



GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS



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From the Desk of the President

My word for today is *GRATITUDE*. As I write this it is Sunday, the day prior to the Quick Byte distribution. I had postponed writing my note to each of you until my weekend activity was over and I was rested enough to share my thoughts with you.

I've so much *gratitude* for each of our members in the California Federation; we have taken a leap of faith these past weeks and months, renewing our membership dues and continuing on with means that we can control in a World where things seem to beyond our control at times.

I am filled with the *gratitude* of all that came together this past weekend for the 3-days of meetings on Zoom, our platform of choice and necessity. The members of the California Federation are so incredibly special, and I am filled with *gratitude* for every one of you, for with your supportive inherent nature, we prevail. I am filled with *gratitude* for the Officers you have voted for and supplied to our great State to help with leadership duties. I am filled with gratitude for the Club and District leadership that continuously and effortlessly charge ahead to keep us informed.

It is with *gratitude* that I thank those of you that helped to put together the wonderful 3-days of our Executive Board Meetings together, for without that technical support we would have faltered. I am filled with *gratitude* to all those members that attended these meetings, for there were many of them over a 3-day span.

It is with *gratitude* and love that I let you know that the CFWC Executive Board has voted to move to the Zoom platform once again the September Executive Board Meeting for California Federations and the in-person Area Meetings in October. It is with *gratitude* that I let you know that we will come up with special ways to continue, even online, for we are a creative group all-around.

And finally, it is with *gratitude* that I say it is my honor to be your State President at a time where we put the needs of the many ahead of ourselves.

*Love and Gratitude to each of you,
Pam*

EDITOR'S NOTE: FYI The **HOT TOPIC** for July 2020 can now be found in the QuickDocs section below for the remainder of the month. This procedure will be followed each month.

Leadership Minute

GFWC's Website has been changing for a while to a member's only website. What does this mean. It means the good stuff will only be available to dues paying members. They are

doing this because GFWC felt you should get something for your dues that not just anyone can get.

This will go totally live on August 1st. It means you must be using the "Member Portal" to get on to the members only section of the GFWC website after this date.

You must sign up for the "Member Portal". Anyone who is a GFWC California or California Federation of Women's Clubs member can sign up and use the "Member Portal".

There have been issues with the "portal" not working well or not working at all. If this happens to you. Don't get angry, send an email to gfwc@gfwc.org in the memo space put "Member Portal" and tell them what your problem is in the body of your email. You should get an email back from someone who will help you. If you don't get an answer, email me but give them a few days because this is happening all over the country.

Dori Kelsey
Leadership Chair

From Jane Thomey, CFWC Environment Chair

This year we will be hearing a lot about the honey bee, a most remarkable animal that supports one-third of our country's food supply. But it, along with other pollinators, is facing a crisis that threatens the way we live. As a way of introduction to our President's Special Project, I'd like you to view a You Tube presentation. Since launching a campaign in 2008, Haagen-Dazs has been devoting considerable resources to protect and restore this amazing insect. It has prepared a wonderful short video narrated by a humble and persuasive bee that describes the causes and possible solutions of this epic problem. Please take a moment to view *The Extraordinary Honey Bee Haagen-Dazs*. With the combined efforts of our membership we can make a positive difference.



CFWC 2020–2021 Yearbook Orders – Gina Radocchio, CFWC Corresponding Secretary

Welcome to the 2020–2022 CFWC Administration. I am the CFWC Corresponding Secretary. Toni Lima has done such an exceptional job in this position and fingers crossed that I can follow in her footsteps.

This is a reminder to our District Presidents to place your order for the 2020–2021 CFWC Yearbook. The order forms were sent out several weeks ago and to date I have only received 3 orders. If you need an order form please contact me at spiritedbootsie@yahoo.com or call me: 310–379–8315 and I will be happy to send you the form. Take care and please stay safe and healthy!

CONGRATULATIONS FROM THOSE OF US WHO PARTICIPATED! CFWC completed its first ZOOM State Board meeting, including quite a few committee meetings! It takes a lot of people to coordinate these meetings on ZOOM– and although we can't thank each one individually for their roles in putting it all together, we do thank you ALL as a group. However, we think you'd all agree that we can thank ONE who has been working tirelessly to not only learn the ZOOM protocols but to put them into practice for our meetings, our very talented and dedicated volunteer, Debbie Pietrasko, Video & Zoom Chairman, THANK YOU FROM ALL OF US FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

Our CFWC Dean, Barbara Briley Beard asked Lynn to forward the following.

As the Club Year begins, it's never too early to think about reporting. Keep a good track of the details NOW, before it's January and you're fretting about not finding everything you need. And, follow Lynn's advice to make it even easier.

REPORT WRITING IS FUN AND EASY!

Recently, I was asked about my experience in "Report Writing". When I was first informed that I needed to write a report, my first thought was O.M.G. what do I do? I had never written one before and had no idea what I was getting into. I thought, well, if I must, I must, let's see what happens. It turns out that my preconceived notion was completely wrong. I sat down at my computer looked at the interactive form and just started to type. When I was done, I looked at the report and discovered it WASN'T DIFFICULT, it WASN'T HARD...it was actually very **easy and fun**. So, when you go to do your reports, just type your story as if you were telling to someone. If you do, you will be successful. Go get 'em Ladies and show CFWC & GFWC what we are made of through our Report Writing.

Lynn S. Confetti-Ledbetter
1st Vice President, GFWC Mount Diablo District

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

GFWC Members Save at Office Depot

As the country starts to open up, many of our clubwomen are returning to work. As you plan for your return, use your Office Depot member discount to stock up on sanitary items to stay healthy and clean! Check out their multifunctional disinfectant alcohol wipes containing 75% alcohol saturation and a 99% Sterilization Rate. [Order](#) your pack of 80 for \$7.99 today!

Getting ready to print your club's year book? GFWC Members get [up to 75% off](#) on photocopies as well (varies from state to state).

Volunteers in Action

GFWC has launched five new [Community Service Programs](#). Share your club's recent successes within the areas of Arts and Culture, Civic Engagement and Outreach, Education and Libraries, Environment, and Health and Wellness! And yes, submissions highlighting virtual volunteer work are welcome!

Submit your club's photos along with a short summary to PR@GFWC.org

QUICK DOCS

HOT TOPIC FOR JULY 2020

Chairmanships & Appointments
(updated 6-1-20)

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Just a thought

Continuity gives us roots; change gives us branches,
letting us stretch and grow and reach new heights.

Pauline R. Kezer
