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From the Desk of the President

I wanted to tell you how proud I am to be one amongst so many in our California Federation. It has been such a pleasure to see and hear about what you are doing to continue the work of a volunteer in times where it can prove to be very daunting and hard.

There are so many ways of change and as Federation Members we are making it all work in the face of a pandemic. Never did I envision this as a part of my daily life, just the same I grow, you grow, we are all growing together and acquiring skills we never had before. Most of us grew up in an Analog World, which became Digital and we adapted. Now we further adapt to include a lot more of the digital, electronic, and virtual aspects of life. WOW!

I have been watching your posts on Facebook & Twitter, reading my emails, joining some of you for meetings & Installations you have invited me to via Zoom and I am so proud to call you all friends, for you truly are making soup from a stone, making do, working within the parameters of what we have without complaint.

I shall continue to keep you informed to the best of my abilities and I shall strive to be the best I can be for each of you. Thank you for your trust; thank you for your patience, resilience, and creativity. Thank you for being members of the great State Federation of California! Keep up the stellar work.

Luv, Pam

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

This is a reminder to our District Presidents to contact your Club Presidents to place your orders for the 2020–2021 CFWC Yearbook. 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. District Presidents, District Deans, and Club Presidents receive a free USB Drive and any other club member wanting one will be charged \$5.00.

All paper copies are \$15.00.

The procedure for distribution of the Yearbooks will be announced in the next week.

Take care and please stay safe and healthy.

Leadership Minute

Prioritize; one definition of this word is “determining the order for dealing with (a series of items or tasks) according to their relative importance”. This is something all leaders must do. How well each one of us does this determines how successful we are as leaders. The key to doing this well is knowing your job as Club President, District President, Committee

Chairman or whatever your job in your club may be. Have you seen a job description for your title? It's written in your Bylaws if you are an officer. But that is not all you do. You have lots of other things you must do as Club President or Secretary or First Vice President. Write your own Job Description with all the things you know you must do. Ask the last Club President or whoever had your job. Lots of Clubs have a binder with all the stuff to do written down in it for each job. Look at and decide the order of importance of the tasks. The question you need to ask yourself is what is the most important thing I do? What is the next most important thing? Number the tasks with 1 being the most important and so on down to the least important. Do number 1 first!

Don't let members side track you from what you know is most important. You can say "thanks that is a great idea, I will put it on my list of things to do" or my personal favorite "that's a great idea, you're the chairman & if you can find members to help you do that". You move on and that person will either do the task or they ask you to do it. Most likely say no, I thought you could do it. You can imagine how your answer goes from there. Either way you win.

Make a list, order that list by importance and don't let others submarine you.

**Dori Kelsey,
CFCW Leadership Chair**



From Jane Thomey, CFCW Environment Chair

While we are often warned about the destruction of our environment, we should also remember that much has been done to protect it. No one did more to conserve our national resources than Theodore Roosevelt. After becoming president in 1901 he used his authority to protect wildlife and public lands by overseeing the creation of the United States Forest Service that included many forests, reserves, parks and national monuments

under its control. The government was able to acquire additional lands with the subsequent Antiquities Act.

There are a number of national parks in California, including Yosemite. One of the most celebrated camping trips in American history occurred in 1903 when President Roosevelt spent several days exploring the park with renowned **naturalist John Muir**. Energized by the experience, Roosevelt used his influence to add Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove to **Yosemite National Park**. Yosemite has been a tourist destination for more than a century. For the time being we may be prohibited from visiting the Park in person, but we can still experience its wonders by taking a virtual road trip at virtuallyosemite.org. So, sit back, have a snack of almonds and strawberries pollinated by our honey bee friends, and have a cup of tea sweetened by their honey while you prepare to be impressed and inspired by this natural treasure.



Civic Engagement & Outreach – Yolanda Petroski

YMCA's are a vital part of our communities – as is the ASYMCA to the families of young enlisted military personnel. The Armed Services YMCA provides special programs and services at low or no cost to the military and their families. Log on to www.asymca.org and discover the location of 200 service centers in 18 states, many throughout the state of California. By clicking on the location, you'll see the types of programs offered. Contact information is also noted should you wish to contact them to determine specific needs for their programs and other ways to be of assistance. These young families have very limited income so there are many ways we can help – money, holiday donations etc. Check it out!

LEADS

Leadership Education and Development Seminar, or LEADS has had a new announcement this month. The LEADS State Representatives from 2020 will be invited to attend the 2021 GFCW International Convention in Toronto, Canada, June 25 – 28, 2021.

El Camino Real Bells

Does your club or district sponsor one of these Bells? Please let us know if you do, we are trying to compile a complete list for the State Federation. Please contact Pam at: ament.pam5@gmail.com. Tell us the name of your

club, name of your district and the approximate location of the bell sponsored. Thanks!



GFWC Western States Region, WSR

The Western States Region, or WSR, to be held in Cheyenne, Wyoming has been cancelled due to Covid-19. Instead there will be a virtual WSR we can all attend. We are awaiting news on the scheduling of the new format and will make sure that the information goes out to our California Federation Members as soon as we know anything more.

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Just a thought

"There is no sin punished more implacably by nature
than the sin of resistance to change."

Anne Morrow Lindbergh
