



LOS CERRITOS DISTRICT BULLETIN



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Robbie Hicklin, President

"Working Together in Unity for Federation"

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A MESSAGE from the PRESIDENT:

I would like to thank my Federated Sisters for attending our Sixty-Third Annual Convention. I think that we all had a great day with our CFWC President Dori Kelsey as our honored guest and speaker. Again, thanks for attending.

Next month we will celebrate our "Garden Conference." Our theme is: Blooming In Unity." It will be held on Monday, May 06, 2019 at 10:00 AM in the Girls Club House at South Gate Park. It is located at 4900 Southern Avenue. South Gate, CA 90280.

Ladies, remember to decorate your hats for the fabulous Hat Parade. Also, let's plan to meet each other at the CFWC California Federation of Women's Club, 116th Annual Convention. It will be held at the Crowne Plaza Sacramento Northeast on May 15th-18th, 2019. Theme: "CFWC Keeping Up With the Times."

Until next time, from
the desk of your president.....

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MAY CALENDAR

Mon May 6 Garden Conference & Lunch 10:00 a.m.

South Gate Girls Club
4900 Southern Ave., South Gate

Tues 7 GFWC Huntington Park Reciprocity 6:00 p.m.

Library 6518 Miles Ave., HP

Fri 10 Executive Committee 9:00
Denny's Restaurant, 5520 South St.,
Lakewood 90713.

Mon 13 District Board Meeting & May Board Lunch 10:00 a.m.

South Gate Girls Club
4900 Southern Ave., South Gate

1ST VICE PRESIDENT, DEAN OF CHAIRMEN

➤ Garden Conference is on May 6th – set up at 8:30, judging at 9:30 a.m. at South Gate Park Girls Clubhouse - 4900 Southern Ave. South Gate, 90280. Each Club is responsible for decorating their own



table. Thank You El Dorado for volunteering to serve our Lunch that day. Please call in reservations ASAP; cost of Lunch is \$15. Please call Chairman Ruby Cure for other requirements.

- The May board luncheon will follow on May 13, at South Gate Park Girls Clubhouse at 10 a.m. Please join us again for Luncheon (\$15), which will be provided by The L.A. Philippines and table decorations by Bellflower. Again, please don't forget to make reservations.
- As always, let our Reservation Chairwoman, Bobbie Thompson, know how many are joining us for this luncheon. Make sure to give her your lists of members attending to avoid confusion. You can reach Bobbie at: 323-564-6469 or 7bobbie545@gmail.com
- Please, let's support one another by attending all the District Events and Luncheon as much as possible. Luncheons and Events are here for all of us to enjoy.

Wow! I sure enjoyed our District Convention, thank you everyone, for being there to enjoy it with me. We spent time remembering our deceased members. Also, handing out Awards for Report Writing and presentation of the Membership Bell, Chimes and Clock was a Blast.

The **Membership Bell** was presented to the Club that recruited the most of members for 2018.

The Chimes are presented to the Club that had highest point on Fine Arts Festival such as Attendance, competition on Photography, Writing, Arts and Crafts, and participation in the Program (i.e. skits, dancing, and singing, reading). Points are also achieved when you serve lunch or decorate that day.

Are you wondering why everyone are required to sign in every time when attended District functions (Garden Conference, March Council, October Council, etc.)? Because we add attendance to your Club's accumulated points. Even the amount of tickets you sell for Festival of Trees counts. **The Clock** is the year long participation in all our District functions.

To sum it all up, Hats off and Congratulations to **Lakewood Women's Club** for winning both Clock and Chimes for 2018. Let's not forget **The Los Angeles Women's Club** for winning the Membership Bell two years in a row, Congratulations and keep it up!

Please be in attendance on **June 11th** meeting. It is the time when each Club will have a chance to choose between preparing meals (a great fundraising for your Club) and decorating a table at our Luncheons for the year.

To reiterate: Please have at least one or two representatives attend District meetings/ luncheons, so communication will reach your club in a timely manner and you will not be rushed by deadlines.

May I ask all members to subscribe to our District Newsletter? Your donation of \$7.00 will help defray the cost of printing and postage.

Summer is almost here: Enjoy!

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Los Cerritos District Convention

We want to give a special thanks to the 85 members and one guests who attended the District Convention at the Rio Hondo Event Center on Monday, April 15. Sorry, three were unable to attend.

We were honored to have as are Special Guest and Keynote speaker, Dori Kelsey, President, California Federation of Women's Clubs. We know you enjoyed lunch and the super dessert. It was a full day program, with reports, certificates and awards. Congratulations to all the winners.

In Los Cerritos District you are all winners, with your outstanding projects and reports.

A special thanks to those members who assisted with registration check-in and credentials, and all those who supported in any way in making the Convention a success.

If you have any comments you would like to share, please forward to msrubycure@verizon.net or katgeorgechu@hotmail.com

Love in Federation, your Convention Co-Chairs Ruby Cure, 562-818-3137
Katherine George Chu, 562-552-4262.

PARLIAMENTARIAN



Thanks to all who participated in the updating of the bylaws and standing rules at the Convention. If you have any questions or any more suggested updates, please let us know.

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.



Hello Ladies,

We Look forward to seeing you at the **Garden Conference and Lunch on May 6th**. We will have a Raffle and Opportunity Drawing. Please remember to bring \$5 bills.

We would like to Thank You for all your support. Your Generosity is so Appreciated.

Because this Newsletter comes out after the 15th. We will let you know how much money was made at Rio Hondo in the next issue.

Thank You 4th VP Fundraising
Sandy Richardson and Cathy Brassell



Leadership Minute May 2019

A true Leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions, and the compassion to listen to the needs of others. She does not set out to be a Leader but becomes one by the quality of her actions and the integrity of her intent.

In the end, Leaders are much like Eagles, they never flock, you find them one at a time.

Barbara Briley Beard, Leadership Chairman, Los Cerritos District

District Garden Conference & Lunch

The District Garden Conference and Lunch is Monday, May 6th, 2019 at the South Gate Park, 4900 Southern Ave., South Gate, in the Girls Clubhouse, south of the Auditorium. Program starts at 10:00 a.m., Coffee 9:00 a.m.

Check in time for flower entries is 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. Tables will be ready to be decorated by clubs 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Building opens at 8:00 a.m. if arriving early.

The theme is "Blooming in Unity". The club tables will be judged in three categories: Best of Theme, Most Beautiful and Most Humorous. Centerpiece no taller than 12 inches, with fresh flower, from your garden, neighbor's or grocery store. Tables are round, seat 8 persons, and must include floral centerpiece and tablecloth. You may add whatever you wish to make your club table more attractive. Think in terms of how you enjoy your luncheon table at your club meetings. 1st and 2nd place ribbons will be given in each of the three categories.

El Dorado Woman's Club will be serving Lunch and table service, napkins and cups are provided.

The Floral Categories for judging are as follows,

with 1st and 2nd place ribbons:

- Arrangement of Roses (less than 5)
- Arrangement of Roses (5 or more)
- Arrangement of All One Kind
- Single Flower
- Old Fashion Bouquet
- Miniature (Under 6 inches)
- Arrangement of Succulents or Cacti

There will be a HAT PARADE, with judging in Two Categories: Decorated with Fresh Flowers for the Most Beautiful and Most Humorous. Hats decorated with Silk Flowers for the Most Beautiful and Most Humorous.

1st and 2nd Place ribbons in all categories.

Everyone will receive a door prize ticket when checking In. If you have a small plant or garden item you would like to donate for a door prize, it will be greatly appreciated.

Lunch is \$15.00 per person, with reservations sent to Bobbie Thompson, 8848 Firestone Plaza, South Gate 90280. Email 7bobbie545@gmail.com, phone 323-564-6469, ASAP.

With the Garden Conference coming before the District Meeting on May 13th, you may want to phone your Meal Count to Bobbie by May 1st, and follow up with your list and Check, PAYABLE TO LOS CERRITOS DISTRICT to cover your Meal Count you have given to Bobbie over the phone.

Look forward to seeing you at the Garden Conference with your beautiful flowers wearing your decorated hat.

If you have any questions, feel free to call, text or email District Conservation Chairman Ruby Cure. 562-818-3137, msrubycure@verizon.net



2018 REPORT WRITING RESULTS

ARTS (CHAIRMAN: RAE HOLTZENDORFF)

DIVISION 1	1 ST PLACE:	GFWC LONG BEACH WOMEN'S CLUB
DIVISION 2	1 ST PLACE:	LAKEWOOD WOMEN'S CLUB
	2 ND PLACE:	PARAMOUNT WOMEN'S CLUB
DIVISION 3	1 ST PLACE:	NORWALK WOMAN'S CLUB
DIVISION 4	1ST PLACE:	WOMAN'S CLUB OF ARTESIA-CERRITOS

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN (CHAIRMAN: JUDY DESSEL)

DIVISION 1	1 ST PLACE:	GFWC LONG BEACH WOMEN'S CLUB
DIVISION 2	1 ST PLACE:	LAKEWOOD WOMEN'S CLUB
	2 ND PLACE:	PARAMOUNT WOMEN'S CLUB

COMMUNICATIONS (CHAIRMAN: JUDY DESSEL)

DIVISION 1	1 ST PLACE:	GFWC LONG BEACH WOMEN'S CLUB
DIVISION 2	1 ST PLACE:	PARAMOUNT WOMEN'S CLUB
DIVISION 4	1ST PLACE:	WOMAN'S CLUB OF ARTESIA-CERRITOS

CONSERVATION (CHAIRMAN: RUBY CURE)

DIVISION 1	1 ST PLACE:	GFWC LONG BEACH WOMEN'S CLUB
DIVISION 2	1 ST PLACE:	LAKEWOOD WOMEN'S CLUB
	2 ND PLACE:	PARAMOUNT WOMEN'S CLUB
DIVISION 3	1 ST PLACE:	NORWALK WOMAN'S CLUB
DIVISION 4	1ST PLACE:	WOMAN'S CLUB OF ARTESIA-CERRITOS

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (CHAIRMAN: EVELIA CASTILLO-RODRIGUEZ)

DIVISION 1	2 ND PLACE:	GFWC LONG BEACH WOMEN'S CLUB
DIVISION 2	1 ST PLACE:	GFWC WOMEN'S CLUB OF HUNTINGTON PARK
DIVISION 3	1 ST PLACE:	NORWALK WOMAN'S CLUB

FUNDRAISING (CHAIRMAN: KATHY BRASSELL/SANDRA RICHARDSON)

DIVISION 1	1 ST PLACE:	GFWC LONG BEACH WOMEN'S CLUB
DIVISION 2	1 ST PLACE:	LAKEWOOD WOMEN'S CLUB
DIVISION 3	1 ST PLACE:	NORWALK WOMAN'S CLUB
DIVISION 4	1ST PLACE:	WOMAN'S CLUB OF ARTESIA-CERRITOS

HOMELIFE (CHAIRMAN: KATHERINE GEORGE-CHU)

DIVISION 1	1 ST PLACE:	GFWC LONG BEACH WOMEN'S CLUB
DIVISION 2	1 ST PLACE:	PARAMOUNT WOMEN'S CLUB
	2 ND PLACE:	LAKEWOOD WOMEN'S CLUB
DIVISION 3	1 ST PLACE:	NORWALK WOMAN'S CLUB - CATHY COOK
	2 ND PLACE:	NORWALK WOMAN'S CLUB - LINDA KELLY
DIVISION 4	1ST PLACE:	WOMAN'S CLUB OF ARTESIA-CERRITOS

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH (CHAIRMAN: WINNIE BAKER)

DIVISION 1	1 ST PLACE:	GFWC LONG BEACH WOMEN'S CLUB
DIVISION 2	1 ST PLACE:	PARAMOUNT WOMEN'S CLUB
DIVISION 3	1 ST PLACE:	NORWALK WOMAN'S CLUB
DIVISION 4	1ST PLACE:	WOMAN'S CLUB OF ARTESIA-CERRITOS

LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC POLICY (CHAIRMAN: KATHERINE GEORGE-CHU)

CERTIFICATION OF ACHIEVEMENT: WOMAN'S CLUB OF ARTESIA-CERRITOS

MEMBERSHIP (CHAIRMAN: JUDY DESSEL)

DIVISION 1	1 ST PLACE:	GFWC LONG BEACH WOMEN'S CLUB
DIVISION 2	1 ST PLACE:	LAKEWOOD WOMEN'S CLUB
	2 ND PLACE:	PARAMOUNT WOMEN'S CLUB
DIVISION 3	1 ST PLACE:	NORWALK WOMAN'S CLUB
DIVISION 4	1ST PLACE:	WOMAN'S CLUB OF ARTESIA-CERRITOS

PUBLIC ISSUES (CHAIRMAN: KATHERINE GEORGE-CHU)

DIVISION 1	1 ST PLACE:	GFWC LONG BEACH WOMEN'S CLUB
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DIVISION 2	1 ST PLACE: PARAMOUNT WOMEN'S CLUB
	2 ND PLACE: LAKEWOOD WOMEN'S CLUB
DIVISION 3	1 ST PLACE: NORWALK WOMAN'S CLUB - ELOISA VELASQUEZ
	2 ND PLACE: NORWALK WOMAN'S CLUB - LINDA KELLY
DIVISION 4	1ST PLACE: WOMAN'S CLUB OF ARTESIA-CERRITOS
<u>WRITING ESSAY (CHAIRMAN: KATHY BRASSELL)</u>	
DIVISION 2	1 ST PLACE: "THE CONTAINER" BY DIANE DELIZ LAKEWOOD WOMEN'S CLUB

Legislation and Public Policy
Katherine George Chu
H.R. 1585: Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act (VAWA) passed the House on April 4th 2019 and goes to the Senate next for consideration. In ongoing efforts to reauthorize VAWA, Senate Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) stated, "I'm looking forward to working with Republican Senator Ernst on this issue and am hopeful the Senate will be able to follow soon..."

This Chairman has been in contact with the Senior Counsel for Rep. Karen Bass (who introduced the bill along with Rep. Fitzpatrick) and was provided a lengthy report on the history and funding of VAWA. I, also, had a conversation in support of VAWA with Rep. Linda Sánchez (D-CA38) who is a co-sponsor of the bill.

For Women's History Month, Councilwoman Nury Martinez hosted, "A Conversation with California First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom" at Los Angeles City Hall. The conversation centered around Equal Pay Day, the wage gap, and issues facing women of California. First Partner Newsom also serves on the Women's Suffrage Centennial Committee. As part of the nationwide kickoff, she took to social media and asked, JSN: "what do YOU think we should do to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of women gaining the right to vote?"

KGC (my response): I'm not sure how to celebrate the centennial. For many women of color: Blacks, Asians, Latinas, Native Americans...they weren't allowed to vote until 1965 when the Voting Rights Act became federal law.

JSN: yes – thank you for sharing this! It is critical (and very important to me and other Commission members) that we acknowledge this fact and ALL parts of the suffragist history -- not just the rosy parts – as we mark the centennial.

KGC: I think it's something many women of color may struggle with – How do we celebrate a milestone in women's history when it excluded so many of us?

I appreciate CA First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom for creating an opportunity for this

dialogue. To see the conversation and the comments posted by CFWC, please check out my Facebook page: @KatGeorgeChuCA

On a club and district level, I am asking that you reach out to your elected officials and introduce yourselves. It is important that these individuals know about our organization and what it is we do. I have spoken with several newly-elected officials and many of them have no idea that our clubs exist or that they are a part of the California Federation of Women's Clubs.

On April 9th, I had the opportunity to speak with California Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis. Actually since Governor Newsom was away visiting El Salvador, Eleni was the Acting Governor. I introduced myself as the CFWC Legislation and Public Policy Chair, talked about our GFWC California Federation of Women's Clubs, our accomplishments, and included that CFWC has 11,518 members and 241 clubs. Having only been in her newly-elected position for three months, the Lieutenant Governor was very interested in hearing about our service organization. We exchanged contact information and I thanked the Lieutenant Governor for her time.

At our Los Cerritos District Convention, information about the Straws-on-request law that is going into effect on Earth Day was included in your registration packet. Please share this information with your club. Thank you to the Water Replenishment District of Southern California for providing reusable straws for our convention attendees.

Lastly, as part of my CFWC Legislation and Public Policy Chair duties, I will be presenting a Workshop, along with CFWC Publications Co-Chairs Doris Bonham and Stephanie Zichichi, at the State Convention. The Workshop will center on building a display tri-fold which will include legislation information, using the CFWC logo and updating antiquated terminology. We will be sure to make it fun, so if you plan on attending CFWC Convention in Sacramento, please be sure to come check us out!