



The Friendly Informer

Woman's Club of Cypress Federated 1966

Member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs,
California Federation of Women's Clubs, CFWC Orange District

President's Message

March 2020



When each of us made the decision to join the Woman's Club of Cypress, it is probably safe to say that we did so because we wanted to be able to "give back" to the community. The idea of belonging to a club that touches lives needing assistance in some way was appealing to us. I love to share the good works of our club. Yes, we have many projects going throughout the year but we are fortunate that we also have a lot of hands willing to help. When I tell someone about working with

victims recovering from human trafficking, the homeless, kids who are keeping their grades and grade levels up through School on Wheels, the homebound seniors and providing items for a local pet shelter, I can usually count on a reply that says something like this....."I wish I could do things like that. I have always wanted to help others." When I mention joining a local Woman's Club, the person will generally say they are too busy but maybe one of these days they will have more time.

You, ladies, are the action that gets things done. You have pure hearts that do not look for kudos. You just want to do good works. There is no doing something tomorrow or next year. You do it now! We all know that we have no guarantees of a tomorrow. Doing what we can do today, is the right way to live a happy and satisfying life.

Our club provides many benefits for its members that are priceless and friendship is one of these. We can count on the fellowship of our club to help us through ill health and grief as well as joyous occasions such as the birth of a grandchild.

Retiring to a rocking chair will eventually make us like the chair - old and creaky. Our club activities and charity work gets us up and going as we go about helping others.

Unfortunately, we still have to accept the fact that many of us - not all of us! - are an aging group of ladies but the flip side of the coin is that we don't have to do it alone. We can laugh, be silly, learn a new game or hobby and know that our club friends will be there for us no matter what.

Stay kind, live kind and influence those around you
to make this a kinder world to live in.

HAVE COURAGE AND BE KIND.

In a world where we can be anything, be kind!



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March Events Calendar

March 2020

WED	Mar 4	WCC General Meeting & Birthday Celebration, 10:00 am, Cyp Comm Ctr
SAT	Mar 7	History of Cypress, Cypress Library, 2:00 - 4:00 pm
TUE	Mar 10	Tea Committee Meeting, 10:00, Cypress Library
THU	Mar 12	Legislation & Public Policy Meeting, 9:00 Howard's Restaurant, 4780 Lincoln
FRI	Mar 13	Orange District New Membership meeting and luncheon
TUE	Mar 17	ESO Meeting, 10:00 am, home of Carole Shaw
WED	Mar 18	Chairmen's Meeting, 9:00 am, Cypress Civic Center
WED	Mar 18	Board of Directors' Meeting, 10:00 am, Cypress Civic Center
THU	Mar 19	Game Night, 6:00, Via Largo Clubhouse
WED	Mar 25	ESO Meeting, 7:00 pm, Location TBD



Save the date

WED	Apr 1	WCC General Meeting, 10:00 am, Cypress Civic Center
TUE	Apr 7	Tea Committee Meeting, 10:00, Cypress Library
SAT	Apr 18	Orange District Convention, Santa Ana Elks Club, Registration 8:30 am Sign-ups at WCC General Meeting on Feb 5th
SAT	May 2	WCC Club Tea—Watch for developing details!
SAT	May 16	Cypress Police Open House, Cypress Civic Center, 10 am to 2 pm


Be sure to bring these to the March meeting



Towels, pet supplies, blankets for Seal Beach Animal Shelter



Old Eyeglasses for Lion's Club



Color Comics for our Troops



Cash or checks for events & drawings



Paper goods for Homebound Seniors



Hotel-sized hospitality shampoos, soaps, etc., for H.O.P.E to help the homeless.



Bring friends to find out about joining our club.



Grocery coupons for military families



Gratitude and kudos to **Delight Sittman** for printing, postage, & mailing of the *Friendly Informer* each month! The deadline for the next *Friendly Informer* submissions to Carole Shaw: CaroleShaw12@gmail.com and Muff Elstran: elstranm@gmail.com is :
Wednesday, March 18th at 5:00 pm

March

Sunshine & Remembrance

04	Linda Keenan
08	Colleen Janssen
14	Sue Goodman
14	Gay Hannah
16	Lerma Chamberlain
23	Kerrin Estabrook



None of our Club Members are celebrating Anniversaries this month.



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As we come up on the anniversary of the founding of our club, we have a lot to celebrate. Our club members have done so much over the years to make our community an even better place to live — our current and past members should be very proud. We want to especially thank all our chairmen who do so much to help our club, and to encourage all of them to attend the chairmen's meetings which are always the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 9 am, at the Community Center.

Right now we are asking all our members to do their part in making our Annual Fundraising Tea a success. As you know, it's our biggest fundraiser and it supports all our designated charities. Without a successful tea, we could not support all the many needs in our community. Currently, we are desperately in need of volunteers to hostess tables at the tea. Without table hostesses, there is no tea! Please contact Tea Chairs **Mariellen Yarc** (attyly@aol.com) or **Delight Sittman** (delightsittman@gmail.com) ASAP and let them know you will host a table and they can provide you with more information, as well. (See Tea article on next page.)



WCC Club Birthday Celebration

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In March our Woman's Club will turn 54 and we want to celebrate in a different way this year. **As our Club was established in 1966 during the Hippie era, we are using the theme Flower Power and encouraging all of you to get out your tie-dyed shirts, bell bottoms, etc. out of mothballs to dress for the theme if you would like.** We will have a short business meeting at 10:00 a.m. (Cypress Community Center) and then a buffet of foods from the era will be served. We are asking that a voluntary donation of \$5.00 be made by those who stay for lunch to cover some of the incidental expenses.



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MEMBERSHIP:

Our thanks to everyone who has paid their club membership dues already. The deadline for us to send in the membership dues is fast-approaching and we still have some members who have not paid their dues for 2020/2021 season. If you will be at the March 4th meeting please give the check for \$45.00 to either Joan Larsen or Louise Bierei. If you won't be able to be at the meeting please mail your check to: Joan Larsen, 6166 Jeffery Mark Street, Cypress, Ca. 90630. **Thank you.**

CYPRESS POLICE OPEN HOUSE MAY 16TH - MARK YOUR CALENDERS

The City of Cypress will be holding it's annual Police Open House on Saturday May 16th from 10am to 2pm. The Woman's Club will once again have a booth and we need a few volunteers to participate by handing out water and candy and explaining what the club is about. It's a wonderful family and community event and a very easy volunteer opportunity. Even if you can only give 1 hour we'd very much appreciate it. Come on out, support our fantastic police and first responders and have fun meeting people in our community. I will have a volunteer sign up available. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call Louise Bierei 714-270-4273



Police Open House - 2019
Marie Chance, Louise Bierei,
Joan Larsen, Carole Shaw



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A Springtime Tea

As you probably already know, our Club's annual Tea is on **SATURDAY MAY 2**. Please make sure it's on your calendar and invite your friends and family. It is always our biggest fundraiser of the year!

We had our first Tea Planning Meeting this month and decided on the theme and colors: "A Spring Time Tea" - using pastel colors with "Bee Kind" on the flowers. Colleen is designing the flyer, tickets and program with the "Bee Kind" subtheme, showing flowers with buzzing bees. Many members signed up as a Chairman and/or Table Hostess, but, of course, we need more. We are able to fit 21 or 22 tables, and currently only have 13 table hostesses. So please contact myself or Delight Sittman if you are willing to use your pretty china and teacups for a table of 8.

Our **NEXT Tea Meeting** is on **Tuesday March 10th at 10:00 am** at the Cypress Library. Please attend! We really need every member to help us on this event

Welcome New Member!

Carole Shaw
Bonnie Peat



Joan Larsen
Louise Bierei

Bonnie Peat

Bonnie's family had a dairy in Cypress and sold the land in 1965 to the Cypress School District. She has lived in Cypress for over 40 years and lives in her family home that they had built after moving from the dairy in 1966. She is married to Jon (some of you may know him . . .) and has a son, Michael, who has special needs.

Bonnie received an AA degree from Cypress College and a Bachelor's degree in Finance from Cal State Fullerton. She retired in 2019 after 35 years with the same company.

Bonnie is active at Seacoast Grace Church and has led a ministry for special needs teens since 2013. She also leads a Women's Discipleship study there. In addition to her involvement at the church, she has been part of the Cypress School Board since 2018. She is also active with her family in the Pony Champions Special Needs Baseball program.

In her free time Bonnie enjoys quality time with her family, learning to play golf, pickleball, Cypress Community activities, wine tasting tours, entertaining, and annual trips to Maui.



Federation

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The Orange District Council Meeting is on March 13, 2020 at the Phoenix Club in Anaheim.

Reservations (and cancellations) are due to Maria Sterk by Feb 25th. The theme for this meeting is Membership and our new members will be honored. The cost of the event is \$32. New Members will pay \$16 as the club voted to pay 1/2 cost of their meal. They also will be honoring members celebrating their 20th, 30th and 40th plus years of membership. All money will be collected at the March general meeting.

The Orange District Convention will be April 18, 2020 at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge. There will be two meals at this Convention as it is an election/installation year. The lunch cost is \$45 and the dinner is \$60 (or both for \$100). The theme for this Convention is "Minnie and Her Mates". Carole Shaw is dressing up as Minnie. The rest of the members will be in Mickey t-shirts. If you would like to have a Mickey t-shirt please contact Mariellen Yarc. She can also give you information about ordering "ears" to wear. Convention is a great time to enjoy the day with fellow club members. There will be entertainment, and awards for different reports. Reservations and payment will be taken at the March general meeting. If you are especially talented, **we need an idea for a great centerpiece to go along with the theme.**



Legislation & Public Policy

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NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting is Thursday, March 12, 9:00 am, at Howard's Restaurant. A special guest, Stephanie Hu, Director of Communications & Community Relations for Senator Ling Ling Chang's office will attend the meeting. She will cover 2020 legislative items proposed by the Senator. There will be handouts and time for questions.

ALL club members are welcome to attend our no-host breakfast meeting. No RSVP required, and questions may be directed to Colleen as listed above. Each month is jam-packed with news and information. Don't miss this meeting!

LAST MEETING: At the February meeting, we covered various reports from the federal, state, county, and city levels, especially Coronavirus and the new Cypress Central phone app. We received a legislation handout from Senator Ling Ling Chang, so those in attendance may review it before the March meeting. Contact Colleen if you would like the handout that covers 2019 and 2020 legislation items.



19th Amendment: A portion of the Legislation and Public Policy meeting discussion centered on the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment that granted women the right to vote. Many club members have signed up to be on the planning committee for our club's 2020 celebration. If you want to help, contact Colleen.

Voting: The 2020 California Primary will run from February 22-March 3. You can vote by mail, at a voting center, or by dropping your ballot one of the drop boxes located at either the Cypress Community Center or Veteran's Park. We reviewed Measures A and B, along with Proposition 13 (NO relation to the Prop 13 in 1978).

2020 Census: The 2020 Census is starting in mid-March. The census is held every ten years. Watch for a postcard in the mail to your home with instructions for participation. Be sure to respond so every Cypress resident is counted. It makes a HUGE difference in the money our City, County, and State will receive to help us.

MOTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Motions Approved at February 5, 2020 General Meeting

1. That the Woman's Club of Cypress sends coupons for the families of troops serving overseas to the Yorba Linda Woman's Club.
2. That the Woman's Club of Cypress ratifies the purchase of a \$50 full-page ad in the Orange District convention brochure.

Recommendations from the February 19, 2020 Board Meeting

1. That the Woman's Club of Cypress holds a birthday party following the March General meeting to celebrate the club's anniversary; and that members attending who have not been already asked to bring food, be asked to contribute \$5.00 to help cover incidental expenses.
2. That the Woman's Club of Cypress allocates the \$5,000 Page Betar money for 2020 as follows:
 - A Nursing/Veteran Scholarship to a Cypress resident attending Cypress College \$1,000
 - Precious Life Shelter \$500
 - School on Wheels \$500
 - ROP (2 awards \$250 each) \$500
 - The Lighthouse (Orangewood Foundation) \$1,000
 - Breast Cancer Angels \$500
 - Penny Pines \$500
 - Cypress Senior Center Lunch (sponsor 2 free lunch events \$250 each) \$500
3. That the Woman's Club of Cypress donates \$500 to the Seal Beach Animal Care Center (SBACC). Funds to come from the SBACC account.



Women's Right to Vote - Part 2

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This year, women's clubs throughout the United States will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment, granting women the right to vote. Women fought, suffered, were jailed and tortured, to earn this right. Throughout history, women have been treated as less than men, and we have had to fight for our rights. Here are a few basic rights women did not have until the 1970s. More will come in another newsletter article. See the January and February newsletters for items 40-20. This is the countdown from #19-10. (Source: History Collection)

19. Girlfriends couldn't live with their boyfriends. During the 1970s, there were laws in some states that did not allow this. It wasn't until 2013 that all 50 states adopted the law that unmarried couples could live together.

18. Until the late 1970s, early 1980s, athletic shoemakers did not make shoes for women. Female athletes had to purchase shoes made for men. Manufacturers felt that women did not have a considerable spot in the sports world.

17. Women did not have a voice. Until the 1970s, women were expected to let their husband dictate civil and household rules.

16. In 1969, Cornell University started the first Women's Studies degree in the U.S. Prior to that, Australia had one since 1956. The National Women's Studies Association was formed in 1977, which focuses on women's history in education.

15. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 was supposed to create gender equality in hiring, but most women had trouble getting jobs other than secretaries and teachers. Many employers just skipped applications from women, no matter their qualifications.

14. Before the 1970s, women could not easily be divorced due to domestic violence. Wives couldn't officially protect themselves from domestic violence until the 1990s.

13. Before 1976, many Olympic sports were not open to women.

12. In 1975, the First Women's Bank opened, with all-female ownership and operation. The law didn't officially recognize the bank, but it remained open and is known as a significant milestone for women during the 1970s.

11. Before the 1970s, a woman could not open a bank account without her husband's permission. Men felt women couldn't handle the financial part.

10. Before the 1970s, women couldn't discuss their sexuality in public. The woman and book that changed the way women discussed sex was *The Feminine Mystique*, by Betty Friedan.

More revelations in the April newsletter!



ESO

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Reminder to bring your donations of "new" baby blankets (~ 36"x40") and "new" baby-board reading books to the next general meeting. The ESO reading group is putting together gift bags for the mothers-to-be and for new moms at Precious Life Shelter. We want those babies to get a head start in reading. If you have questions please email me measterk@gmail.com or call me at 714-761-4009.

This month we welcomed two new members to our reading club as well as a new daytime meeting time. The next daytime meeting will be held at the home of Carole Shaw at 10AM March 17th. Please let me know if you will be attending that meeting at least the day before.

The March evening ESO meeting will be held March 25th and the location will be announced at the general meeting and also in the weekly reminders.



PARLIAMENTARIAN/BYLAWS COMMITTEE

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The Bylaws Revisions Committee will be meeting in early March to go over proposed suggestions and changes to the Bylaws and the Standing Rules. The recommendations of the Committee will be presented in the April newsletter and voted on by the general membership at the April general meeting. If you have any suggestions for changes that you wish to be made to the ByLaws or the Standing Rules, please submit them ASAP to Judy Wagner at tweetywag@aol.com or Carole Shaw at caroleshaw@icloud.com.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

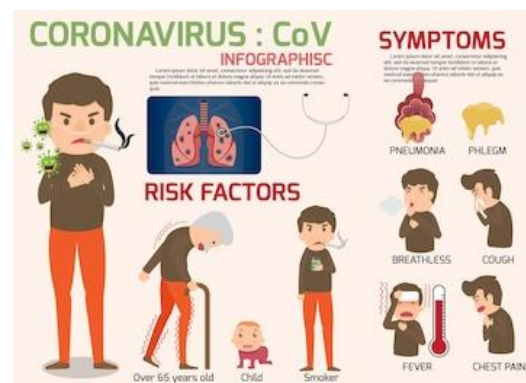
There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. However, as a reminder, CDC always recommends everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
 - Follow CDC's recommendations for using a facemask.
- CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19.
- Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others. The use of facemasks is also crucial for [health workers](#) and [people who are taking care of someone in close settings](#) (at home or in a health care facility).
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

For information about handwashing, see [CDC's Handwashing](#) website

For information specific to healthcare, see [CDC's Hand Hygiene in Healthcare Settings](#)

These are everyday habits that can help prevent the spread of several viruses. CDC does have [specific guidance for travelers](#).





EDUCATION

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For the second year in a row one hundred Dr. Seuss books were ordered for King Elementary School in Cypress. Each student in transitional kindergarten and kindergarten will be given a book after club members read a Dr. Seuss story to their class on March 6, 2020. Labels are attached to each book, and the student will print their name on the label and take the book home. Our club name, as donors, is included in each book that the children will receive. Since Read Across America is a two-year Grand Initiative project we are pleased to again participate by promoting this day at one of our local schools. It is a great way to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday.

We've Been Busy!



Oxford Academy band performing musical creations by women.



Boys & Girls Club kids enjoying the leftovers after decorating Valentine's cookies.



First graders at Boys & Girls Club ready to decorate cookies.

Print and cut out this card, or take a picture of it to show on your phone, to use at Office Depot/Office Max to receive discounts, especially on printing services. This is one of the GFWC-negotiated discounts Colleen shared during her presentation at the February general meeting. Questions, ask Colleen at 805-813-0844 or colleenj02@gmail.com.

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STORE PURCHASING CARD
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The Woman's Club of Cypress

Invites You to Join Us For



A Springtime Tea

Saturday, May 2, 2020

11:00 am—3:00 pm

**Doors open for shopping & opportunity baskets 11:00 am
Tea served at 12:00 pm**



**Cypress Community Center
5700 Orange Ave., Cypress, CA 90630**



**Donation \$40
For Tickets Contact
Carole Stone
(714) 875-6456**

