



# THE FIG LEAF

Fig Garden Woman's Club Newsletter

## December 2019

**2<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting** (Arrival time 9:00 AM) Mon 9:30 AM

**3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Tree Lane Walk Night Cookie Handout** Tues 6:00 – 10:30 PM

**Chair:** Tamara Hargrave

**Committee:** Pamela Anderson, Debbie Reuland, Avnell Daniels, Emily Poulsen, Maureen Boyle, Sandra Knudson, Sue Van Doren, Laurie Frye, Kathryn Efird, and Cheryl Bird

**9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Christmas Luncheon Set Up** Mon-Tues 9:30 AM

**11<sup>th</sup> General Luncheon Meeting** Wed 11:30 AM

**Chairs:** Betty Conner and Carol Lambourne

**Committee:** La Verne Horg, Patricia Cortez, Ellie Craig, Diane Hill, Marilyn Schutt, and Jan Worrel

**12<sup>th</sup> Christmas Gala** Thurs 5:30 – 8:30 PM

**Chair:** Erika Hoppe

**Advisors:** Allison Alexander and Lynn Baldwin

**Committee:** Betty Conner, Karla Nichols, Carol Lambourne, Jessica Vived, Kristi Emo, Mary Ann Hendrickson, Selah Anselmo, Valerie Holmes, JJ Krivochiev, Amanda Leech, Beverly Mitchell, Lynne Miller, Sharon Walker, Karen Shepard, Geri Tolladay, Ellie Craig, Eleanor Rojas, Kathy Dennen, Mona Llamas-Prieto, and Keely Coyle

**13<sup>th</sup> Movie Review** Fri 10:00 AM

**16<sup>th</sup> Knitting 'N' Needles** (Open to all club members) Mon 10:00 AM

**17<sup>th</sup> Marathon Bridge** (Open to all club members) Tues TBA

**19<sup>th</sup> Book Talk** (Open to all club members) Thurs 10:00 AM

**20<sup>th</sup> Newsletter Deadline** (Articles to Maria) Wed

**Reading Program at Rescue the Children**

December 4<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> **Weds 9:00 AM**

December 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> **Friday 2:45 PM**

## Executive Officers

**President:** Janelle Dunn

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Irene Weigand

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Jennifer Huelskamp

**Recording Secretary:** Debbie Reuland

**Corresponding Secretary:** Audrey Ward

**Treasurer:** Susan Simpson

**Assistant Treasurer:** Blake Casares

## Appointed Officers

**Parliamentarian:** Mary Vaughan

**Historian:** Mariann Powell

**Emblems:** Joyce Hughes

**Auditors:** Sandra Knudson and Jane Bragg

**District Representative:** Margaret Nordstrom and Vanda McArthur

**Endowment:** Brenda Joseph

**FigLeaf Newsletter Editor:** Maria Schmitt

**FigLeaf Newsletter Asst:** Pamela Vogel



Hello Ladies ... I can't believe the holiday season is here!! We had a wonderful Farm to Table last night at the Fresno County Historical Museum at the Big Fresno Fair. Everyone who attended really enjoyed themselves. Thank you to Liz Looney and Judy Irvine and their great committee for all their hard work! Trash to Treasures was a huge success! Thank you to Shirley Zaver and Donna Strickler for chairing this enormous event. Lee Leone, Tamara Hargrave and Jean Thompson did great work in the boutique as well as Kim Gould in the jewelry section!

We will be decorating cookies on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 after the board meeting to prepare for the Christmas Tree Walk Night on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Christmas Gala is December 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 tickets will be on sale at the board meeting.

I sent an Eblast out regarding the passing of Jill Robinson her services will be held in December and I will keep everyone informed as I get any information. She was a special friend and I will miss her deeply. Here is a little poem I shared last night at our event.

*Until we meet again  
A light from our lives has gone  
A voice we loved is still  
A place is vacant within our hearts  
Which never can be filled*

*A bouquet of beautiful memories  
Sprayed with a million tears  
I wish God could have spared you  
If just for a few more years*

*We hold you close within our hearts  
And there you will remain.  
To walk with us throughout our lives  
Until we meet again*

Upcoming dates to remember:

Board Meeting is Monday December 2nd at 9:30am.

Christmas Tree Lane Walk Night Tuesday December 3rd at 6:00pm.

General Meeting will be Wednesday December 11th at 11:30am.

Christmas Gala Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

Annual Card Party Wednesday January 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am.

Happy Christmas,

Janelle

**Contributions Committee**  
**December 15, 2019**  
**Deadline Submission**

As you might imagine, each year our Club receives numerous requests for funding. Our 2019-2020 Contributions Committee has established procedures and guidelines to review such requests. It is truly a team effort to reach out to those worthy non-profits. We are asking all Club members to help us in our outreach and provide the donation request forms to their favorite non-profits.

If you would like a "Donation Request" form, please reach out Sandra Knudson or myself. Every organization must complete a request, if they would like to be considered for funds from our Club. We are seeking to fund specific program needs not administrative costs. Supporting documents are encouraged, but not in lieu of completing the forms. Incomplete forms or lack of supporting documents will not be considered.

The request for funds should be no greater than \$5,000.00 and only one submission per non-profit organization. Our deadline for submission received at P.O. Box 5012, Fresno, CA 93755 is no later than December 15, 2019. Be sure to add on the outside envelope "Attention Contributions Committee."

After the New Year, the Committee will begin the lengthy review process and finalize their selections. The Committee may contact the top most deserving organizations for a one-on-one interview. In late March 2020, we will notify those organizations by email if they will not be granted their request.

In April 2020, after the review process, we will provide our recommendation to our membership for those organizations who will be recipients of our donation. Checks will be disbursed in May 2020.

Thank you to all of our members who are spreading the word to nonprofits to submit their donation requests.

**Contributions Committee**

Valerie Pieroni, *Chairman*

Sandra Knudson, *Recording Secretary*

Shirin Assemi

Sue Castro

Betty Conner

Norma Ferraiuolo

Jane Fisher

Diane Hill

La Verne Horg

Charlotte Johnston

Teresa Krikorian





# Amenities Committee

## November 2019

\*\*\* Pam (559) 772-2812 \*\*\* Kathleen (559) 906-7781 \*\*\*

**CARDS:** Four sympathy cards to Marge Sittner, Eleanor Rojas, Sonja Robinson, and to the family of our beloved Jill Robinson. Eleven birthday cards to Claudia Andresen, Monica Balch, Linda Boyajian, Jane Bragg, Shirley Buckenberger, Norma Ferraiuolo, Judy Gregerson, Sloan Johnson, Rosalie Jorgensen-Kearns, Marjorie D. Sittner, and Karen Tozlian. One congratulations card to our amazing President, Janelle Dunn. Two get well soon cards to Jane Bragg and Sharon Garabedian. Two thinking of you cards to "Cinny" Binger and Charlotte Johnston. Twelve thank you "for being kind" cards to Louise Armstrong, Kim Gould, Tamara Hargrave, Judy Irvine, Kathleen Lehman, Lee Leone, Liz Looney, Carol McCrumb, Dena Reynolds, Donna Strickler, Marcia Wagner, and Shirley Zaver. Four welcome cards were sent to our newest members Sharon Garabedian, Valerie LeMay, Linda Richburg, and Suzanne Yengoyan.

**VISITS & PHONE CALLS:** Three "Sweet Surprises" were delivered to "Cinny" Binger, Jane Bragg, and Sharon Garabedian. Two "Random Acts of Kindness" blessed Judy Irvine and Liz Looney. Phone calls were made to "Cinny" Binger, Jane Bragg, Kristi Emo, and Jill Robinson. Chairperson Kathleen Lehman visited our dearest Jill Robinson while she was in the hospital. Many of our lovely club members reached out to Jill Robinson when she needed us the most. May our precious angel rest in peace.



## Amenities Committee 2019-20

**Pam Henderson, Kathleen Lehman, and Geri Tolladay**

The Amenities Committee is in charge of helping our membership when needed by sending cards, making visits, and/or calling members.

Pam Henderson will be in charge of sending cards. Kathleen Lehman and Geri Tolladay, with their committee, will be in charge of making visits and/or calling members.



Please contact Pam, Kathleen, or Geri if a member needs a card, visit, or phone call.

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Happy  
BirthDay  
may your wish  
come true

### **December Birthdays**

1<sup>st</sup> J.J. Krivochiev

2<sup>nd</sup> Maude Goorabian Rice

4<sup>th</sup> Peggy Abels, Joyce Hughes, and Margaret Nordstrom

9<sup>th</sup> Judy Irvine

10<sup>th</sup> Kathryn Efird

14<sup>th</sup> Erika Hoppe

15<sup>th</sup> Cynthia Binger

16<sup>th</sup> Mary Castrol

18<sup>th</sup> Vanda McArthur, Eleanor Alpha Rojas, and Dottie Troisi

19<sup>th</sup> Marsha Wagner

21<sup>st</sup> Lori Mohun

22<sup>nd</sup> Carol Scott

25<sup>th</sup> Ellie Craig

27<sup>th</sup> Effie Beeman

31<sup>st</sup> Susan Pappas



# New Members Are Joining

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**Fig Garden Woman's Club  
General Meeting  
November 13, 2019**

**Welcome:** Irene Wiegand, First Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 11:30am. President, Janelle Dunn was be honored today at a luncheon at the 2019 Philanthropy day, CA Valley Chapter as the "Volunteer of the Year." For 30 years, Janelle has raised funds to benefit the Holy Cross Center for Women, St. Agnes Hospital.

Irene Wiegand thanked those who decorated the tables for the luncheon.

**Collect:** Susan Van Doren

**Pledge of Allegiance/Song:** Lorene Sorensen

**Inspiration:** Kathleen Lehman, also asked that we all pray for Jill Robinson, as she is in the hospital.

**Introduction of New Members:** Sharon Garabedian, Linda Richburg and Valarie LeMay.

**President's Report:** Irene Wiegand thanked Shirley Zaver, Donna Strickler and crew for all of their work on Trash & Treasure. She also thanked Mary Vaughan for everything she did to coordinate Jan Locker's memorial service. Please remember to RSVP to the December Meeting, it is a members only day, no guests please. Tamara Hargrave will be coordinating the December 2<sup>nd</sup> Cookie Decorating (after the next board meeting), please feel free to join – great fun – these are the cookies that will be passed out at the first lane walk evening. If you haven't already picked up your new Handbook, they are in the back of the room – be sure to take the one with your name on it.

**Luncheon**

**Program:** Jennifer Huelskamp introduced today's speakers: John Gliatta and Maira Aguilar with the Office of Independent Review for the City of Fresno.

**Order of Business**

**Call to Order:** Irene Wiegand

**Minutes:** Deb Reuland advised that last month's General Meeting Minutes have been posted the Newsletter, please advise if there are any changes/corrections necessary, if not they will be deemed approved as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Susan Simpson reported that the balances as of 10/31/19: BofA Checking \$51,398.66; Endowment Fund \$58,385.60; Building Maintenance Fund \$17,205.84; Memorial Building Fund \$6,115.84 for a total of \$133,105.94. Octoberfest (final): Income \$3,015 - Expenses \$1,357.78 - Net \$1,657.22. Trash & Treasure: Income \$20,542.88 – Expenses \$1,888.32 - \$18,654.56 (there are still outstanding expenses – estimated final net \$18,500. Estimated profit from Boutique \$3,800 & Jewelry \$2,352. Farm to Table gross to date \$3,380.

**Correspondence:** Audrey Ward advised there had been (10) donations requests, (1) thank you note received from Carol Boos of Wings Advocacy Fresno for rummage items after the sale, and (1) magazine and (1) membership application, Helen Holmquist of Clovis.

**District Rep:** Margaret Nordstrom – will be attending upcoming meeting.

**Memorial Bldg Fund:** Suzanne Swanson advised they received a total of 6 donations in memory of Jan Locker, Elaine Naman, Sandy Stahl, Bev Knobloch & Marie Whiteside – thank you notes sent to donors and families.

**Standing Committees:**

**Amenities:** Report submitted by Pam Henderson. 1 sympathy card to Jan Locker's family, 23 October birthday cards, 3 thinking of you cards to Josette Arax, Jill Robinson & Marge Sittner, 8 being kind cards to Sue Castro, Erika Hoppe, Jennifer Huelskamp, Judy Irvine, Theresa Kirkorian, Mary Vaughan, Irene Wiegand & Nancy Wood, 4 welcome to new member cards to Joann Boyle, Vicki Cederquist, Vaughan, 1 random act of kindness to Erika Hoppe. Committee members make visits and/or calls to Jill Robinson, Josette Arax, Marge Sittner.

**Contributions:** No Report.

**Clubhouse:** Monica Balch reported that a PG&E Audit has advised that there is wood rot on the front pillars.

**Grounds:** Dottie Troisi has been working on clean-up. The hedges are being scheduled to be pruned – the fireman who used to do it has retired.

**Planning & Preservation:** Jean Thompson advised that they are looking at updating the bid for replacement windows – first appointment today.

**Scholarship:** No report.

**Web/Facebook:** No report.

**Ways & Means:**

**Trash to Treasures:** Shirley Zaver – great turnout of helpers! Special thanks to Gilberto and all that he did and to Janelle Dunn for the POD. Pre-party went very well and recommended continuing next year. Thanks too to Kim Gould and the Bullard helpers! Suggestion for next year: remind everyone to be careful/particular about what you donate, request that donations be made in boxes – not bags. A very special thank you to Mariann Powell – she stood for hours polishing silver!

**Club Event:** Liz Looney reminded everyone that the Farm to Table event is November 19th. The cost for attending is \$65 per person or \$120 for (2) – very few tickets left! Parking is very close to the event – it is actually on the fairground property. Member Prieto's husband will provide free transportation for 6 ladies – only (1) seat left.

**Christmas Gala:** Erika Hoppe advised that the tickets will be \$40pp or \$75 for two. The date is December 12<sup>th</sup> – the doors will open at 5:30pm.

**Community Projects:**

**Rescue the Children -** Suzanne Swanson advised they have (1) new reader. Attended the Fall Banquet – they were honoring many successful graduates! Christmas wrapping will take place again this year on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 5pm – meet at the Clubhouse and we'll all go over together. Betty Conner advised they will accept donations of wrapping supplies.

**Little Free Lending Library** – Jean Thompson - there are more infants than children in the program right now – board books are needed.

**Other Business:**

**California Federation Music Contest** – Jean Thompson has advised the Board has approved sponsoring Carter Williams' (a harpist) entry into the Contest.

**30 Second Announcements:** Carol Lambourne – still needed two people to decorate tables for the Christmas Luncheon (2 signed up immediately).

Liz Looney - "Home for the Holidays" - Fresno Philharmonic on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Sandra Knudson – Applications for donations in December.

Karla Nichols - Edna Garabedian – Fresno Opera Association – Breakfast House – December 14<sup>th</sup> - \$40

Judy Boro – Judy & Kathy Dennen advised – card party scheduled for January 29<sup>th</sup>.

Tamara Hargrave – Lane Walk Night – reminded everyone there will be ice chests out back for you to drop off cookies – Dec. 2nd

Irene Wiegand adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted ... Debbie Reuland, Recording Secretary



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## January 2020

**6<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting** (Arrival time 9:00 AM) Mon 9:30 AM

**8<sup>th</sup> General Luncheon Meeting** Wed 11:30 AM

**Chairs:** Shirley Zaver and Kristi Emo

**Committee:** Erika Hoppe, Liz Looney, Donna Strickler Pam Anderson, Hope Rosky, and Cynthia Binger

**10<sup>th</sup> Movie Review** Fri 10:00 AM

**15<sup>th</sup> Town Hall Wed** 9:00 AM **Speaker: General Kelley**

**16<sup>th</sup> Book Talk** (Open to all club members) Thurs 10:00 AM

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**21<sup>st</sup> Marathon Bridge** (Open to all club members) Tues TBA

**29<sup>th</sup> Annual Card Party and Luncheon.** Wed 11:30 AM

**Chairs:** Judy Boro and Kathy Dennen

**Advisor:** Barbara Wiedel

**Committee:** Eleanor Rojas, Jane Bragg, Jean Hull, Rosalie Jorgensen-Kearns, Barb Moen, Geri Tolladay, and Becky Morlock

### **Reading Program at Rescue the Children**

January 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> **Weds 9:00 AM**

January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup> **Friday 2:45 PM**

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