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**FROM THE PREZ… (Linda Bridges)**

It’s not too late to get involved in the legislative process this year. I would like to encourage your club to hold a Club Registration Drive. It’s easy! The following information has been supplied to us by our CFWC Legislation & Public Policy Chairman, Jennifer Nickel.

GFWC is a NON-PARTISAN organization, advocating for universal issues germane to the organization without a political bent. Our goals are to educate members about policy issues and pending legislation, while mobilizing members to advocate for GFWC policy priorities.

The GFWC **LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER** is an incredible tool to educate our members on important issues. Not only can we send legislative alerts, we can also send updates to keep our members informed.

Here are the six easy steps to sign up for the GFWC Legislative Action Center. Start making a difference by

***Living the Volunteer Spirit*!**

1. Go to www.GFWC.org.
2. Click on ‘What We Do’.
3. Click on ‘Public Policy’.
4. Scroll down the page to the words ‘Legislative Action Center’ in the picture of the dome and click on the picture.
5. On the right side scroll down to ‘Subscribe to our mailing list’ and click on the word ‘GO’ in the blue square.
6. Type in the requested information and click on the word REGISTER in the blue square.

You are all set. Check on the current issues and send your opinions directly to your own legislators.

**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)**

Happy Turkey Day. “*Thanksgiving dinners take eighteen hours to prepare. They are consumed in twelve minutes. Half-times take twelve minutes. This is not coincidence*. “ - Erma Bombeck.

I hope the October Dean’s Workshop with CFWC 1st VP Toby Kahan was helpful to you as you prepare your Contest Entry and Statistical Forms. I have one more District Entry Form to do (yea!). I know you are starting to get ready for the holidays so get those forms done for a stress-free holiday. The booklet you were given should really help. All forms are on the gfwcpalomardistrict.org website. If you have any questions, please ask.

Below are dates to remember when doing forms and contests with contact names:

**December 1** – LEADS application to Linda Bridges **January 19**– Deadline for Photography Pre-registration Forms to Debbie Bainbridge
**January 26-** Palomar Board of Directors Meeting- Carlsbad
• Photography entries due (Debbie Bainbridge); Writing entries due (Phyllis Audiss); Club Award Contest Entries (Narratives) and Statistical Forms due and ready to enter for judging. The packets for judging will be handed out to the clubs doing the judging (Statistical Form is attached)
**February 1-** Deadline for Club and District Newsletter Contests (Par Harvey) **February 9 – Deadline** for **judged** Club Award Contest Entries due back to Myrna Binford (this is the deadline, but forms can be returned any time before February 9 –the sooner the better
**February 15-**
• Deadline for Pre-registration-Fine Art entries to Joye Davisson
• Deadline for Pre-registration-Craft Contest entries to Bea Liner (contact Linda Bridges or Myrna Binford for Bea’s mailing/email address)
• Deadline for CFWC Star Pin Recruitment Cumulative Award to CFWC

**February 22-** (Monday)- Palomar Art & Craft Judging at Templar Hall- Old Poway Park

**March 1-** (postmarked) Deadline for Community Improvement Contest to CFWC **March 1**  Deadline for CFWC Young Musicians’ Contest to CFWC

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**March 15-**Deadline for GFWC Club Newsletter Contest **April 26 –** Palomar District Convention/Art Festival **May 15-** Deadline for GFWC Year in Pictures Photo Contest- to GFWC (submitted by clubs)

We have so many talented ladies that I expect a lot of contest entries. And, after reading newsletters, there are likewise, so many interesting and applicable entries for awards for the Club Award Contest (Narratives). Remember, last year we had two from the District recognized at the GFWC Convention. Like a couple of ladies have said to me, this year we bring home the bacon (Whoops –Awards). Put your thinking hats on and ponder all the things your club has done this year. I bet it is more than you first realized.

Finally, stuff the turkey, not yourself.

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

* **January 19, 2016-**Deadline for Photo Pre-registration Form
* **January 26, 2016 (Tuesday)** - Board of Director- Carlsbad
	+ Photography & Writing Contest entries due; Reports submitted for judging
* **February 15, 2016-** Deadline for Crafts & Art Pre-registration Form
* **February 22, 2016 (Monday) -** Art & Craft Judging- Poway
* **March 22, 1016 (Tuesday) –** CFWC Leadership Seminar-Part 2-Oceanside
* **April 26, 2016 (Tuesday) - \*\*\*Date Correction-**Convention/Art Festival. (Escondido)

[**UPDATES**](http://gfwcpalomardistrict.org/?page_id=1812) **TO PALOMAR WEBSITE**

* Bulletins, flyers, registration forms etc.
* New page on Palomar Website- [Club Management](http://gfwcpalomardistrict.org/?page_id=7597)

**PALOMAR DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES THE FOLLOWING NOMINATIONS FOR PALOMAR DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2016-18 (Revised October 2015):**

President - Myrna Binford –Fallbrook

1st VP  -  Evelyn Madison Escondido and VIcky O'Kelly Fallbrook

2nd VP Bev York Bonsall

3rd VP --  Judy Pantazo  Vista

4th VP --   Sonja Hults   Bonsall

 Secretary - Debbie Bainbridge Julian

Treasurer -- Susan Fowler  Julian

Assistant Treasurer -- Dodie Caldwell - San Dieguito

**California Attorney General and IRS- helpful information for Charities**

* [guide\_for\_charities (California Attorney General)](http://gfwcpalomardistrict.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/guide_for_charities.pdf)
* [boe\_presentation (Regulations- California Attorney General)](http://gfwcpalomardistrict.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/boe_presentation.pdf)

Keep records for 10 years (per Attorney General)

***Document all revenue and expenses***
Cash: date and amount
Non-cash: date, amount, name and address of donor
Name and address of each employee or agent involved
Bank account numbers, names, locations

Gov. Code, § 12599.7

TAX Returns-  keep on hand forms and back up information-
Statute of Limitations by State TO AUDIT TAX RETURN
California is different from the IRS rules (3 years): Generally four years after a return is filed or required to be filed, whichever is later.

MINUTES- Keep them “forever”- besides backup information for any audit, Minutes are your club’s history too!

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

[**January 26, 2016- (Tuesday) Palomar Board of Directors Meeting**](http://gfwcpalomardistrict.org/?page_id=7533)

* Where: Carlsbad Woman’s Club
* Time: 8:30 AM- 9:30 AM- Carlsbad Silent Auction

 9:00 AM Registration & Raffle Ticket Sales

* Cost to attend: $5.00 per person registration fee (to cover copies etc.)
* What to Bring: Yearend Reports- Statistics Form & Club Contest Award Entries; Writing and Photography Contest Entries
* Club Assignments:
	+ $25 Raffle Basket (CWONC, Vista and Parliamentary Law)
	+ Morning Goodies (Coffee/Water/Cups- Carlsbad; Food (1/2) Bonsall & Inland Valley
	+ Read Minutes (CWONC, San Dieguito, Oceanside & Vista)
	+ Raffle Ticket Sellers (Carlsbad, Oceanside, San Dieguito)
	+ 300 word +/- Local Project Report
		- CWONC- Domestic Violence Awareness
		- Inland Valley- ARTS
		- Fallbrook- Legislation & Public Policy
* 9:30 AM- CALL to Order
* Business Meeting & Guest Speaker (Human Trafficking)
* 12:30 PM- Adjourn

[**February 22, 2016- Craft and Fine Art Judging**](http://gfwcpalomardistrict.org/?page_id=6604)

* Where:  Templar Hall (Old Poway Park)- 14134 Midland Road, Poway
* When:  Hall has been reserved from 8 AM to 2 PM-  pick up time to follow
* Registration (Drop off entries):  10 AM
	+ **Morning Goodies** supplied and set up by:  CWONC and Valley Center (1/2 each)
* Judging:  11 AM
* Pick up:  TBD
* [FORMS & INSTRUCTIONS](http://gfwcpalomardistrict.org/?page_id=6512)

**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 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”**

**December 5, 2015 (Saturday)- Poway Woman’s Club; Time 2-4 PM, Templar’s Hall, Old Poway Park. Adults $20, Children 10 and under $10.00. Visit website:** <http://powaywomansclub.org>

**December 10, 2015 (Thursday)-  11 AM to 3 PM, Golf Club of California, 3742 Flowerwood Lane, Fallbrook-** Bonsall Woman's Club "The Wonder of Christmas"   $55.00 per person, includes lunch.

**December 11, 2015 (Friday)** Julian Woman's Club Holiday Home Tour- 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., tickets $20. Reservations form is posted on website, [www.julianwoman'sclub.org](http://www.julianwoman'sclub.org)