



CFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS



Your California
Member e-News



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From the Desk of the President,

I am so buoyed by the Change I am seeing this week amongst our members, clubs, and districts! Your many posts on Social Media and Newsletters are showing signs of steady and slow emergence and that is wonderful!

While we each rise at our own pace into a new normal, remember this is a personal choice, one of trust, comfort, and health. The early stages of new can be both promising and scary, take strides at your pace, take strides one-step-at-a-time, take strides at a comfort level that you feel safe doing.

California is such a big State, we are bearing witness to a gradual come-back to what we were each born to do as Federation Members: serve.

If I may, let me point out the simplified analogy of the Butterfly this week...

Caterpillar: before Covid we were moseying along, we had many a job, one being volunteer. We ate, moved, and went upon our business enjoying the numerous offers that the World had to give, for the World as we knew it was ours for the taking!

Cocoon: during Covid we were enclosed, kept inside for our health and safety. We were changing in ways that were immeasurable and we pushed the boundaries of our own expectations by learning new ways to modify our many talents...for the World as we knew it had Changed immeasurably.

Butterfly: after Covid...we are breaking free from our cocoons at our own speed. As we leap for flight with wings, we must keep in mind that transformation can often be a challenge. As we each adjust and spread our wings, we are learning to fly out into a new World. Things will never be the same, our view is no longer from the ground, it is from above. This is a new World for our taking.

Seize these moments at your own tempo and enjoy the flight when you are ready. Remember that Change is an inside job!

Luv, Pam

So, we have heard from a lot of you that the website is down, yes, we know. It went down at the start of May for unknown reasons, therefore we are working hard on getting something up right away. We will have a Quick Byte announcement once it is up and ready for use. It is under construction currently, please do not pepper us with something is missing or wrong at this time: we know...we are working on it.

[CALL to July 2020 CFWC Board Meeting](#)

[Save the Date 2020-2020 Updated 6-2-20](#)

We thank Past State President, Dori Kelsey, for forwarding to us the results of the 2020 GFWC Election. [Election Results](#)

Congratulations to our new GFWC officers, we wish them a successful administration !

Civic Engagement & Outreach – Yolanda Petroski

Human Trafficking, while also covered in DVA is one of the projects shifted from our former International Outreach Program to Civic Engagement & Outreach. While we wait for meetings to resume, you might consider planning an event for Free the Girls (FTG) by collecting gently-used bras. FTG, headquartered in Indiana, forwards boxes of bras to survivors of sexual trafficking in Africa and Central America who now support themselves by selling bras in the second-hand market. There are 26 collection sites in California that will collect your donations when they are allowed to re-open - OR - donations can be shipped directly to FTG at 1552 Pioneer Trails, Chesterton, IN 46304. Whether you hold a bra drive or simply send a few, know that you are helping these women move forward to a productive life. Include your name and address and notification will be sent to you once your contributions have been sent on. Check out the FAQ on their website www.freethegirls.org where you'll also find information on how to host a bra party.



Will someone identify this artwork?

California Clubwoman wants to know who did this!

If you know, please let me know at
caclubwoman@yahoo.com

Thanks,
Sandra

Leadership Minute

Have you heard “Stay in Your Lane?” what does that mean to us as club women? We all have jobs that we are assigned to do this year, mine is Leadership so I shouldn’t try and do a Community Service program or Fund Raising. Those two things are not in my lane. I shouldn’t try and correct those members. I don’t know what they are trying to tell us. We shouldn’t question everything we see that we think is wrong. Is it in our lane? Is it wrong? Maybe not. My job isn’t not to be the person who checks everyone’s spelling. I am the worse speller in the world. It hurts my feelings when people point out a grammar or spelling errors. I work hard to keep them from happening because I know I am not good at that. I let everything I write sit for a day or two and come back and double check. But there is always someone who feels it is their right and responsibility to bring it to my attention. Don’t worry I have already noticed. The point is if you see something wrong or what you think is wrong. “Stay in your lane” you don’t need to point it out to that person.

Dori Kelsey,
CFWC Leadership Chair

MEET YOUR NEW CFWC AREA B VICE PRESIDENT

I am Patsy Wilson. one of the members of the ‘Honey Bunch’. Your acceptance of my bid for the position of CFWC Area B Vice President is greatly appreciated. I *will be friendly*. I do have 17 years of enjoyable volunteer experience with the Diamond Bar Womans’ Club and three years as San Gabriel Valley District President. Most recently, I served as CFWC Community Improvement Project Contest chairman. And now, I look forward to being invited to your District and Club events.

My personal support comes from my granddaughter Ariadne who used to receive my singing of senseless songs with a big grin on her face now in graduate school she still smiles. Zachariah, my grandson a USC graduate and scientist is my technology liaison. Have you ever asked a scientist to make mac and cheese? Magnificent! My daughter Jill and my son-in-law Tom are mutual supporters. My husband Donald offer expressions of goodwill and some women’s club interest from our home in Chino Hills, CA . And now, I hope to be linked with my friends in CFWC Area B to share motivational materials and ideas that have proved successful with others. Please invite me to your District and

Club events and by all means add my email pwilson11@verizon.net to your distribution lists. I would especially like a copy of your yearbook with bylaws. We are all becoming 'good' at using ZOOM so hopefully we will get better. It is a great tool to use to facilitate communication. Let's get together soon so that we can talk about how to help clubs recruit and retain members. Our AREA B Conference is in the planning stages. You can expect a save the date notice for October 10, 2020. 'Bee Friendly'

Etiquette of Electronic Meetings

During this time of social distancing many of our state, district and club meetings are taking place on ZOOM or other electronic media. There are some basic practices that we must follow if our meetings are to be successful.

Be on time!

Be aware of your surroundings—adjust your work setup so that you face a window or are exposed to plenty of light.

Position your camera—be sure it is stable. Ideally, it will be at eye level.

Limit background noise—turn off any conflicting noise from your space.

Leave the keyboard alone—your computer's internal microphone will pick up the sound of typing which is distracting.

Remember--only one person should speak at a time.

Speak up--Don't be afraid to project your voice. Others will appreciate being able to hear you without having to strain their ears or turn their volume all the way up.

Sit still—movement while speaking may cause momentary freezing of your image.

Announce—when you are finished talking

Mute your microphone when you are not talking—there's nothing more frustrating than hearing that alien echo noise from conflicting microphones.

Stay seated and stay present—Stay at the meeting both physically and mentally!

Joyce Opjorden, Amenities & Protocol chairman
Ellen Ansok, TAD 1st Vice president

In case you missed it in the last GFWC News & Notes

Give GFWC a Warm Welcome on Instagram

GFWC now has **Instagram!** Spread the word with your friends, daughters, granddaughters, and their friends to follow GFWC. Each month, we'll focus on a general theme that embodies living the GFWC volunteer spirit and welcomes more people into our online community. This month, we're focused on goal setting as a shout out to all of you for doing such a fantastic job with the 2018–2020 Grand and Brand Initiatives. When goals are set, amazing things happen—like surpassing the collective goals for these Initiatives by such a wide margin.

Pass [GFWC_HQ](#) on Instagram along!

Editor's Note: Thank you for subscribing to QuickBytes, and especially to the approximately 70 of you that regularly read QB within one hour of it being sent! We appreciate your loyalty.

A note on our policy: Because our mission is to be a vehicle for the State Federation to communicate directly with our members, we welcome articles from any CFWC Officer and/or Chairman.

We are sorry that we are unable to print articles submitted directly from clubs, but the clubs do have options.

1) send your article and a picture, if you have one, to California Clubwoman Magazine editor Sandra Lucas at caclubwoman@yahoo.com

2) If it's a project that you would recommend for other clubs, send it to the appropriate CFWC Chairman for review and, if appropriate, the chairman will forward it to QuickBytes 3)

If you are not sure which chairman to contact, contact our Dean of Chairmen, Barbara Briley Beard for advice at bbbins@hotmail.com

And a final reminder: articles should be no more than 250 words, emailed to cfwc1@hotmail.com no later than close of business of the Thursday, prior to the Monday you wish it to appear. This allows to editor time to contact you if there is a question.

We look forward to your articles because without them – there would be no QuickBytes!!

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Just a thought

There are two ways of meeting difficulties
You alter the difficulties or you alter yourself to meet them.
Phyllis Bottome
