

JULY 2020

# THE FIG LEAF

*Fig Garden Woman's Club Newsletter*  
*Established in 1921*



## Important Dates & Events

Fig Leaf submission deadline - July 20

Board Meeting - August 31, 9:30 a.m.

General Session - September 9, 9:00 a.m.



**WE'LL GET THROUGH THIS  
TOGETHER!**

If you are having a tough time isolating  
reach out to a club member.  
We are here for each other.



*Fig Garden Woman's Club*



### *Executive Officers*

**President:** Irene Wiegand

**1st Vice President:** Jennifer Huelskamp

**2nd Vice President:** Marsha Wagner

**Recording Secretary:** Nancee Smith

**Corresponding Secretary:**

Pam Henderson

**Treasurer:** Susan Simpson

**Assistant Treasurer:** Allison Alexander

### *Appointed Officers*

**Parliamentarian:** Mary Vaughan

**Historian:** Mariann Powell

**Emblems:** Joyce Hughes

**Auditors:** Janelle Dunn and  
Sandra Knudson

**District Representative:** Ann Caldwell  
and Margaret Nordstrom

**Endowment:** Janelle Dunn

**Fig Leaf Editor:** Suzanne Crosina-Sahm



## Outgoing President's Message

*Janelle Dunn*

Dearest members,

I can hardly believe this is my final President's message. To say this year as been crazy would be an understatement!

I have thoroughly enjoyed being President for the past year - it's been a roller coaster but I've had fun. I've especially enjoyed getting to know so many members much better. We have such a great membership of kind and caring women!

We lost several wonderful friends and great members including Jill Robinson, Jan Locker, Maude Goorabian Rice, Vickie Leet and Coline Halbert. They will all be deeply missed.

Because of social distancing, I will not be having a President's luncheon. I wanted to thank my executive board for helping me navigate these unprecedented times. I also want to thank Suzanne Swanson who stepped in to be my President's Advisor.

We had some great fundraisers including Oktoberfest chaired by Irene Wiegand and Jennifer Huelskamp, and Trash to Treasure chaired by Shirley Zaver and Donna Strickler. Our new club event, the fabulous Farm to Table Dinner at the Fresno County Historical Museum at the Big Fresno Fair, was chaired by Liz Looney and Judy Irvine. We had a wonderful Christmas Gala chaired by Erika Hoppe. Kathy Dennen and Judy Boro chaired a successful card party in January. We also had two nice get acquainted coffees that were chaired by Judy Irvine and Nancy Wood. Thank you to all these chairs and their committees for all the hard work.

I also want to thank all the other chairs of the various committees (too many to mention them all) who worked hard keeping us on track and moving forward.

I am looking forward to a great 2020-21 year under the leadership of Irene and her great executive board. I hope everyone has a great summer and stays healthy! -- Janelle

## *Have you paid your dues?*

Fig Garden Woman's Club Annual membership dues are \$200 and were due April 1st. Dues will become delinquent if not paid by June 30. If not paid by that date, the member will be considered terminated.



## Incoming President's Message

*Irene Wiegand*

Dear members,

It is with great honor that I will be stepping in as your president for the 2020-'21 term. I am very excited to begin and am looking forward to seeing all of you at our next general meeting/coffee which will be held Wednesday, September 9th.

I am hoping that things will be pretty much back to normal by then and that we will be able to have our luncheons and events. I will be communicating with everyone prior to the September meeting.

The Board has made the decision to exclude Trash to Treasures this year. Times are different and we are not sure which stage of recovery Covid-19 will be in by November and we want to be very cautious. Because of the social distancing/mask rules, the Board has found it would be very hard for our membership and the public to be handling so many used items and to work in cramped quarters. It is our largest fundraiser but we have some ideas how we can make up the income in other ways.

I would like everyone to please check their handbook and make sure the information we have for you is correct. The new handbook will be printed in August, so it is crucial that your dues are paid and if you have any changes from last year please get the new information to Susan Pappas. Her phone number is 304-5031 and her email is [sjp30@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sjp30@sbcglobal.net).

Our next board meeting is Monday, August 31 at 9:30 a.m. and as previously mentioned, our next general meeting/coffee will be Wednesday September 9 from 9:30-11:00 am. We will be discussing the calendar so you will find out about the activities we have planned for the 2020-'21 year.

I hope you have a wonderful summer! -- Irene Wiegand



## *Do you have changes for the directory?*

*If you have a change of address, phone number or email, please send new your information to Susan Pappas ASAP.  
New directories will be printed in August.*

**Susan can be reached at:  
(559) 304-5031 or  
[sjp30@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sjp30@sbcglobal.net)**



## Scholarship Committee

*Louise Armstrong, 2019-'20 Scholarship Chair*

Each year our Club awards sixteen \$500 scholarships to nursing students at Fresno City College. This year we received eighteen applications.

The applicants varied – some young, some in their 30s and 40s and returning to school. Some are single, some with families, some with great financial need, and others less so. I found it difficult to eliminate two.

When I shared my dilemma with the Board, it was

immediately suggested the budget be increased so that all the applicants could be "chosen." The suggestion quickly became a motion which passed.

Each of the women who applied has had struggles in her goal of becoming a nurse. It is truly a joy to notify them of their awards. This experience is just one more reason why I am so honored to be a part of Fig Garden Woman's Club.

## Keep Up with Fig Garden Woman's Club on Social Media and Our Website

*Barb Moen, Website and Social Media Chair*

Are you missing the beautiful, smiling faces of your Fig Garden Woman's Club friends? We are not able to get together right now, but you can always check in to see what we've been up to on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

And don't forget to check out our website at [www.figgardenwomensclub.org](http://www.figgardenwomensclub.org) and register as a member. In the members-only section, you will find our handbook, new members, calendar, and more.



## Fig Garden Woman's Club Joint Board Meeting June 8, 2020

**President**, Janelle Dunn called the meeting to order at 10:00 – this meeting was an “in-person” meeting.

**Recording Secretary**, Deb Reuland advised that there was a change to the May 4th Board Meeting Minutes as follows: Jean Thompson noted that under Committee Report the last sentence should read: “They will also speak with him to determine the need for a lead paint analysis.”

**Treasurer**, Susan Simpson, reported balances as of 5/31/20 are: B of A checking \$28,466.08; Endowment Fund \$57,685.99; Building Maintenance Fund \$21,272.00; Memorial Building Fund \$6,122.07; Total \$113,546.14. Membership dues 136/193 paid (a follow-up letter will go out shortly to those who have not paid their dues). There have been five resignations.

**Correspondence Secretary**, Audrey Ward, no invites received. Audrey also noted that a new book (by two members) is now available: Great Central Valley.

### Committee Reports

**Membership:** Ann Caldwell advised that (2) new members have committed to joining us in the Fall. Cyndi Vanderhorst and Nancy Akers...both have paid their dues.

**Preservation & Planning/Clubhouse:** Jean Thompson and Monica Balch reported that the new windows have been installed, the outside of the Clubhouse has been painted, the new front porch light is being picked up, the new shutters (composite material) have been ordered and the new panels for beneath the windows have been made and are awaiting installation (these will match the panels on the front of the Clubhouse. The color of the new shutters will be green. There are several of the inside shutters that will require some repair work. There will be a review of the entire project after all of the work is completed.

**Amenities:** The report will be included in the upcoming Newsletter.

### 2020-2021 Calendar

Incoming President Irene Wiegand led this discussion. The new calendar shows the year as starting in September 2020 (activities for the summer impacted by COVID-19). A special thank you to all who agreed to chair next year's events.

**Trash to Treasures:** Due to ongoing issues (COVID-19) the decision has been made to cancel this event this year. No further donations should be collected. Possibility for an on-line sale (similar to the Fashion Show Auction).

**June 8, 2020**

## **Fig Garden Woman's Club Joint Board Meeting Minutes (continued)**

**Fashion Show:** This year's fashion show has been scheduled for Saturday, November 14th at Tornino's. Shirley Zaver will chair this event.

**Marathon Bridge:** This will be held monthly but not necessarily on a permanent date...attendees generally meet in someone's home...the date may change monthly.

**Out-to-Lunch Bunch:** The dates are not reflected on the calendar.

**New Member Orientation:** Liz Looney holds the orientations twice a year - dates are not reflected on the calendar.

**Rescue the Children:** Suzanne Swanson reminded everyone that new members to this group must go through an orientation prior to serving on this team.

**Oktoberfest:** Libby Borchardt and Valerie LeMay will co-chair this event on Friday, October 16th.

**New Member Coffees:** Linda Lucido will be chairing the coffees.

**Christmas Tree Lane Walk Night:** This event is on the calendar for December 1st and 9th – final date to be determined (based on conversation with Dean Alexander). There is a possibility this may be canceled.

**Christmas Gala:** Erika Hoppe will chair the event again this year. The event is scheduled for Thursday, December 10th.

**Card Party:** Kathy Dennen will be chairing this event again this year.

**Valentine's Day Card Decorating:** The decorating event is on the calendar for Thursday, February 11th.

**Antique Show:** Lisa Woolf, Judy Gregerson and Kim Gould will be leading the Antique Show this next year. The Antique Pre-Party will be coordinated by Teresa Kirkorian on Thursday, March 18th. The Antique Show will be on March 19-21. The vendor group will be evolving this year – not as many antique dealers in the business any longer. There may be vendors offering crafts/art/plants (as possibilities).

**Federation Luncheon:** Janelle Dunn advised that the club will be hosting the Annual Luncheon this year. Ann Caldwell will be chairing this event. Art will be displayed/judged. It is not geared as a fundraiser...they anticipate 40-50 people in attendance. The date is scheduled for Thursday, April 21st.

**June 8, 2020****Fig Garden Woman's Club Joint Board Meeting Minutes (continued)**

**100 Year Anniversary:** This event will encompass the Art & Flower Reciprocity Tea (April 28th). The celebration will be the week of April 26-May 1. Specifics to be determined.

**2020-2021 Budget:** Susan Simpson presented a "proposed" budget reflecting a total income of \$99,730.00. Lengthy discussion on whether or not these proposed numbers are realistic based on COVID-19...Susan reminded us that these are guideline numbers at this point. There was a discussion regarding the nursing scholarships for this year....there were 18 applicants and we only had money available for 16...all applicants were excellent. Maggie Thompson made a motion that we increase the budget by \$1,000 (bringing the total to \$9,000) to include all 18 applicants, this motion was seconded by Marsha Wagner. The motion was passed.

**Installation of 2020/2021 Officers:** Lisa Woolf introduced the new Executive Board Officers: President: Irene Wiegand; First Vice President: Jennifer Huelskamp; Second Vice President: Marsha Wagner; Recording Secretary: Nancee Smith; Corresponding Secretary: Pamela Henderson; Treasurer: Susan Simpson; Assistant Treasurer: Allison Alexander.

**Other Business**

Janelle Dunn thanked her Board for serving and Lisa Woolf presented roses to all.

It should be noted that the Town Hall lecture series has been postponed for next season...therefore, there is no impact on monthly luncheons.

Suzanne Crosina-Sahm will be now be taking over the Newsletter position.

A motto for the upcoming year is to be determined.

Respectfully submitted by

**Deb Reuland**

**Recording Secretary**

*Do you have news for The Fig Leaf?*

If you would like to include a report or other club news in the Fig Leaf, the deadline for submission is the 20th of each month. Please send your information to Suzanne Crosina-Sahm at [scrosinasahm@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scrosinasahm@sbcglobal.net) or you can text to (559) 392-1685. We will be publishing an August newsletter, so please send your info by July 20 (for publication on July 25).



## Luncheon Committee for the 2020-'21 Program Year

*Jennifer Huelskamp*

Due to the cancellation of our last two meetings, I was not able to circulate signup sheets for our monthly luncheon committees. So in lieu, I'm hoping we can do this by email or phone.

Each month we need two co-chairs and six to eight volunteers. Duties include: planning and setting up the table centerpieces and decor the day before our luncheon, and preparing and pouring tea during our meeting. I have a few volunteers but am in need of many more.

Please let me know if you can help and if you have a preference as to which month you'd be interested in. I can be reached at [jhuelskamp@comcast.net](mailto:jhuelskamp@comcast.net) or (559) 355-2601. -- Jennifer

## Out-to-Lunch Bunch

*Sue Stephens*

Is anybody interested in meeting for lunch at Flemings on Wednesday, July 29th?

Flemings is willing to do a lunch for 15 or more ladies with social distancing rules. The menu will include a salad, choice of filet/salmon/chicken, creamed spinach, mashed potatoes, and crème brûlée. Coffee, tea and water are included but wine or other drinks are not.

The cost is \$38.00. A check can be mailed or given to me, Sue Stephens, before July 29th. Please contact me as soon as possible if you would like to go. I will need to have a minimum of 15 people.

I can be reached at (559) 431-0528.





## Amenities Report

*Pam Henderson and Kathleen Lehman, Amenities Chairs*

**CARDS:** Twenty-two *Birthday* cards to Allison Alexander, Selah Anselmo, Louise Armstrong, Joanne Bazarrian, Libby Borchardt, Ann Caldwell, Kathleen Coit, Janelle Dunn, Betty Haak, LaVerne Horg, Elizabeth “Liz” Looney, Lillian Macias Weiland, Julianne Patrick, Anna Phillips, JoAnne Prickett, Kathie Rhodehamel, Janette Smith, Donna Strickler, Maggie Thompson, Audrey Ward, Sharon Walker, and Lenore Yousef.

Eleven *Thinking of You* cards to Annette LaRue, Margaret Nordstrom, Mariann Powell, Cynthia Rathwick, Hope Rosky, Karen Shepard, Marjorie Sittner, Mary Starkel, Sue Stephens, Janice Stevens, and Nancy Walker. Two *Get Well* cards to Juliette Hammel, and Charlotte Johnston. One *Sympathy* card to the family of our sweet angel, Vickie Leet.

One *Thank You for Being Kind* card to Lisa Woolf. Two *Welcome* cards to our newest members Nancy Ackers and Cyndi Vanderhorst.

Eight *Sorry to See You Go* cards to Susan Biglione, Cynthia Binger, Keely Coyle, Jane Fisher, Margaret Mims, Lori Norman, Hope Rosky, and Nancy Yung.

**VISITS & PHONE CALLS:** Three “*Sweet Surprises*” were delivered to Mary Castro, Sue Castro, and Lillian Macias Weiland. One “Random Act of Kindness” blessed Betty Conner’s SHINE ladies.

Phone calls were made to the family of our dear Vickie Leet, Pat Hunter, and Mary Starkel (who is over 100 years old and is such a delight)!☐

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





*Let's celebrate our*  
**June Birthday Girls!**

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|-----------|-------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| <b>1</b>  | <b>Kathie Rhodehamel</b>      |           |                               |
| <b>3</b>  | <b>Selah Anselmo</b>          |           |                               |
| <b>5</b>  | <b>Elizabeth "Liz" Looney</b> |           |                               |
| <b>7</b>  | <b>Audrey Ward</b>            |           |                               |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>Sharon Walker</b>          | <b>17</b> | <b>Betty Haak</b>             |
| <b>14</b> | <b>Louise Armstrong</b>       | <b>17</b> | <b>LaVerne Horg</b>           |
| <b>14</b> | <b>Anna Phillips</b>          | <b>17</b> | <b>Lillian Macias Weiland</b> |
| <b>15</b> | <b>Allison Alexander</b>      | <b>19</b> | <b>Joanne Bazarian</b>        |
| <b>16</b> | <b>Kathleen Coit</b>          | <b>20</b> | <b>Janelle Dunn</b>           |
| <b>16</b> | <b>Julianne Patrick</b>       | <b>21</b> | <b>Ann Caldwell</b>           |
| <b>16</b> | <b>JoAnne Prickett</b>        | <b>22</b> | <b>Lenore Yousef</b>          |
|           |                               | <b>24</b> | <b>Donna Strickler</b>        |
|           |                               | <b>27</b> | <b>Libby Borchardt</b>        |
|           |                               | <b>29</b> | <b>Maggie Thompson</b>        |
|           |                               | <b>30</b> | <b>Janette Smith</b>          |



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
*to our members born in*  
**July!**

- 1** Maria Helena Prochazka
- 2** Irene Wiegand
- 3** Cheryl Bird
- 4** Marilyn Schutt
- 9** Donna Silecchio
- 12** Brenda Joseph
- 12** Teresa Kirkorian
- 15** Ann Lusk
- 16** Ruth McWilliams
- 23** Cindy Shipstead