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THE KEY

San Gabriel Valley District
Proud Member California Federation of Women's Clubs
and General Federation of Women's Clubs



MAY 2022

Monday, May 2 SGVD Executive Committee Meeting, Vita Restaurant, Pomona, 9 a.m.

Friday, May 20 SGVD Board Meeting "BIRTHDAY COUNCIL," Covina Woman's Club, 128 S. San Jose, Covina, 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday May 11-15 CFWC Convention Delta Hotels Anaheim Garden Grove, 12021 Harbor Blvd. Garden Grove, Ca

Friday May 20 SGVD Alumnae Affiliate Group Meeting TBA- 11:00 a.m.

May 24- Parliamentary Affiliate Group Meeting, 10 a.m. @ Baldwin Park Woman's Club - Installation - Potluck - All are invited.

June 2022

Monday, June 6 SGVD Executive Committee Meeting, Vita Restaurant, Pomona, 9 a.m.

Friday, June 10 SGVD Board Meeting Covina Woman's Club, 128 S. San Jose, Covina, 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday June 21 SGVD Past District Pres. Affiliate Group

Monday June 21 DVAC Meeting Covina Woman's Club, 128 S. San Jose, Covina, noon

Sat. June 25-Tues. 28 GFWC Annual Convention, Louisiana @ Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel

SGVD President
Rosette Clippinger...909-525-8828...dbrosette@aol.com

Now that convention is behind us, step back and think about the messages it sent to our members. Did you notice that workshops, speeches, written messages in the Call and the Program and inspirations had a core message? They were all intent on sending the message that being a part of a positive team does not happen by chance. It takes a purposeful focus on the business we are in – supporting the greater good for the community.

I for one and I believe that most of our members joined to further that purpose and to meet others dedicated to that purpose and to be a part of a positive team who works for that purpose. It is the laser focus on these three things that will bring the next generation into Women's Clubs.

I challenge you to be the purveyors of the positive. Refuse to allow the distractions to take our power to do good work away. Step in and support a member(s) in need. Embrace the true meaning of "spirit" by congratulating all clubs for their good work, volunteering to help the job at hand get done and being a part of that behind-the-scenes crew that makes any event or project run smoothly.

To succeed at anything, it takes a plan and a focus. Let's succeed in our plan to make the San Gabriel Valley District of Women's Clubs and all the Clubs in our District a place where members feel safe, supported, and capable.

SGVD 1st VP/Dean
Linda Koontz...909-593-3906 Cell 909-720-8550...luv2collect@gmail.com

Linda's message will be coming out in an addendum. She shared the following with me: the Doctor said I am limited in sitting in front of the computer. Guess I really did a number on my back, right shoulder when I fell back on the riser.

SGVD 2nd VP/Membership
Luanne Arredondo...626-703-3041...wvclu65@gmail.com

Federation Legacy

Happy May to all our club members across the District. It has been an honor to serve you as 2nd VP Membership 2020-2022. It is my sincere hope that you will have the same love, energy, and enthusiasm shown to our incoming Chair, Lupe Diaz, as you have shown me. Your ideas and your love of Federation was evident throughout my term. In my last article to you I would ask that you remember the Legacy of Federation that you and your fellow members engage in each and every day. Your actions not only create impact in your local communities, but they will be talked about for years to come. I will reiterate to you what I said to you when we started this journey 2 years ago.

1. Follow your club Bylaws - this is the most fundamental tool that we have to engage with each other - creating the energy that helps with membership recruitment.
2. Be sure to take time to familiarize yourselves with the Membership guides offered by GFWC and CFWC. Our member portal at GFWC is one of the strongest resources we have at our disposal.

3. Remember the legacy created by the many women that came before you in your clubs - especially those that helped charter your club. We honor them through our perseverance and dedication to the ideals of our Founder Jane Cunningham Croly and the ideals and values of Federation.
4. There are never any challenges in membership - only opportunities to overcome and be great.

I look forward to sitting next to you at upcoming Board meetings and partnering with you as we all continue to do great things in our local communities.

SGVD 3rd VP/Convention
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Hello Sister's in Federation,

Congratulations! My sincere appreciation and gratitude to so many of you that help to make this Historical 66th Annual Convention one of the most successful events in years! We had a total of 168-attendees and 48-First Timers that were in attendance, serving 384-meals throughout the convention. Wow, so many members that had not signed up for one or two different Sessions decide that they want to attend all 4-session and they were permitted. We were able to make these accommodations and no one was left out. We had a total of 67-voting delegates in attendance.

Madam President Rosette Clippinger started the Convention off with a social dinner on Thursday evening with a Mexican Fiesta meal menu. There were 25-members and Club Presidents that enjoyed the evening with Margarita and a Social hour. The Credentials Team distributed packets, with table seating and you were permitted to pick up lanyards and programs ahead of time. Friday morning, we enjoyed breakfast with the Presidents and were able to meet so many of the new attendees. Thank you to our Fundraising Chairman that provided vendor opportunities to shop prior to the start of each Convention Session. This year both Workshops was well attended and members left requesting follow-up workshops be plan with the District.... standby there is more to follow!

Friday's Session of the Convention Program with the District Officers Reports, and the Recognition of the first timers was extraordinary and breathe taking, we ran out gifts. President Rosette Clippinger held a Special Recognition Award presentation for Mae Moore, member of the Diamond Bar Woman's Club a 60-year member in Federation and the young age of 103-years. Senator Susan Rubio was our guest speaker, presenting all of our Club Citizen of Year Members with Certificates, along with our Club Members of the Year. Club Presidents Reports were given at both sessions along with Club Awards. Our Past District Presidents were honored An Outgoing Presidents Reception was held at the close of the Friday Session. Saturday's Session of the Convention Program, presenting of Membership Awards and 25-50 Years of Service Recognition. Sister's in Federation Memorial Service was held and a beautiful program was given. We managed to get through the voting process of Bylaws & Standing Rules with applauds from the membership. CFWC – Voting was completed and addressed. The evening closed with the Incoming 2022-2024 Presidents Ceremony and Installing. It was flawless and wonderful. We are clothed with Strength Celebrating our Diversity by branching out and watering our Souls with Joy!

Theme: Strength, Diversity & Joy

Symbol: The Tree of Life

Colors: Brown, Black with a Splash of Gold



SGVD Recording Secretary
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*I feel blessed to have served
the past two years as
SGVD Recording Secretary.*

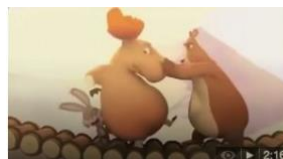


when a meeting's outcomes impact other
collaborative activities or projects within the
organization
minutes can serve to notify (or remind)
individuals of tasks assigned to them and/or
timelines



Special Note: For those who attended my workshop on Conflict Resolution the video clip which wouldn't load at convention link is below:

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Well, here we are, at the end of the strangest term of office that I've ever known. The first year we discovered the joys of Zooming. Getting to know each other through that modern miracle, we were able to carry on. And if we did see each other in person, we were only seeing part of our faces – masks covering the rest.

Many were hit hard by the Pandemic. It was no laughing matter. We were all affected by it, and now after two plus years we are slowly getting back to our new normal.

Seeing all the many faces of those attending the SGVD Convention gave all of us a feeling of renewal. It was great seeing everyone. I hope that everyone had as good an experience as I did. A long weekend that did a lot to bring us together again.

I just want to say how much I enjoyed being on President Rosette's Executive Council and I learned one thing for sure. The President's job requires a younger more energetic person than I am. I have the greatest respect for Rosette and all those who came before her – because to be good at that job you really have to love it – be willing to travel, handle day to day problems, work with all kinds of women and most important, be there for everyone. I salute all of you with all my thanks. And I wish the best for Abbey. I'm not worried at all about the women and men of the SGVD. With Abbey, we are in good hands.

SGVD Parliamentarian
Claudia Maidenberg ... 909-816-4652... c.maidenberg@verizon.net

Whether tis Nobler to Argue or Not to Argue

At times we all love a good argument. In organizations that good argument has a purpose--to ensure members have an equal opportunity to express their opinion while ensuring that decisions can be made in a timely fashion. In order to accomplish this real purpose for the debate we need an established procedure, a Chair that guides the group to adhere to the procedure and members who know and follow the rules so that the trains run on time. I have spoken about this in past articles.

We start with the main motion and a second, then the real work begins. Do we follow the established procedure, say our opinion and vote? Do we use: postpone, amend, appeal, rescind or reconsider to get to a better solution? If you are walking out of meetings feeling frustrated, I bet the answer to these questions is no.

When debate devolves into a street fight remember:

- Someone can be recognized and Call for the Question which is voted on without debate and if 2/3 of the members agree, the debate stops and a vote is taken.
- Debate is not permitted after the voting begins.
- After the debate has ended it can only be resumed with a unanimous vote even if the vote on the main motion was inconclusive.
- It is probably time to schedule a training session on the agreed upon structure of debates for a future meeting.
- Take the personal out of the equation.

- Work on informal ways to allow those who dissent to feel heard or be more fully informed as to the details they may have an issue with.
- Clubs can ask the District for assistance. Districts can ask area vice presidents and State officers for assistance.
- There is always an accountant or a lawyer that will take your money to give you advise.

Ultimately, nothing ensures everyone agrees with the decisions that are made. One basic concept that is needed for a group to function is to radically accept nothing will ever be perfect, sometimes we get what we want, sometimes we don't and the needs of the group require members to support or at the very least acquiesce to the will of the majority. Then have a glass of wine and relax!

In Memory of Our Beloved Sisters in Federation
 The following were honored at the memorial Service
 at the SGVD Convention on April 23, 2022.

LIST OF DECEASED MEMBERS SGVD 66TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

ARCADIA WOMAN'S CLUB
 PAT SOMER 2022

AZUSA WOMAN'S CLUB
 VIVIAN ALDRETE 2021
 DORANN POYNER 2021

CHARTER OAK WOMAN'S CLUB
 CORA JEAN HAGER 2021
 NELLIE HEINRICH 2021
 ARLENE OLES 2021
 DOROTHY N. SMITH 2020

COVINA WOMAN'S CLUB
 PAT BARTON 2021
 DONNIS NEGRETE 2021
 SHIRLEY ROSEN 2021
 NONA TONKS 2022

DUARTE WOMAN'S CLUB
 NITA CAREY 2021

EL MONTE WOMAN'S CLUB
 LORENE GUTIERREZ 2022

HACIENDA HEIGHTS WOMAN'S CLUB
 HSIMING BLAND 2021
 PAT McINTOSH 2021

LA CRESCENTA WOMAN'S CLUB
 DEANNE ALFELD 2022
 BARBARA EDWARDS 2022

PIO PICO WOMAN'S CLUB
 MARY GARDNER 2022
 MARIA MACIAS 2022

SIERRA MADRE WOMAN'S CLUB
 L.C. "MONTY" MONTGOMERY 2021

SOUTH PASADENA
 WOMAN'S CLUB OF SOUTH PASADENA
 JOHN BIBER 2021

WALNUT VALLEY WOMAN'S CLUB
 BARBARA HAHN 2022

WEST COVINA
 THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WEST COVINA
 YVONNE ROBLE 2022

WHITTIER WOMAN'S CLUB
 LAVONE MOORE 2022

BIRTHDAYS, CARES, & CONCERNS

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MAY BIRTHDAYS TAURUS May 1 – 21 THE BULL

Taureans show a great interest in all physical matters, such as sex, food and sports. Setting up and giving shape to projects is one of their great strengths and they also have the wonderful capacity to share and trade. A Taurus greatly enjoys repose and comfort. They are acute observers and valuable advisors. They make great team members. Although they will protect their own interests first, they also care deeply for those around them. They live for the people they love!

COLORS: All shades of blue and deep green.

GEMSTONES: Rose Quartz, Emerald and Lapis Lazuli.

TAURUS NOTABLES: William Shakespeare, Martha Graham, Shirley McLaine, Fred Astaire, Duke Ellington, Golda Meier, Karl Marx, Ella Fitzgerald, Jack Nicholson, Coretta Scott King and John Brown



GEMINI MAY 22 – 31 THE TWINS

A Gemini has a desire to integrate socially but also to break away from parental and other authority. Outspoken, but not rebellious, they revel in their own individuality and value personal freedom above all else. Geminis are attracted to excitement and change. They bore easily and prefer going out to seek excitement rather than stay at home enjoying simple pleasures and security. Geminis usually have nervous energy to burn. They like being part of a group and tend to liven up any social event.

COLORS: Yellow and light green.

GEMSTONES: Citrine, Amber and Tourmaline.

GEMINI NOTABLES: Queen Victoria, John Wayne, Anne Frank, Henry Kissinger, Marilyn Monroe, Judy Garland, Jacques-Yves Cousteau, Jim Thorpe, Laurie Anderson and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. May Flower is the Lily of the Valley Symbol of happiness, humility and sweetness

CHiPs FOR KIDS

Joanne Synder...323-227-1994...jsnyer659@gmail.com

It is with a joyful heart that I congratulate all of our newly elected officers for the years 2022-2024, and being a woman of faith, I will be praying that our Lord will be by your side and guide you in the coming years with a successful administration, we have been blessed to have had some really strong wonderful women who have paved the way for each new administration, and I know that Abbey Howell and her officers will do a fantastic job, know that you are all loved and appreciated for all that you do for our San Gabriel Valley District, and I am looking forward to all of our SGVD monthly meetings and venues. Respectfully with a joyful heart, Joanne

COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS

Marilyn Marie ,,909-730-4145... marilyncruz1@msn.com

Thank you SGVD Members for giving me the opportunity to serve as your 2023-2024 Recording Secretary.

Our 66th Convention is in the past! It was amazing. The every details of this convention went on without errors. Everything from food to the guests couldn't have been better. Thank you 3VP Abbey Howell for all you do!

I am looking forward to serving on the next Convention Committee for 2023 under the direction of elected 3rd VP Gina Morales!

LEADERSHIP/LEADS

Tami Miller...909-596-4084...tamgram8@yahoo.com

To all the Clubs that submitted Leadership Reports, Thank you!

Each club used different approaches to build their Leadership Team. As you watch your membership grow look for that member who is willing to pitch in at a moments notice. Take that member and let them shadow an Officer or a Chairman. Remember to let that member know she is a valued member.

LEADS – Now is the time to be selecting your Club nominee. Don't let this opportunity pass you by. Nominations will take place in November. Are you ready?

This is the end of my term and I certainly enjoyed meeting all of you at the District meetings, Convention, and special events. Keep up the good work in writing those reports.

WOMEN'S HISTORY & RESOURCE CENTER

Kim Plater... 909-620-7235... kimplater@aol.com

Last month I provided you with information regarding the on-going tragedy stemming from the invasion of Ukraine by Russia. This month I am alerting you additional information regarding the impact it is having on civilian women, children, and men. Their day-to-day history is something no one should be facing. As a woman's club, let's tackle this atrocity head on, and take action, whether it be with your club or on your own. I encourage clubs to become involved, but if your club is unable, please contact me via email and I will add you to the DVAC list and you'll receive information via our listserv. There is no obligation to join DVAC (unless you would like to), but this way you will receive information and ideas on how to become involved in our Ukrainian humanitarian efforts.

At our last Covina Woman's Club Meeting and Domestic Violence Action Coalition Meeting we supported a pro-active motion made by Kim Plater and Alice Slaughter. It passed unanimously, and we will be working to make a new history path for the people of Ukraine, and our Sisters of the GFWC Woman's Club of Ukraine (Kyiv).

Did You Know? As of February 24, 2022, when the Russian Federation attacked Ukraine, 2,072 civilians have been killed and 2,818 injured. There are another thousand unconfirmed deaths that have occurred

since April 19. This is a catastrophic humanitarian tragedy, and this is something in which, I believe as members of a Woman’s Club, we should become involved. GFWC club members have been present during every major war, and we need to be there for Ukraine.

Edgar Sandoval, a Fox News reporter said, while standing at the Ukrainian border, “I watched an old man begin to sob uncontrollably as he crossed into Romania to safety. He leaned against one of the barriers and pointed at the sky, his clothes covered in mud, his body frozen by grief and unable to go on.

Volunteers told us he was saying his house had been bombed. All around him, I watched the [never-ending stream of refugees](#) crossing wearily into Romania. Night was falling and the temperatures had plunged below freezing. It was a constant flow of people. Some were on foot, others in buses or cars, nearly all women and children. One of the officials said that just the day before, 15,000 people had come through this one crossing point – a vivid illustration of what has become the fastest-growing refugee crisis in Europe since World War II.” With this information in mind, a motion was made.

Motion: I move that the Covina Woman’s Club and Domestic Violence Action Coalition participate in projects involving support for the children, women, and men of Ukraine to include, but not limited to: donations, attending rallies, volunteering for agencies providing services to Ukraine, letter writing campaigns, contacting politicians, collaborating with other clubs and organizations, and supporting peace efforts.

I hope that your clubs are discussing this humanitarian effort and are considering ways to become involved. You are welcome to use our Motion as a sample of what is appropriate for your club.

In the words of a Holocaust Survivor:

“First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out—
Because I was not a socialist.

Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out—
Because I was not a trade unionist.

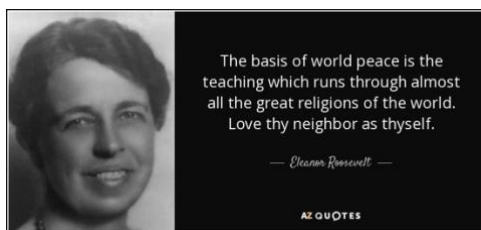
Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—
Because I was not a Jew....”

Added by Kim:

Then they came for Ukraine, and I did not speak out—
Because I was not Ukrainian.

“Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me.”

As of today (April 19), Covina Woman’s Club has already been discussing what they can do. Two members recommended our Red Scarf Team start making Blue and Yellow Scarves to help. Until we locate a way to get them to Poland and Ukraine, we will look to find a local agency where we can give them to the “Pro Ukrainian” protesters to wear. Our Veteran and Military program will be looking to become involved along with our Domestic Violence Action Coalition. We have also sent personal donations in honor of our Club and are researching other ways to be effective.



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SGVD
BIRTHDAY COUNCIL

Covina
Woman's Club
128 S. San Jose, Covina, CA



Friday May 20th, 2022
9:30AM

\$15.00 Lunch
Included

Club Donation in celebration of our 66th year.

RAFFLE

AUCTION



RESERVATIONS: Zita Rodriguez (562) 942-7832 or zita5509@yahoo.com



Woman's Club

Fashion Show

Saturday,

May 21 – 11:30 am – 2:30 pm

Fashions by Wistaria Thrift Shop

Advance Sale Tickets: \$40

Call to RSVP 626-355-2016

Or email

Tired1029@yahoo.com

(Tickets also available at 5/11 Meeting)

*Fashion Show at Social Hall
Sierra Madre United Methodist Church*



Wistaria Thrift Shop

550 W. Serra Madre Blvd, Serra Madre – South Side Parking Lot

Sat, June 4 9 am – 1 pm

Our BIG Year-End “Everything Goes”



Fill it (them) up! 626-355-7739

Shop Closed for Summer

Grand Re-Opening

Thurs., Sept. 1 - 10 am-3pm



La Verne-San Dimas Woman's Club Fundraiser!

**A chance to win...
\$500 in GROCERY STORE GIFT CARDS!**

**Please support our Club in raising much needed
money for philanthropic projects**

Don't miss out on getting your raffle tickets!

Tickets to be sold for \$5.00 each

Drawing to be held on May 12, 2022

Please contact Pat Borchard for tickets (909) 576-4382