

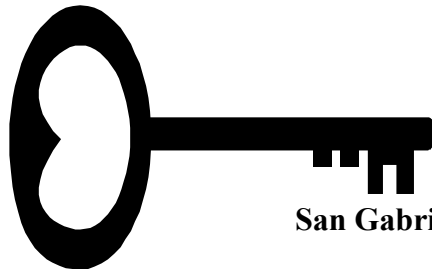


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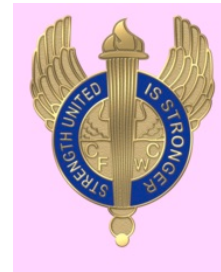
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San Gabriel Valley District

A NEWSLETTER SERVING THE MEMBERSHIP OF SAN GABRIEL VALLEY DISTRICT
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Calendar of Events

MAY 2019

- 6 Executive Committee meeting, Peppertree, 1020 E. Rte. 66, Glendora, 9:00 am
- 10 SGVD Board Meeting, Arcadia Women's Club, 9:30am
Deadline for Academic Scholarship and Returning Student Scholarship Applications 15,16
- 17-18 CFWC Convention- Crown Plaza- Sacramento Hwy 80 & Madison Ave
- 20 DVAC meeting, Covina Woman's Club Noon
- 21 Parliamentary Affiliate meeting (All Welcome) Baldwin Park Woman's Club 10:00am
- 24 Alumnae Meeting at Baldwin Park, 11:00am

JUNE 2019

- 3 Executive Committee meeting, Peppertree, 1020 E. Rte 66, Glendora, 9:00 am
- 14 **SGVD Board Meeting**, Covina Women's Club, 9:30a.m. District Scholarship Awards
- 17 DVAC meeting, Covina Woman's Club Noon
- 18 Past District Presidents Affiliate, 11:30 am. Marie Callendar's Azusa
- 26 - July 1 GFWC CONVENTION, Austin Texas

SGVD President . . . Rita Aleman...909-284-2384...meritamom@msn.com

Hello Members,

The next part of “The Collect” is: “And may we strive to touch and to know the great, common human heart of us all.” Although this seems easy to do, it takes practice. Remembering that we are all human, we all make mistakes and we all have feelings, is something that just never comes to mind when someone crosses us. I strive daily to achieve an inner calmness that is untouchable by hurtful comments or hurtful people. Just look for the good in everyone and let the rest go.

Now for my message: Thank you to all, who worked so hard on the 63rd SAN GABRIEL VALLEY DISTRICT CONVENTION! The surveys have been collected and the responses will be addressed. We managed to change some Bylaws and change some Standing Rules. We voted on our Delegates for California Federation and we voted on the Hotel for next year. If you did not attend the District Convention, then you missed El Monte Woman’s Clubs display of Spirit. They dressed for one session as *Rosie The Riveter* and at another session, they were dressed like the World War II women uniforms, much like you saw in the *Boogie Woogie Bugle Boys* with the Andrew Sisters. It was a lot of fun and they cheered for all the clubs during awards. Needless to say the vote was unanimous and El Monte Woman’s Club now holds the Spirit Award, congratulations.

May is here and I would like to encourage everyone to attend the **May District meeting**, which will be held on **May 10th at Arcadia Woman’s Club**. Since we were not able to get together for April for Children Trafficking Awareness, I thought we could all plant a blue pinwheel on the grass around Arcadia Woman’s Club and take a group photo. The pinwheels will be provided to all attendees.

Congratulations to all the Chairman who worked so hard this past year, your worked inspired Clubs to submit reports.

Thank you again to the Executive Committee and to all of those who participated in the 63rd San Gabriel Valley District Convention.

SGVD 1ST Vice President...Rosette Clippinger...909-525-8828

Happy May to All

April Showers bring May Flowers...and this year, flowers bloomed all over Southern California. I hope you had the chance to travel south and see all the California Poppies, that blanketed the hillsides.

Our SGVD Convention held this past month in Fullerton. Thank you for all that attended the convention, and the workshops, A Big Thank You for all of our club Chairmen that presented outstanding Reports.

As District overall we completed:

994 Projects
Volunteered 171,000 Hours
Donated \$206,000
In Kind Donation \$206,000
Spent \$78,000
Raised \$207,000

Kudos to everyone!!!!

Club Awards is one of the most awarding time, many ideas were shared among the members, with cheers and support. I am always amazed at the projects that some of our clubs are carrying daily, and my goal for this year will be to encourage more clubs to write reports.

I have learned so much from all your ideas make me proud to serve as your District First Vice President.

**SGVD 2nd Vice President ...Terry Perkins ~ 909-895
7710...perkinstlee@gmail.com**

Membership is the lifeblood of any organization.

If people do not know you exist, they will not be able to join

PROMOTE YOUR PURPOSE

Print: Flyers, Tri-folds, newspapers

Internet: Webpage, Facebook. Neighborhood Buzz

Attend local events and pass out fliers advertising your group's mission, telling people what membership entails.

WORD OF MOUTH



Why should they join your club?

Why should they stay in your club?

**Thank You for all you do to promote membership!!!!
Continue your great efforts in promoting membership!**

Remember I am here to assist you and contact (email, phone, letter, in person) me any time and I will do my best to be of assistance.

SGVD 3rd VP/Convention ... Linda Koontz ... 909-593-3906

Congratulations to all our clubs who won awards at our District Convention. I can't believe our Convention is nothing but a memory. So much planning goes into putting on a Convention and then in a flash it is over! Thank you to everyone who turned in survey forms. We will go thru each and every survey for your input as to what you liked and didn't like at our District Convention.

For those who were not at Convention the voting for our 2020 site was taken and the Azure Hotel in Ontario was the choice. The Azure Hotel was formerly the Ayres Hotel and we had a convention there where Paulette Pope was installed as President. I will report on this Hotel at our May District Board, since we will visit the Hotel April 18th. I will take surveys at our District Board meeting, in case you took it home by mistake. Regarding lanyards, please give to Abbey and voting paddles please give to Rita Even or Carol Huntwork.

Congratulations to the El Monte Women's Club who won the Spirit award! There was a unanimous decision from all the judges. Members walked into the Banquet room at Saturday Lunch wearing the WAC (Women's Army Corp) uniforms and were so very cute. El Monte will keep this award and turn back in at our Spring Council.

The BACA (Bikers Against Child Abuse) program was outstanding on Friday and the USO program was excellent on Saturday. Those who went also enjoyed workshops. Do you have an idea for workshops, programs or entertainment? Remember to save the date: APRIL 17-18th, 2020.

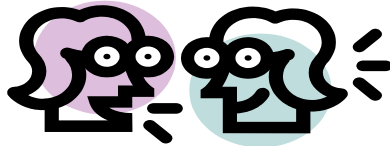
See you at May Board!

SGVD Corresponding Secretary....Marianne Jennings... (818) 398-732

Dear Members,

Summer is nearly upon us and though most of our clubs take a break during the summer we still need to remember to take care of our members. If any of your members would benefit from a card with a hug, please email me @ FAJMLJ@aol.com or call me 818/398-7323 and let me know. A card does go a long way in helping those in the hospital or home bound know that they are loved and thought of at their time of need. Our District is here for you and your club members and we can drop a card in the mail or make a phone call to those needing a hug. Stay well and enjoy a relaxing summer and, most importantly, stay connected where needed.

CHAIRMEN'S CHATS



Advocates for Children ... Esthela Torres de Siegrist ...626-442-0354

I Pledge Allegiance..." "Oh, say can you see?" "God Bless America..." "In Flanders Fields..."

"Love of Country MUST Be Taught Early & Forever After!"



May is particularly a special month. It's when we all are invited to commemorate all those Veterans who "gave their all to protect us, to preserve our freedoms, our liberties. Let's all never forget to celebrate Memorial Day—May 27, 2019. How? By visiting a local cemetery and sharing in the Memorial Day Celebration. By wearing a poppy—American Legion Auxiliary Members and VFW Members will be offering the poppies for a donation. The poppies are made by hospitalized Veterans; all proceeds are donated to Veterans and their families.

Increasingly happening at many public events and even at meetings of community service organizations, when the pledge of allegiance is performed (and frequently is NOT!) some men and boys do not take off their hats. Some people don't even stand up, and others do not even recite the pledge. Why? Because they don't even know the words. A former school principal of the largest pre-K-12th school district in California recently told me that "Teachers in that district no longer have their students salute the flag." And so it goes!

Oft times when our National Anthem is sung, the audience is invited to stand and hear the singer "perform OUR National Anthem." Attendees, rarely join in the singing. If you dare to sing along, you may receive inquisitive or even hostile looks of admonition. Sadly, too many attendees do not even know the words. Many men forget to take off their hats. The only men allowed not to "uncover" are present or past military Veterans—they are allowed to render the military salute with their open hand.

Not long ago, I attended a concert at the Hollywood Bowl and was dismayed that a man, his wife, and children who were seated behind my family, did not stand to salute the flag nor sing our National Anthem. When asked about this, the father proudly said, "Oh, we don't do that because this country is so racist." And then you may recall that "kneeling" at some NFL Games has become more and more in vogue by some players who claim that they are expressing their "protest against racism."

A tv news report recently showed that a little Boy Scout, who unlike his fellow scouts, was kneeling during the salute to our flag. His father was interviewed and proudly announced, "I am so proud of my son—he's a real American...protesting racism!"

Some of our colleges and universities have a strict policy that forbids military recruiters from entering their campuses. And so it goes. But why?

In my humble opinion, love of country, instilling patriotism, and respect for our nation's flag must begin at an early age and continue thereafter. It once was an unquestioned tradition (patriotism), which seems to be disappearing more and more. But why?

Yet, there is hope! It was absolutely inspirational to witness at this year's Super Bowl that when the talented Gladys Knight performed the National Anthem so beautifully, a number of football players and fans joined in the singing.

What's the answer to the growing lack of patriotism? Quite simple. It's up to us, the adults, to model proper behavior: to remind others of love of country; proudly saluting our flag; wearing a poppy, and singing our National Anthem—not standing in silence as a singer “Sings our National Anthem.”

What else can we do? We can fly an American flag on our car or on our home. Put a patriotic bumper sticker on our car. Yes, we can inspire and remind others by joining in the singing of our National Anthem whenever given the chance

Finally, you might google: Red Skelton on You Tube and LISTEN to the words of the Pledge of Allegiance It's wonderfully informative: a true work of art!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hJNL_rhGDq4

With you in love of country!

Communications and Public Relations.....Luanne Arredondo ~ 626-703-3041

Ready to Plan Summer Promotions?

As we count down the days to our summer break, we should also be counting down the days to our chance to initiate a Summer Frenzy of Fun Promotional ideas that can keep our clubs in the public eye.

10. Have an ice-cream party or a banana split party with local families - work with your recreation centers.
9. Work with your local pool to provide safety tips to children - pass them on on book marks, or with a beach ball (you can buy them at the .99 cent store)
8. Have a sidewalk sale at member houses and promote your club.
7. Sell cool beverages at the local park (work with your City to get the proper permit). This is also known as a summer pop-up.
6. Run an Instagram give-away. Have followers post a favorite vacation picture. Send a gift to your favorite 3.
5. Work with your local grocers to offer a Woman's Club coupon for an in-store discount. Post the coupon with your local media and/or city publication.
4. Offer free sunglasses - get the sunglasses from big lots or 99 cent stores. Put your sticker on the glasses.
3. Contact your local free lunch program and volunteer to offer free lunches. Place your club identifiers out.
2. Host a back to school stuff a bin program. Create a banner and coordinate bin placement at local stores that sell back to school items. Donate to local kids in need.
1. Partner with a sister club and do any of the above together! #United We Are Stronger

As always, feel free to write or call with any questions or to share your own ideas. wcwclu65@gmail.com

Domestic Violence.....Mavis Hansen ...626-441-6231

Congratulations to our President Rita Aleman for a great 63rd Annual Convention!

Congratulations also to the many award winners and Kudos to Convention Chair Linda Koontz and all the committee members and those who worked so hard at the various jobs it takes to make a successful event.

It is always amazing to hear of all the hours, dollars and in-kind that go into the many projects and events. We start out small, but soon, by working together, we keep going until we reach our goal.

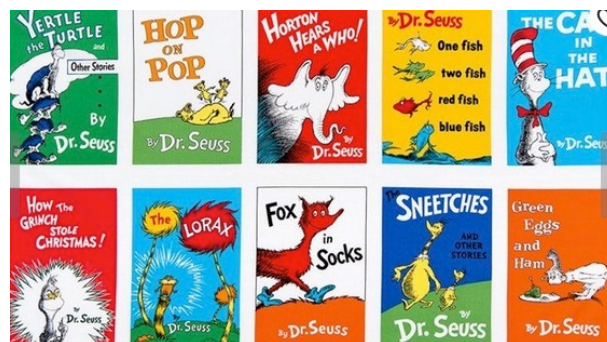
Our club year is nearly over and time to start anew. What will we do? The new members bring fresh ideas and the not so new/or seasoned members bring experience and knowledge. Make it fun and productive working together. Again I ask you: If your club does not have a Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Chairman, how about asking for a Volunteer?

Remember that “ It is better to Give then to Receive.”

EducationGuadalupe Diaz....562-271-7104

Please ladies continue to bring Dr. Seuss Children Books to every SGVD Board meeting or to any SGVD event I will take the books. The summer is coming up take this time to go out into the community to ask for donations for Dr. Seuss Children Books ask for cash, gift cards or a check made out to your women’s club name or for the actual Dr. Seuss Children Books then purchase the Dr. Seuss Children Books. Also ask friends and family to donate Dr. Seuss Children books or cash, gift or a check made out to your Women’s Club name. Community, Friends and Family count should be separated from the women’s club count. If you have any ideas on how to get more Dr. Seuss Children Books please let me know.

Thank you all in advance for your participation!



International Outreach.....Tina Ly.....626-234-7754.



The International Outreach Community Service Program is designed to give members the opportunity to **become better world citizens** and make an impact throughout the world **through education**, advocacy, and action to affect change for others throughout the world.

One fun way is to learn about International Affiliates of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs (GFWC)! International Affiliates are clubs, Federations, and associations whose work is relevant to GFWC programs and are based outside the United States.

How It All Began

In 1889, Dr. Emma Brainard Ryder of the New York City Sorosis Club placed an advertisement in a newspaper in Bombay, India, inviting young women of all classes and nationalities to a meeting about forming a women’s organization. Dr. Ryder received a great deal of backlash for her plan. Some missionaries said that men would not permit women to participate, and residents of Bombay argued India’s caste system would make forming a club difficult.

Despite this doubt, 47 women attended the first meeting, and 30 women became charter members. Thus, the first GFWC International Club was created. GFWC Founder Jane Cunningham Croly sent a message congratulating the new club. “Tell them the world was made for women also,” she wrote.¹

Recent History

The black and white photo on the left shows a delegation of GFWC members in 1953 going to Havana to meet with the Havana Women’s Club and to learn more about commercial coffee production on the island. First Vice President Helen Chapman was invited as an honorary guest of the Havana Women’s Club. During the club’s Federation Day celebration, Mrs. Chapman addressed the crowd and reported that “the Federation prides itself on being the most democratic organization in the world. Prospective members are not investigated on race, religion, economic or social standing; they are asked to affirm their willingness... to help others.”² The photo on the right is GFWC International Past President Sheila E. Shea (right) with members of the Women’s Club of Aruba.³

The Present

Some recent accomplishments by international affiliates include:

GFWC Belmopan Women's Club (Belize)

- Bottle cap collection to fund chemotherapy sessions for hospitalized children.
- Breakfast for hungry school children.
- A community garden for local residents to plant vegetables, herbs, and flowers for both personal consumption and for sale to the community.

The Cam Kwoki Woman's Club (Uganda)

- Work towards a loan plan for women.
- Chicken and pig raising.
- Beaded handbags, candles, and body jelly production.

Cam Kwoki members recently expressed thanks to GFWC Maine for donating over 760 reusable sanitary pads, cloth bags, and underwear. Prior to receiving the pads, young girls missed up to 55 days of school each year. Since the donation, school attendance for girls has dramatically increased, and their academic achievement and self-confidence has grown.⁴

Clubs are encouraged to learn more about International Affiliates by visiting gfwc.org/international-affiliates-2 where you can view the list of organizations, and perhaps make contact with a Federation sister on another side of the world. Please let me know if you make this international connection!

¹ gfwc.org/making-international-impact-gfwc-affiliates-around-world/

² GFWC Facebook post February 7, 2019

[facebook.com/GFWCMembers/photos/a.202062813703/10156903228403704](https://www.facebook.com/GFWCMembers/photos/a.202062813703/10156903228403704)

³ gfwc.org/international-affiliates-2

⁴ GFWC News & Notes March 7, 2019

LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN.... *Toby Kahan ...909-720-3532*

Congratulations to all Award Recipients and to The Woman's Club of West Covina who received the Sweepstakes Leadership Award from the SGVD Past Presidents Affiliate Group, along with a check for \$100. Many thanks to all those who attended the Leadership Workshop I presented at Convention on Saturday morning. I hope I covered many topics of concern and shared information that would be helpful to those members considering leadership positions. Please feel free to contact me if you would like a program at a club meeting on a Leadership Issue or Using Parliamentary Procedures. I am always available to assist members so don't hesitate to contact me.

WOMEN'S HISTORY/RESOURCE CENTER...Diane Sexton...626-316-004

Champions of Peace and Nonviolence

From women's rights and racial justice to disarmament and gun control, visionary women have championed the drive for nonviolent change. These women consciously built supportive, nonviolent and loving communities while advocating necessary changes to achieve peace. They have given voice to the unrepresented and hope to victims of violence and those who dream of living in a peaceful world.

Women have learned to step forward with confidence and their legacy sparks others to use legal defense and public education to direct actions that reduce violence, achieve peace and promote the common good. History tells a complete story of the accomplishments of many such women. Some of the women honored in the annals of the 'National Women's History Alliance' are still living today. Women such as:

Deborah Tucker - President of the Board of Directors of the National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence, has dedicated over 40 years to ending violence. She founded and led several organizations while working with many to advocate for improvements to laws, policies, and pass the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 and co-chaired the Defense Task Force on Domestic Violence. She is currently President of the Board of Directors of the National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence.

Graciela Sanchez - Co Founder of the Esperanza Peace & Justice Center, is a dedicated neighborhood activist and cultural worker. She is the co-founder and director of the Esperanza Peace and Justice Center in San Antonio, Texas. The Esperanza is a community-based arts and cultural organization, committed to serving marginalized communities. She has worked throughout her lifetime to eliminate racism, sexism, homophobia, and class elitism. Her activism facilitates conversations on issues of colonization, cultural genocide, violence and intersectionality.

Kathy Kelly - Co-coordinator of Voices for Creative Nonviolence, is a peace activist, pacifist, and author, one of the founding members of *Voices in the Wilderness*, and currently a co-coordinator of *Voices for Creative Nonviolence*. As part of peace teamwork in several countries, she has traveled to Iraq twenty-six times, notably remaining in combat zones during the early days of both US-Iraq wars. Her recent work has focused on Afghanistan and Gaza and protesting US drone policy.

In recent years, **Sarah Brady**, became active in the gun control movement in the 1980s after husband, Jim Brady, was permanently disabled in the failed assassination attempt on President Reagan. She was the most visible gun control activist of her time and was instrumental in the passage of the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act, more commonly known as the Brady Bill, in 1993. In 2000 Handgun Control Inc. was renamed the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence and Sarah Brady was appointed chairwoman where she served until her death in 2015.

The work women do matters! Why? For younger women and girls, knowing women's achievements expands their sense of what is possible. Knowledge of women's strengths and contributions builds respect and nourishes self-esteem, which is crucial to women of all ages.

You too are a role model within your home and community. Help other women set the world on fire and create change.....peacefully!

SGVD PRESIDENT’S SCRAPBOOK Chairman.... Pat Borchard.... (909-576-4382)

What a fantastic convention! Thank you to Linda Koontz, our fabulous convention chairman and to President Rita, for planning this wonderful convention.

Just wanted to give a shout out to anyone who took pictures at the convention and ask you to email me copies of group shots etc. I know some of you got some really good pictures with Sonny from BACA and DJ Stanhope from the USO. I would love to have some of those pictures for President Rita’s book. You can just email them to me and I will print them. Thanks for your help with this.

Care and Share Table

Material for Sewing	Yarn	Rolling Suitcases
Men’s Baseball Hats	Pull Tabs	Used Eyeglasses
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Used Hearing Aids	Toys	Magazines
Empty Inkjet Cartridges	Picture Frames	Gently used Household Items
Gently used Designer Clothing	Gently used Purses and Purse Items	

NO BATTERIES OR PRESCRIPTION BOTTLES PLEASE

SGVD Website ... Terry Perkins ~Webmaster...perkinstlee@gmail.com

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**An email was sent to all presidents with the list of winners.
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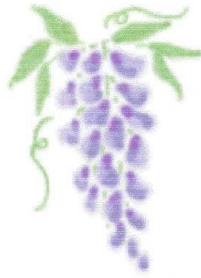
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