



WOODLAND HILLS WOMAN'S CLUB

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2020



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—June 2020

We are certainly living in unprecedented times! For all of us, the past several weeks have been challenging. Our club's mission to provide philanthropic assistance to our community has certainly been impacted by these dramatically changing days. All of this began with the cancellation of our March meeting due to the nearly-immediate March 19 "Safer at Home" order issued by Mayor Garcetti.



This has meant that, with the cancellation of our usual face-to-face club meetings, we have had to scramble to find alternate ways to stay in touch. Thanks to **Cheri Steelman** and the sharing of her ZOOM account (*at no cost to the club – THANK YOU, CHERI*), we've been able to continue meeting via the internet! *These meetings have allowed us to continue the business of our club and, most importantly, continue to serve our community. I am enormously proud of the way our members have accepted and met this challenge.*

It goes without saying that we CONGRATULATE **Betty Paravato** and her Board for their contributions to the success of our club during the past two years. Under normal circumstances, **Betty** would be retired from her stellar presidency with a resounding cheer and applause at our May Meeting. Rather, I would like to save that day for our first face-to-face club meeting . . . hopefully on September 17. That meeting will also be highlighted with the "official" (tardy) installation of your new Board. This prompts me to extend a heart-felt THANK YOU to the women who were elected and accepted positions to the 2020-2022 Board. Who knew we'd be starting our term during such unusual circumstances?

During this season of internet communication, what better time than now to tweak our meeting Reservation/Registration method. It's time our club enter the 21st century; and with **Betty Paravato's** acceptance as "Reservations Chair", we will encourage members with email access to communicate their RSVP (*or a message they cannot attend*) to **Betty**. *Jane Leisure will remain on the committee as "Registration Chair", and she will meet-and-greet you and your guests as you enter the meeting venue. Betty will assist Registration and will accept/process credit-card luncheon payments. THANK YOU, LADIES for accepting this experiment! Reminder: All Board Members have a "Standing Reservation" and need only RSVP if unable to attend. All non-Board members may request a "Standing Reservation" by contacting Betty.*

Lastly, at the ZOOM May 21 meeting of our club, it was voted to **CANCEL** our major 2020 **TEA** fundraiser event. This decision was not made lightly and was presented to membership after much Board deliberation! God willing, things will be different next summer, and we will again hold our TEA. As soon as a 2021 date is chosen, it will be widely advertised!

It goes without saying . . . **I THANK YOU ALL** for your continuing support. And, I wish everyone health and strength in the coming months. Let us hope we will enjoy normalcy in time for our kick-off meeting in September!

Chris Wright Roper, President

2020-2021 Board:

President	Chris Wright Roper	Corresponding Secretary	Karen Lu
1st VP/Dean	Vera Hogan	Treasurer	Debbie Hartzman
2nd VP/Membership	Terry Cook	Financial Secretary	Glenn Ellis
3rd VP/Fundraising	Cheri Steelman	Publicity	Jana Huntley
4th VP/Programs	Arlene Bell	Curator	Cheryl Ayers
Recording Secretary	Freddie Ferguson	Parliamentarian	Rosadel McClure

CHRIS ROPER, PRESIDENT
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PRESIDENT'S GIFT

When asked by her Board what gift she would like to remind her of her two years as our club's president, **Betty Paravato** asked that, instead of a material gift, we make a donation to "Operation Smile" in her honor. So far, her Board has assembled a donation approximating \$300.

- Thinking there may be some non-Board members who'd like to participate, I share this with you ::

If you'd like to be part of this "gift" honoring **Betty**, please send a check payable WHWC to our Financial Secretary, **Glenn Ellis**. Be sure it's identified as an "Operation Smile" donation.



CHRIS ROPER, 3RD VP
FUND RAISING

BAKE-LESS BAKE SALE

THANK YOU, LADIES! I'm thrilled to share that response to our "Bake-less Bake Sale" Fundraiser has been thrilling! So far, over 30 members have sent donations

- nearing \$2,000. **THIS IS A RECORD** -- but can still grow with additional contributions!

- If you'd rather skip the U. S. Mail, credit card donations can be called in to **Chris Roper** 805/791-3915.

P.S. Since we didn't pay for either May or June lunches, maybe you can add a little more to your contribution?

BIZZEE LADIES MEETING
Thursday, June 11, 5:30 pm via Zoom

No need to respond—just log in!

Cheri Steelman will send out the Zoom invite; if you have any questions or need help, just call or email her: 818-932-5300 woodlandhillswomansclub@gmail.com.

GENERAL MEETING
Thursday, June 18, 10:00 am via Zoom

No need to respond—just log in—**Cheri** will send the invite a day or so before the meeting.

Lunch: BYOL (bring your own lunch!)

P. S. If we are allowed to meet in person, you will be informed in the weekly update.

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GFWC California Federation of Women's Clubs
Special Projects Awards (2019)

1st place: Public Issues, GFWC Community Service Program (Veterans' Issues)

1st Place: CFWC Newsletter Contest

From: **District 4th Vice President—Special Events**
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Hi Everyone, Hope all of you are staying safe and healthy. I am going nuts having to stay at home. Probably you are too. Well, with all of this free time we have it would be a nice time to start working on all of those **craft projects and knitting, crocheting, quilts and of course those beautiful paintings, and don't forget those photos** that you can take from your back yard or while you are going on those walks around the neighborhood. That way you have them ready for the **Arts & Crafts Festival in 2021.**

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

From our Year Book (page 8):

“Be willing to serve and give a helping hand when called upon, for you are the club, the club is you.”

Volunteers are needed for several committees. If you are interested, please call me. Thank you.

... CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

We received thank you letters from:

- * California Wildlife Center—we donated \$500
- * Haven Hills—we donated \$500
- * Northridge Hospital Foundation (C.A.T.S.) - donation of clothing. “Today C.A.T.S. is the ONLY 24-hour multi-disciplinary immediate response treatment program for victims of sexual abuse or assault serving the San Fernando and Santa Clarita Valleys and neighboring cities.”
- * Optimist Youth Homes—donation of \$250 and art supplies, books, puzzles and games
- * Sisters of the Holy Cross—used postage stamps

BTW I have very much enjoyed being your newsletter editor for the last 4 years and I am happy to turn it over to **Karen Lu** and I hope she enjoys this club service as much as I did.

JANA HUNTLEY, PUBLICITY DIRECTOR
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Hi Ladies I am so excited and honored to serve as your new publicity director. I look forward to helping our club grow and bloom by building our online presence. Any thoughts, ideas and suggestions for always welcome. We will be forming a Publicity committee...Are you interested? I am looking for a few members who attend our events to snap a few photos for me to share online to promote our club. Let's keep pushing our club forward in the right direction and in the community's eyes. These are interesting times and while we shelter at home there are opportunities to explore new skills... take the time to explore our Facebook page and web page. If anyone has questions, I'm here to help.

:-) Be safe and well, ladies.

Diane Waterhouse, Chair, CFWC
Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention

We are all learning to navigate our way in this pandemic world. Sadly, our state convention was just one of the casualties thus far and I so missed seeing all of you and learning about everything that's going on around the state. It is truly distressing that because of the social isolation/quarantine the number of reports of domestic violence have increased greatly, including reports of child abuse.

The GFWC Signature Program Committee's Purse Project was such an amazing way to get clubs involved who had not previously had Domestic Abuse Awareness as a program. It has been so gratifying to see the overwhelming number of purses that were donated across the state with a grand total of over 1100 and I was only able to count the ones that were actually reported by the clubs.

Another area we touched on was Elder Abuse. At the 2019 state convention workshop we addressed scams that target the vulnerable elderly. We, including senior citizens, have been conditioned to answer the phone when it rings but I want to stress that unless you recognize the phone number to not answer calls from unfamiliar numbers. If it's important, they'll leave a message.

This chairmanship has challenged me in so many ways and I continue to be awed by the dynamic women of GFWC/CFWC and their efforts to make this a better world. (from *QuickBytes* 5/25/20)

PENNY PINES—Sylvia Coghlan
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Keep saving those coins for when we have in-person meetings again!



Things to save for the next meeting (whenever that is) :

For the Food Pantry:

- ◇ Reusable grocery bags
- ◇ Jars of peanut butter
- ◇ Empty egg cartons
- ◇ Cans of vegetables with pull-top lids
- ◇ Cans of tuna
- ◇ Boxed cereal
- ◇ **For the homeless:** socks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, soap

Other:

- ◇ Soda pop pull tabs
- ◇ **Large** size tissue boxes for wildlife center
- ◇ Thank you letters for the military
- ◇ Blank greeting or note cards
- ◇ Hotel sample shampoos, lotions, and soaps
- ◇ Used laser and inkjet toner cartridge
- ◇ Cancelled or uncanceled postage stamps
- ◇ Used eye glasses / sunglasses
- ◇ Full size bottles of shampoo / conditioner for Angels Way
- ◇ Disposable razor and shave gel packets
- ◇ Greeting card front covers for St. Jude's (not Hallmark or Disney)
- ◇ Old towels/blankets (for Blankets of Love)

For veterans (Operation Gratitude/USO):

- ◇ "Beanie Babies" or 6-inch stuffed animals
- ◇ Stationery, blank cards, playing cards, pens, mechanical pencils
- ◇ Folded comic strips, comic books, puzzles, reading materials
- ◇ Travel size toiletries
- ◇ Knitted or crocheted hats and scarves
- ◇ Boxes of individual servings size snacks: jerky, nuts, granola bars, etc.
- ◇ Disposable razors
- ◇ Toothbrushes
- ◇ Jars of peanut butter and jelly



**From KAREN LU,
NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

*Starting in June, **Karen Lu** will be handling the monthly newsletter as well as the weekly updates. Please send articles or information to be shared either by email to saharashen@gmail.com or by text to 415.309.4454. Thank you!*

P.S. **Karen** is also in charge of the Year Book, so please send any changes, corrections, additions, or deletions to her at the address above. vrh.

ROSADEL McCLURE, PARLIAMENTARIAN
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A big shout out for the members who attended our May ZOOM Meeting. Your attendance allowed us to conduct business as seen in **Kay's** minutes. We were honored to have Dr. Kia Rowhanian, a West Hills Hospital ER Doctor, as a dynamic speaker. Electronic communication is the wave of the future even as we emerge from our social isolation. Have you telecommunicated with your doctor yet?

I urge everyone to hop on board. Relative inexpensive tablets are now available and make connecting easy. Don't be left out.

PLEASE READ THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES which were sent to all members. We will be voting on these Amendments at the June meeting. These proposed changes represent an accumulation of the corrections and omissions previously authorized, plus the addition of our current status, which includes the evening section and an EMERGENCY clause from GFWC. You may want to PRINT a copy to follow along during the June meeting voting. Don't hesitate to call me with any questions.

I send many thanks and much appreciation to the BYLAWS COMMITTEE who spent hours carefully reviewing and compiling these Proposed Amendments:

Arlene Bell, Terry Cook, Glenn Ellis, Chris Roper and **Cheri Steelman** (*Who also arranged our ZOOM meetings.*) and President **Betty Paravato**.

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PARLIAMENTARY LAW CLUB

The next meeting of the Parliamentary Law Club will be October 5, 2020, at which time **Rosadel McClure** will be installed as President. **BJ** will continue to act as Treasurer. Annual dues of \$15 will be due at this meeting. If you have any questions, please call **Patricia Silver** at 818-902-0402.

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The Page Turners will not be meeting until it is safe for groups of ten or more to safely meet (on the field at Dodgers Stadium?)
 Until then read what ever pleases you. If you are not a member of Page Turners but would like to be, read *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett and be ready to attend our meeting whenever that may be.

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COVID UPDATE 5/25/20

	05/19	05/20	05/21	05/22	05/23	05/24	05/25	05/26
LA City/ County Covid 19 #2								
AGOURA	33	33	33	33	33	33	35	
CALABASAS	51	52	52	52	53	53	58	
MALIBU	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	
CANOGA PARK	431	437	441	443	449	452	459	
CHATSWORTH	158	159	160	165	169	172	173	
ENCINO	114	114	115	116	116	116	117	
GRANADA HILLS	228	232	237	245	261	273	276	
NORTH HILLS	327	334	343	363	379	388	401	
PORTER RANCH	78	79	80	82	85	87	89	
RESEDA	417	435	446	458	475	482	495	
TARZANA	113	114	119	133	140	142	145	
WEST HILLS	117	122	126	128	128	128	128	
WINNETKA	240	245	253	256	266	267	271	
WOODLAND HILLS	146	145	148	148	149	149	151	

- Bold type = 50+ cases**
- Yellow = 80+
- Red = 100+
- Blue = 200+
- Purple = 300+
- Tan = 400+

NB sample cities data only

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HOW TO READ BARCODES TO DETERMINE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

When you read the label at the grocery store, many products no longer show where they were made, only give where the distributor is located. It is important to read the barcode to track its origin.

To buy USA or Canadian made watch for a "0" at the beginning of the barcode number.

Country codes:

- 00 - 09 ... USA & CANADA**
- 30 - 37 ... FRANCE**
- 40 - 44 ... GERMANY**
- 471 ... TAIWAN**
- 49 ... JAPAN**
- 50 ... UK**
- 690-692 ... MADE IN CHINA**

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 19 Elaine Slipe**
- 23 June Kinnee**
- 26 Stephanie Knizek**
- 29 Susie Hieber**
- 30 Rachael Gordon**



CARING AND SHARING

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers:

- * **Katie Banbury**, former member, whose daughter Rynn passed away recently
- * **Hazel Higashi**, recovering from a broken leg
- * **Jeanne Wiedmeier**, recovering from an angiogram
- * **Beverly Ullis**, recently out of the hospital. She is not accepting phone calls right now, but would love to receive a card.



A moment of silence
5/25/20 3:00 pm
GOD BLESS AMERICA

Photo by **Terry Cook**

CHERI STEELMAN, 3rd VP—FUNDRAISING
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FUNdraising is the name of the game and I'm very proud to be your incoming fundraising chair!

I have big shoes to fill following **Chris Roper**, but I know with my amazing fundraising committee we will not only make our new President proud, but we will overcome the unforeseen challenges we face with COVID-19.

The Bakeless Bake Sale is still happening and thus far we've collected a record number of funds. Such generosity should not go unnoticed and I want to personally thank all who have contributed and those who are sending in their donations. Keep it coming ladies!! We need all the help we can get right now.

If you attended the May ZOOM meeting you will know, or maybe you heard through the grapevine, that our annual Tea is canceled due to COVID-19. This is sad, but I'm sure most would agree that it's the right thing to do. We are rolling around some ideas of how to share tea with one another during the holidays, but you'll have to stay tuned for details as we vet them out ourselves.

There will be a new fundraiser called "Write it Off at the Write Off Room" at the end of the year. This may temporarily replace our tea as our largest fundraiser. Many of our ladies are still working, own businesses or are independent contractors. At the end of the year there is room for charitable donation that can be written off. You don't have to be an employed woman to participate, but we'd like you to join in this new fundraiser all the same. There will be live music, food, drinks and it will be open to anyone that would like to attend. Details to follow in the coming months.

During the summer months my committee and I will be meeting to bring the best FUNdraisers possible. Our traditional fundraisers will continue, but look for some new and exciting ones to emerge as the 2020-2022 fundraising committee and I work to keep our club's philanthropic efforts funded.

Have a great summer, ladies! It's always a pleasure to serve our club.

Cheri Steelman

WOODLAND HILLS WOMAN'S CLUB
ZOOM GENERAL MEETING
MAY 21, 2020
(draft)

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 am by President Betty Paravato.

A quorum was present. 24 members and board members participated in the Zoom meeting.

The minutes of the February 20, 2020 General Meeting were approved as published.

Treasurer, Glenn Ellis sent the Financial Statements via email. There were no questions, the reports will be filed.

The following are Board Recommendations: **Kay Winnert moved that the WHWC donate \$250.00 (which will be matched) to CSUN Strength United that provides support and resources for students experiencing violence and trauma. Approved. Kay Winnert moved that the WHWC donate \$204.00 to match member's donated funds to Penny Pines to plant a plantation. Passed.**

Parliamentarian, Rosadel McClure reminded everyone to put out their flag on Memorial Day this coming Monday and to remind members to put their hours on the hours sheet.

Betty announced that at the State awarded the WHWC newsletter First Place and the Public Issues Report a Certificate. The State sends the Certificates to the District President who then forwards them to the clubs. Membership, Stephanie Knizek reported that we have 2 new members: Rachael Gordon and Maria Averion. Fundraising, Chris Roper reported that the consensus of the outgoing and incoming boards was to move the Tea fundraiser to 2021. The Bakeless Bake sale has received \$2,000.00 so far.

10:30 a.m. break for the speaker: Dr. Kia Rowhanian from West Hills Hospital speaking on the Covid-19 virus.

11:30 a.m. reconvened. Chris continued. Everyone agreed that the Tea would be put off until 2021.

Chris moved to cancel the Fundraiser Tea until 2021. Second/ Approved. Chris and the Fundraising Vice President and committee will investigate creative events to take place of the tea.

Corresponding Secretary, Vera Hogan reminded everyone that Monday is the deadline for articles for the June newsletter.

Publicity, Cheri Steelman is just putting whatever publicity she comes across to keep the club in the public eye.

Curator, Arlene will no longer keep track of the West Valley Playhouse is doing.

Parliamentarian, Rosadel McClure reported that the voting on the Bylaws changes will be at the June Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Kay Winnert, Recording Secretary

MYRA FISHER, WOMEN’S HISTORY & RE-SOURCE CENTER CHAIR

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As the new chair of Women’s History I went to GFWC’s website to check out what was going on with Women’s History at the moment. There were a number of interesting articles from various clubs having to do with federated women in health. Here is one I think you will like reading about. It is from the *Women’s History and Resource Center’s (WHRC) News*, Spring 2020.

The Public Health Contributions of GFWC International Past President Saidie Orr Dunbar

Submitted by Pam Briggs, GFWC Oregon



Saidie Orr Dunbar served as GFWC International President from 1938–1941. However, to Oregon clubwomen, and to members of the public health community, she holds extra special significance.

Mrs. Dunbar was a leader in the public health nursing movement both in Oregon and in the nation. She is considered a founding mother of public nursing in Oregon, despite the fact that she did not have a medical background or education. As a young woman, Dunbar expressed a deep concern about the health needs of those around her, particularly those in rural communities. She placed a high value on the knowledge and expertise of medical professionals and used her passion to develop ways to advocate for formidable medical issues. Dunbar also knew the importance of volunteer work and that the participation of community members was key in addressing important medical issues.

In 1908, Saidie became the chairwoman of public health for the Oregon Federation. During her time in this position, she developed an interest in combating tuberculosis. Her interest led her to the position of Executive Secretary with the Oregon Tuberculosis Association in 1913. The position introduced her to the issues faced by Oregon’s rural areas and the lack of public health services which were available there. She traveled across Oregon to promote the establishment of county health departments and set up local groups to aid in the fight against tuberculosis.

Saidie Dunbar served two terms as secretary of the National Conference of the

Tuberculosis Secretaries. As a speaker at the National Health Conference in 1938, she said, “We need to ‘face the wind,’ to realize that health services must be provided.” With her leadership and the support of the Oregon Federation, the state legislature of Oregon passed a law in 1941 that provided measures such as blood testing to help control or prevent syphilis in pregnant women.

In 1956, the Saidie Orr Dunbar Nursing Education Scholarship Fund was created by the Oregon Federation of Women’s Clubs, the Oregon Tuberculosis Association, and affiliated county associations to honor Mrs. Dunbar’s contributions to the health and welfare of the people of Oregon and the nation. The scholarship is awarded to students in Oregon that are enrolled in public health or other nursing studies. After 64 years, the scholarship continues to be provided to nursing students in Oregon.

NEW MEMBERS:

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SAVE THE DATE:

- Sept. 18** **BBQ Bingo, Canoga Park WC**
- Sept. 21** **District Meeting, Van Nuys**

- Oct. 3** **Fashion Show, Canoga Park WC**
- Oct. 5** **Parliamentary Law Club (see page 5)**
- Oct. 31** **Area C Conference, Van Nuys**

- Mar. 9-10** **District Fine Arts Festival**
Canoga Park WC
(our club will prepare lunch)

YEARBOOK UPDATES:

Sharon Loppnow’s email:
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2020 Woodland Hills Woman's Club Calendar

Jun. 5	Friday	10:00 am Board Meeting via ZOOM
Jun. 11	Thursday	5:30 pm Bizzee Ladies Evening Group via ZOOM
Jun. 14	Sunday	FATHERS DAY
Jun. 18	Thursday	10:00 am General Meeting (maybe via ZOOM?)
Jun. 25	Thursday	11:30 am Lunch Bunch (if restaurants are open for dine-in). Info from Cheryl Ayers 818-884-9313.



ARE YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN BORED?

Don't ever think you need to get outside to spot wildlife, said Jason Bitel in *National Geographic*. The average home harbors up to 200 species of insects, making any day a good day for an indoor safari.

Teach your kids to use a small paintbrush to gently coax any critters onto a sheet of paper, then photograph them with a phone and return them to their place. The app **iNaturalist** will help identify every find, add it to a national database, and teach you about the insect's value to your home ecosystem. Bring along a magnifying glass and flashlight, and you should log dozens of species at least.

"Millipedes in the basement, beetles in the carpet—literally everything and anything that lives in the quiet corners of our homes is fascinating in its own way." (*The Week*, 5/29/20)

June 2020

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 10:00 am Board Meeting	6
7	8	9	10	11 5:30 pm Bizzee Ladies Evening Group	12	13
14 FATHERS DAY	15	16	17	18 10:00 am General Meeting	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 11:30 am Lunch Bunch	26	27
28	29	30				

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