

MAY 2021

THE FIG LEAF

Fig Garden Woman's Club Newsletter
Established in 1921



Important Dates & Events

- Board Meeting - May 3, 9:30 am
- May General Session/Social - May 12, 11:30 am
- Cinema Group - May 14, 10 am
- Knitting & Needles - May 17, 10 am
- Book Talk - May 20, 10 am
- Fig Leaf submission deadline - May 31



Executive Officers

- President:** Irene Wiegand
- 1st Vice President:** Jennifer Huelskamp
- 2nd Vice President:** Marsha Wagner
- 3rd Vice President:** Kathleen Dennen
- Recording Secretary:** Nancee Smith
- Corresponding Secretary:** Pam Cowling
- 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 Representatives:** Ann Caldwell and Margaret Nordstrom
- Endowment:** Janelle Dunn
- Fig Leaf Editor:** Suzanne Crosina-Sahm

President's Message

Irene Wiegand

Dear Members,

Here we are, already in May! We welcome the beautiful weather and the beauty of all the blooming gardens throughout our neighborhood.

One of the best things that has happened is that the Covid-19 cases have slowed down, and the country is starting to open up! We plan to have our May 12 general meeting in our clubhouse now that we can. We are allowed to be at 25% capacity, and we will most likely have the patio and front doors open so we can receive fresh breezes. Please come, only if you are comfortable. I know a lot of members are vaccinated and ready to have a regular catered lunch. We plan on taking more handbook photos and collecting dues. We will also be introducing some new members, and we are going to have a job fair!

What I mean by a job fair is this: You will get the chance to sign-up for committees you are interested in helping with for the upcoming year.

If you bring in a new member to the May meeting, they will benefit from having their name and picture in our handbook. Please let Kathy Dennen know if you have any new members. Susan would also like to encourage everyone to bring money for their dues.

Our April 12 general meeting was very well attended. Thank you Charlotte Hirasuna, Jennifer Huelskamp, Carol Kempen and their committee for the wonderful snack bags. We were able to honor 12 out of 15 past presidents. I must apologize to Lorene Sorensen and Fran Avis for not mentioning them in the last newsletter. Fran was president from 1986 to 1987, and Lorene was president from 1988-1989. Many members took new photos for the handbook, and Susan Simpson collected club dues. Thank you to everyone who attended. It was a pleasant day to be outside.

The Spring Bingo Fling was a hit! Thank you to Carrol McCrumb and Betty Connor for organizing the event and doing so much work to make it such a fun event. The lunch consisted of a chicken salad sandwich on a croissant with pasta salad, a skewer of fresh fruit and a mini cupcake. The kitchen organizers, who always do a fabulous job, were Lynn Baldwin and Allison Alexander. They donated all the food, and other members donated drinks and prizes.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the May meeting,

Irene





Fig Garden Woman's Club Board Meeting Minutes April 5, 2021

Call to order: President Irene Wiegand opened the meeting at 9:37.

Vice President Jennifer Huelskamp thanked Shirley Zaver and Linda Lucido for the Easter decorations. She reminded those that are signed up for May.

Recording Secretary Nancee Smith advised that there are copies of last month's board meeting minutes on the table for anyone that wants a hard copy. They will also be in the upcoming newsletter.

Treasurer Susan Simpson reported that the B of A checking balance is \$31,892.16. Total funds are \$130,263.96. This includes checking, Endowment, Building Maintenance Fund and Memorial Building fund. We received 69 donations for a total of \$12,450.00. Susan is currently collecting annual dues.

Correspondence Secretary Pamela Cowling stated that we received two thank you notes: one from Lorene Sorensen, and one from Breaking the Chains for the donation of \$5000. The organization was able to use the donation to purchase another vehicle to transport women and children.

President's Report: Irene Wiegand stated that at the April general meeting we will be honoring our past presidents. If there are any new members, we will welcome them at this time. Everyone will receive a snack bag and the meeting will be outside on the lawn.

Handbook Chairperson Susan Pappas has asked for better photos of members since so many are pixelated when enlarged. Lillian Macias Weiland suggested taking them against a blank wall as a backdrop. Lillian also offered to use her phone camera to take photos. Deadline to submit new pictures for the handbook is at the end of July. We will start taking photos at the general meeting in April. Irene Wiegand will ask Susan Pappas which ones need to be retaken.

The District was very generous to donate a check to the people that lost their cabins to the Creek Fire. A check was written for \$2000 to give to Liz Looney. She will be presented with the check at the general meeting.

President Irene Wiegand and Vice President Jennifer Huelskamp reviewed the calendar for next year. Jennifer covered the monthly events:

September: Welcome Back Coffee



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October: 100 Year Celebration - There will be no Trash to Treasure this month. There will be a Get Acquainted Coffee. The Art and Flower show will be part of the 100-Year Celebration.

November: Fashion Show

December: Christmas Gala. A children's party has been added. This will consist of a luncheon on a Saturday afternoon. The children will have a tea party and pictures with Santa.

January: General luncheon and the Card Party

February: General luncheon and the Get Acquainted Coffee

March: Antique Show

April: Trash to Treasure. The weather will be nicer and will not interfere with 100-year party.

May: General Luncheon

The extra lunches were \$15.00. We charged a little more this year to cover our costs.

There was a discussion about guest speakers. There will be several months without speakers.

District Representative Ann Caldwell stated that there will be a District Convention Zoom Birthday meeting on Thursday, April 22, 2021.

Time: Apr 22, 2021. 10:00 AM Pacific Time.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89993479452?pwd=RDV0dUp4S2EyQTh4T0FZRE9uM08wZz09>

Meeting ID: 899 9347 9452

Passcode: 943921

District Presidents will talk about their club and their history. Treasurer Susan Simpson asked for names of members that are 50-year members.

Marilyn Gobel: 55 years. Life membership.

Mary Starkel: 60 years. Emeritus membership.

Endowment: Chairperson Janelle Dunn was not in attendance.

Amenities: Chairperson Pamela Cowling stated that member Pam Thomas has COVID. She is out of the hospital and recuperating at home. The Amenities committee will make a house call to her.

Pamela Cowling sent several "We Miss You" cards to past members as a way to get them to return to the club. Irene Wiegand mentioned that Suzanne Swanson has pancreatic cancer. Suzanne has not been in attendance since being diagnosed. She is doing well and having chemo treatment.

Liz Looney is doing great. She has completed her chemo treatment.

Club Development: Chairperson Carrol McCrumb announced the details of the Spring Bingo Fling on Saturday, April 24, 2021. It will be held outside on the lawn. From 11:30 to 12:00, there will be a social with champagne. Lunch will be made by Allison Alexander and Lynn Baldwin. After lunch



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will be the Bingo games. Kim Gould has a Bingo machine from Bullard High School and game cards. There are 20 prizes for Bingo, including two \$50 gift certificates for the raffle prizes. Lisa Jelinek is requesting 5 more gift certificates to be donated. Please contact Carrol for tickets. Each ticket is \$20.00. Tickets will be for sale at the general meeting: Cash and checks only.

Club House: Chairperson Teresa Krikorian provided an update. The broken shutters are repaired. Pest control came out to service the clubhouse. The fire extinguisher has been serviced. HVAC service has been scheduled.

Clubhouse usage: Maggie Thompson was not in attendance. Erika Hoppe requested to use the clubhouse for the La Feliz Guild for their annual Christmas luncheon.

Grounds: Chairperson Dottie Troisi is requesting help with pruning. She comes every weekend to tend to our garden and does a terrific job keeping it beautiful. Thank you, Dottie! Mr. Troisi will discontinue to be our handyman. We are in need of another licensed handyman.

Membership: Chairperson Kathy Dennan was not in attendance. There will be new name tags in a different color to identify the members that have been here for 20+ years.

Preservation and Planning: Chairperson Jean Thompson will be stepping down. President Irene Wiegand and Vice President Jennifer Huelskamp will be taking over for Jean until a new chairperson is assigned.

Scholarships: Chairperson Louise Armstrong has no new report.

Web Administer/Facebook: Chairperson Barbara Moen stated that Facebook likes are up by 2 for a total of 381. Facebook Followers are 413. Instagram followers are down for a total of 188. The FGWC website stayed the same at 39.

100-Year Party: Chairperson Lynn Baldwin announced the new dates for the weeklong celebration will be October 18, 2021, to October 24, 2021. Arrangements are in progress for the dedication and proclamation from local and state dignitaries. There will be a cocktail party and a tea party. Decade Tables, set up as vignettes, will be in place to highlight the club through the years. Each decade will be represented and will showcase flowers and art. Those member's participating in the tables are:

1920s- Jennifer Huelskamp and Irene Wiegand

1930s- Sandra Knudsen

1940s- Carrol McCrumb and Lisa Jelinek

1950s- Vanda McArthur and Becky Morlock

1960s- Debbie Reuland and Judy Gregerson



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1970s- Marla Speechly, Midge Barrett and Lee Leone
1980s- Megan Thompson and Shirin Assemi
1990s- Marsha Wagner
2000s- Jessica Vivid
2010s to present- Hope Rosky and Cynthia Rathwick

The beautification project on Forkner Rock is on hold until the contact person is identified. There was a show of hands of those willing to participate in a possible fundraiser; signs to promote the 100-Year party to place in our own private yards will be created for around \$10-\$15. Banners for the front of the clubhouse will also be created.

Movie Review: Becky Morlock received many responses to “Nomadland”, which is playing on Hulu. There will be a discussion on Friday, April 9, 2021, at 10:00 in the clubhouse.

Other Business: Eleanor Rojas stated that the Trash to Treasure is the same weekend as the Assistance League. Irene Wiegand sees this as a non-conflict.

New Year's Eve Party: Monica Balch suggested the idea of a New Year's Eve Party using East Coast time. It would need to end at 10 pm. This could be a lot of fun if someone wants to chair it!

Bridge Marathon: Mary Ann Hendrickson announced that the Bridge Marathon is happening. The players will meet in each other's homes.

President Irene Wiegand encouraged everyone to bring prospective new members. We currently have 169 members.

Adjournment: President Irene Wiegand adjourned the Meeting at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted March 22, 2021

Nancee Smith, Recording Secretary

Fig Garden Woman's Club



Please note

Nancy Wood's correct email address is:
nancywood4550@icloud.com



Fig Garden Woman's Club General Meeting Minutes April 14, 2021

Welcome: President Irene Wiegand called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. Please pick up your snack bag after the meeting.

Collect: Chairperson Joanne Bazarian led us in reading the collect.

Pledge of Allegiance: President Irene Weigand led us in the flag salute.

Inspiration: Kathleen Lehman read to us a lovely poem titled "Be Thankful" (author unknown).

Vice President: Jennifer Huelskamp gave a very special thank you to Dottie Troisi for coming in at 7 a.m. to make sure the grounds were beautiful for today's meeting. Thank you to the committee that made the snack bags: Charlotte Hirasuna, Carol Kempen, Audrey Ward, Hope Rosky, Cynthia Rathwick and Kim Garcia. Snack bags were opted instead of lunches so that we can give more to the scholarships and our club. Thank you to Nancy Gilgen and the telephone committee.

President's Report: No review today of minutes or a treasurer's report: these are in the newsletter. If there is anything you wish to discuss, please come to the next board meeting on Monday, May 3, 2021, at 9:30 a.m.

Dues are being collected and due by the end of June. Your dues didn't go to lunches but went instead to the scholarships for the nursing students.

In May, we are going to be introducing new members.

On April 22, 2021, there will be a District Zoom Meeting. All the district presidents will be giving a three-minute talk about their club. District Representative Ann Caldwell has the details.

Please have your handbook photo taken or retaken if you want a new picture in the handbook.

Preservation Chairperson Jean Thompson is leaving and Maggie Thompson volunteered to fill the position. Martha Stewart will be assisting.

The Clubhouse Usage Chair position is being filled by Jessica Vived.

Irene Wiegand and Jennifer Huelskamp have been working on next year's calendar. If you have any input, please come to the June meeting.

Recording Secretary: Nancee Smith read a lovely thank you note from Suzanne Swanson: "My dear Fig Garden Friends, I have been very touched by the numerous cards and calls from you. Your messages fill me with encouragement and warmth. I have paid my dues for next year and I am confident I will return to a more active role in our club very soon. Love, Suzanne."



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Second Vice President: Marsha Wagner introduced the past presidents in attendance. Recognition was awarded in the form of a yellow rose and a quick speech.

Frances Avis: 1986 – 1987

Lorraine Sorenson: 1988 – 1989

Doris Rahn: 2004 - 2005

Linda Lucido: 2005 - 2006

Midge Barrett: 2008 -2009

Martha Stewart: 2010 – 2011

Martha Stewart: 2011 - 2012

Margaret Nordstrom: 2011 – 2012

Carrol McCrumb: 2012 – 2013

Ellie Craig: 2012 – 2013

Jean Thompson: 2013 – 2014

Juliette Hammel: 2014 – 2015

Monica Balch: 2015 – 2016

Maureen Boyle: 2017 – 2018

Janelle Dunn: 2019 – 2020

Carrol McCrumb is selling tickets to the Spring Bingo Fling which will be held on Saturday, April 24, 2021, at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$20 per person. There will be champagne and lunch.

District Representative: Ann Caldwell turned in Liz Looney's name to President Shelly Cooper, of the state organization, California Federation of Women's Clubs, to receive a gift check of \$2000 as a victim of the Creek Fire. Liz was presented with the check at the meeting.

Book Talk: Margaret Nordstrom announced that Book Talk is meeting every third Thursday at 10 a.m. at the clubhouse.

Knitting and Needles: Vanda McArthur announced that Knitting and Needles will be meeting every third Monday at 10 a.m. at the clubhouse.

100-Year Celebration: Chairperson Lynn Baldwin announced that the celebration will consist of a week-long celebration from October 18, 2021, to October 24, 2021. Committees still have positions available for volunteers.

Newsletter: Please see Laurie Frye or Suzanne Crosina-Sahm if there is a change in your email address. Thank you for the newsletters!

Membership: Chairperson Cathy Dennen announced that members that have been in the club for 20 or more years will receive a new name tag.

Meeting adjourned by President Irene Wiegand at 12:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted April 27, 2021

Nancee Smith

Recording Secretary

FIG GARDEN WOMAN'S CLUB

Free Little Library at MHS

Judy Irvine, Chair

The Little Free Library at Mental Health Systems (MHS) was established in 2014. Jerry Phillips, husband of member Anna Phillips, built the library and in 2019 he repaired and relocated it on their campus. Fig Garden Woman's Club members contribute books to MHS on a monthly basis.

We need books! Are you able to donate new or gently used children's books for infants, toddlers and school age children to age 12? We also need books for the women. Mysteries, fiction, cookbooks, decorating, self care books are all popular.

Please bring your donations to our May 12 meeting or call me at 230-7226 and I will pick them up from you.

Thank you,
Judy Irvine



Cinema Group

Becky Morlock, Chair

Please come and discuss this month's film 'You Will Always Be My Maybe' with our Cinema group. We will be meeting at the Clubhouse at 10:00 am on Friday, May 14. The movie is a contemporary comedy starring Ali Wong and Randall Park. You can find it on Netflix. Some profanity and drug use, but 100% hilarious.

Please respond to me at msfifi@aol.com if you plan to attend. I need at least five people.

Thank you,
Becky Morlock



Fig Garden Woman's Club is Going Google

Lillian Macias Weiland

FGWC is implementing an additional layer of communication to include an online calendaring system.



The wonderful ladies of the Telephone Committee will continue to call you for events and RSVPs. Starting soon you will also receive an email calendar invitation from FGWC.Info@gmail.com. The event can be automatically added to your calendar. You can also personalize the reminders settings to your own needs. For those of you choosing not to use this calendar feature just simply delete the email.

Important Step: Add FGWC.Info@gmail.com to your contacts list so that the email invitation does not get caught in your spam folder.

If you have questions or need some training, please contact Lillian Macias Weiland at lilmacwhy@gmail.com or 559-906-1860.



Celebrating Our Club's Rich History

Thank you to Susan Pappas for sending another fun clipping from our club's archives.

This photo from a club anniversary program was published in The Fresno Bee on March 20, 1934.

That year saw the turning point in the great depression in America with unemployment decreasing to 22 percent. A loaf of bread at that time cost .08 cents and the average wage per year was \$1,600.

Our Club Website at Your Fingertips

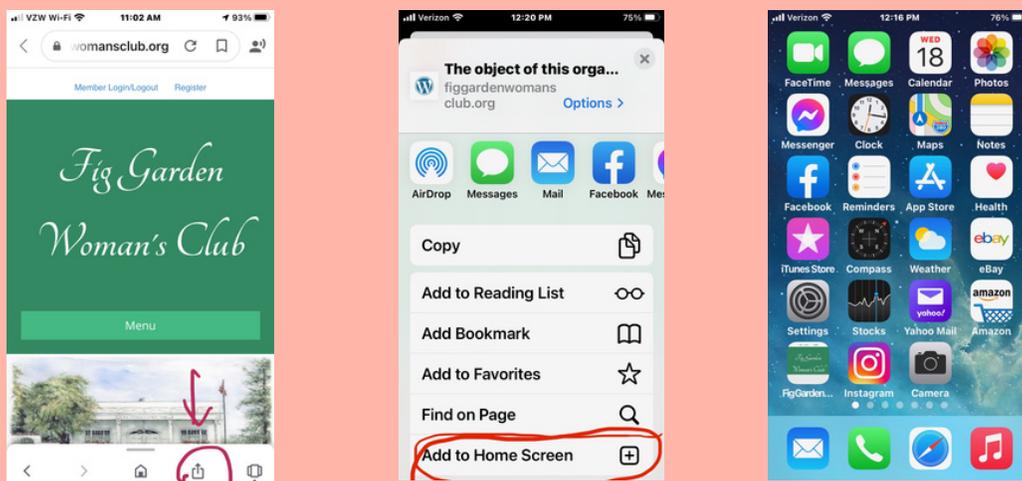
Barb Moen, Website and Social Media Chair

At the last board meeting, the members expressed interest in us providing the directions on how to add the FGWC icon on members' phone or tablet.

For those of you with Apple IOS devices:

1. Bring up the FGWC website on your phone's or iPad's internet browser.
2. At the bottom of the page you see a square with arrow pointing up. Click on it.
3. Click on "Add to Home Screen".

That's it! You're done. Just click on the icon whenever you want to check the webpage.



For Android devices:

1. Bring up the FGWC website on your phone's internet browser.
2. Touch the apps icon to display the apps drawer.
3. Long press the app icon you want to add to your home screen
4. Drag the app to the home screen page, lifting your finger to place the app

If you have any questions, I'd be happy to walk you through it or show you at the May meeting.

Happy Mother's Day!
Barb





May Amenities Report for April 2021 Activities

Chairs: Pam Cowling and Lillian Macias Weiland

CARDS

Eleven “Birthday” cards: Pamela Alexander, Suzanne Crosina-Sahm, Valerie Holmes, Lisa Jelinek, Dolores Monahan, Becky Morlock, Doris Rahn, Elizabeth Rush, Lynn Simpson, Marla Speechly, and Lisa Woolf

Three “Get Well Soon” card: Diane Hill, Marla Speechly, and Shirley Zaver

Eight “Thank You for Being Kind” cards: Allison Alexander, Lynn Baldwin, Betty Conner, Carol Lambourne, Linda Lucido, Carrol McCrumb, Donna Strickler, and Shirley Zaver

Five “Thinking of You” cards: Suzanne Swanson, Pam Thomas, Barbara Wiedel, Suzanne Yengoyan, and Lenore Yousef

Two “Sympathy” cards: Carlene Tinker and Diana Whitehead

VISITS & PHONE CALLS

No “Sweet Surprises” were delivered this month – Sorry ladies, I am on a diet and I didn’t trust myself to be left alone with all of the delicious sweet treats. LOL 😊

Three “Random Acts of Kindness” blessed: Our “Spring Bingo Fling” event, along with meals being delivered to two of our very dear members.

Various “Phone Calls and Visits” were made to a whole bunch of our club members this month.

“One KIND word can change someone’s entire day.”

– The Golden Rule



Pam (559) 772-2812 and Lillian (559) 906-1860



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*to our members
born in*

May!

3 Midge Barrett

7 Pamela Anderson

8 Emily Poulsen

9 Diane Whitehead

13 Josette Arax

13 Tamara Hargrave

16 Julia Thuesen

26 Bethany Baker

26 Martha Stewart

29 Vivian Lew

