

# LOS CERRITOS DISTRICT BULLETIN



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## A Message from the President:

My congratulations to Past President Lynn Hutton, the board, and all of our clubs that have made the past two years so wonderful. President Lynn brought a lot of fun and a lot of knowledge into our meetings. She will be president of North Long Beach so we will at least continue to enjoy her at board meetings. I won't have to go through a total Lynn withdrawal. Our congratulations also go to our new GFWC/CFWC President Vicki Holden and our new CFWC Director of Finance Julie Lehenbauer. I know they will both be great at their new positions.

Our first Executive Committee Meeting will be at the WC of Bellflower on June 9, 2008, at 8:30 a.m. and our Board at 10:00 a.m. See you there with your pins and your name badge on. We are going to start the drawings again for wearing your identifications. Wearing our name badges also helps us to remember names. Speak it and see it in print is the theory.

We had great conventions. President Lynn, Convention Chairman Ruby Cure, and team did an excellent job for our District Convention. President Lynn and her team provided a beautiful reception for President Vicki Holden. My thanks to the Norwalk Women's Club for my lovely reception.

I have not decided on a President's Project yet. I have a few things in mind but I need to check them out first to make sure any donation will go directly to the project. We also need to keep in mind the Habitat for Humanity house in Lynwood to finish President Lynn's project.

Los Cerritos Bulletin, with Mary Lou Hjort as editor, won first place (Sweepstakes/Grand Prize) in the newsletter (bulletin) competition because she had information from clubs, officers, and chairmen to put in her bulletin. We have convinced more members to sign up for the bulletin by giving 25 points to clubs with 100% participation. Now that we have more readers, let's be sure to



## CALENDAR

Mon., June 9 — 8:30 a.m.  
**District Executive Committee**  
10:00 a.m. (9:30 a.m. coffee)  
**District Board Meeting**  
Bellflower Clubhouse  
9402 Oak St. (corner of Clark)

Sat., June 14  
**Flag Day**

Fri., June 27 — **Red Hats**  
Les Chapeaux Divas Luncheon

June 27-July 1  
**GFWC Convention**  
Chicago

Joanne Witt is  
**looking for a roommate for the  
GFWC Convention.**

She has already booked a room  
with 2 beds.  
Call her at 562-860-2036.

continue to give them information to read. I will assign clubs for articles as it worked well for Lynn's administration and gave us all a chance to learn about one another.

I am looking forward to our new administration and working with the new board. I think we have a good one. Don't forget we are there for you. Be sure to keep us informed of the wonderful projects you are doing in your clubs. We need information to brag about at our State Board Meetings, and I want to fill our treasure chest with happiness in volunteering and friendship.

Yours in Federation, **Winnie Baker**

**A personal message from Winnie Baker:**

*I want to thank everyone for their support and the cards that we received—I still find comfort in reading the verses.*

*I saw my doctor this week. The nurse asked me if I had thought about visiting a support group. I told her that I had many friends to talk to, and she asked if anyone had lost a child. Within seconds, my mind flashed with the faces of so many of our members who have lost children, husbands, parents, and our closest friends. So, many of us, if not all of us, know grief and we are a strong group of ladies. We are probably the best support group in the world. We are free with our hugs and caring about each other's pain. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the hugs, love, and caring each of you has given to me. I have needed them.*

*Thank you.*

**Deadlines & RSVP's**

Aug 15: Articles for Sept. District bulletin  
to Mary Lou Hjort  
7682 Tracy Lane, La Palma, CA 90623  
or D.MLHjort@juno.com

**Dean, 1<sup>st</sup> VP:**

Hello, everyone! I want to thank all of you for a fantastic experience for me—and a most successful one. But the success is the reflection of true teamwork in Federation. I am looking forward to attending the GFWC Convention in Chicago and will report to you in August.

My request from each Club President is a BIG one. I need your help in giving me the name of each person in your club who attended the State Convention in Irvine. This counts, so it is very important that I receive the list from each club.

I was able, with the help of Betty Walter and Lynn Hutton, to get a list of those attending the dinner; but I want to be sure I have not MISSED ANYONE—so your assistance will be greatly appreciated plus, who knows, your club just might receive the participation award. Wouldn't that be great!!

Thanks again for the past two years!

**Suzanne Seager**

**Submitted by Lynn Hutton:**

To clarify questions about the District's dues increase, here is an excerpt from the Bylaws amendments voted on at the last District Convention:

**Article IV DUES – SECTION 1**

**Currently reads: Annual dues shall be one dollar and fifty-cents (\$1.50)**

**Proposed to read: Annual dues shall be two dollars (\$2.00)**

**Rational: Raises dues to meet rising costs.**

This Dues amendment passed.

At the CFWC Convention, members voted to increase dues from \$2.50 to \$4.00. From Data Blank time forward, any dues you collect should reflect these changes. Dues to:

**LCD \$ 2.00**  
**CFWC \$ 4.00**  
**GFWC \$15.00**  
**\$21.00**

## From Vicki, CFWC President:

It was such a delight to look out at the audience at the Installation Banquet and see so many of you. It made the evening even more special. Thank you for joining us.

To each of you, my most heartfelt appreciation for all you've done to help me along the way. Don't stop now!! I need each of you as friends, as sounding boards, and as general helpmates along the way. No one can handle this job alone; we need our support network and you are mine!

Until I get a proper note written, thank you for the beautiful glass pen and inkwell. I shall treasure them as memories of a wonderful evening and the beginning of a wonderful evening and the beginning of a new adventure in my life.

You are a terrific district. I'm very proud to be a part of it.

Thank you again for EVERYTHING!!

Fondly, **Vicki Holden**

## Public Relations

Congratulations to our district bulletin chairman **Mary Lou Hjort** for receiving the CFWC district newsletter Best of Show, Grand Prize award that was announced at the CFWC Convention. Also, **Leticia Fernandez** received the award for the Best Use of Photos and Color for the South Gate Women's Club newsletter. How proud we are of these two ladies who worked very hard to produce these fantastic newsletters!

It was a lot of fun handing out all the awards at District Convention. Your narratives, bulletins, profiles, and press books were outstanding. This chairman is very proud of all the work that the public relations chairmen do for their clubs. Thank you for your dedication. I hope that next year all the clubs will have a PR Chairman. You will be hearing from the incoming district PR Chairman **Fran Smith**. It has been a pleasure serving all of you these past two years. Thank you to **Lynn** for asking me to be a part of her executive committee.

**Joanne Witt**

## Red Hats Section

Red Hats will be on Fri., June 27, at 11:30 a.m. They will meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month throughout the summer. For information and reservations, call or email **Barbee Heiny** at: 562-498-2620 or [barbeeheiny@verizon.net](mailto:barbeeheiny@verizon.net) or see [www.leschapeauxdivas.info](http://www.leschapeauxdivas.info)

## Literacy

### "Those Little Black Marks"

Isn't it amazing how we take them for granted, those little black marks on paper! Twenty-six different shapes known as letters, arranged in endless combinations known as words. Lifeless, until someone's eye falls on them...

But then a miracle happens. Along the optic nerve, almost at the speed of light, these tiny symbols are flashed to the brain where they are instantly decoded into ideas, images, concepts, *meanings*.

We call it reading.

Partly because it is such a complex process, reading is not just a habit or a skill, it's a deeply satisfying emotional experience. Something in us knows that the soundest insights, the truest wisdom, the most enduring knowledge come through this channel. The spoken word rushes by and is gone, but the written word remains. It endures. It can be consulted over and over again. Forever.

How wise then to surround oneself with books and magazines.

How wise then to love them, and teach one's children to love them.

How wise to *read!*

By Arthur Gordon

Submitted by *Joyce Marsh*,  
2006-2008 Literacy Chairman

You can have a  
fresh start  
any moment you  
choose.

For Club year 2007–2008, Lynn Hutton asked each club president to submit a personal article for the District bulletin: family, work history, what prompted them to join women's club, why they chose their special project, etc. They could use any or all of these subjects. The year before, each one wrote about her club and its history; so this year we were able to get to know each of them on a different level.

## Featured Club President of the Month El Dorado Woman's Club President Marie Blakeney

I joined the El Dorado Woman's Club in September, 1979, two months after purchasing a home in the area. I had just retired due to some health problems, after working in the Insurance Industry for 25 years.

After receiving an invitation to a membership brunch, I decided the El Dorado Woman's Club would be a great way to get acquainted with women in the area. This was one of the best decisions I have made in my life.

I started on the Hospitality Committee the first year and have served either on the Board as an officer or as a chairman each year since then. This service has also helped me to make new friends throughout the District clubs. I am so thankful for each and everyone of your friendships.

I was born the youngest of five children and grew up in Wellsville, Kansas, 50 miles from Kansas City. Five days after graduating from high school, I traveled by train to Long Beach, California, to continue my education. This move was due to having an older brother and sister living here. Three years later, I married my first husband, Bud (from Kansas), and we had a son and a daughter.

When Dick was 7 and Judy was 3½ years old, my husband (a 35-year-old insurance agent) died suddenly. This was due to a massive heart attack while playing golf.

Four years later, I met and married George, who has been my best friend and companion for 51 years. He was from Toledo, Ohio, and had served in the U.S. Army for seven years. After his service, which included two assignments to the Far East, he moved to Southern California where we met and married

one year later. His employment was with Robertshaw Controls in the Tool Design Engineering Department for 33 years.

I am happy to say we have my two children, six grandchildren, and were blessed with our 12<sup>th</sup> great-grandchild in March.

I wish all of you—especially our incoming CFWC President Vicki Holden and Los Cerritos District President Winnie Baker—much happiness and success as we continue in our Federation work. *Marie Blakeney*

The best use anyone can  
make  
of any day  
is to enjoy it—  
and then spread that  
joy to others.  
Let us **celebrate** today!

John Kremer

### Tidbits from CFWC & GFWC History:

“Two CFWC-sponsored European tours added \$3,125 to the treasury.” (1968–1970 administration)

**This information was taken from the book, *California Federation of Women's Clubs History Highlights 1900–1990*, page 71. (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.)**

### *Recipe for a Happy Life*

Here's a surefire recipe for making your own sunshine:

Take equal parts of kindness, unselfishness, and thoughtfulness. Mix with love, and scatter with helpful words. Add a smile or two. Throw in a spice of cheerfulness. Stir with a hearty laugh. Share with everyone. *Sunshine Magazine*

## State awards presented for 2007 at the CFWC Convention:

Home Life Department—Dollars and Sense  
Medium Districts—Los Cerritos

International Affairs Dept.—United Nations  
Medium Clubs—Paramount Woman's Club

Empowering Women  
Intermediate Clubs—Woman's Club of Downey

Membership Narrative Report  
Area C Intermediate Clubs—  
Woman's Club of Artesia/Cerritos  
Area C Medium Districts—Los Cerritos

Newsletter Contest  
Best Use of Photos and Color—  
GFWC South Gate Women's Club  
(Other categories:  
Best Format/Layout  
Best Writing Style & Content)

Sweepstakes/Grand Prize Overall First Place—  
Los Cerritos District

“Where's Tammy?!?” Internet Contest—  
Rosemary Shenk (1 of 7 winners)

California Jennie Award Winner  
to Western States Region—Elizabeth Romero

## What is the JENNIE Award?

The JENNIE Award continues (2008–2010) as GFWC's highest honor bestowed on a clubwoman. The award spotlights one GFWC member from each region who has been judged on club, state, region, and national levels for her outstanding performance as a volunteer within her club, community, and (extended) family. We will devote additional publicity to making sure all clubwomen are aware of this opportunity to nominate a fellow volunteer, and increase awareness of the prestige of this honor in order to inspire members to work toward earning nominations. Look for multiple features on JENNIE Award winners on the GFWC website and in *GFWC Clubwoman* magazine.

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## Plan ahead for:

GFWC Convention  
Chicago Hilton and Towers  
Chicago, IL  
June 25–30, 2008

CFWC Summer Board  
Fresno, CA  
July 24–26, 2008

District Executive Committee & Board Meeting  
Bellflower Clubhouse  
September 8, 2008

CFWC Fall Board  
Ontario, CA  
September 18–20, 2008

Western States Region Conference  
Las Vegas, Nevada  
September 26–28, 2008

## GFWC Administration 2008–2010

Incoming GFWC President: Rose M. Ditto, PhD  
Logo—Red Rose—the GFWC Flower  
All GFWC Board of Director members will be  
“Rosie the Riveter.”  
Theme—“GFWC – A Vision of Possibilities”

## CFWC Administration 2008–2010

Incoming CFWC President: Vicki Holden  
Theme—  
“Strong Roots Encouraging New Growth”

## Incoming Los Cerritos District Officers

President—Winnie Baker  
1<sup>st</sup> VP/Dean—Suzanne Seager  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP/Membership—Rosemary Shenk  
3<sup>rd</sup> VP/Program—Laura Oropeza  
4<sup>th</sup> VP/Fundraising—Barbara Beard  
Recording Secretary—Phyllis White  
Corresponding Secretary—Barbee Heiny  
Treasurer—Betty Walter  
Financial Secretary—Diane Deliz  
Parliamentarian—Alice Allen  
Public Relations—Fran Smith