

# LOS CERRITOS DISTRICT BULLETIN



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## A Message from the President:

I will be in Missouri on the 20<sup>th</sup> and return on the 4<sup>th</sup> of January 2012. It should be a cold Christmas for me with my daughter Polly and her family as they like to build snowmen (4), one for each child. So the New Year for me will be special and then return to my other 4 grandchildren. I do feel blessed.

Not only am I blessed by having 9 grandchildren (one in the Philippines in addition to the 8 mentioned above) and 4 grown children but by being your district president. We may not be a huge district, but I know our medium size makes us “mighty.” I receive many compliments on how enthusiastic we are and what a great bulletin we publish as it is read by many throughout the state.

Congratulations are in order for Barbara Beard and Vicki Holden making our report writing fun and full of important tips and information. I also enjoyed the variety of questions asked. Since your executive had three meetings that day I was surprised it all turned out. Joanne Witt stole the show with her sticky notes; I could hardly keep a straight face.

Again, you out did yourselves, ladies, as our Festival of Trees was an absolute success with an outstanding meal prepared, served by Long Beach Women's Club and gorgeous table decorations by El Dorado Woman's Club. Many thanks to the Woman's Club of Downey for their hospitality and for Barbara coordinating the number of tables and sizes. Jackie outdid herself again and all who attended: 110 paid and one speaker, Pam Ament, who was our guest. Pam really did a great job and everyone seemed to enjoy her, so she was kind enough to stay afterwards and answer more questions.

I know your pens or computers are ready for writing your yearly reports and I am looking forward to reading each one as I did last year. It really is amazing to me how many projects you all do to make your community a better place to live. So please don't be shy and share what you have done. Your state president wants to know so she can share it with GFWC. For those wishing not to do a narrative, the statistical report will do (will not be entered in competition) as these figures will be passed on to the state for Kathi McGraw's state report.

As you wind down from report writing, I know many of you will be gathering your homemade items, paintings, artwork, crafts,



Sun., Jan. 1 - **NEW YEAR'S DAY**

Mon., Jan. 9—8:30 a.m.

**District Executive Committee**

9:30 a.m.—Coffee

10:00 a.m.- **District Board Meeting**

WC Bellflower Clubhouse

9402 Oak St., Bellflower

Thurs., Jan. 12—10:30 a.m.

**WC Artesia-Cerritos**

**Federation/Reciprocity**

Cerritos Library

NW corner of 183<sup>rd</sup> &

Bloomfield Ave.

Fri., Jan. 27—11:30 a.m.

**Les Chapeaux Divas**

**(Red Hat Section)**

Café Piccolo

3222 E. Broadway, Long Beach

Mon., Jan. 30—9:30 a.m.

**Parliamentary Law /**

**Leadership Workshop**

WC Bellflower Clubhouse

9402 Oak St., Bellflower

photos, etc., for our Fine Arts Festival to be held at the same place as last year, the Norwalk Arts/Sports Complex Center on Clarkdale. So circle the date February 27, 2012.

Great news! Winnie Baker was able to attend our Norwalk WC Reciprocity and Toby Kahan has moved out of the hospital to a rehab center near her home. Thanks for all your prayers, thoughts and cards and letters.

A very Happy, Healthy New Year to you all.

Fondly,

Your President, *Suzanne Seager*

### **Ride Your Horse!**



**P.S.** Please remember the Ride Your Horse! Therapeutic Riding Program. See [www.rideyourhorse.com](http://www.rideyourhorse.com) or call Darlene Harman 714/292-3563.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Dean:**

It can't be a New Year already! Didn't we just get started on 2011? And here it is 2012 so soon.

I hope you had blessed holidays and found time for the things you truly enjoy and spent time with family and friends. My wishes for you all are health and happiness in 2012.

The report writing workshop went well December 5<sup>th</sup> with 26 club members present. Many thanks to Vicki Holden, our immediate Past State President, for writing and presenting the well-thought-out, and learning-can-be-fun, skit. Hope the handouts were helpful, and good luck writing. I hope you all enjoyed the skit. We have a wealth of information in Vicki and are blessed she is in our District.

Once again, club reports are due to me by **January 15**, 2012; district reports are due to State by **February 15**, 2012; and CFWC reports are due to GFWC by **March 15**, 2012. Make seven copies and at least do a statistical report if you don't want to do the narrative. That way, records are kept for what we all do as club women collectively.

I hope you attended Festival of Trees December 12<sup>th</sup>. The trees are always beautiful!

And I hope that some of you did some of your Christmas shopping from the many vendors who were there to sell their wares. We all help each other in Federation.

The 53<sup>rd</sup> annual Fine Arts Festival is almost here. Fine Arts Festival is **February 27**, 2012, at the Norwalk Sports Complex. You are probably already painting, knitting, crocheting, sewing, and doing trash-to-treasure projects; taking pictures for photography; and collecting student art and photos for judging. I am looking forward to seeing you all there. We will have a Federated club member, Dr. Vonda Pelto Lia, president of El Dorado Club, talk to us about the book she wrote called, *Without Remorse*, as she counseled the serial killers in the LA jails for a few years. You will find her speech very passionate about the work she does. (\*See her bio in the box after this article.)

The theme this year is "Art is in a Woman's Soul." What moves you in art is what we want to see.

Each club volunteered (or was drafted) to do jobs to help make the art festival run smoothly, as this job is too big for one person to tackle. The job assignments are as follows:

- ◆ Norwalk: Helen Brown, secured location and meals; will get judges, have their clipboards and badges ready, tell them when and where to be on the 27<sup>th</sup>, and offer them lunch if they would like to stay.
- ◆ Lakewood: Charlotte Weigel, volunteered for the coffee hour as a fundraiser for Lakewood. Lakewood will provide a member to be in the art room when judging to help with security.
- ◆ LA Philippine: Luz Espina, will also help with security and writing of placement ribbons.
- ◆ Long Beach: Julie Lehenbauer, tally for clock and chimes.
- ◆ Downey: Barbara, art room and ribbon writing with Judy Dessel of Norwalk and Pat Martin. (Both Judy and Pat have done this for years now and are well prepared to help effectively.)
- ◆ Artesia/Cerritos: Joanne Witt, skits and plays scheduling.
- ◆ South Gate: Paula Grimes, arrangement of setup of the dining tables, make sure there are chairs this year; and coordinating the judges' time to judge the decorated tables.

- ◆ Paramount: Laura Orapeza and Gerda Trutzl, printing of the program. Your information needs to be to these ladies by **February 13, 2012**, so that they can lay out the copy and take it to a printer.

All clubs are to help set up and tear down. Setup will most likely be Sunday again, around 3 p.m. till 4 p.m. Many hands make light work, so please come by and we will get set up quickly.

Club craft tables will be supervised by El Dorado, Bellflower, South Gate Multicultural, and Huntington Park.

Time frame is as follows:

- 8 a.m.** registration and setup in art room for all arts, photography, and crafts
- 8 a.m.** in dining room setup of tables to be judged
- 8:30 a.m.** coffee and goodies for sale by Lakewood Club in the foyer
- 9 a.m.** judging begins
- 10 a.m.** Festival of Arts opens  
Introductions and skits, plays, readings
- 11:45 a.m.** lunch
- 12:30 p.m.** view exhibits and buy more opportunity drawing tickets
- 1 p.m.** reconvene and give out awards
- 2 p.m.** adjournment and tear down (Removal of exhibits and displays not before 2 p.m., please.)

Any questions, call me.

Love in Federation,

**Barbara Briley Beard**  
562/869-7618

\* Biography of our speaker for the Fine Arts Festival:

**Vonda L. Pelto-Lia, Ph.D.** is married to an attorney. She is the mother of two daughters and grandparent of six. Vonda lives and works in Los Angeles County. She obtained her Ph.D. in psychology in 1981, and went to work in the Los Angeles County Men's Jail in September of 1981. She remained there until February 1984. During her employment she was assigned to keep high profile serial killers from harming themselves. Her book *Without Remorse* traces Vonda's surreal experience as she balanced her family life while spending her days with such notorious killers as the Hillside Strangler, Freeway Killers and many more.

## Parliamentary/Leadership Workshop

The workshop will be at the Bellflower Clubhouse on **Monday, January 30, 2011**, at 9:30 a.m. There is a \$5.00 charge to be paid at the door.

**Alice T. Allen, P.R.P.**  
Parliamentarian



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Membership:

Hi Everyone,

Sharing the day with you at the Festival of Trees brought much joy. Glad to see so many of you there. What a wonderful day in spite of the rain, a good way to start the season.

It was so exciting to see that eleven new members were gained this last recruiting period. Keep up your good work. This is a good time to recruit. Although we are busy, we have more contact with others this time of year. Don't forget, all you need is 3 new members for this next period. Keep sending me those names. I love to hear from all your clubs.

Now is Report Writing time and reports are due to me by January 10. Forms were distributed earlier in the year. Most especially, I need your count. Use the following formula (as an example):

Members on January 1, 2011

**(Same number from 12/31/10) 40**

*Added after January 1 so included in Data Blanks+10*

*Members Lost in 2011 after Data Blanks - 5*

*Added after Data Blanks & paid dues to District + 10*

*(Net Members Gained in 2011 = 20 )*

Members on December 31, 2011 (40+ 20 - 5 =     ) **55**

Although it is not required, please include a narrative if you plan you have your report judged and let us know the number of projects, hours, and money involved with your members. Remember, awards are based on what your club has done.

Hope your Christmas was Great and a happy, happy New Year to each one of you!

Yours in Federation,

**Laura Orapeza**

See **www.loscerritosdistrict.org** and **www.cfwc.org** and **www.gfwc.org!**

### **Phyllis White**

**Nov. 19, 1936–Nov. 23, 2011**

Phyllis was president of Norwalk Woman's Club, 1998–2000, and president of Los Cerritos District, 2004–2006.

She was born in Commerce, Oklahoma. Her family moved to California when she was a baby. She grew up in Compton. Her parents died within six months of each other when she was 16. She was married in 1954. Her husband died in 1991. That same year in January, she received the gift of a kidney from another family's loss of a loved one.

Phyllis was a very close friend of Winnie Baker, who spoke at the memorial service for Phyllis even though Winnie had recently had a heart attack and triple bypass surgery and is still recovering. We miss Phyllis and pray for Winnie's recovery.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Vice President, Fundraising:**

#### **Festival of Trees**

The Festival of Trees was a beautiful day inside, but very wet outside. The number of members attending was excellent, considering the weather.

The \$100.00 Money Tree brought in \$300.00 for district. Thanks, everyone. The Opportunity Drawing totaled \$375.00, all sold by Rae Holtzendorff, member of the Norwalk Women's Club. Thanks, Rae, for your help and support. Five winners received one \$50, two \$40s, one \$30, and one \$25 envelope for a total of \$185.00. District received \$190.00.

There were nine vendors present with lots of beautiful things to sell. The morning program ended a little early before lunch so the attendees had extra time to shop. Each vendor gave a gift from their table and drew an opportunity drawing ticket and presented their gift to the lucky winner. Special thanks to all the vendors. Hope you did well at the Festival of Trees. Happy Holidays to all the "Vendors" from the Los Cerritos District members.

LCD President Suzanne Seager provided a beautiful "President's Tree" along with nine beautiful trees provided from the clubs in district. Each club sold the white tickets to club members, family, and friends—with everyone hoping to win one of the 10 beautiful trees. Your LCD

fundraising chairman won the tree presented by the Woman's Club of Artesia-Cerritos.

Beautiful table decorations were provided by the El Dorado Woman's Club and an excellent lunch was prepared by the Long Beach Women's Club.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a Very Happy and Healthy New Year (2012) from your Los Cerritos District Fundraising Chairman Ruby Cure.

#### **Fine Arts Festival**

The Fine Arts Festival will be your next opportunity to support the Los Cerritos District Fundraising. Thanks to every one for your support.

#### **Los Cerritos District Recipe Book**

A few more recipes have been received, but I know some of you have been very busy with club work and the holiday planning. Your "special recipe" can fall into one of the following: Appetizers, Bread & Rolls, Main Dishes, Casseroles, Side Dishes, Vegetables, Salads, Soups, Sandwiches, Candies, Desserts: Pies, Cakes, Cookies, Pastry; Beverages and "This & That." Submit at least one of each of these recipes.

Remember to include your full name, your club name, and how many years you have been in Federation.

They may be emailed to [mrrubycure@verizon.net](mailto:mrrubycure@verizon.net) or sent to Ruby Cure at 4137 Chatwin Ave., Lakewood, CA 90713 or bring them to a District meeting or event.

**THERE IS NOW A DEADLINE:**  
**FEBRUARY 1, 2012, for your RECIPES.**

All the reports should be done and submitted. Thank you notes for Christmas gifts should have been written and mailed. The month of January is now the time to think about those special dishes all the family and friends love so much, and you like to make for them. **SIT DOWN, WRITE THEM OUT, AND SEND THEM TO MISS RUBY**, then she can start to organize the book. You certainly don't want to be left out of the Los Cerritos District Recipe Book.

***Ruby Cure***  
562/421-8416

### **Care and Concern**

We were so glad to see Shirley Elliott at the Festival of Trees! Keep feeling better!

Good health to all of you over the holidays and to begin the New Year!

***Gerri McGlocklin***, Chairman

## Red Hats Section—Everyone is invited!

The Red Hats luncheon is “always” the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month except around a holiday. The January luncheon will be on **Friday, January 27, 2012, 11:30 a.m.**, at Café Piccolo, 3222 E. Broadway, Long Beach.

For information and reservations, email me or call me.

**QueenMum Barbee**  
**barbeeheiny@verizon.net**  
562/498-2103



## FEATURED MEMBER OF THE MONTH

In the new 2011–2012 District Yearbook President Suzanne Seager assigned each club a month for its article: “How has being a Federated Lady affected your life?” Each club President or Dean may respond.

### **Long Beach Women’s Club** **President Julie Lehenbauer**

After getting an email from Mary Lou that it is our turn to put in an article, I decided I had better write something. Where do I start?... so many years. I started Women’s Club in 1973 as a Junior. After a couple of years our Junior District folded and I joined the North Long Beach Women’s Club. O, something I forgot, my long time friend Vicki Holden asked me to go to a meeting with her, and the rest is history. I have held every office in my club except program, at least once and some more than once. Besides my club, I have served on the District and also on the CFWC Level. I have met so many wonderful ladies and enjoyed so many great times. I have been places and have seen things I would never have done if I had not belonged to Women’s Club. I have been one of the fortunate ones for I had wonderful mentors over the years in Elisabeth Peace Bingham, Rosemary Newton, Dolores Seguine, and, of course, Vicki. It wouldn’t have been the same without them.

Women’s Club has not only given me great friends but has helped me to become a very knowledgeable person in many areas. That wouldn’t have happened otherwise. For all the new ladies who read this, I hope that you learn about Women’s Club, volunteer and get involved. You will not regret it.

**Julie Lehenbauer**

## Tidbits from CFWC History—Did you know the following about the “Collect”?

The information below is from page 243 of the book, *REACHING OUT—A Story of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs*, by Mary Jean Houde.

“Miss Stewart had written the Collect (in 1904) as a personal prayer for the day while principal of the Longmont, Colorado, high school. It was first printed in a column called ‘Club Notes’ in the *Delineator*, a woman’s magazine of the time. Copies were made for members of the Longmont Fortnightly Woman’s Club of Colorado, and the Collect was used at the state convention of the Kansas Federation of Women’s Clubs as early as 1906. Mary Stewart wrote, ‘The first women’s organization to hear or use the Collect or to print it in its yearbooks and biennial reports was the General Federation of Women’s Clubs. Since then it has been reprinted in many forms in many lands’”

(These articles are submitted in each bulletin by Editor *Mary Lou Hjort*, who reads the books cited and selects items that might be of interest to YOU.)

## CFWC Resolution 015-317

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA STATEHOOD

(Convention 1991, Reviewed 1996, Amended /Reaffirmed 2001, Reaffirmed 2006, Amended 2011)

- Whereas, The founding fathers of the nation set up the District of Columbia to be an independent center for the seat of our federal government; and
- Whereas, The U.S. Constitution does not grant the District of Columbia statehood or voting representation in Congress; and
- Whereas, The only time that this issue has come before the voting public was in 1978 when Congress proposed the District of Columbia Voting Rights Amendment to the Constitution. It was not ratified; therefore

RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN’S CLUBS, BELIEVING IN THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF AN IMPARTIAL SEAT FOR OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, OPPOSES ANY EFFORT TO CHANGE THE STATUS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TO THAT OF THE 51st STATE.

## **Inspiration**

### NEW YEAR'S WISH

May you have enough happiness  
to keep you sweet;  
Enough trials to keep you strong;  
Enough sorrow to keep you human;  
Enough hope to make your heart sing;  
Enough labor to keep you from rust;  
Enough leisure to make you broad;  
Enough religion to make you value the best;  
Enough of the love of Christ in your soul  
to make you glad to serve.

From *A Carousel of Love and Joy*

**Gerri McGlocklin**, Chairman

## **DEADLINES**

February bulletin articles  
to Mary Lou Hjort.....Jan. 15

Club Reports  
to District Chairmen and  
to Barbara Briley Beard.....Jan. 15

Writings due to Judy McNatt.....Jan. 15

Number of photos due to Alison....Jan. 15

Recipes due to Ruby Cure.....Feb. 1

Fine Arts Meal Reservations  
to Jackie Reifenstein.....Feb. 17