

MARCH 2023

# THE FIG LEAF

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



## Important Dates & Events

- Board Meeting - March 6, 9:30 am
- General Lunch Meeting - March 8, 11:30 am
- Vintage & Antique Pre-party - March 16, 6-8 pm
- Vintage & Antique Sale - March 17 - 19
- Knitting & Needles - March 20, 10 am
- Book Talk - March 23, 10 am
- Board Meeting - April 3, 9:30 am
- Art & Flower Show - April 5, 11:30 am - 2:30 pm



### *Executive Officers*

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

### *Appointive Officers*

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

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



## President's Message

Marsha Wagner



Dear Members,

If we thought that February would be a quiet and slow month, we were definitely mistaken! Winter took over and hit us with major cold temperatures, torrential rains, flooding, snow, downed trees, and endless worry that we would lose power and greater worry about the cost of it! It was a stressful month to say the least. However, Fig Garden Woman's Club didn't just survive the month; we participated in fun activities and good times throughout the February. We introduced new members at our luncheon, had beautiful decorations provided by our hostesses, **Joanne Bazarian** and **Donna Strickler**, and were entertained by Kobi Sotiropulos. **Carrol McCrumb** organized a group of ladies to make Valentine's Day cards that were distributed to groups who might not have been recognized if not for the ladies of FGWC. The first Valentine's Day party hosted by **Teresa Kirkorian** and **Libby Borchardt** was loads of fun and I'm certain will be a fixture of Februarys to come. **Sue Stephens** arranged the Out to Lunch Bunch to meet at Max's Bistro and to round off the month, we had our second Get Acquainted Coffee organized by **Judy Boro** and **Diane Hill** and held at **Teresa Kirkorian's** home. Along with Movie Review, Knitting 'N Needles and Book Talk, FGWC members had the opportunity to attend eight activities in February. Thank you to all who arranged and participated in the events during the month!



March will be filled with more opportunities to spend time with friends and participate in some great activities. Our general luncheon is March 8th and luncheon chairs **Tracy Jolly** and **Desiree Ward**, along with their helpers, will decorate and serve tea. Movie Review, Knitting 'N Needles and Book Talk will meet as usual. March 16th is our Vintage & Antique Sale Pre-Party (Thursday, 6-8 pm) organized by **Sue Castro** and **Stacy Pacheco**. The Vintage & Antique Sale, chaired by **Patricia Cortez** and **Kim Gould**, is March 17th, 18th and 19th. There are plenty of opportunities to work the event and purchase beautiful items.

At the February general meeting, the Nominating Committee brought forward the names of officer nominees for 2023-'24. All offices except Recording Secretary were filled, but a nomination was made from the floor for that office. In April, the membership will vote to confirm the following slate of the executive officers: President, **Teresa Kirkorian**; First Vice President, **Kim Gould**; Second Vice President, **Desiree Ward**; Third Vice President, **Becky Morlock**; Corresponding Secretary, **Liz Conner**; Treasurer, **Susan Simpson**; Assistant Treasurer, **Linda Boyajian**; and Recording Secretary, **Suzanne Crosina-Sahm**.

Please enjoy the many opportunities for fun, fellowship, and service in March and don't forget to reach out to our new members and those you might not know very well. Whenever you smile at someone you don't know, you make a new friend.

Marsha



## New Members

*Kathleen Dennen*

*Please welcome our new members!*

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## Fig Garden Woman's Club Board Meeting Minutes February 6, 2023

**Call to order:** President Marsha Wagner opened the meeting at 9:35 am.

**Vice President:** Teresa Kirkorian thanked Betty Conner and Carol Lamboourne for the delicious snacks and pretty decorations.

**2nd Vice President:** Kim Gould said that the speaker at the general meeting will be a surprise. She reported that she will have two guests from the North Fork Woman's Club.

**3rd Vice President:** Marsha reported for Kathy Dennen, who wasn't present. She reported that we will be presenting four new members at the general meeting. Marsha reported the goal is to have new members in before June.

**Treasurer:** Chair, Allison Alexander, reported that the current balance is \$181,449.51. Allison reported that the B of A Checking is \$82,349.58, the Endowment Fund is \$64,811.71, the Building Maintenance Fund is \$21,704.39, and the Memorial Building Fund is \$12,583.83. Allison reported that expenses for January were \$4,908.43. The income was 4,197.50. The final Card Party income was \$1,431.10.

**Recording Secretary:** Libby Borchardt reported that the minutes of the last meeting were in the Fig Leaf. There weren't any corrections or changes, Barb Moen made a motion and Diane Hill seconded it. The minutes were approved.

**Correspondence Secretary:** Chair, Susan Simpson, reported that there wasn't any correspondence sent. We did receive two donations from Evangel Home and Hope Now. There were three requests from the Contributions committee. There was also one magazine received: California Clubwoman Magazine.

**District Report:** Chair, Eleanor Rojas, reported that the guest speaker spoke about domestic violence and had handouts to give to family and friends to whom this may apply. Eleanor also had ten decals with an 800 number in English and five in Spanish. She said we should ask proprietors of gyms, spas, salons, etc. if they will leave these decals to make people aware there is help if they know of someone or they have experienced domestic violence. Marsha told Eleanor to leave them on the back table.

**Membership:** Marsha reported that she and Teresa Kirkorian have been discussing membership issues. Teresa reported that the Bylaws state that we are to have no more than 250 active members. When this number was established, it was for meetings set up for chairs only set up theatre-style and no tables. We currently have 16 tables with eight chairs at our luncheons, which will accommodate only 128 people. We currently have 179 active members, with four new members joining, so we'll be at 183 members. Fire Code dictates that we need to have 44 inches between tables and 1 ½ feet from walls to provide access

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for everyone. The Executive Board will meet with Chair Maureen, and the Bylaws Committee to address this issue.

Diane Hill, chairman of the Telephone Committee, reported that we had 181 members who want to go to the lunch and she reduces it by ten percent for no-shows. Diane said it's difficult to find seats for all the members and guests. She suggested limiting the number of guests and to address this with the Executive Board, as well. Marsha asked for ideas and suggestions to be sent to her regarding membership, and she will present it to the Bylaws Committee.

**Nomination Committee:** Janelle Dunn thanked her committee and presented the slate for 2023-'24 year. The slate of officers are President: Teresa Kirkorian, First President: Kim Gould, 2nd Vice President: Desiree Ward, 3rd Vice President: Becky Morlock, Treasurer: Sue Simpson, Assistant Treasurer: Linda Boyajian, Correspondence Secretary: Liz Conner. Janelle reported that they still haven't filled the Recording Secretary position. If anyone is interested in being the Recording Secretary to either text or email Marsha within the next week. Each of the nominees were voted and approved by the board. Marsha will present the slate of officers at the general meeting and members will have a chance to nominate any other members.

**President's Report:** Marsha reported that January was quiet. She thanked Joanne for the Card Party, and an Out to Lunch Bunch was held. Marsha reported that several people emailed Marsha that there was alcohol at the Santa's House event. This is a children's event, so she asked the members what they thought. The issue was addressed. A motion was made by Dolores O'Neal that alcohol not be served at functions with/for children. Maggie Thompson seconded it. The members and board voted, and the motion was passed. Marsha asked if alcohol at events should be addressed. Some were inquiring about liability. Marsha mentioned we have liability insurance and asked the Bylaws committee what they should do. They suggested tabling it and the issue will go back to the committee for discussion.

**Amenities:** Marla Speechly reported they sent out 28 cards- five Birthday cards, five Get Well Soon cards, two Thinking of You cards, and four Welcome cards. They provided one meal.

**Clubhouse:** Marsha reported for Debbie Reuland that the October rental for the wedding is in process. They have provided a deposit for the use of the clubhouse. This wedding is a big event for our clubhouse, but it won't affect any other October events.

**Web Administration/Facebook:** Barb Moen reported that there are 597 Facebook likes (up by two), 665 Facebook followers (up by four), 283 Instagram followers (up by three), and 50 Website member resources (up by four).

**Preservation:** Maggie Thompson reported for Martha Stewart, she had nothing to report.

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**Fig Leaf:** Marsha reported that the Fig Leaf came out last night. She also stated that Annie as the Eblast chair will put our survey on the computer and have it tallied.

**Grounds:** Delores O'neal reported the gardening equipment and materials have been moved to the new shed, it has one lock, and only she and Marsha have the keys. She reported that pear trees are being trimmed on Thursday. Roses should be trimmed and asking committee members to help. Teresa mentioned she will address the three screens that need to be tighten.

**Housekeeping:** Teresa reported that anyone who oversees an event, make sure to lock both locks. If you don't have keys, contact Teresa, Irene, or Jennifer as they have keys.

**Contributions:** Tracey reported that we have received three applications. They are the Lighthouse Recovery Center, Central Valley Veterans, and Blue Star Moms. The committee is composed of 10 members, and each were to submit three applications. The deadline to get the applications in is February 15. The third meeting is February 27.

**Valentine Cards:** Carol McCrumb reported that on Thursday, February 9th, members will be making valentine cards for the people at Oakmont Retirement Home in honor of our own member Suzanne Swanson who is living there.

**Valentine Date Night:** Marsha mentioned that the Valentine get together is on February 14 from 5-7 pm. Members and their guests may bring what they wish to drink and an appetizer and/or dessert to share. An Eblast was sent, and it should be a fun evening.

**Get Acquainted Coffee:** Diane Hill said the event is on Thursday, February 23 from 10-12, at Teresa Kirkorian's lovely home. Her address is 4450 North Van Ness, right up the street from the clubhouse. There will be a a lot of goodies, champagne, orange juice, and cider. New members will be there, so she is hoping many will come and have a wonderful time.

**Antique Show:** Kim Gould stated that the event is on March 17, 18, and 19. Kim needs donations for our table. Only a few have come in. She will accept donations of antiques and collectables from now until the event and will pick them up from your home. She also has fliers to hand out. There will be sign-ups to help at the general meeting. She also needs help working our table at the pre-party. There are ten dealers and we are the only show from Bakersfield to Sacramento. She will have speakers at the event. Kim also mentioned if anyone can do cheap copies, reach out to her. Dealers must donate one item. Marsha also mentioned that the Antique Pre-Party will be on Thursday, March 16.

**Art and Flower Show:** Nancy Wood said the event is on Wednesday, April 5th from 11:30-2:30. The committee will be meeting after the board meeting. Tea will be served, and flowers, and art by members will be displayed.

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**Trash To Treasure:** The pre-sale is on Thursday, April 27 from 5-7 pm and it's only for boutique and jewelry items. Sharon Garabedian reported that we will be accepting donations from April 12-20. There are forms that she and Lillian Wieland made. She also mentioned that we will not be selling big pieces of furniture, we will be selling them on Facebook Marketplace. We will be selling small pieces of furniture at the sale. Becky Morlock agreed to be Housewares chair and Linda Boyajian agreed to be co-chair. Sharon mentioned a meeting of all the area chairs was going to be held after the February General Meeting.

**30 Second Announcements:**

Joanne Bazarian reported that there were 65 paid people at the January Card Party, and she thanked her committee. She also mentioned that Girl Scout cookie season has started. If 100 people buy six boxes of cookies then we can buy out a troop. Contact Joanne if you are interested. Shirley Zaver suggested committees who do the monthly luncheons have the budget increased from \$100 to \$150. Another suggestion was that people who have decorations they no longer use to donate them to the club.

**Movie Review:** Becky Morlock said the movie this month is the 1972 classic, *The Godfather*. All members are invited to attend on Friday, February 10 at 10 am.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:01

Respectfully submitted February 20, 2023

*Libby Borchardt*

Recording Secretary

FIG GARDEN WOMAN'S CLUB



## VINTAGE & ANTIQUE PRE-PARTY TICKETS

You can purchase your tickets to the Vintage & Antique Sale pre-party at the general meeting

luncheon on March 8th.

They will also be for sale at the door on the night of the event, on March 16th.

Tickets are \$20 for one ticket, or \$35 per couple.

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.*

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Free decorating classes Friday and Saturday at 3 pm  
Silent Auction • Sandwiches and desserts available

*Three-day Pass \$5 donation*

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## Fig Garden Woman's Club General Meeting Minutes February 8, 2023

**Welcome:** President Marsha Wagner called the meeting to order at 11:32 and welcomed everyone.

**First Vice President Announcements:** Teresa Kirkorian thanked the general lunch chairs Joanne Bazarian and Donna Strickler and their committee for the beautiful decorations.

**Collect:** Chairperson Martha Stewart led us in reciting the collect.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Martha Stewart led us in reciting the pledge of allegiance and in singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee."

**Inspiration:** Chairperson Martha Stewart led us in an inspirational speech on Friendship vs. Love.

**President:** Marsha Wagner welcomed our visitors. Kim Gould had two honored guests: The President and Secretary of the North Fork Women's Club. Other members introduced their guests.

**3rd Vice President:** Chairperson Kathy Dennen introduced four new members. They are: Lisa Farnesi, Denise Price, Kristen Prieto, and Kathy Powers. We are very excited to have these ladies join our club.

**Program:** Kim Gould introduced our guest speaker, Kopi Sotiropulos. He entertained us with stories how he got his start in acting after moving to Hollywood, and how he still does the weather forecast on KMPH, part time. Kopi gives the same message whenever he talks to young people- "always follow your dreams." Kopi recorded us for his "Great Day" weather forecast.

**Recording Secretary:** Libby Borchardt asked if there were changes to the minutes. Sharon Garabedian moved to approve the minutes and Joyce Gaskins seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**Nominating Committee:** Janelle Dunn thanked her committee: Juliette Hammel, Jeanette Tate, Marla Speechly, and Parliamentarian, Mary Vaughan, for all their hard work. She presented the slate of officers as follows: President: Teresa Kirkorian, First Vice-President: Kim Gould, 2nd Vice-President: Desiree Ward, 3rd Vice-President: Becky Morlock, Corresponding Secretary: Liz Conner, Treasurer: Sue Simpson, Assistant Treasurer: Linda Boyagian. Janelle mentioned that had not found someone who would be Recording Secretary. Marsha asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Member Nancee Smith nominated Suzanne Crosina-Sahm as Recording Secretary. She accepted the nomination. This slate of officers will be voted on at the March General Meeting.

**President's Report:** Masha went over all the different events happening in February. We would be having the Club Valentine's Cocktail Party on February 14 from 5-7, chaired by Teresa Kirkorian,

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Libby Borchardt and Marsha Wagner. Out To Lunch Bunch at Max's held on February 15, chaired by Sue Stevens, and Get Acquainted Coffee, being held at Teresa Kirkorian's lovely house, on February 23, chaired by Diane Hill and Judy Boro.

**Vintage & Antique Sale:** Kim Gould reported that the event will be March 17-19 and there were 16 dealers. She mentioned that we will have a table and she need donations of either antique or collectable items. Kim will be at the Club on March 15 to collect all the donations. She said that she will be on Hope Rosky's podcast which is every Tuesday in the afternoon. Kim also said that there were fliers that the membership can handout. She also said there will be different speakers during the show.

**Vintage & Antique Sale Pre-Party:** Stacey Pacheco reported that she and Sue Castro are the chairs of this event. It will be on Thursday, March 16 from 6-8 pm. She said that they need appetizers and desserts for the event. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Tickets are \$20 for one ticket, or \$35 per couple.

**Art and Flower Show:** Linda Richburg reported that the show will be held on Wednesday, April 5 from 11:30 am -2:30 pm. The theme is "Everything is Coming Up Roses." They need members to donate food, flowers, as well as any kind of art that they would like to have displayed.

**30 Second Announcements:**

Joanne Bazarian said as a club we can buyout a Girl Scout Troop by buying 100 boxes of Girl Scout cookies and donating them back. If interested, contact Joanne.

On Thursday, February 9 at 10:30 am, members will make Valentine's Cards for residents of the Oakmont Retirement Home where member, Suzanne Swanson, lives. All members can create cards.

The Lion's Club was collecting used eyeglasses.

**Trash To Treasure:** Chairs Sharon Garabedian and Libby Borchardt reported that donations will not be accepted before April 12. Large furniture items will be sold on Marketplace, but small furniture items are OK. Members with items to sell may email or text Libby. More information about Trash to Treasure will be discussed at the March meeting, and a meeting of all the area chairs will be held after the meeting.

President Marsha Wagner adjourned the meeting at 1:28

Respectfully submitted February 25, 2023

*Libby Borchardt*

Recording Secretary

**FIG GARDEN WOMAN'S CLUB**

## Trash to Treasure

*Libby Borchardt & Sharon Garabedian, Co-chairs*

It's almost time for one of our biggest fundraisers of the year...Trash to Treasure!

### We Need Your Donations

We will be accepting donations on the following days:

April 12 -10:00-2:00 (before and after the April General meeting)

April 13 -10:00-3:00

April 17-21 8:30-3:30

Please bring items in boxes and labeled. They don't need to be sealed. Please try to avoid using trash bags. Boxes are easier to stack and store. The only books we will be accepting are children's books.

### Large Items

We will not be selling large pieces of furniture during Trash to Treasure, instead we will be selling the furniture on Facebook Marketplace.

If you have large items or furniture to sell, please provide the following information:

1. A good picture of the furniture piece, including all angles. If there are any tags that tell something about the furniture, for example, the age of it or the brand, please take a picture of that, as well.
2. A description of the item. You can give me bullet points such as size, color, condition, etc. Please specify if it is new or used, and in excellent, good, or fair condition. Also, the type of furniture, e.g., antique, modern, farmhouse, mid-century modern, etc.
3. The price you would like to sell it for. If you are not sure, We can do it for you.
4. You can either text me the information: 559 301-8929 or email me: [elizabethbrchrdt@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabethbrchrdt@yahoo.com)

Libby will list the furniture on Facebook Marketplace and Sharon will meet the buyer

The deadline to get your furniture on Marketplace is April 10. We will not be accepting any other furniture after that time.

Questions? Call Libby (559) 301-8929 or Sharon (558) 970-4610

# TRASH TO TREASURE





# Our Club Website at Your Fingertips

*Barb Moen, Website and Social Media Chair*

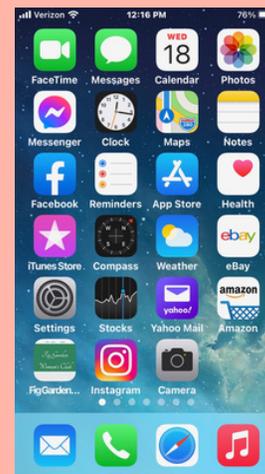
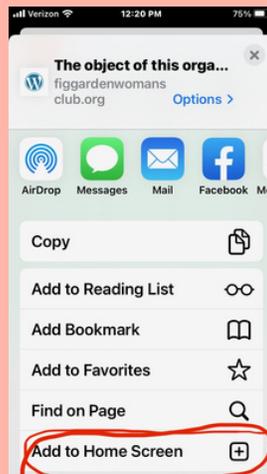
**If you are not registered in the “Member Resources” Section**, please go to [figgardenwomansclub.org](http://figgardenwomansclub.org). You will see “Register” in the top right hand corner. Click on it and complete the form. The section contains our Handbook, new members, the Fig Leaf, and our current 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.



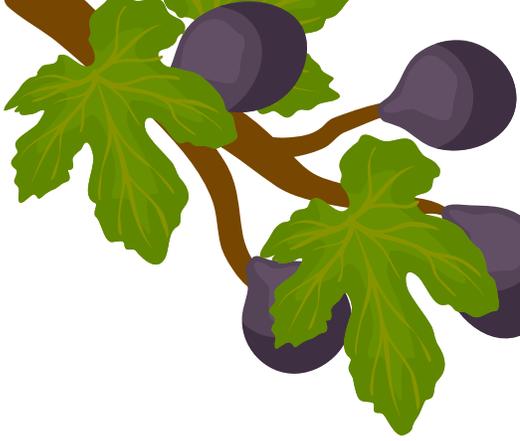
## For Android devices:

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 Saint Patrick's Day!  
Barb





# March Amenities Report for February 2023 Activities

*Chairs: Marla Speechly and Vivian Lew*

## CARDS

Eleven “**Birthday**” cards: Maureen Boyle, Mary Nielson, Alexandra Franco, Judith Osterloh, Carrol McCrumb, Janet Hill, Jean Hull, Carol Lambourne, Lynn Baldwin, Susan Simpson, Suzanne Swanson

Five “**Get Well Soon**” cards: Sally Seago, Midge Barrett, Dolores O’Neal, Pam Cowling, Peggy Abels

Twelve “**Thank You for Being Kind**” cards: Liz Conner, Carol Lamboure, Betty Conner, Joanne Bazarian, Donna Strickler, Carroll McCrumb, Marsha Wagner, Teresa Krikorian, Libby Borchardt, Teresa Krikorian, Judy Boro, Diane Hill

Three “**Thinking of You**” cards: Dolores O’Neal, Midge Barrett, Pam Cowling

Four “**Welcome**” cards: Lisa Farnesi, Denise Price, Kristen Prieto, Kathy Powers

## VISITS & PHONE CALLS

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



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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*to our members  
born in*

# *March!*

**1 Blake Casares**

**3 Charlotte Hirasuna**

**4 Deborah Torres**

**5 Cyndi Vanderhorst**

**8 Nancee Smith**

**8 Karen Smith-Maroot**

**10 Pat Hunter**

**13 Linda Lucido**

**16 Karen Shepard**

**18 Mary Ann**

**Hendrickson**

**21 Debbie Reuland**

**24 Carolyn Garrett**

**24 Valerie LeMay**

**25 Barbara Wiedel**

**25 Shirley Zavar**

**31 Judith Boro**

