**APRIL 2016**

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**FROM THE PREZ… (Linda Bridges)**

**APRIL LEGISLATIVE ALERT:**

TAKE ACTION**:**Tell your Representative to Ensure Veterans with Disabilities Get The Support They Need At Home**!** Your voice needs to be heard in the U.S. House of Representatives to help grow support of H.R. 1843 to help connect veterans with disabilities to local supportive services**.**

Please consider sending a letter to congress in support of American’s Veterans (H.R. 1843)

<http://cqrcengage.com/gfwc/app/write-a-letter?5&engagementId=99237>

Why: Veterans who return home with service-connected disabilities should not have to fight to secure the government benefits they have earned or to access local supports that could assist in their reintegration. Unfortunately, media headlines and research remind us that veterans who may need aid still struggle to access this critical assistance!

What: GFWC supports new legislation ([H.R. 1843](http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c114:H.R.1843:)) that would help ensure the men and women who were injured while serving our nation in the U.S. military have full access to the benefits they have earned and the local supports and services they may need to successfully reintegrate into their communities. H.R. 1843 would create a pilot program with community partners to coordinate a range of supportive services a veteran with disabilities and their family may need as they reintegrate back into their community.

**Keep connected to the legislative process:**

Find your US Representatives- Click [here](https://www.opencongress.org/people/zipcodelookup)

Find your State Representatives- Click [here](http://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/)

To be connected to the GFWC Legislation Center- Click [here](http://cqrcengage.com/gfwc/)

**FROM THE DEAN’S DESK… (Myrna Binford)**

**Real friends are those who, when you feel you've made a fool of yourself, don't feel you've done a permanent job. Happy April’s Fools Day.**

Welcome to April. This is the month of “living the volunteer spirit.” All clubs should have or should be getting their new Boards lined up for the next year. I know it can be scary deciding to be on an Executive Board, but what an opportunity to make a difference. After all, you have stepped up because you believe in the Woman’s Club Collect. Above all, remember, you **will** make a difference and you **will** have the support of the District, CFWC, and GFWC. Thank you so much for stepping up, stepping out, and stepping into Leadership positions. However, I still believe there are members in the clubs that just need encouragement to participate at some level (special projects, Chair, officer, etc.).

The District Convention will be April 26 (see website for complete information). The District will be awarding individuals for Fine Arts, Photography, Writing, and Crafts. Along with those awards will be the awards for the narratives indicating the clubs’ dedication to Community Service Programs, Special Projects, and Advancement Areas. The Installation of the 2016-2018 Executive Board will also take place along with awarding a District scholarship for continuing education in the teaching field. Come applaud the winners, thank the outgoing Board, and show support the new Board. We would like a really big turnout.

The CFWC May Convention this year is in Irvine…close, as just off Interstate 5 and 405. Detailed information is on the CFWC website under EVENTS. Come for a workshop, come hear a speaker, stay for the day or overnight. Both the workshops and speakers are excellent this year. For those of us who went to Area D last October and heard Opal Singleton, CEO of Million Kids Organization, speak on human trafficking, this is definitely worth your time. There seems to be workshops on every CFWC area. This is new this year. It will be hard to choose, but I already plan on attending Fundraising and Home Life. If you are interested, contact someone on the Executive Board.

Hope to see you all soon.

Myrna

[**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**](http://gfwcpalomardistrict.org/?page_id=10)

* **April 15, 2016 (Friday)-** Deadline for Palomar Convention/Art Festival Reservations
* **April 26, 2016 (Tuesday) - \*\*\*Date Correction-**Convention/Art Festival. (Escondido)

[**UPDATES**](http://gfwcpalomardistrict.org/?page_id=1812) **TO PALOMAR WEBSITE \*\*\*Please make sure you check back monthly for updates**

* [Bulletins,](http://gfwcpalomardistrict.org/?page_id=2320) flyers, registration forms etc.
	+ Are you visiting the Palomar Website on a monthly basis for new information…especially bulletins from CFWC? Click [here](http://gfwcpalomardistrict.org/?page_id=2320) and you will be taken to the Bulletin webpage. Click on the Department, GFWC Special Project or Advancement Area (a date is included for most recent posting).

**FROM THE TREASURER…. (Shirley Ledda)**

Dues are due no later than the April 26, 2016 Palomar Convention. Click [here](http://gfwcpalomardistrict.org/?page_id=1878) for forms.

\*\*\*Please note that there have been revisions (2/29/16) to the CFWC Club Information Form (Data Blank) and the Palomar Information Form.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

* **Candidates for 2016-18 Bylaw and Resolution Committees)-** If you are interested in running as a candidate from AREA D for the CFWC Bylaws or Resolutions Committee, please contact Linda Bridges.  We will elect or endorse our Palomar Candidates at the April 26th District Convention. Elections will be held at the Area D meeting at the CFWC Convention May (18) 19-21, 2016. Please note: CFWC Bylaws- candidate must have served one or more terms on the CFWC Executive Board.
* **Palomar District responsibilities at CFWC Convention** (May 20- Friday). Volunteers needed to sell opportunity tickets at both the lunch meeting and dinner meeting. We need 5 volunteers, per session. Please contact Linda Bridges if you will be attending the Convention on May 20 and can sell tickets.
1. **Volunteers needed for CFWC Art Show-** May 19th - 21st CFWC Convention!  Thursday, May 19th need 4 more from 9-12 for check in and 5 more from 12 - 3pm for judging and placing ribbons and 1 more from 5 - 6:30 for viewing. Friday, May 20 need 1 more for 9 - 11am for viewing and 2 for viewing 3 - 5pm.  Then we'll need 2 more Friday evening right after dinner to sort and take down. Saturday, May 21 we need 4 to accept receipts and return entries during check out from 10am - 12 noon. Contact Sheila, Convention Arts Show Chairman; 310-542-3448

**MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES:**

* If you would like to order a Member (or club) Anniversary certificate from CFWC, contact Dori Kelsey. Please include name, club, year and where to send the certificates. Must place your order prior to May 1, 2016

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

[**April 26, 2016- Palomar 58th Convention & Art Festival**](http://gfwcpalomardistrict.org/?page_id=7536)

*“Your Volunteerism Makes a Difference”*

*58th Annual Convention & Art Festival*

Location:  California Center for the Arts, Escondido

* Parking instructions to follow- special drop off area, close by handicap parking and shuttle from parking lot to meeting room for drivers.

Cost:  $35.00 (includes Breakfast Goodies, Lunch, Art Festival, Installation & Registration Fee); (Past District Presidents- $27)

Reservation Deadline- April 15, 2016 to Barbara Lerma

Color Theme:  Patriotic

Tentative Agenda (Convention & Art Festival):

* 8:00- 8:30 AM-  Art Delivered and Coffee Available (revised)
* 9:00 AM-  Morning Goodies available for attendees
* 9:30 AM-  Registration Open (Drop off Club Information Form (Data Blanks) to Shirley Ledda & Art Entries open for viewing
* 10 AM-  Opening Ceremonies
* NOON-  Lunch Served-  Salad, Lemon Chicken & Sorbet for dessert; time to view the art entries
* 2:30 PM- Adjourn
* 3:30 PM-  Lights Out

Club Assignments:

* $25 (value) Raffle Basket- Bonsall, Fallbrook, Julian, Oceanside, Valley Center & San Dieguito
* Review Minutes- Carlsbad, Fallbrook, Escondido, Julian (revised)
* Raffle Ticket Sellers-  Escondido, CWONC & Vista
* 2 minute local report (300 words or less) -   please research something new–not a project that your club is already working on….
	+ Valley Center-  Communications & Public Relations
	+ Vista- Public Issues
	+ Poway- WHRS
	+ Oceanside- Conservation
	+ San Dieguito-Education

**CFWC CONVENTION- May 18-21, 2016**

“All Aboard for Irvine” \*\*\*The “CALL” has been mailed to club presidents

Click [here](http://www.cfwc.org/CONVENTION_2016_3.html) for the CALL and on-line reservations

Location: Irvine Marriott

Reservations: 949-553-0100

* Refer to California Federation of Women’s Clubs – CODE: FED

Room Rate: $134.00 single & double + tax; $154 Triple + tax & $174 quad + tax

Self-Parking: $12 per day

Free Airport Shuttle

**2016-18 EXECUTIVE BOARD**

 **\*\*\* We have an opening for Co-Dean and Assistant Treasurer.** Contact Linda Bridges if you are interested.

**WHAT DOES YOUR CLUB COLLECT?**

A request has been made to create a list of items that our individual clubs collect for their projects. If your club would like to participate, please email Linda with the item that you would like your Federated Sister members to bring to the District meetings. We’ll keep an updated list in the Telescope…

* **VISTA-** Paperback books- NO ADULT BOOKS-CHILDRN’S BOOKS ONLY (no political, religious or cookbooks please); Children's books, grade 3 to 7; Pull tabs from soda cans ( or the like); Toiletries items all time; Men's gently used clothing  especially shoes; Women's clothing appropriate for interviewing
* **CWONC-** collects old towels & blankets, any size; yarn; stuffing; thin quilt batting; New Baby Clothes & small toys (0-6 months)
* **Bonsall-** healthy snacks (fruit gummies, fruit leather, crackers, etc.), canned protein (tuna, chicken, peanut butter, etc.), toiletries (toothpaste, floss, shampoo, soap, hand sanitizer),socks in children's sizes, school supplies and cash donations are always welcome to purchase shoes and clothing. to benefit low-income students at Bonsall Elementary School-

[**CLUB’S- “YOU’RE INVITED”**](http://gfwcpalomardistrict.org/?page_id=2602)

**April 10, 2016- Poway** Woman's Club Old-Fashioned Friendship Tea "Blossoming With Friendship"
2:00 - 4:00 PM. Donation:  $20.00 Call Barbara Lerma @ 858-748-4492 or email- bblerm@aol.com

**April 17, 2016- Woman’s Club of Vista 100th Anniversary Party-**  [**Click here**](http://gfwcpalomardistrict.org/?page_id=2602) **for flyer posted on Palomar Website.**

**April 23, 2016-** Woman's Club of Escondido invite you to their ”When in Rome" (an Italian dinner.) April 23 Saturday 4:00 social hour 5:00 dinner with musical entertainment $30.00 pp.

**May 7, 2016-** Fallbrook Woman's Club invites you to "The Sinister Sleepover"- a mystery theme pajama party and brunch.  11 AM; $25.00, 238 Mission Road.  Reservations:  [www.fallbrookwomansclub.org](http://www.fallbrookwomansclub.org)