

2025 PALOMAR WORKSHOP
THE MOST IMPORTANT ROLE

THE CHAIRMEN

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The Chairmen: The Most Important Role

10:00	<p>Expectations</p> <p>Job Descriptions</p> <p>GFWC Program Descriptions</p> <p>CFWC Chairmen</p> <p>Plan for the year</p>
10:40	<p>Focus Months Broken Down:</p> <p>2 or 3 articles for the newsletter</p> <p>A Zoom Workshop</p> <p>Projects in a Day</p> <p>Suggestions for Service Projects</p>
11:15	<p>Narratives and Judging:</p> <p>The WHY of reporting</p> <p>How to find the resources</p> <p>Broad Strokes of reporting</p> <p>How to judge using the rubric</p> <p>+ club, district, state</p>
Noon	Lunch
12:40	<p>Now you know the job, let's make it more interesting.</p>



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Good Morning and Welcome,

We are excited to welcome you today. We are here to learn how to be a Chairmen and how regular members can support you.

There is so much to learn, and today is just the beginning. You have the most important role, and the role that makes members enjoy club.

Let's do as much as we can to help you learn your job descriptions and your job expectations.

We are all learning, and this is going to be fun and exciting as we grow.

Enjoy the day, I cannot wait to get to know you better.

Sincerely,

Sonja



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Chairmen Expectations By: CFWC Job Descriptions

Palomar District Chairmen

1. Palomar District Chairs are members of the Palomar Executive Board and are expected to attend all Palomar Board meetings for the entire agenda and all sessions of the conventions.
2. The Chairmen of the Community Service Programs, Advancement Programs, Special Appointments, as established by GFWC with some exceptions, and Administrative Chairmen are appointed by the Palomar President and ratified by the Executive Committee.
3. Work to help Club Chairmen to complete their reports.
4. Find and share information in your program area through email or newsletter articles, contact Sonja for your Club Chairmen List.

All Chairmen State/District/Club

1. All Chairmen must become knowledgeable in the area in which they serve.
2. Do one Zoom Workshop with help in your program area. All club chairmen can work together to come up with new workshop ideas.
3. The GFWC Manual and the CFWC Chairmen provide newsletters and areas of focus. Find the program Chairmen at GFWC and CFWC to receive information.
4. All of your program resources will be available at gfwc.org in the Member Portal.
5. Prepare to give an oral report at club/district meetings.
6. Keep the Dean informed in all of your activities.
7. Find and share information in your program area through email or newsletter articles.
8. Work with the club and district to write and judge narrative reports.



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Chairmen Program Focus Calendar

Month: Pick a month and then pick a focus

Article			Workshop	



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CFWC Chairmen

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PROGRAM NON PROFITS

SPEND THE NEXT 15 MINUTES RESEARCHING
NON PROFITS IN YOUR PROGRAM AREA WITH YOUR TABLE.

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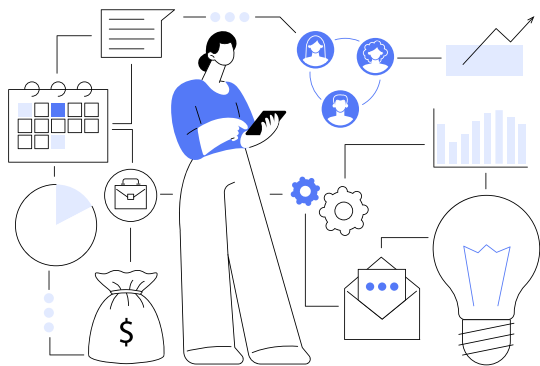
NATIONAL CALENDAR BY MONTH



MONTH			
Jan	Human Trafficking Prevention	https://www.state.gov/national-human-trafficking-prevention-month/	
	National Braille Literacy	https://www.neils.org/national-braille-literacy-awareness-month/	
Feb	Cancer Prevention	https://www.cancer.org/	
	Black History Month	https://blackhistorymonth.gov/	
	Teen Dating Violence Month	https://opdv.ny.gov/february-teen-dating-violence-awareness-month	
Mar	Red Cross Month	redcross.org	
	National Women's History	womenshistory.org	
Apr	Financial History Month		
	National Volunteer Month	https://www.volunteer.gov/s/	
	Child of the Military Child	https://www.defense.gov/Spotlights/Month-of-the-Military-Child/	
	Sexual Assault Awareness	https://www.nsvrc.org/saam	
May	Global Health Month	https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-health-day/2025	
	National Military Appreciation	https://veteran.com/national-military-appreciation-month/	
	National Preservation Month	https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister/preservation-month.htm	
June	PTSD Awareness	https://www.ptsd.va.gov/understand/awareness/index.asp	
	National Pollinators Month	pollinator.org	
	National Safety Month	nsc.org	
July	World Watercolor Month	doodlewash.com	
	National Ice Cream Month	https://www.idfa.org/july-is-national-ice-cream-month	
Aug	National Dog Month	https://www.dogster.com/lifestyle/national-dog-month	
	Family Fun Month	https://seniorslifestylemag.com/lifestyle/family/august-is-family-fun-month/	
Sept	National Library Card Month	ala.org	
	Save Your Photos Month	shutterfly.com	
	National Sewing Month	nationalsewingmonth.org	

NATIONAL CALENDAR MONTH FOR CLUB

MO		EMAIL	
Oct	National Blindness Awareness	https://nfb.org/	
	National Hunger Month	feedingamerica.org	
	Breast Cancer Awareness	breastcancer.org	
	National Fire Prevention	www.nfpa.org	
Nov	National Hospice Month	https://allianceforcareathome.org/hospice/	
	Military Family Month	https://www.military.com/military-family-appreciation-month	
	National Novel Writing	https://nationaltoday.com/national-novel-writing-month/	
	Native American History Month	https://www.americanhistoryandfoundersmonth.com/	
Dec	Safe Toys and Gifts Month	www.apha.org	
	International Human Rights Month	https://www.un.org/en/observances/human-rights-day	



Plan a Workshop

TEACHING

OPENING

DIRECT QUESTIONS

SHARING/GROUP QUESTIONS

SUPPLIES/RESOURCES/SNACKS/TOOLS



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K-W-L Chart

K	What I Know:
W	What I Want to Know:
L	What I Have Learned:



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Workshop Opener Ideas

Getting to Know You

BINGO

Find someone that fits each description and write his/her name in the corresponding spaces.

SOMEONE WHO LOVES TO DANCE	SOMEONE WHO HAS FED THE HOMELESS	SOMEONE WHO HAS A SIBLING	SOMEONE THAT HAS BEEN TO CONVENTION
SOMEONE WHO IS AFRAID OF SPIDERS	SOMEONE WHO LOVES FRUITS	SOMEONE WHO CAN PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT	SOMEONE THAT HAS BEEN TO BOOKCLUB
SOMEONE WHO LOVES SPORTS	SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN IN CLUB 10 YEARS	SOMEONE WHO CAN SPEAK ANOTHER LANGUAGE	SOMEONE WHO OWNS A PET
SOMEONE THAT HAS HEAD AN OFFICE IN CLUB	SOMEONE WHO IS SCARED OF HEIGHTS	SOMEONE WHO LOVES TO SWIM	SOMEONE WHO IS BORN ON THE SAME MONTH AS YOU

How to write a newspaper article

Purpose: To inform and entertain the reader. A newspaper article should deliver a story in a way that gives all the information but also engages them. The main aim is to inform so your writing should not be too personal. Maintain a formal style, avoid using 'I' and try to appear objective. You can, however, show your own bias with the clever use of vocabulary and other techniques.

Structure:

Headline: This should catch the reader's attention (headlines often use alliteration or word-play) and suit the tone of your article (humorous, serious, factual etc.)

Paragraph 1: Introduce the event giving the key information: What, when, who, where

Paragraph 2: Why, how- Give more detail on exactly how the event happened and what the cause was.

Paragraph 3: Include more background details on what happened before the event in order to give your reader a better idea of what led to it.

Paragraph 4: An interview or quotes giving someone's opinion on the event; this could be someone directly related to the story or some sort of respected or expert opinion.

Paragraph 5: Look to the future; what is the impact of this event? What are your predictions for what might happen next?

TECHNIQUES:

Connectives:

Adding- In addition, furthermore, moreover, what's more, including

Summing up- Overall, in conclusion, ultimately, in the end

Contrasting- But, however, although, nevertheless, on the other hand

Sentence Starters:

Firstly, Secondly, Shockingly, Disappointingly, Amazingly, Finally etc

Punctuation:

BRACKETS- To show a comment/extra detail not required for the main sentence *e.g. The victim (17 years old) was from South London.*

QUESTION MARK- To show a rhetorical question, used to engage the reader *e.g. Will the games live up to all the hype and expectation?*

SEMI-COLON- To link two separate sentences which follow from each other (can be used instead of an adding connective) *e.g. The tickets were £200; many young fans simply couldn't afford to go.*

COLON- To signify a list *e.g. Fan's favourite events were: the long jump, 100 metre sprint, pole vault.*

Vocabulary: Avoid boring words try to be adventurous!

Other journalistic techniques

A- Alliteration

F- Facts/Figurative language (similes, metaphors etc)

O- Opinion

R- Repetition/rhetorical questions

E- Exaggeration/emotive language (vocab that gets an emotional reaction from the reader)

S- Statistics

T- Triples (a list of three different adjectives used for effect)

DON'T FORGET LITERACY!

Have you used...

- ✓ Correct spelling?
- ✓ Full sentences?
- ✓ Paragraphs?
- ✓ Punctuation?

Remember, your editor will have to check your work, and they won't like it if they find lots of errors!



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The How To for Newsletter Articles Practice Sheet

Headline: Something Catchy

Paragraph 1:

Introduce the event giving the key information: Who What When Where Why

Paragraph 2:

IWhy, how - Give more detail on exactly how the event happened.

Paragraph 3:

Include more background details on what happened. Think about Pre Event

Paragraph 4

What is an opinion, what is the impact, what might happen next?



**Chairmen are a very
important part of narratives
both in writing and judging**

**Today we are going to go
over:**

**The Program Categories
Gathering information
Writing Narratives
Judging Narratives**

Categories for Reporting

REMINDER: For Member, monthly reporting, do not categorize each Project or Activity. The Executive Board with the Committee Chairs will determine where to report since each can be reported in only ONE area for Club Awards.

- **GFWC Special Programs**
 - Signature Program: Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention
 - Special Program: Advocates for Children
- **GFWC Community Service Programs**
 - Arts and Culture – Arts Contests, Southwest Arts Festival
 - Civic Engagement and Outreach – Flag Flying (limited to 2 hours for each official National Holiday), Community Associations, local government Boards & Commissions
 - Education and Libraries – Scholarships, Ophelia Project
 - Environment – Penny Pines, Yard of the Month
 - Health and Wellness – Galilee, CVRM, INRC, Indio Senior Center
- **GFWC Affiliate Organizations**
 - Heifer International
 - HOBY – Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership for High School Sophomores
 - March of Dimes
 - Operation Smile
 - Prevent Child Abuse America
 - St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
 - UNICEF Shot@Life Campaign – advocacy for childhood immunization
- **GFWC Advancement Plans**
 - Communications and Public Relations – Newsletter, Website, emails
 - Leadership – Club General & Board Meetings, District & CFWC
 - Legislation/Public Policy – Resolutions
 - Membership – Member Orientation, Socials
 - Fundraising and Development – Fundraising projects
 - Women's History and Resource Center – CV History Museum
 - Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) – Volunteer & Reading Hours, ESO Meetings & Books Read



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Life of a Club Report

I. CLUB LEVEL

- a. Do Projects
- b. Collect Hours
- c. Form a Report Committee
 - i. Brainstorm to think of all projects the club has done for the calendar year (01.01.2022 to 12.31.2022)
 - ii. Sort projects to specific categories
 - iii. Assign report writing
- d. Write Narrative Reports
 - i. Remember the judging criteria
 - ii. Remember the 7 C's of Report Writing
 - iii. Submit reports to 1st V.P./Dean
- e. Complete Statistical Reports (These numbers should be consistent with individual reports.
- f. Submit all reports to District Dean no later than **January 20th**.

II. DISTRICT LEVEL

- a. Dean collects reports from all clubs, and sends copy to District President, CFWC 1st V.P./Dean and Area "D" V.P.
- b. Divides Reports among respective District Chairs
- c. Chairs have the reports judged by outside judges, if no Chair, then District Dean has them judged.
- d. District President is informed of award winners, and prepares certificates.
- e. The District Dean uploads all reports to the CFWC Dropbox no later than **February 15th**
- f. District Awards are awarded at the De Aza District Convention

III. CFWC LEVEL

- a. State Chairs pull reports from Dropbox and have the reports judged.
- b. Award winners are announced at CFWC Convention
- c. Only Creativity winners from each category are submitted to GFWC

IV. GFWC LEVEL

- a. International Chairs have the Reports judged
- b. Award winners are announced at GFWC Convention



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The Seven C's of Report writing

1. Complete

Using topic sentences, and support/evidence, have only one main idea in each sentence and one idea in each paragraph.

2. Coherent

Organize your writing well. Your sentences should flow and not "jar" the reader.

3. Concise

Delete unnecessary words, trite phrases, and redundancies.

4. Concrete

Using active sentences vs. passive. Avoid abstract words.

5. Courteous

Watch the tone, positive vs. negative construction, tact, demeaning or patronizing language, sexist or other offensive terminology, inappropriate humor, accusatory tone, terse wording, and arrogant phrasing when writing.

6. Clear

Construct clear, unambiguous sentences. Make sure your subjects and verbs agree and pronoun referents are clear. Also, ensure that your writing is free of jargon & acronyms.

7. Correct

Make sure your writing is mechanically correct with regard to spelling, grammar, usage, punctuation, and format.

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In addition to the Seven "C"s of Report Writing on the following page, your report should reflect the following:

- What was your goal? Why was the project done?
- Who did the project benefit?
- Were your goals met?
- What was the process? What steps did you take?
- How original is your project?
- What marketing did you use? Flyer, ad, etc.
- How did you overcome obstacles?
- In the end, was your project successful?
- How much did the project cost, and how much did it earn?
- Was there club participation?
- Was there community participation?
- Did you partner with another group?
- What did you learn to do differently next time?

Some Report Rules:

- Write in the First Person
- No smaller than 11 font
- No more than three pages
- No photographs on the report
- Write our full Club and District names
- Leave some white space around the margins
- Even though most reports can fit in more than one category, they can only be used once

Strong Suggestions:

- Use Spellcheck
- Use Grammarly
- Ask a friend to proof-read
- Read your reports out loud and if they don't make sense to you, they will not make sense to anyone else.



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CLUB AWARD ENTRY FORM

Annual Reporting January 1-December 31, 2018

Prepared by: Name: Mary Smith <i>(who wrote report)</i>		Club NAME: GFWC Woman's Club of Maryvale
Number of Members in Club <i>(as according to the CFWC Yearbook)</i> : 128		
Reporter's Address: 12345 Wisteria Lane		
Club Position: DeRight Johnson <i>(report writer)</i>		CFWC Area: D
City: Sunvale <i>(report writer's city)</i>	State: CA	Zip: 92255
Email: MSmith@yahoo.com <i>(report writer's email)</i>		Phone: 951-123-4567
<p style="text-align: center;">Name of GFWC Special Program, Community Service Program, Advancement Area, or ESO</p> <p style="text-align: center;">International Outreach <i>(FROM LIST)</i></p>		

DESCRIBE YOUR CLUB

In 1909, a small group of energetic, community and service-oriented women met and founded the GFWC Woman's Club of Maryvale. With only 12 members, the club was chartered as a CFWC/GFWC and incorporated in 1910. The community sits in the center of Southwest County with a population of approximately 18,000. The Club's membership is currently 89 women with a continued commitment to improve the education, and cultural life of the community while growing the leadership skills of its members.

Project Title: Hospital Gowns **Hours:** 106 **Donated:** \$320 **In-Kind:** \$250
(Members worked) *(Given to the program)* *(Value of goods provided or donated to project)*

DESCRIBE CURRENT SITUATION:

It is estimated that, worldwide, a child is born every 3 minutes with a cleft — about one in 500-750 births. Operation Smile is a non-profit organization that provides safe cleft palate surgery to children worldwide at no charge. Volunteer surgeons and nurses volunteer to perform surgeries and to train local medical staff to carry out this life-changing work. Without this surgery, there is a risk that nine out of ten children with this condition could die before late adolescence.

WHAT WAS THE NEED: Operation Smile officials indicated that child sized, hospital gowns are in short supply and continue to be in great demand.

WHAT DID THE CLUB DO?

- a) The Club's International Outreach Committee used materials that would later be used to make gowns were used to decorated tables at the general meeting as a way to bring awareness to the project and to identify materials needed to fulfill the making of gowns.
- b) Club members donated gift cards, cash and many yards of material in patterns that would be suitable for a child.
- c) Several workshops were conducted for members to attend and make the hospital gowns. Using the patterns provided by Operation Smile committee members measured, cut, sewed and ironed a total of **58 hospital gowns** which were then boxed and shipped to the Operation Smile headquarters in Virginia.

WAS THIS PROJECT A SUCCESS? *(it's OK to have an unsuccessful project)*

The International Outreach Committee were pleased with the collective generosity of club members and the committee members who completed the hospital gowns.

WOULD YOU DO THE PROJECT AGAIN? Due to the success of this project the committee is planning on making more hospital gowns next year and increasing the number that are made.



CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS WOMAN'S CLUB OF VISTA EVENT REPORT

Chairman:	Co-Chairman
Phone:	Phone:
Name of GFWC Special Program, Community Service Program, Advancement Plan or ESO (See District Yearbook for Assistance)	
Name of Club Hour Reporting Area	

Project Title: _____ Total Hours _____ Total Donated \$ _____

Total in Kind \$ _____ Total Expenses \$ _____ Total Income \$ _____

The Woman's Club of Vista requires a report of the project you chaired for our history files and for the GFWC District.

Please answer the following questions. You may attach additional pages or your own narrative that address these questions. Once you have completed the report, email it to the Dean of Chairman.

1. Why: What was the goal or purpose of this project?

2. Were other organizations or clubs involved?

3. How: Give detailed information about this project. This is the "who, what, where, when" part of the report. Tell how you got supplies/funds, how project was organized, how members worked together.



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JUDGING CRITERIA

1. CORRECT FORMAT:

Form completed, correct # of members, current font and spacing, correct category names, 3 pages or less. (10 possible points). _____ pts.

2. COMMUNITY SERVICE IMPACT:

- a. CREATIVE: Ideas and projects are meaningful, impactful and novel (30 possible points). _____pts.
- b. COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION: Involved the community, benefitted the community and/or involved a partnership with other community organizations (30 possible points). _____pts.
- c. LIFE CHANGING AND BROAD RANGING PROJECT: Made a big difference in individual lives, a group or an organization. (30 possible points). _____pts.

3. CLEAR AND COMPLETE WRITING:

- a. CLEAR, CONCISE AND COURTEOUS: Organized and easy to read, with a respectful tone, no inappropriate humor, sexist comments or arrogant phrasings, and used no members' names (5 possible points)



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CLUB AWARD ENTRY COVER SHEET
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Chairman: Michele Neu		Club: GFWC South Bay Junior Woman's Club	
Number of Members (from CFWC Yearbk): 33		District: Marina	Area: C
Club Position: 1st VP-Dean of Chairs			
Reporter's Address: 4706 Scott Street			
City: Torrance		State: CA	Zip: 90503
Email: micheleneu@hotmail.com		Phone: 310-951-4027	
Education and Libraries			
_____ Name of GFWC Special Program, Community Service Program, Advancement Plan or ESO			

Founded in January of 2011, the South Bay Junior Woman's Club has completed our 12th year in the General Federation of Women's Club. Located in the beautiful community of South Bay in Southern California, we enjoy pristine beaches and breathtaking sunsets over the Pacific. Our mission is to further philanthropic activities and advance civic betterment in the South Bay Communities. A majority of the support that we provide to our community is geared toward the approximately 220,000 residents of Torrance and Redondo Beach. Our community is culturally, economically, and ethnically diverse. Our members who are liked minded and young at heart have bonded together with a motto of "Passionate Pursuit of Purpose". We are passionate about our role in giving back to our community and are dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. The Torrance Woman's Club, which has over 100 years of service, graciously allows us to cohabitate in their home. Our members persevered through the unprecedented State, National, and Worldwide challenges of the COVID pandemic through 2022 by successfully fundraising and providing financial support to several local non-profit organizations, and local families in need; in addition to awarding college scholarships. We are looking forward to a more prosperous, healthy, and productive 2023 as we continue our mission here in the South Bay.

Project Title: South Bay Schools Hours: 255 Donated: \$0 In Kind: \$0

We have some members in our club with school-age children and now grandchildren in the South Bay schools. Our members are dedicated to providing volunteer work to in various assignments as needed. These members give their time in the classroom, the library, art programs, school events, fundraisers, and the PTA/PTSA. We have one member who is the room mom for her grandchildren this year. This consists of helping the teacher where needed, organizing class parties, and communicating with the other parents. This is year she is helping in organizing fifth grade fundraising events and future graduating activities. One member takes the lead and is the director of the SCRIPT program at her daughter's high school. This program helps raise money allowing for educational materials and activities. Although our members are slowly being allowed back on campus since COVID, they have still found ways to volunteer and stay actively involved via Zoom meetings and emails. We are very proud of our members for



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CLUB AWARD ENTRY COVER SHEET

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Chairman: Sue Yoakum		Club: Women's Club of Montclair	
Number of Members (from CFWC Yearbk): 7		District: San Bernardino	Area: D
Club Position: Treasurer			
Reporter's Address: 1400 W. Francis Street			
City: Ontario		State: CA	Zip: 91762
Email: alsuey@verizon.net		Phone: (909) 986-5522	
EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES			

For 54 years our club has served the cities of Montclair and Ontario. Montclair and Ontario are located in the western area of San Bernardino County identified as the Inland Empire. The area is located 30 miles east of Los Angeles, and is home to two major shopping malls, Montclair Place and the Ontario Mills. Ontario is home to the Ontario International Airport.

In October 2018 we voted to change our name from the Montclair-Ontario Jr. Women's Club to the Women's Club of Montclair. We realized that most of our projects were in Montclair, and our members were older and the "Juniors" designation didn't describe us. We have remained federated.

Per the 2020 census census Montclair has a population of 37,865 people. Montclair children attend schools in the Ontario-Montclair School District, which includes five elementary and two middle schools. There is one High School servicing Montclair in the Chaffey Joint Union School District. Montclair covers 5.2 square miles; the majority of residents are Hispanic, 71.1%, average median age is 30 years, average income \$62,000 and 73% have a high school education.

In October 2019 one of our members died after a 6 month battle with cervical cancer at the young age of 48. This tragic event put our community and club in a serious depression. She was a super active woman with a genuine love of life, a constant giver of time and energy to families, children, and senior citizens. We will miss her caring smile, and attitude that anything is possible, "lets make it work" was her mantra. She had been recently reelected for a 2nd 4-year term as a Montclair City Councilwoman. At this point her daughter joined our club to continue her Mom's caring involvement in the community. Her daughter was appointed to serve as councilwoman until the November 2020 election which she ran unopposed. And in November 2022 she ran and won a 4-year position on the Council.

We currently have 7 members; historically we have always been a small club. 3 of our members work full-time, 3 work part-time, and 1 member is fully retired, and an active community volunteer for many years. One of our members is the Montclair City Clerk, and our current President. Two of our members are City Councilwomen, one is also the Chamber of Commerce CEO.

Our interests and emphasis has always been working with people building a better community, person by person and project by project. Our success over the years has been possible by partnering with the school districts, other volunteer organizations, and both City governments. Although we are small, we are mighty and enjoy each other's company and are very federated.



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Chairman: Marian Hallin		Club: Monterey Park Woman's Club	
Number of Members (from CFWC Yearbk): 46		District: San Gabriel Valley	Area: B
Club Position: Member			
Reporter's Address: P.O. Box 1281			
City: Monterey Park		State: CA	Zip: 91754
Email: marie4mpwc@aol.com		Phone: 626-695-1969	
<u>EDUCATION & LIBRARIES PROJECTS</u>			
Name of GFWC Special Program, Community Service Program, Advancement Plan or ESO			

Entries may be no more than 3 pages (including this cover sheet), single spaced, no smaller than 11pt font. Begin with 1 paragraph describing your club. Describe club projects that made the most impact in your community or club (who, what when where, how and why). Submit entry to your district dean by the date assigned by your district.

Include this HEADER for each project described: Project Title _____ Hours _____ Donated \$ _____ In Kind \$ _____
(Begin Narrative Below)

Our 107-year-old Monterey Park Woman's Club was able to function pretty well via Zoom during the covid pandemic. But we were more than delighted when the city opened their buildings in May of this year in order for us to be able to meet in person. The timing was important since we were preparing for our fashion show, our biggest fundraiser of the year. It had been postponed for two years. We are located just east of downtown Los Angeles with a diverse population. We have a wonderful relationship with our city in that we are involved with so many city events during the year. Many of our members serve as City Council Members, Mayor, City Commission Members, and on city library boards. We support both our Police and Fire Departments and participate in many city-wide events. This has broadened our visibility within the community and allowed us to expand our philanthropic work. The motto of "Work for Some Good" was chosen 107 years ago. It continues to be our motto today as we support so many good projects each year.

Project Title: **Tech Trek** Hours 0 Donated \$ 1,800 In Kind \$ 0

Our club has supported Tech Trek for over twenty years. It's a week-long, summer program that offers local 7th grade girls the opportunity to study STEM courses (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) in a college atmosphere. In 2020 the program was halted due to the Covid Pandemic. In 2021 it was totally an on-line program. This year, in 2022, it was a combination on-campus and on-line program. Girls and their families were able to choose the on-line program costing \$500 or an on-site residential program on campus costing \$950. Our club's \$1800 was a generous donation that helped send at least two girls to their choice of program. While there are colleges and universities throughout California participating in this program, the girls from our local area attend Whittier College if they choose an on-campus program. Courses are conducted by teachers and other women working in the fields of STEM. The girls attending the residential on-campus program have the additional college-type experience of sharing a dorm room with someone new and hopefully making a new friend with shared interests. (Some statistical numbers are reported in other projects)

Project Title: **Library** Hours 132 Donated \$ 500 In Kind \$ 0

Our club has a very close working relationship with our library. Some of our members serve on their boards and two members volunteer their time at the library book store. Our members have also donated gently used books to the book store. We had the Head Librarian as a speaker at one of our meetings. (Some statistical numbers are reported in other projects)



CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
DISTRICT AWARD ENTRY COVER SHEET
Annual Reporting January 1-December 31, 2022

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<u>EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES</u>		

The GFWC Mount Diablo District was organized in 1956. Our large District is comprised of twenty clubs which includes one affiliate club representing five counties in Northern California; Contra Costa, San Joaquin, Mendocino, Napa and Alameda County. Our District is diversified in agriculture, corporate environment, large and small businesses, technology and viticulture. The District general meetings are held bi-monthly and hosted by different clubs at their selected locations, excluding December and the summer months. The Mount Diablo District stands by our mission to unite the GFWC clubs of the District. To promote educational programs of oral and civic interest among clubs and their members for the betterment of our communities and to ensure the influence of our great organization.

Projects: 36 Volunteer Hours: 2,627 Dollars donated: \$47,013 In-kind donations: \$6,374

The clubs in GFWC Mount Diablo District spent a lot of time supporting schools, libraries and students in a variety of ways. The projects were inspiring. As a retired teacher, I am a huge supporter of education and libraries and am impressed with what has been accomplished. Fundraising projects for scholarships included yard sales, wrapping gifts during the holidays, and themed table setting displays at a luncheon. For teachers several clubs provided snacks, welcome goodie bags, and classroom supplies. Donated to students were backpacks with school supplies, school supplies to schools and homeless shelters and hundreds of books.

Many members donated their time to read to students from kindergarten to middle school aged in their classrooms. Members have also participated in "Read Across America" on March 2nd and gave children Dr. Seuss books. Books were donated to a county center where abused go for medical exams after police were called. For twenty years, one club has worked with several agencies to put on a teen job fair and help students with mock interviews and the job process.

"Little Free Libraries" have been sponsored by several clubs and are placed in front of homes, a food bank, a homeless shelter, a senior center, and businesses filled with hundreds of donated books. Libraries were supported with monetary donations.

Clubs have really stepped up their efforts to give more scholarships to students and also adults going back to school.

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EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES		
Name of GFWC Special Program, Community Service Program, Advancement Plan or ESO		

DISTRICT DESCRIPTION:

The Sierra-Cahuenga District is located predominantly in the northern suburb of the city of Los Angeles and its neighboring communities. We have 11 clubs (and 2 affiliate clubs) in our district with a membership of 358 members. Getting everyone together can be a challenge as our district stretches from Mammoth Lakes in the north to Westlake Village in the west – a distance of 315 miles, 4 of our clubs are over 40 miles north of the San Fernando Valley where the rest of the clubs are located. We work on getting all the clubs to attend the annual convention and have had a good turn out in the past, but not all can attend our every other monthly meeting, and with Covid we did not even bother with in person meetings, preferring to do zoom meetings to keep members informed and involved. Our members are diversified in their settings from urban cities to rural areas to the high mountains. Our board works for the betterment of society; the elimination of domestic violence, the preservation of our natural resources, and the encouragement of our students in arts and education. We also contribute to our local and national services and charities, being proud to be part of the greater California and the National Federated Woman's clubs.

Project Title: District Scholarships Hours 160 Donation \$1200 In Kind \$30

The Sierra-Cahuenga District takes great pride in awarding as many scholarships as possible to students in their district. The Scholarship Committee is the District Executive Committee. The Corresponding Secretary serves as chair, sends applications to the clubs and reads all applications received to make certain they have met the criteria. Each of the 14 Clubs may sponsor two students for a District Scholarship to a college, university or vocational school. Selection of the recipients is based on academic achievement, special need and/or all around community involvement. The Chair writes a brief synopsis of each applicant to give to the District Executive Committee along with the applications. The Executive Committee discusses the applications and decides who and how many to honor. Checks are mailed upon receipt of fall enrollment. The Chair also sends out an "I'm Sorry" letter to those not awarded a scholarship and encourages them to please try again next year.

This year we presented two scholarships: \$500 to a continuing college student, and \$700 to a graduating high school senior who had chosen to attend community college. These were the only two applications that we received this year. We hope that next year we will receive more applications and be able to give many more scholarships to deserving students. The extra money that we did not spend this year will be rolled over for next year's applicants.



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The Shafter Woman's Club began in 1915 as The Wednesday Afternoon Club. Over the years, it has continued to be an important organization in the Shafter community. This city of 22,531 in the southern San Joaquin Valley is one of the most vital agricultural areas in California and within the city's borders is a growing Industrial Park with many retail distribution centers. Our forward-thinking city council is using that money wisely, especially in educational opportunities for our students, many of them Hispanic. Our club motto of "Cooperation means Success" reflects the club's involvement in community activities and events to "Ignite our Volunteer Spirit"!

Project Title: White Ribbon Campaign at School **Hours** 15 **Donated inc above** **In-Kind:** \$112.00 Five club members set up a Domestic Violence Awareness Prevention booth at our local high school during lunchtime. Two girls from our mentoring program joined us to help encourage student to say the White Ribbon pledge. Posters lined the walls behind our booth with thought provoking questions and quotes. Resource information on domestic violence prevention abuse, teen dating abuse, resources to report abuse were available. During the morning announcement student reporters read current statistics on teen dating violence and domestic violence and encouraged everyone to stop by our booth at lunch to take the pledge. At least 170 students took the White Ribbon Pledge "Never to commit, excuse, or stay silent about sexual harassment, sexual assault, or domestic violence against others". Once they recited the pledge, they were given a white ribbon and a piece of candy. Students showed a lot of interest in the issue and wanted to do their part in getting this issue to stop. Some took resources to share with a loved one. The event was inspiring to hear young people so invested in the issue.

The GFWC La Verne-San Dimas Woman's Club celebrated its 8th anniversary in 2024. Our membership has been consistently growing every year, encompassing a diverse ethnicity of enthusiastic, hardworking, kind and giving individuals who come together in the spirit of volunteering. We have a broad appeal since we hold our meetings in the evening to accommodate working members' schedules yet also attract a good mix of ages, stay-at-home moms and retirees. Our philanthropic projects have grown substantially to support many organizations, and we were recently honored to receive the Best of La Verne Service Club Award for the third year in a row.

Project Title: Crossroads **Hours** 24 **Donated \$** 0 **In Kind** \$1,477.00

Crossroads is an organization that facilitates re-entry supportive services to women released from prison back into the community. Crossroads understands that women who have been incarcerated for 10-20 years face extraordinary challenges transitioning to the outside world. While at the facility, the women are provided with housing, case management, drug and alcohol counseling, education services that may include getting their GED, tutoring, employment readiness and placement assistance, and life skills which includes money management. While at Crossroads, they live in houses where they share space, take turns cleaning and cooking, and acquire life skills. The GFWC La Verne-San Dimas is proud to provide essential items that make life better for these ladies as they encounter the challenges of their new lives. In-Kind amount represents items donated. Club member participation in this project is essential as it supports stability and community reentry to high-risk demographics. This project also aids in reducing newly released women stressors by facilitation of much needed items including business attire for re-entry to the workforce.

In 2024, the Corralitos Woman's Club was proud to have completed two phases of a significant Clubhouse renovation, consisting of the kitchen and two restrooms. The accomplishment was celebrated by all members, and although there were disruptions, the Club did not miss a beat with accomplishing fundraising and meaningful projects. The diverse projects below illustrate the focus and commitment to continuing our tradition of community service and caring.

Project Title: Mother's Day/Holiday Jewelry Project **Hours** 60 **Donated \$** 0 **In Kind** \$300

For many years, the Club sponsored a project where members donated gently used costume jewelry, which was curated into sets as small gifts which were brought to local women's shelters. The unwrapped gifts are then presented to the children of shelter residents, who selected a gift(s) for their mothers. In the past, the Club did this prior to Mother's Day, but this year it was expanded to include the holidays. There were so many sets of jewelry created that there is likely enough to support well into 2025.

THIS IS MY SUBMISSION FOR THE MOST CREATIVE PROJECT

Project: Journal Decorating

Hours: 80

Donated: \$0

In-Kind \$125.00

Members of the Riverside Woman's Club came together for a meaningful afternoon dedicated to journal decorating, channeling creativity into a cause close to their hearts. As a result of their efforts, 40 beautifully adorned journals were donated to the Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center, where counselors promote journaling as a powerful tool in the healing journey of survivors of sexual violence. Additionally, club members created journals specifically for children, aiming to help young survivors or witnesses of domestic violence navigate their emotions, reduce anxiety, and overcome fears. This thoughtful initiative reflects the club's commitment to fostering hope and resilience in those facing profound challenges.

The Riverside Woman's Club (RWC) was born in 1896 when eleven audacious women gathered in the cozy parlor of Dr. Sarah Maloy, a local physician, to lay the foundation of what would become the Woman's Club of Riverside. Later renamed the Riverside Woman's Club, we proudly stand as the oldest community service organization in Riverside. Our legacy of trailblazing feats includes the establishment of the Riverside American Red Cross Society, the creation of Riverside's first public library, and the birth of the Riverside Community Players—all sparked by the determination and vision of our early members.

In 2024, we joyfully marked our 128th anniversary of service, as well as the 102nd anniversary of our beloved historic clubhouse. Our modern-day club is a vibrant tapestry of diverse women, united in our mission to enhance the lives of those within our community and beyond. From awarding scholarships and spreading holiday cheer to developmentally disabled adults, to donating to local food banks, and serving dinners to our local firefighters, our efforts are boundless. Additionally, we provide meals to women veterans grappling with PTSD, reflecting our unwavering commitment to making a tangible difference.

One of our heartwarming projects is the Journal Decorating initiative. In just 80 hours, our creative members transformed 40 plain journals into stunning works of art. These journals were lovingly donated to the Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center, where counselors use them as therapeutic tools to aid survivors in their healing journey. We also crafted special journals for children, designed to help young survivors or witnesses of domestic violence express their feelings, alleviate anxiety, and conquer fears. This initiative stands as a testament to our dedication to nurturing hope and resilience in those facing life's toughest challenges.

Through these endeavors, the Riverside Woman's Club continues to honor its enduring "Legacy of Service," celebrating a rich history while forging a brighter future for all.



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The Start of 2021 meant we were all still deep in Covid -19 protocols. As a result, we did not have any in-person meetings until The GFWC Convention in August & our first GFWC California Board Meeting in September.

- The first three months of the year the Leadership program had two 45-minute Zoom workshops as part of the State President's Three-Month Chairmen Workshops Program. Every chair gave a 45-minute workshop at least once during this period. The intent was to interest our clubs in many of the programs we do or can do. Also, to keep the club women involved in club work at the state level & see that their dues were doing something for them & to show that the Leadership cared about the members.
- The chair continued with her series of 12-page booklets on different areas of leadership. During the 2-year period of this term, she wrote 26 twelve-page booklets for clubs. Some of the 2021 booklets were titled "So now your Club president", "You've been elected Club Dean", "Making You're Mind Up", "Grow as a Leader", "Another look at Leadership", "Leadership after Covid", "Tips from First Ladies", "Conflicts of interest & You", "Qualities & Responsibilities for all", "Digital Detox", "Gratitude for Leaders" & "Modern Leadership Ideas". The best part of these booklets is that they are still available to every member & are used by clubs as leadership tools in meetings. The booklets are now in the CFWC Dropbox for everyone to read.
- February 2021, we had our first Zoom LEADS program. It was over a two-day period. There were 15 speakers on all the subjects a club leader might need, from amenities to agendas, to planning & websites. We also had each participant do a selfie taught by our team & upload it to our Video Chair, who then made a power point to show at our February Zoom State Board meeting. Each participant spoke on the same question. We had 12 ladies each from a different district. They were email paperwork from each speaker & mailed a package from the chair with GFWC California & GFWC items as a gift.
- The Chair also wrote 15 Quick Byte articles for our version of News & Notes that comes out weekly on Monday mornings called Quick Bytes. She wrote about all types of leadership issues clubs were facing. From what is the first a President needs to do, staying in your lane, picking projects & helping members become new leaders. These articles are supposed to be no more than 250 words, short & sweet.
- The chair for the 2022 LEADS asked 21 women to speak at the February 2022 Leads conference starting in September 2021. She worked on the program & getting the speakers all on the same page. It will be a 2-day live presentation.
- At the Live in-person September Board for GFWC California the chair gave a 3-minute report on what LEADS Participant needed to do & what the applications & photos should be.
- Also, at this meeting a Featured Speaker failed to show. This chair used one of her booklets to put on a 20 minute on what were great leaders' traits. It was interactive using the group to help her find out what they thought a great leader was. The group enjoyed the lesson & had fun being included as part of the speech. She received very positive feedback.



Thank You