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## A MESSAGE from the PRESIDENT:

Hello Federated Sisters. It is my wish that everyone had a restful and pleasant summer enjoying your family, loved ones and friends .

Well, summer is almost over, and fall is around the corner. We will soon be in the season with yellow, red, orange and brown beautiful leaves. How awe-inspiring. Hopefully this will inspire us to get off to an energetic spirit the volunteer way!

I am sure that all of us have fantastic ideas to share with the many clubs. One of my goals for the year will be to encourage/enhance more of our members to attend the District and State Conventions. Attending the District and State Conventions will help convey more information about the 242 clubs and 11,304 members working to make our world a better place. The State President Dori Kelsey and officers also plan meaning workshops, speakers and special projects for the members. Our District Convention does the same on the local level. This year, the District Convention will be a two day convention.

So ladies, let's think about this goal and be ready to implement and keep up with the signs of time.

From the desk of your president.....  
Robbie Hicklin



- Mon 2 LABOR DAY
- Fri 6 District Executive Committee-9:00 a.m.  
Denny's 5520 South St. Lakewood
- Mon 9 District Board Meeting-----10:00 a.m.  
South Gate Park Girls Clubhouse  
4940 Southern Ave., South Gate 90280
- Fri - Sun 13-15 Western States  
Hilton Garden Inn Spectrum  
7699 W Spectrum St, Boise, Idaho 83709
- Mon 30 Parliamentary Law Class---9:30 a.m.  
  
South Gate Park Girls Clubhouse  
4940 Southern Ave., South Gate 90280



Hello Ladies,

Welcome back to reality. As **4th VP Fundraising** I have already planned a Pala Casino trip on Thursday Nov 21. Be ready to sign up in September. Last year we sold out so it's first come basis. Getting ready to order Festival of Trees Tickets and let's not forget our monthly Opportunity Drawings. This should be a really great and exciting year. So proud to be a part of the Los Cerritos District.

Sandra Richardson 4th VP Fundraising



## Legislation & Public Policy

Katherine George Chu

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a nice summer! As we gear up for the months ahead, here's a reminder to sign up for the Legislative Action Center. One of the GFWC Seven Grand Initiatives aims to have 2,500 members sign up for the **Legislative Action Center** by June 2020. Having GFWC's collective voice heard by members of Congress is essential. To date, 1,594 members have signed up. If you haven't already done so, please visit the Legislative Action Center and sign up now.

GFWC has introduced Three Brand Initiatives; two of these Initiatives fall under Legislation.

### Support Miranda's Law or Miranda Vargas School Bus Driver Red Flag Act

Under current federal regulations, employers of school bus drivers are required to check their employees' driving history annually, which means if a driver fails to self-report a DUI or reckless driving or a license suspension, it could be up to 364 days before a school district or motor carrier obtains that information. If this legislation passes, a school bus driver who has any driving infraction beyond a parking ticket, the school or school bus company would receive an alert about the infraction from the Department of Transportation within 24 hours.

Goal: Members are asked to make 1,000 contacts through phone calls or emails to their United States Legislators to support passing Miranda's Law **on September 23, 2019.**

### Support H.R. 3265 - 3D Printed Gun Safety Act of 2019

This law would prohibit the publication of 3D printer plans for the printing of firearms.

Goal: Members are encouraged to make 1,000 contacts to Senators or Congressmembers themselves or to urge their friends to participate **on October 23, 2019.**

Both Brand Initiatives listed above are centered on a specific task and on a specified date. The lead up to these action dates are going to be focused on preparation, knowing who your legislators are, and some grassroots organizing.



**Public Issues**

Katherine George Chu

Prior to summer break, Sue Verwey from the Woman’s Club of Artesia-Cerritos shared some information on the Buddy Box Project with Los Cerritos District members. Buddy Boxes are filled with a variety of items, such as: baseball caps, toiletries, athletic socks, paperback books, notepads, a personalized note, etc., and then distributed to veterans at Long Beach VA Hospital. Some clubs stated that their members already participate in this program. There is a list of suggested items to include in the boxes, as well as, a list of items that cannot be included in the boxes. For clubs who are interested in participating in this program, more details will be made available at the September District Board Meeting.

Back in June, Yolanda Petroski, CFWC Public Issues Chair posted an article in CFWC Quick Bytes about an Honor Flight arriving at LAX on October 13th. Sierra-Cahuenga and Marina Districts already participate in this program. It is estimated that 640 WWII veterans die each day. As District Public Issues Chair, I reached out to Yolanda and the Chairman of Honor Flight Southland. After gathering some more information, I connected with LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn’s Office to request a county bus for the “Welcome Home.” It is my hope that we can support this project and be present to shake the hand and look into the eyes of a veteran who stormed the beach at Normandy and say, “Thank You.”

One of the GFWC 7 Grand Initiatives is to have 1,000 projects devoted to Women in the Military. To Date: 799 projects have been completed. This Chairman visited Senator Bob Archuleta’s Office in Norwalk. Senator Archuleta was recently appointed to the Military Council by Governor Newsom. His Field Staff were very receptive to focusing on this endeavor and I will let you know if anything comes to fruition from this discussion.

From Rae Holtzendorff, **Arts** chair:

Get your creativeness flowing. Download the fine arts forms from CFWC, for students, women. We have done beautiful creations that went to state as blue ribbon winners. This year do more; watercolors, oils, mixed media, photography, sewing, trash to treasure, needle arts.

As they say, **JUST DO IT.**

Gratefully, Rae



**PARLIAMENTARIAN**

The standing rules can be changed at any meeting with a 2/3 vote and both the bylaws and standing rules can be changed with notice before the meeting with a majority vote. Check and make sure your bylaws and standing rules are really what you are doing!

If you need any help, please let me know. Thanks, Barbee

**DEADLINES**

September Newsletter Articles  
to Barbee Heiny  
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by.....September 15