

JANUARY 2023

# THE FIG LEAF

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



## Important Dates & Events

- Board Meeting - January 9, 9:30 am
- General Lunch Meeting - January 11, 11:30 am
- Cinema Group - January 13, 10 am
- Knitting & Needles - January 16, 10 am
- Book Talk - January 19, 10 am
- Card Party - January 26, 11:30 am
- Board Meeting - February 6, 9:30 am
- General Lunch Meeting - February 8, 11:30 am



### *Executive Officers*

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- President:** Marsha Wagner
- 1st Vice President:** Teresa Kirkorian
- 2nd Vice President:** Kim Gould
- 3rd Vice President:** Kathleen Dennen
- Recording Secretary:** Libby Borchart
- Corresponding Secretary:** Susan Simpson
- Treasurer:** Allison Alexander
- Assistant Treasurer:** Susan Simpson

### *Appointive Officers*

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- Parliamentarian:** Mary Vaughan
- Historian:** Monica Balch
- Auditors:** Janelle Dunn
- District Representatives:** Eleanor Rojas

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



## President's Message

Marsha Wagner

Dear Members:

Happy New Year ladies...we have made it to 2023! May this year continue to see our world move forward from the years of the pandemic and the horrible loss of so many. I am excited for Fig Garden Woman's Club to continue to prosper during the second half of our season.

December was an incredibly busy and fun month. There is not a better way to start the holiday season than to start with Santa's House Children's Party. **Jenna Straeter** and her committee turned our clubhouse into a wonderland of activities and Christmas fun. Whether you were a worker in this fantasy land or a participant in the activities with your grands as I was, everyone had a wonderful time!

**Susan Pappas** treated us to a new activity on the 7th with Christmas Craft Fun. I joined in making my own decorative plate while others worked on the craft they chose. Most of us wanted to do more than just the one for which we signed up. Hopefully, there will be more opportunities to meet in small groups and enjoy working on a craft project and visiting with our friends.

**Suzanne Crosina-Sahm, Mona Llamas-Prieto, Betty Conner** and an army of other ladies decorated tables and the clubhouse. Every table was a masterpiece of creativity and beauty. Our luncheon was maxed out and we were entertained for our holiday luncheon by beautiful piano music.

The Christmas Gala was a sold-out success organized by **Betty Conner, Ellie Craig, Carrol McCrumb,** and **Juliette Hammel**. Entertainment was provided by the women of United Voices and the opportunity prizes were a big hit. Our delicious dinner was prepared by **Allison Alexander, Lynn Baldwin** and their committee and was wonderful. It was a great evening!

January is the time we start to begin the process of finding the members of our Executive Officers for 2023-2024. In beginning this process, we will compile a Nomination Committee. We will be discussing the Nomination Committee at the Board Meeting on January 9th and selecting the Nomination Committee at our General Luncheon on January 11.

Our General Luncheon is on January 11. Let me remind you all that it is important for us to have accurate numbers for lunch attendees. Please make sure you let your caller know you will be present for lunch.



*President's Message, continued*

The activities of the month of January include Movie Review, Knitting 'N Needles, Book Talk and our Card Party, Games & Luncheon on January 26. Be sure to sign up!

Again, I wish you all a Happy New Year in which you have good health, are surrounded by loved ones and friends and have a good time!

*Sincerely,  
Marsha*



## Membership

*Kathleen Dennen, Chair*

Happy New Year! Our club remains at capacity for membership and we continue to keep a wait list in place for new members.

To add a potential new member to our wait list, remember that the following items must be in place:

- An application
- A blanket photo release form
- An interest survey (committees they would be interested in serving on)
- A headshot for the directory
- Dues paid
- A sponsor/mentor



## **Fig Garden Woman's Club Board Meeting Minutes December 5, 2022**

**Call to order:** President Marsha Wagner opened the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

**First Vice President:** Teresa Kirkorian thanked Shirley Buckenburger and Jeanette Tate for the wonderful snacks.

**Second Vice President:** Kim Gould reported that she is looking for someone to play piano for the December Christmas Luncheon.

**Third Vice President:** Kathy Dennen reported that there are 12 people on the waiting list wanting to join the club. President Marsha Wagner reminded the members that there won't be any visitors at the December general meeting. The Christmas Luncheon is just for the members.

**Treasurer Report:** Allison Alexander reported that the current balance is \$118,117.51. The Fashion Show had an income of \$21,704.50, with expenses being \$7,703.69, our profit was \$14,000.81. Allison also reported that the Craft Fair made \$1,476.00. Marsha mentioned that this is what happens when everyone does their part. Allison also reported that Sip & Shop made about \$592.61, more than last year.

**Recording Secretary:** Libby Borchardt reported that the minutes of the last meeting were in the Fig Leaf.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Susan Simpson reported that November was a quiet month. There were three donation requests: two for the Salvation Army and one for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Fresno County.

**District Rep:** Eleanor Rojas reported that there wasn't a district report. She did report that their National Project has a grant writer. Our national project we are working on addresses domestic violence. Eleanor reported that the grant writer is free, and her committee has two volunteers participating on the national level. Susan Simpson reported that in the district Zoom call she learned that we are not in compliance with how we sell our raffle tickets. Marsha said we have started addressing this as we can no longer do 50/50 raffles. We now must call our raffles a "charity of opportunity," not raffle tickets. Susan said she will do more research on it.

**President Report:** President Marsha Wagner reported how wonderful the Santa House was on Saturday. She mentioned that her grandchildren loved it! She thanked all the committee. Marsha also mentioned that a man gave her a \$100.00 for parking, as he went to the Estate Sale across the street. Marsha is giving it to Santa's House. Marsha reported that the Board met on November 28 regarding a personnel issue. Marsha talked about the issue and the Board decided Marsha would bring up the issue

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*November 7, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes, continued*

with the person in question. The person was upset. Marsha said she would be willing to answer any questions by contacting her, as she did not want to discuss this issue any longer at this meeting because she and the Board decided it was the best decision.

**Amenities:** Marla Speechly reported that they had sent out 42 cards and delivered three meals. Member Suzanne Swanson is at Oakmont Assisted Living for five months. The address is 5605 West Gates Avenue, Room 205 Fresno, CA 93722. Sharon Garabedian mentioned that Ann Caldwell is improving, but it is a slow process. She had a stroke and blood clots in her legs. Also, Midge Barret, a past president of our club, fell and broke her pelvis, and Judy Gregerson fell and broke her hip. Marsha mentioned that it is important to reach out to all these members. Marsha thanked the committee for all their hard work, as the club has had many issues with health and the passing of members and members' spouses.

**Clubhouse Usage:** Debbie Reuland was not at the meeting, but Marsha mentioned that a family wants to use the clubhouse for a wedding in 2023.

**Scholarships:** Pam Vogel was not present, but Marsha mentioned that a report will be provided later in the year.

**Web Administrator/Facebook:** Barb Moen reported Facebook likes are at 591, up by seven; Facebook followers are at 656, up by 21; Instagram followers are at 266, up by 12, and the Member Resources Website is at 48, up by four.

**Fig Leaf:** Marsha mentioned it is a process to proofread everything, but we are lucky to have such a wonderful newsletter. The newsletter will be ready to read online on December 5th.

**Grounds:** Dolores O'Neal reported that the new shed is assembled, and It took her and her son six hours to put it together. Delores reported she was looking into getting flooring for it. She will talk to Paul. She took measurements and they will get some plywood. The wagon and tools will be put in the shed. Delores has a proposal she will give to Allison and Susan to have our trees taken care of. She will wait until the pear trees are bare. Chuck from California Tree and Landscape will remove the oleanders. The bid is \$850 for the oleanders and \$2700 for the 12 pear trees. Delores also reported that she has purchased new tools. Delores reported that the small trees arrived in memory of Anna Phillips. She also called the electrician to replace outside lights.

**Santa's House:** Irene Wiegand reported that the event was a success. There were 91 tickets sold. She thanked everyone who helped and participated for the event. She also mentioned that they will hold the event again next year. Jennifer Huelskamp reported that, including the \$100 Marsha received from the man, she received \$2,385. Jennifer also said that \$1,000 of that money was from Venmo. Marsha said that it's important that we offer Venmo for all our events.

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*November 7, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes, continued*

**Craft Fun:** Susan Pappas reported that the event all set for December 7th and there is a lot of interest to do it again next year.

**Christmas Luncheon:** Marsha mentioned that she would like five or six people to volunteer to escort people to tables that have extra seats. She wants people who are sponsoring a table to make nametags, that way the escorts know what seats are available for members who come in late or don't have anyone to sit with.

**Christmas Gala:** Betty Connor said there is room for one more person at the event. She mentioned that they can sell seven more tickets, but they may not be able to sit together. Betty mentioned there were still some who haven't paid for their tickets. Marsha said that she has been having the same problem with members paying dues. She suggested members can start paying their dues on Venmo. Betty finished by saying that everything is ready for the Gala and to come and have fun.

**30 Second Announcements:**

Sharon Garabedian reported that she and Libby Borchardt are the chairs for Trash to Treasure and that members are not to bring their donated items and put them in the sheds. In January, we will tell the members when they can bring their items. Also, Sharon mentioned that furniture will be sold on Market Place. If they will take a picture and send it to Libby, she will put it on Market Place. Sharon will meet the person at the house. We will address this at the January meeting. Marsha mentioned that she and Kim Gould will be cleaning out the shed. Marsha will be asking for volunteers to help clean out the sheds. Kathy Dennen thanked Teresa Kirkorian and her committee for the fun November 18 cocktail party. Marsha mentioned they would like to do it again next year. Kim Gould mentioned that there is a high school student who is doing a project where he is looking for people who will house beehives. He will deliver the beehive to their house; it is to attract bees and they will collect it after a while. If anyone is interested, email Kim at [kgnextlevel@gmail.com](mailto:kgnextlevel@gmail.com) and she will forward his information. Kim also mentioned that the Antique Show is ready, and they have all the dealers, and all the dealers are fighting for spots. If there are any antique items members would like to donate reach out to Kim. Members were told they could come and decorate their tables for the Gala and Luncheon on Monday, December 12 from 3-7 and/or Tuesday, December 13 from 9-12. Kim said there will be linens, tablecloths, and napkins ready for the members to use.

**Adjournment:** President Marsha Wagner adjourned the meeting at 10:41

Respectfully submitted December 28, 2022.

*Libby Borchardt*

Recording Secretary

**FIG GARDEN WOMAN'S CLUB**

# FIG GARDEN WOMAN'S CLUB ANNUAL



## *Winter Card Party & Lunch*

**BRIDGE, BUNCO, MAHJONGG OR  
CARDS AGAINST HUMANITY  
AND RAFFLE**

Thursday, January 26

11:30 a.m.

at Fig Garden Woman's Club

**\$25 per person - catered lunch included**

**Please contact Joanne Bazarian to sign up.**

(559) 645-2591 or [jbazarian@londonproperties.com](mailto:jbazarian@londonproperties.com)

I would like to reserve \_\_\_ table(s) of four @ \$100 per table for:

Bridge \_\_\_ Bunco \_\_\_ Mahjongg \_\_\_ Cards Against Humanity\_\_\_

Hostess: \_\_\_\_\_

Guests: 1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

(if you have more guests, please list them on the back of this flyer)



## **Fig Garden Woman's Club General Meeting Minutes December 14, 2022**

**Welcome:** President Marsha Wagner called the meeting to order at 11:38 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Marsha thanked all the members involved in the decorations in the last few weeks and asked them to stand to be recognized. Marsha welcomed everyone to the holiday luncheon and mentioned that the lunch was sold out. She also stated that the Christmas Gala was sold out.

**First Vice President Announcements:** Teresa Kirkorian thanked the general lunch chairs Suzanne Crosina-Sahm and Mona Llamas-Prieto and their committee: Patricia Cortez, Kim Gould, Diane Hill, Janet Hill, and Linda Lucido for organizing the luncheon.

**Collect:** Kathleen Lehman led us in reciting the collect.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Kathleen Lehman led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Song:** Pamela Alexander played the piano, and the entire room sang "Joy to the World"

**Inspiration:** Kathleen Lehman made a wonderful speech about "My Christmas List of Blessings"

**Program:** Chairperson Kim Gould introduced John S. Hord, a musician, composer, arranger, educator, and church musician. Mr. Hord studied at Fresno State and Columbia University and is a member of the National Society of Arts and Letters and president of the Fresno County branch of the Music Teacher's Association of California. He served on the Music Faculty at Fresno City College for 25 years. He is published internationally by Schaum/Hall Leonard, USA Editions Musica Ferum and was one of 250 composers from 47 countries commissioned to compose a new work for piano in honor of Beethoven's 250th birthday. He played a beautiful medley of Christmas songs on the piano, while members enjoyed their lunch.

**President's Report:** President Marsha Wagner again thanked everyone involved in Santa's House. She reported that if members had ideas for charitable donations, to fill out the cards on their table and give them to Tracy. Marsha showed everyone the beautiful stained glass item Barb Moen donated for the opportunity drawing at the Gala. Marsha stated that they are putting together a nominating committee at the January Board Meeting. She mentioned that there are members who haven't picked up their handbooks. She reported that New Year's Eve Event was cancelled. Marsha lastly told the membership it had been an honor being their president and wished everyone a marvelous holiday with their families and is looking forward to everything happening in the club in the new year.

President Marsha Wagner adjourned the meeting at 12:48.

Respectfully submitted December 30, 2022

*Libby Borchardt*

Recording Secretary

**FIG GARDEN WOMAN'S CLUB**



Fig Garden Woman's Club  
Presents its 48th

*Vintage &*  *Antique Sale*

Friday, 3/17 10 am - 6 pm  
Saturday, 3/18 10 am - 6 pm  
Sunday, 3/19 11 am - 3 pm

*Spend the day shopping for quality antiques and vintage collectibles in the historic Fig Garden Woman's Club clubhouse located in beautiful Old Fig Garden.*

4550 N. Van Ness Blvd, near Gettysburg  
Fresno, California

*Three-day Pass \$5 donation*

Free decorating classes Friday and Saturday  
Silent Auction

Sandwiches and desserts available

**Member pre-party March 16th 6 to 8 pm**



# Our Club Website at Your Fingertips

*Barb Moen, Website and Social Media Chair*

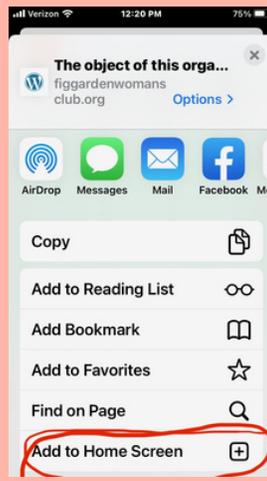
**If you are not registered in the “Member Resources” Section, please go to [figgardenwomansclub.org](http://figgardenwomansclub.org). The section contains our Handbook, new members, the Fig Leaf, and our current calendar.**

For new members who would like to add the FGWC icon on your phone or tablet for easy access, below are step-by-step instructions on how to do so.

### 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.



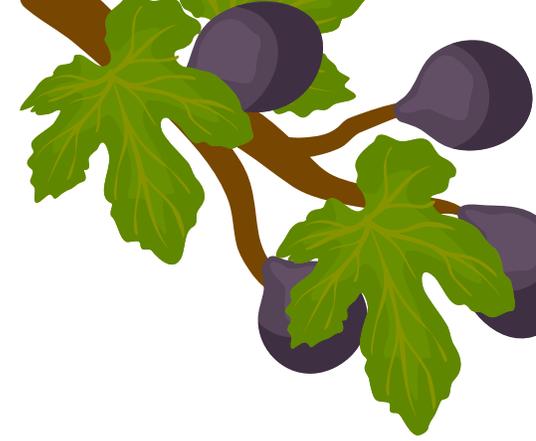
### For Android devices:

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 next meeting.

Happy New Year!  
Barb





# January Amenities Report for December 2022 Activities

*Chairs: Marla Speechly and Vivian Lew*

## CARDS

Eighteen “**Birthday**” cards: J.J. Krivochiev, Peggy Abels, Joyce Hughes, Margaret Nordstrom, Kathryn Efrid, Erika Hoppe, Vanda McArthur, Eleanor Rojas, Dottie Troisi, Marsha Wagner, Kathy Clarkson, Lori Mohun, Suzy Manfredo Wren, Leesa Kazarian, Ellie Craig, Lingle Chen, Susan Pappas, Julia O’dea

One “**Get Well Soon**” card: Carrol McCrumb

Thirteen “**Thank You for Being Kind**” cards: Jenna Straeter, Susan Pappas, Shirley Buckenburger, Suzanne Crosina-Sahm, Mona Llamas-Prieto, Pamela Alexander, Erika Hoppe, Betty Conner, Ellie Craig, Julliette Hammel, Allison Alexander, Lynn Baldwin, Erika Hoppe

Three “**Thinking of You**” cards: Selah Anselmo, Carolyn Garrett, Judy Gregerson

One “**Sympathy**” cards: Family of Kathryn Rhodehamel

Twenty four “**Christmas Cards to 20 year, 30 year, and Life Members**”: Peggy Abels, Midge Barrett, Joyce Hughes, Jean Hull, Brenda Joseph, Carroll McCrumb, Ann Lusk, Linda Lucido, Karla Nichols, Margaret Nordstrom, Mariann Powell, Maria Prochazka, Doris Rahn, Maggie Thompson, Karen Tozlian, Effie Beeman, Ida Blackburn, Phyllis Graves, Rosalie Jorgenson, Kathryn Rhodehamel, Carol Scott, Lorene Sorenson, Sue Stephens, Mary Lou Zasso

## VISITS & PHONE CALLS

Three “**Meals**” Midge Barrett, Marilyn Schutt, Lydia Wyatt

Various “**Phone Calls and Visits**” were made to a number of our precious club members this month.

MARLA (559) 579-9898 AND  
VIVIAN (559) 365-1177





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*to our members  
born in*

# January!

**1 Kathie Babigian**  
**3 Betty Conner**  
**3 Nancy Wood**  
**7 Shirin Assemi**  
**11 Lane Davies**  
**12 Diane Hill**

**14 Kathleen Lehman**  
**16 Shelly Woolf**  
**17 Sally Seago**  
**20 Suzanne Yengoyan**  
**29 Lee Leone**