibaldwin@aol.com 714-875-5976

RSVP NOW!

Emma Lazarus

July 22, 1849 - November 19, 1897



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

Judy Wagner
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714-308-7502

She was an American author of poetry, prose, and translations, as well as an activist for Jewish and Georgist causes. She is remembered for writing the sonnet "The New Colossus", which was inspired by the Statue of Liberty, in 1883.[1] Its lines appear inscribed on a bronze plaque, installed in 1903,[2] on the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty.[3]

*Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!*

Lazarus was involved in aiding refugees to New York who had fled antisemitic pogroms in eastern Europe, and she saw a way to express her empathy for these refugees in terms of the statue.[4] The last lines of the sonnet were set to music by Irving Berlin as the song "Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor" for the 1949 musical Miss Liberty, which was based on the sculpting of the Statue of Liberty (Liberty Enlightening the World). The latter part of the sonnet was also set by Lee Hoiby in his song "The Lady of the Harbor" written in 1985 as part of his song cycle "Three Women".

Lazarus was also the author of Poems and Translations (New York, 1867); Admetus, and other Poems (1871); Alide: An Episode of Goethe's Life (Philadelphia, 1874); Poems and Ballads of Heine (New York, 1881); Poems, 2 Vols.; Narrative, Lyric and Dramatic; as well as Jewish Poems and Translations.[5]

Emma Lazarus was born in New York City, July 22, 1849,[6] into a large Jewish family. She was the fourth of seven children of Moses Lazarus, a wealthy merchant[7] and sugar refiner,[8] and Esther Nathan (of a long-established German-Jewish New York family).[9] One of her great-grandfathers on the Lazarus side was from Germany;[10] the rest of her Lazarus ancestors were originally from Portugal and they were among the original twenty-three Portuguese Jews who arrived in New Amsterdam after they

fled Recife, Brazil, in an attempt to flee from the Inquisition.[11][8] Lazarus's great-great-grandmother on her mother's side, Grace Seixas Nathan (born in Stratford, Connecticut, in 1752) was also a poet.[12] Lazarus was related through her mother to Benjamin N. Cardozo, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. Her siblings included sisters Josephine, Sarah, Mary, Agnes and Annie, and a brother, Frank.[13][14][15]

Privately educated by tutors from an early age, she studied American and British literature as well as several languages, including German, French, and Italian.[16] She was attracted in youth to poetry, writing her first lyrics when she was eleven years old.[17]



ORANGE DISTRICT THE CALL & THE PEAL SCHEDULE 2024-2026 Updated July 2025

DUE BY 5:00 PM	PUBLICATION
2024	
May 17	Summer Conference CALL due by 5pm
May 24	Summer Conference CALL sent out
August 2	September CALL articles/fliers due by 5pm
August 9	September CALL sent out
September 13	October PEAL articles/fliers due by 5pm
September 20	October PEAL sent out
October 4	November CALL articles/fliers due by 5pm
October 11	November CALL sent out
November 15	December PEAL articles/fliers due by 5pm
November 22	December PEAL sent out
December 6	January CALL articles/fliers due by 5pm
December 13	January CALL sent out
2025	
January 17	February PEAL articles/fliers due by 5pm
January 24	February PEAL sent out
February 7	March CALL articles/fliers due by 5pm
February 14	March CALL sent out
March 14	April PEAL articles/fliers due by 5pm
March 21	April PEAL sent out
April 11	May PEAL articles/fliers due by 5pm
April 18	May PEAL sent out
May 16	Summer Conference CALL due by 5pm
May 23	Summer Conference CALL sent out
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2026	
January 16	February PEAL articles/fliers due by 5pm
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February 13	March CALL sent out
March 13	April PEAL articles/fliers due by 5pm
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Submit

SUBMISSIONS FOR:

THE CALL:

Executive Committee Members
Orange District Chairmen (*optional*)
Club Presidents—event fliers (*optional*)

THE PEAL:

Executive Committee Members (*optional*)
Orange District Chairmen
Club Presidents—event fliers (*optional*)

Email articles/fliers by 5:00 pm on the due date to ALL three of these people:

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orangedistrictcfcw@gmail.com

Colleen Janssen: President
colleenj02@gmail.com

Kathy Loch: Corresponding Secretary
ktloch@yahoo.com





THE END OF ALZHEIMER'S IS CLOSER THAN EVER. BUT WE NEED YOU.

JOIN US FOR OUR UPCOMING EVENT! **Sweet Orange-ettes**

Join our team and help us fight to end Alzheimer's!



When: November 8, 2025 | 9:00 a.m.

Where: Bolsa Chica State Beach

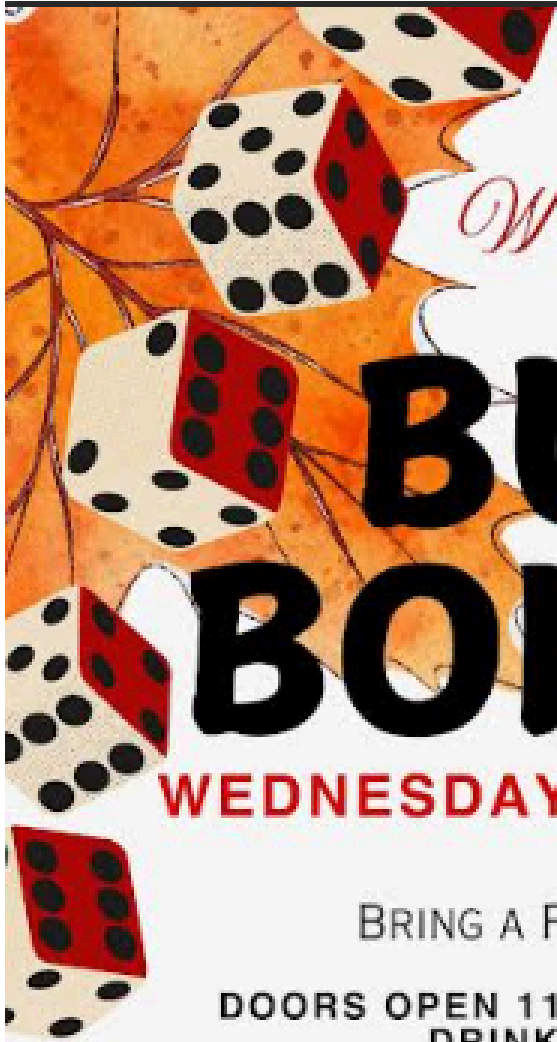
17851 Pacific Coast Hwy Huntington

Beach, CA 92649

Sweet Orange-ettes
Scan or Click the QR Code to
Donate and Join Our Team!

https://act.alz.org/site/TR?team_id=986467&pg=team&fr_id=18464

**WALK
TO END
ALZHEIMER'S**
ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION



*Woman's Club
of Orange*

BUNCO BONANZA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH, 2025

COST: \$20

BRING A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER

**DOORS OPEN 11:00AM / GAME STARTS 12:00 NOON
DRINKS AND PRIZES PROVIDED**

Tickets available at the next club meeting or at the door

Ticket Sales Contact:

Linda Hicks (714) 213-4411

Please sign up to bring a Sweet or Savory Snack
Sign Up at the Next General Club Meeting



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Supporting Our Community Since 1915

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





JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS WAY TO
RAISE MONEY!

Date: Oct 15, 2025

Time: 11:00AM to 9:00PM

For Dine In, Takeout or Curbside at this BJ's Location:

13130 Jamboree Road
Irvine, CA 92602
714-665-8595

Enjoy delicious food in a fun atmosphere along with your family
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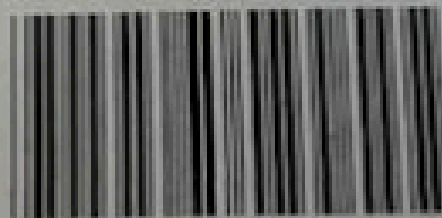
WITH EACH FLYER PRESENTED DURING THIS FUNDRAISING EVENT, BJ's WILL DONATE
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VISIT US IN PERSON, ORDER ONLINE OR PLACE A TAKE-OUT ORDER

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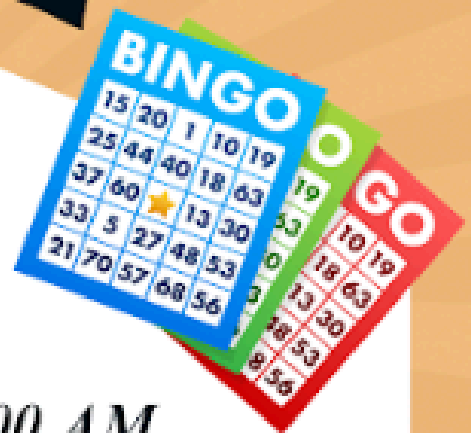
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CARD BINGO

**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER
8TH**



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COST: \$20

INCLUDES LUNCH - SERVED AT NOON

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**FOR QUESTIONS OR
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714-473-6498**

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*You belong here ~
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*39th Annual
Festival of Trees*

Saturday, November 15, 2025

Doors Open 10:00 am - Lunch at 12:00 pm

Embassy Suites

11767 Harbor Boulevard
Garden Grove, CA.92840

Tickets:

\$80.00 per person

Contact:

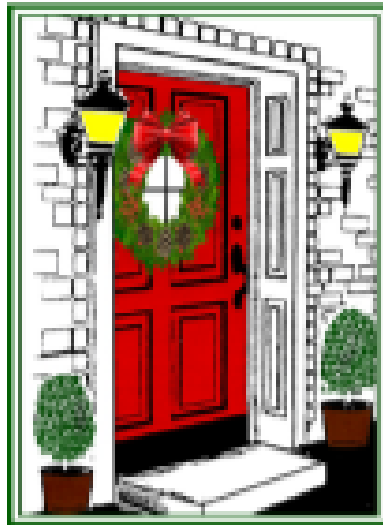
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HOLIDAY HOME TOUR



Presented by
**The Rossmoor Woman's
Club**

**Sunday, Dec. 7, 2025
11:00 am to 4:00 pm**

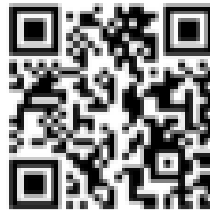
5 Beautiful Homes Seasonally Decorated

Tickets \$25

Join us in the Gardens of Arbor Village for
Complimentary Refreshments, Raffle Baskets,
and the RWC Craft Booth.

Plus, enjoy seasonal gift shopping at the Village shops.

Tickets will be available October 9th at the merchants below or scan the QR code
for advance ticket purchase.



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225 Main St., Seal Beach
Seal Beach, CA 90740

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Los Alamitos, CA 90720

Cinnamon Stik
10641 Los Alamitos Blvd.
Los Alamitos, CA 90720

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