



# LOS CERRITOS DISTRICT BULLETIN



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## A MESSAGE from the PRESIDENT:

President's Message

"Working Together In Unity For Federation"

There are few duties more rewarding than being the person who stays home to dole out candy for the Trick or Treaters, because there is very little that tips the cuteness scale like young children in Halloween Costumes. Tiny clowns and puppy dogs, miniature witches and tigers, and scaled down skeletons and princesses are Awww inducing as they come. With the Witches, Goblins and Ghouls almost over, it takes us right into November, a month to be appreciative.

As members of GFWC/CFWC, we are always mindful to live the Volunteer Spirit, and express how grateful we are on a daily basis. However, we do set aside "Thanksgiving" as a special occasion to be appreciative and to be with our family, friends and loved ones. It is a season and time to be thankful and to look around us and help others. November is such a gorgeous time of the year when the leaves have changed colors and the air is so crisp. With the holiday season so fastly approaching and time waits for no one, it seems to pass more quickly year after year.

Each year the Los Cerritos District strive to make a difference in the lives of many individuals with the philanthropic and charity work that we do. I am so delighted that all clubs are giving scholarships in the community along with aid to organizations such as



Fri 8 District Exec Committee-----9:00 a.m.  
Denny's 5520 South St. Lakewood

Mon 11 District Board Meeting-----10:00 a.m.  
South Gate Park Girls Clubhouse  
4940 Southern Ave., South Gate 90280

### Report Writing Workshop

*Lunch - Bring sandwich cut in fourths to share and the rest will be provided*

Wed 20 Paramount Women's Club-----11:30 a.m.  
Federation/Reciprocity  
Progress Park, 15500 Downey Ave.,  
Paramount  
**(note, this is incorrect in the yearbook)**

Thurs 21 **District Pala Casino Bus Trip** 20.00  
Lakewood Civic Center, 4900 Clark Ave.,  
Lakewood, 90712  
Check in time is 8:15 a.m.

**Thurs 28 THANKSGIVING**

Penny for Pines, City of Hope, Easter Seals, Canine Companions, Heifer International, USO, Ronald McDonald, Domestic Violence, Child Abuse, Operation Smile and many many worthwhile and needed organizations. Again the different clubs were helpful and supportive with their contributions in "Making a Difference."

Sunday night ( October 13, 2019 ) was very exciting for several of our clubs in the Los Cerritos District along with other CFWC Members. We witnessed the "Honor Flight" of our World War II Veterans that came in from the tour of Washington D.C. They arrived at 5:00 PM on a Southwest Flight. CFWC was in the baggage claim area to greet them. It was awe inspiring, emotional, over whelming and enjoyable. We were grateful to be a part of the homecoming. It brought the Veterans tears and a lot of joy. " I am proud to be an American, where at least I know I am Free. And I won't forget the men who died, who gave their right to me." Lee Greenwood.

By the way ladies, I must share the distraction that I encountered at the initial opening of the District Meeting on Monday. This is the scenario. My adult son had come over from West Los Angeles to take the sodas and water to the Girls Club House for me so that Long Beach could use them. The drinks were loaded in my car Sunday night. When he arrived at the Girls Club House, the ladies in the kitchen needed help with ice and lifting the sodas , water and etc. So he assisted them and I was waiting for him to return with my car that also had part of my materials in it for the meeting and I had the remainder of my materials in the driveway with me waiting for my son to return my car so that I could get to the meeting. When I decided to use my husband's car, we drove in different directions. Then we met and exchanged cars. He didn't realized that I had to be there for 10:00. Therefore, I was late starting the meeting and I did not recover for the remainder of the day, but guess what? The day ended great with a fabulous sit down luncheon and fantastic entertainment by the Tap Chicks. Hopefully, I have been forgiven because I do apologize. This is how we "Work Together In Unity For Federation."

We are excited about our venue for the District Convention. It will be a two day cvention and the site is adorable.

Members, please attend the November District Meeting. We will have "Report Writing." Bring your sandwich cut in fourths and the rest will be provided. Also bring your toys to the November Meeting for The Ronald McDonald Toy Drive. This is the President's Special Project.

The District Pala Casino Bus Trip is forthcoming. The cost is \$20.00. We would like to encourage members to participate.

Your participation in our club's activities no matter how small is sincerely encouraged. We would also like to encourage our members to continue to wear your club badge or membership pin to let everyone know that you are part of an organization that supports the community. Are you able to explain in seconds what your club does and create an interest in knowing more response? Let's do more of the networking when we are in the public and focus at this time of the year on being more thankful for the month of Novenber with the holiday season approaching and making a difference in the lives of others as a Volunteer.

Happy Thanksgiving and smooches and hugs. From the desk of your president.....

Robbie C. Hicklin, President  
Los Cerritos District Women's Club





## LCD NOVEMBER 2019 Article

Thank you Ladies for attending our October Council. Lunch and Dessert served by Long Beach Ladies was delicious and Artesia-Cerritos table decorations are great. Thank you Claudia Vidaurri for making sure everyone sign in at the door.

Speech delivered by our Guest Speaker, Scarlett Cazares from Census Bureau was very informative and Tap Chicks performance lead by Pamela Kay was very entertaining. Thank you Program Chairman, Laura Oropeza to a job well done.

**Report Writing Workshop on Monday, November 11, 2019** is fast approaching. Our District is very fortunate to have Area C Vice President, Debbie Pietraszko to be our Guest Speaker. I would appreciate it if all Clubs can give me a head count, so we will be able to provide enough handouts. Don't forget to **bring and share your favorite sandwich cut in fourths, for lunch.** Our District will provide drinks, chips and sweets. Of course, everyone is welcome to attend, let's make this workshop well attended.

**Creative Writing and Photographs are due to District on January 13, 2020.** Black and White photographs are still being accepted but do not submit the same subject in color. It will be judged by State Photography and Creative Writing Chairman, Sonja Hults. Submit as many Photographs and Creative Writings as you can, let's give our Judge a challenge. Judging will be done during our District Meeting at South Gate Park Girls Club House, 4940 Southern Avenue, South Gate 90280.

**Membership Report, Statistical Forms, Chairmanships Report, due to District by January 13, 2020.** 7 Grand Initiative Statistics Reports due to District by February 10, 2020. **The Report Writing period is from January 2019 to December 2019.** Via email submission is preferred on pdf file or bring a hard copy to our District Meeting on January 13, 2020.

**Report forms are available on line at CFWC.ORG, under the Officer's Section of the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Dean, Pam Ament and on the Forms & Logos page.**

Bring your **Arts and Crafts items** on the day of our Fine Arts Festival, **February 24, 2020** – South Gate Auditorium, 4900 Southern Avenue, South Gate 90280. **Judging will start at 9:00 a.m. promptly.** No late entry will be accepted. Judges are also needed, contact me if you know anyone that can donate their time to serve as one of our judges on these exciting events. Still looking for a "THEME" to use. The Luncheon remain \$15.

It's never too early to send your Reservations for Festival of Trees Luncheon. Paramount will prepare and serve lunch, South Gate is in charge of Coffee Hour and Table Decorations by Norwalk.

As always, Club checks Payable to: Los Cerritos District with the list of attendees should be mailed to our Reservation Chairman, Ms. Lynn Hutton (310) 835-1452, 21828 Salmon Avenue, Long Beach CA 90810.

JUDGES and THEME for Garden Conference on April 6,2020 is needed. The sooner we can choose a theme, the better preparation we will have. Location of this event is at South Gate Auditorium, 4900 Southern Avenue, South Gate 90280.

I am open for suggestions and recommendations and may be able to answer most of your questions so please feel free to give me a call. Although, I'm hardly home but I do take a break and sleep eventually, I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Looking forward of seeing Everyone on our November 11 meeting followed by Report Writing Workshop.

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Hello Ladies

Please join us on Thursday Nov 21 for the Pala Casino Bus Trip. You have till Nov 5th to reserve your spot on the Bus. Cost is \$ 20.00. Check in for Bus is 8:15 AM at Lakewood Civic Center, 4900 Clark Ave. Return is approximately 6:00PM. For Reservations please contact Sandy Richardson at 562 866-8410.

Festival of Trees is Dec 9th at South Gate Auditorium, 4900 Southern Ave. All money from Festival of Trees goes to district. If you need additional tickets please contact Sandy .

Tables will be available at Festival of Trees for sale of Baked Goods, Resale Items , merchandise and Plants. Cost is \$15.00 per Table. Please let Sandy know how many tables your club will need by Dec 1st. Please make checks payable to Los Cerritos District. Thank you.

4th VP Fundraising  
Sandra Richardson



## PARLIAMENTARY POINTERS

The motion to “postpone indefinitely” allows the assembly to decline to take a position on a question. Postpone indefinitely, which requires a majority vote, kills the motion for the session. At a convention, this means the motion is suppressed for the entire convention. At a meeting, it is suppressed for just that meeting and may be brought up again at another time.

# DEADLINES

DECEMBER Newsletter Articles  
to Barbee Heiny  
[barbeeheiny@gmail.com](mailto:barbeeheiny@gmail.com)  
by.....November 15

## Los Cerritos District Convention



The 64th Annual District Convention will be held on April 26th - 28th, 2020, Sunday evening thru Tuesday at the Double tree by Hilton Whittier - Los Angeles, 7320 Greenleaf Avenue, Whittier, CA 90602

The Convention Committee is putting together an exciting event! The cost of the meal package and hotel rooms will be coming soon.

Convention Co-Chair Ruby Cure and  
Convention Co-Chair Katherine George Chu

### OUR CLUB GOAL FOR THIS YEAR

October 2019

Norwalk Woman's Club

After almost 100 years of service to the city of Norwalk and beyond, our club has achieved so many goals! But as with any organization, the passage of time can take its toll on member participation and recruitment.

Our goal this year is to enhance our presence in communities by working more closely with others in and around Norwalk and introduce them to GFWC and CFWC! As an example, we are in the process of preparing to partner with our Senior Center in joint projects as well as working through the LA County Library in the city's homeless program. We are confident that getting the word out and shining the light on who we are and what we do will help to boost the recruitment of new members!

Striving to retain and encourage members to look beyond just our Club and become invested in the workings of District, CFWC and GFWC is another goal we plan to embrace this year.

It's always fun to refresh your memory or learn something new, even if you've been a member for a very long time!

We look forward to this year and take up the President's theme of remembering "Our heritage of service is our strength for the future," while continuing to embrace our Club motto "The Best Is Yet To Be"!



Nominating  
Committee  
Katherine George Chu

Nominating Committee Members: Katherine George Chu (E-Board), Ivonne Correa, Corinne Lewis, Sandra Richardson (E-Board), and Jean Williams (E-Board). Alternates: Kathy Cook, Lynn Hutton, Linda Kelly, Eloisa Velasquez and Sue Verwey.

Currently, the Nominating Committee is collecting nominations from each Club for the District Slate of Officers 2020 - 2022. As per the Bylaws, *Clubs nominating members shall send a list of the nominee's qualifications to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee before the January Executive Board meeting.* Nominations from Clubs will close February 1<sup>st</sup>. To be elected for office in the District, candidates shall be nominated by the Club which they hold membership. Elective officers shall be: First Vice President (Dean), Second Vice-President (Membership), Third Vice-President (Program), Fourth Vice-President (Fundraising), Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Financial Secretary.



## Public Issues

Katherine George Chu

### Honor Flight Southland

Once this Public Issues Chair read in the CFWC QuickBytes summer issue that there would be a "Welcome Home" flight for veterans scheduled to arrive at the Los Angeles International Airport, I got to work. I reached out to the Chairman and Co-Founder of Honor Flight Southland, Craig Van Doren. He encouraged our District members to come and be a part of the welcoming committee. Our District submitted a request for a bus from the Los Angeles County Supervisor. Twenty-three district and community members dressed in patriotic attire, carrying banners and flags boarded the bus to LAX. Our District President met us at Southwest Baggage claim where the veterans were due to arrive. About 200 well-wishers greeted thirty-five WWII, Korean and Vietnam War veterans (ranging in age from 94 years old and up) as they returned from a trip to Washington D.C. Their three-day trip included visiting the monuments and memorials built in their honor. As the veterans arrived to cheers and an honor guard that also included a high school marching band, we told these brave heroes how grateful we were for their sacrifices and service.



Dear Members and Friends:

Happy Halloween to everyone, and it has been great seeing so many members at Area D in San Bernardino on October 5, and then in San Jose for Area A October 12.

This Saturday will be Area B in La Crescenta, and then October 26 for Area C, our Area at the Phoenix club in Anaheim!

I have seen hundreds of our Federated Sisters and this I know for sure, You are all Leaders in your own ways. From comforting a member whose spouse is ill, or passed away; cooking for club members to enjoy meals, giving up your own meal when someone didn't rsvp for a meal; bringing the correct change for the event you are coming to since the reservationist isn't a bank. Praying for each other, and member's families; meeting at Sections and breaking bread together, discussing book reviews; tackling projects and getting ready to do reports.

You all have the gift of Leadership, and let the delegated person do it their way, not necessarily yours. Sometimes change is good! Different, more interesting, less interesting, but a member gave it a try, and Thank you to each and every one of you who is trying to do it the most efficient, fun, correct, and enthusiastic way YOU know how!

Always remember, Sit where they place you, eat what's in front of you, and learn from those around you! Listen to everyone, and see what you learn from another person while they might be teaching us instead of the reverse.

I learn from you all every day, and am grateful you are in my life!

Speak clearly from the lectern, talk directly into the microphone at an angle pointed from top to bottom lengthwise, from your lips to the mic to the lectern, and watch the person who spoke in front of you to see if you need to kiss the mic or can speak a few inches away from it. That way we can all hear you speaking, and we won't be talking in the audience saying, "what did they say"? So for this month, Leadership is learning from one another how to lead graciously, not talking when someone else has the floor, and passing a note if we must communicate with each other while someone is speaking.

Thank you.

Love in Federation,

Barbara Briley Beard, Your LCD Leadership Chair, Your CFWC 2nd V-P