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EDITOR

Members of the California Federation of Women's Clubs and
the General Federation of Women's Clubs

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Rose Teding, Chairman

As we prepare for the upcoming 2026–2028 term, I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the Nominating Committee. This dedicated group of women has worked diligently to identify and vet the leaders who will guide our District into the future. Please join me in thanking the following committee members for their time and service: Patty Merriam (Bonsall), Pam Hermansader (Fallbrook), Rose Teding (Oceanside), Donna DiMambro (Vista), Jan Imonti (Inland Valley), Olive Kerr (Julian), Lily Green (Poway), Bobbie Weiss (Valley Center). The committee is proud to present the following slate of officers for the 2026–2028 term:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee(s)</u>
President	Jan Imonti
President	Sonja Hults
VP1 Dean	Rose Teding
VP2 Membership	Bev York
VP3 Programs	Leslee Mosely
VP4 Fundraising	Pam Hermansader
Secretary	Linda Tucker
Treasurer	Carol May
Assistant Treasurer	Rosalia Zamora

This slate will be officially presented and voted upon at the Board of Directors meeting on January 27, 2026. The committee congratulates all the candidates for their dedication to their individual clubs and to the Palomar District as a whole. We look forward to a bright and productive term ahead.

Thank you, everyone, for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to Rose Teding, Nominating Committee Chairman.

PALOMAR DISTRICT Board of Directors Meeting

ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!

Tuesday,

January 27, 2026

Registration opens: 9:00 AM

Call to Order: 10:00 AM

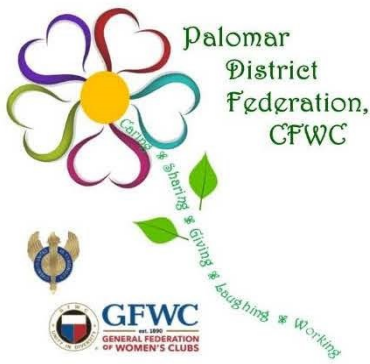
**Hosted by the
Poway Woman's Club**

**Templar's Hall
Old Poway Park
14134 Midland Rd., Poway**

**\$20 for lunch
Please make reservations
with your club.
Check payable to
Poway Woman's Club.**

Color of the Day: (wear) CYAN

**Morning Goodies: Vista
Opportunity Basket or Gift Card:
Carlsbad, Fallbrook, Julian,
and Valley Center**



Palomar District Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda

January 27, 2026 10:00 am

Poway Woman's Club

Wear Cyan color (blue green)

Laughing

Ice Breaker

Call to Order:

The Inspiration will be given by

The Pledge of Allegiance

The singing of America

Americanism thought

Welcome to Poway

Credential report

Quorum

President's Message

- Welcome
- Introductions of Board & Past District Presidents
- President's Project

Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Parliamentarian

Scholarship Recipient

3rd VP Program

David Jenkins

Voting on 2026-2028 Executive Officers

Officer Reports

1st VP – Dean of Chairmen

- Report on Reports

Sherry Lutes

Dana Pettersen, Julian Woman's Club President

Linda Lovett, Fallbrook Woman's Club

Joye Davisson, Poway Woman's Club President

21 per Bylaws

Sherry Lutes

Alabaster Jar Project – Rosalia Zamora/Bev York

Joye Davisson, Recording Secretary

Carole May, Treasurer

Judy Pantazo, Parliamentarian

Patricia Merriam

Pam Hermansader

Rose Teding, Nominating Committee Chair

Sonja Hults

- Delegates

2nd VP – Membership

Jan Imonti

- Membership Retention
- Current District Membership number
- Recognize Longest Federation Member at Meeting
- First Timers Recognition
- New Club Members Recognition

4th VP Fundraising

Liz Franciscus/Donna DiMambro

- Bakeless Bake Sale
- Wreaths Across America
- Equine Retirement Sanctuary Fundraiser

Corresponding Secretary/Communications

Rosalia Zamora

Telescope

District Arts Festival

Mary Jo Pfaff

District Convention

Edie Seger

Lunch –

Results of voting

Executive Committee will tell bad dad jokes

Project in a Day

Pet Toys

Important Dates -See handout

Raffle Baskets

Liz and Donna

Wrap up, thank yous

Sherry Lutes

Collect Led by _____

Adjourn

Motion needed

Club President or representative please check “Presidents Folders” Box



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear District Community,

Sherry Lutes

*Sharing, Caring, Giving,
Laughing, Working*

As the holiday season approaches, I want to take this opportunity to reflect on the past year and express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you. Your unwavering support, collaboration, and spirit have made our district a vibrant place to live and work.

This Christmas season may your homes be filled with joy, warmth, and the love of family and friends. Let us celebrate the spirit of giving and kindness that brings us together.



As we step into the New Year, let's carry the lessons learned and the bonds forged into 2026. May it be a year filled with hope, growth, and new opportunities for all.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!



Parliamentarian—Judy Pantazo

January is such an important month for our clubs and not just because we turn in our narratives this month. It is important because we VOTE for our next **elected officers** this month.



The slate of officers who have volunteered to be placed on the ballot are listed in this newsletter. If you have not received a copy, talk to your President.

This does not mean that someone else cannot choose to run from the floor and still be placed on the ballot on the day of the election. **However, the person nominating them must have their consent and they must have a letter of endorsement from their clubs given to the Nominating Committee Chairman.**

If you support someone on the slate it is important that you be in the seats to VOTE! Your choices do not get elected just because you think the vote will go their way. **Many elections have been lost because someone "thought" they would win!**

Support your choices. Be there in January, in the seats to VOTE!



It's not too late to Join Our Bakeless Bake Sale (by December 31st)

Dear Palomar District Members,

We have wonderful news: **You don't have to bake anything!** That's right—this year we're hosting a **Bakeless Bake Sale**, and we're inviting you to participate in the easiest fundraiser ever.

Here's How It Works:

Your time is precious, and we want to respect that. With a Bakeless Bake Sale:

- **No baking required** – Keep your kitchen clean and your evening free.
- **No shopping** – Skip the grocery store run.
- **No setup or cleanup** – No tables to arrange or leftovers to manage.
- **100% of your donation goes to our cause** – No overhead costs or unsold inventory.

Everyone can participate – Whether you love to bake or can't boil water, your contribution matters equally!

How to Contribute:

We've made it super easy! We've set up a Zeffy account that requires no user ID or password from you—just click and donate...

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/its-a-bakeless-bake-sale>

Thank You ♥

We know we can count on our wonderful members to make this Bakeless Bake Sale a success. Your generosity—and your time—mean everything to our mission.

Here's to fundraising that's as easy as it is effective!



District President Sherry Lutes' Special Project

GFWC Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention
Rosalia Zamora and Bev York, Co-Chairmen

Grace House Dinners

Give the gift of a warm meal to survivors of human trafficking!



Alabaster Jar Project empowers survivors of human trafficking with resources like long-term housing and case management. Grace House in Escondido, CA, offers a safe home for up to five survivors. You can support our residents by bringing them a homecooked or takeout meal for Monday night dinners.



Meal requirements:

- Feeds 5 people
- One entree, a side dish and a non-alcoholic drink (dessert is optional)
- Drop-off at the Resource Center on Mondays at 3pm

Resource Center

120 N Ash St,
Escondido, CA 92027

https://volunteer.alabasterjarproject.org/acts/console.php?console_id=0295&console_type=event_list&ht=1&event_id=14

Sign-up to
volunteer



alabasterjarproject.org

Event - ALABASTER JAR PROJECT

JAN
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Sip & Support Fundraiser

Sunday, January 11 @ 2 PM PST

In Person

Buy tickets here: https://givebutter.com/wineday?mc_cid=d469ceda70

12225 World Trade Dr p, San Diego, CA 92128, USA

January 11th is National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, and we're hosting a wine tasting fundraiser at Koi Zen Cellars.

2-3pm: Experience a guided wine flight with Koi Zen Cellars and AJP staff for \$50, with 20% of wine sales going back towards AJP.

3-5pm: Mix and mingle, with 20% of wine sales going back towards AJP. Free admission.

January 11th is [#WearBlueDay](#), a DHS Blue Campaign initiative using blue—the international color against human trafficking—to show support for ending modern-day slavery.

[Wear blue](#) and post photos with the hashtags [#WearBlueDay](#) to raise awareness and encourage reporting of suspected trafficking.

Story

Compelled by the immense scale of human trafficking in San Diego and the limited resources available to survivors, our co-founders incorporated the Alabaster Jar Project. The mission was to provide housing and resources for survivors of human trafficking and sexual exploitation.

What began as a ministry of a local church soon evolved into a standalone nonprofit 501(c)3 in 2013, receiving tax exempt status in July of 2014. Alabaster Jar Project is now comprised of Grace House, a long-term residential program; the Resource Center, a drop-in center that provides clothing, toiletries, referrals, emotional, educational and vocational development programs; and Survivor-led Peer Support Groups.



Merry Christmas and Thank you. I want to send a quick note saying Merry Christmas from our family to yours. I would also like to say thank you for all of the invitations to work with your clubs and members making our Federation strong this year. I am so proud of what we have accomplished as a District. I cannot wait to read your reports with your projects written up, it is such a pleasure to be part of your lives. THANK YOU.



Sonja Hults
1st VP Dean of
Chairmen

On to Reports: Time to talk about the WHY of report writing.

In the California Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs, reports are more than a requirement—they are a reflection of our purpose.

Every project we complete, every hour we volunteer, and every life we touch deserves to be remembered. Reports are how we turn moments of service into a lasting story.

When Palomar clubs submit their reports, our individual efforts come together to show the true scope of our impact. What may feel like a small project locally becomes powerful when joined with the work of hundreds of clubs statewide and thousands nationwide through General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Reports also help us grow as leaders. Writing them encourages reflection—what we planned, what we accomplished, and what we learned along the way. This shared knowledge strengthens our clubs and supports the leaders who will follow us.

Most importantly, reports protect our **legacy**. GFWC's long history exists because clubwomen took the time to document their service. Today's reports become tomorrow's history, preserving the story of women who cared deeply about their communities and took action to make them better.

Writing a report is, in itself, an act of service. It says:

This mattered. Our work mattered. Our club made a difference.

That is why we write reports—and why they will always matter.

RESOURCES - Videos for you:

These videos are created to review how to find the resources and the Google drive with my personal narrative in between.... HAHA... I realize that it is a lot of information. There are 3 videos for you to use or share to make this a little bit easier. If anything doesn't make sense or isn't clear the way I described it, please contact me and I am be happy to help.

Video 1: This video goes over what CFWC.org offers and helps you get your job done.

<https://youtu.be/8eNK0SJS1QU>

Video 2: This video goes over the GOOGLE drive and what the different folders have in them.

<https://youtu.be/y7VX-wKTrY8>

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Google Drive Link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1bQ_fTYxU0IZ8ARAKkNjMWoKebJBKjZIs?usp=drive_link

Video 3: Is a review of Sherry Lutes worksheet and how it can help you get your club members to have similar information handed in for your reports. <https://youtu.be/v66BYkoLEjo>

January 18 is the LAST date to get me your reports. Create a folder and put your final drafts in that folder. THEN you have choices. You send them to me as an attachment and I will send you a receipt of email and what was in it, you submit them VIA google drive and I will send you an email verification of receipt, or you can hand them to me on a thumb drive, I can run and get them from you, when they are uploaded into our Dropbox Folders I will send everyone a receipt that shows the state received them.

Have the BEST Christmas, and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

If you need anything, I am just one call away, find me!!!!

Sonja Hults

Palomar District 1st VP-Dean of Chairmen



GFWC Women's History Resource Center

The WHRC collections encompass GFWC's institutional archives, including convention records, files related to our programs and leadership, and "Clubwoman" magazine (and its predecessors). We hold a robust photograph and audio-visual collection, as well as GFWC ephemera, memorabilia, and the art and artifacts that furnish our historic Headquarters building. We also maintain a reference library collection focused on women's history, the woman's club movement, and the history of volunteerism.

Please note: While we do have many state- and club-level archival and photographic materials, we do not maintain official records for State Federations or local clubs, or for outside organizations.

Follow the WHRC on Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/gfwc_whrc/

Source: <https://www.gfwc.org/what-is-the-whrc/>

In honor of our dear Federation sister

Carolyné "Doc" Hensel

May she rest in peace ✝





2nd VP Membership— Jan Imonti

Looking Ahead: Your Club, Your Leadership Journey

Dear Members,

I hope you all have had a joyful Christmas! Are you ready to dig into your club newsletters and meeting minutes to write all your wonderful narratives?

Over the last couple of months, I've posted several suggestions in the weekly *Palomar Points* about ways to recruit and retain members for your club. Rather than repeat them here, I encourage you to revisit those tips. Even better—take those ideas and expand on them to fit your club's unique needs! I'd love to hear what strategies you've tried, whether they succeeded brilliantly or taught you valuable lessons. Your feedback helps us all grow stronger together.

Ready to Take the Next Step?

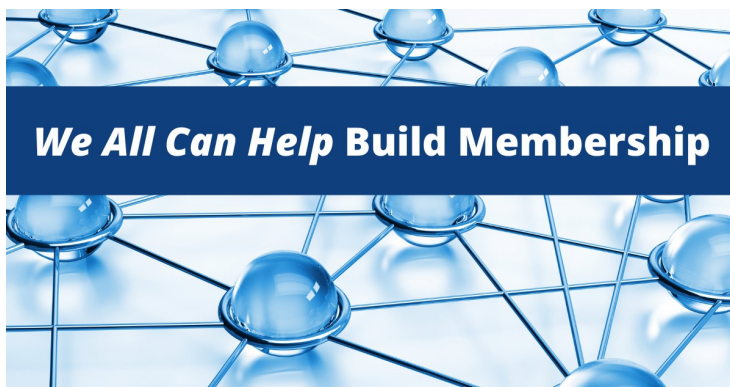
Are you feeling more comfortable in your role as an active and appreciated member? If so, now is the perfect time to start viewing your membership through a new lens—as a pathway toward leadership. Consider accepting a position as chairman for one of your club's projects.

Here's the good news: preparation for that type of position doesn't start immediately. You'll have several months to study the projects, ask questions, and decide which one truly sparks your interest. Leadership is a journey, and every great leader started exactly where you are now.

As we step into the new year, let's embrace new opportunities, support one another, and continue building the vibrant community that makes our clubs special.

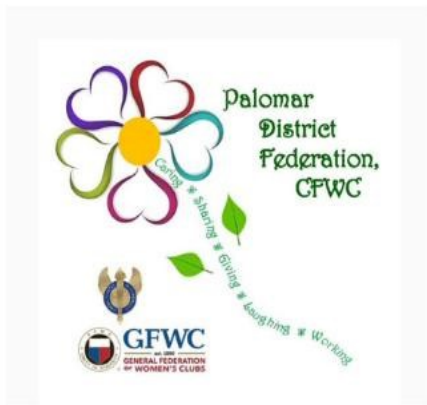
Have a Safe and Happy New Year!

Hugs,
Jan Imonti



"A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go, but ought to be."





4th VP Fundraising Co-Chairmen
Liz Franciscus and Donna DiMambro

We All Need An Easy Fundraising Idea!



RaiseRight™

Gift Card Fundraising

RaiseRight is the easiest, most practical fundraising program—no selling goods, planning events, or knocking on doors.

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Communications and Public Relations — Rosalia Zamora, Chairman

NEWS & NOTES

LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT THROUGH GFWC



GFWC's weekly e-newsletter keeps clubwomen and friends up-to-date on all the latest GFWC programs, projects, and issues. To receive **News and Notes**, sign up through the GFWC Member Portal.

Contact GFWC@GFWC.org for questions.



QuickBytes is CFWC's weekly e-newsletter, published regularly on Mondays. All members are encouraged to sign up to receive *QuickBytes* directly via e-mail.

GFWC: Have you signed up for the **Action Center** yet? The platform has been changed to "VOTER VOICE." Please go to <https://www.votervoice.net/GFWC/home> and enter your contact information. Sign up now to get the latest legislative information from GFWC.

GFWC VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

GFWC would love to hear about your club's work, written in your own words. Click below to send a paragraph or two about how you are Living the Volunteer Spirit! Volunteers in Action stories are typically posted within one month of submission if selected. Please include your club name and State Federation.

<https://memberportal.gfwc.org/news>

Share the Good News with Club Members!

If any of your members wish to sign up for District/Club news, please forward this link to sign up:

<https://gfwcpalomardistrict.us18.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=0cc0b202fdf6d86e5399f7f3e&id=176d4856a7>

or send an e-mail to rosalia1947@att.net to sign up! To open links in this newsletter, hold Ctrl+click.

NOTE: Always check your spam and trash folders!



Stars of Palomar Woman's Club

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All current and past Club Presidents are invited! Come and check us out!

Stars will meet on [Tuesday, February 17 at 11:00 a.m. \(SAVE THE DATE\)](#)

Program: TBA

Location: TBA

Order from the menu; each pays own meal. Opportunity drawings!

For Membership Information: Myrna Binford (760) 728-6393

Stars meets on the 3rd Tuesday of Oct, Dec, Feb, and May. Location varies.

We are an Affiliate Club - Dues are only \$15 a year. Please join us!



Stars of Palomar (2022) left-right: Myrna Binford, Pat Harvey, Sylvia Buesch, Doc Hensel, Judie Erickson, Rosalia Zamora, Joye Davisson, Barbara Lerma, and Rose Teding



**Fallbrook Woman's Club
Mahjong Afternoon with Friends
Fundraiser**

238 W Mission Road, Fallbrook



Wednesday, January 28, 2026

Doors Open: 11:15 am

Play Begins: 12:00 noon

\$25 admission

~ ~ ~ Lunch & Beverages Provided ~ ~ ~

Prizes & Opportunity Baskets!!!

**This is a fun way to spend time with friends while supporting the important work
of raising money for local scholarships and philanthropic giving.**

The number of tables will be limited to make sure everyone is comfortable.

Information and reservations, contact:

Linda Lovett

310 569-1905

lalovett111@icloud.com



The Valley Center Women's Club participated in "Christmas in the Valley" once again. This free community event featured many of the service organizations, Churches, Sheriffs and private businesses providing entertainment and lots of free goodies and crafts.

With the help of several donations, we were able to provide small toys for the youngsters and Valley Center Women's Club Cookbooks for them to give as gifts for Mom. Santa arrived by Fire truck that delivered Santa to the North Pole and kids were transported via the Polar Express. The Grinch was also on hand to visit with the children.

The Valley Center Women's Club welcomed three new members to greet the families and was blessed to have Bobbie's son Joe and grandson Oliver set up our booth. We gave our special books donated by District President Sherry Lutes to families with multiple little ones to enjoy this Christmas season.



Jan, Kathy, Bobbie, Andrea



Joe, Oliver, President Bobbie, Andrea



Fallbrook Woman's Club

**Come and Shop
Friday & Saturday
March 6 & 7, 2025**

When: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Where: Fallbrook Woman's Club
238 W. Mission Road**

**Antiques, Household Items, Clothes, Jewelry,
Toys, Crafts, Knick Knacks, Tools, Small
Appliances, Frames, Dishes, Pots & Pans,
Plants, Garden Art, and much, more!**



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ALL PROCEEDS GO TO PHILANTHROPIC
ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED BY THE FWC.**



FALLBROOK WOMAN'S CLUB SANTA'S WORKSHOP AND BOUTIQUE 2025

Were you there? Did you see Santa? Did you feel the joy and see all the smiles on the faces of the children? Oh. My. Goodness. There was joy in abundance!

A huge thank you to Debbie Read-Klug for the idea and for the hundreds of hours spent putting the details, design, and décor for the event together.

There were many other elves helping behind the scenes and with the kids and shoppers. It was heartwarming, fulfilling, and set the tone for this holiday season. HO-HO-HO.



CLUB and MEETING INFORMATION

(save for future reference) **As of September 8, 2025**

STARS OF PALOMAR

(Affiliate Club for past and current club and district presidents)

Organized 1958 Federated 1958 Club President: Rosalia Zamora

Meeting Day/Hour: 3rd Tuesday, 11:00 AM (Oct, Dec, Feb, May); Location: Varies

BONSALL WOMAN'S CLUB (large club)

Organized 1980 Federated 1980 Members: 74 Club President: Patty Merriam

Meeting Day/Hour: 1st Thursday, 10:00 AM; Meeting Location: Bonsall Community Center

CARLSBAD, WOMAN'S CLUB OF (large club)

Organized 1925 Federated 1925 Members: 134 Club President: Mari Erickson

Meeting Day/Hour: 2nd Wednesday, 6:30 PM; Clubhouse: 3320 Monroe St, Carlsbad 92008

FALLBROOK WOMAN'S CLUB (intermediate club)

Organized 1907 Federated 1910 Members: 62 Club President: Sharon Drucker

Meeting Day/Hour: 2nd Tuesday, 10:00 AM; Clubhouse: 238 W. Mission Road, Fallbrook

GFWC INLAND VALLEY FEDERATED WOMEN'S CLUB (small club)

Organized 2000 Federated 2001 Members: 10 Club President: Jan Imonti

Meeting Day/Hour: 2nd Tuesday, 11:30 AM (Sept, Nov, Jan, Mar, June) Location: Varies

JULIAN WOMAN'S CLUB (medium club)

Organized 1926 Federated 1928 Members: 35 Club President: Dana Pettersen

Meeting Day/Hour: 1st Wednesday, 1:00 PM; Clubhouse: 2607 C Street, Julian

OCEANSIDE, WOMAN'S CLUB OF (medium club)

Organized 1918 Federated 1920 Members: 24 Club President: Valerie Pemberton

Meeting Day/Hour: 1st Thursday, 10:00 AM; Clubhouse: 1606 Missouri Avenue, Oceanside

POWAY WOMAN'S CLUB (small club)

Organized 1960 Federated 1960 Members: 12 Club President: Joye Davisson

Meeting Day/Hour: 2nd Tuesday, 10:00 AM; Location: Templars Hall, Old Poway Park

VALLEY CENTER WOMEN'S CLUB (small club)

Organized 1987 Federated 1988 Members: 3 Club President: Bobbie Weiss

Meeting Day/Hour: Varies; Location: Varies

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF VISTA (intermediate club)

Organized 1916 Federated 1925 Members: 63 Club President: Liz Franciscus

Meeting Day/Hour: 2nd Wednesday, 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM; Location: Shadowridge Golf Club, Vista