

APRIL 2023

THE FIG LEAF

Fig Garden Woman's Club Newsletter
Established in 1921



Important Dates & Events

Art & Flower Show - April 5, 11:30 am - 2:30 pm

Knitting & Needles - April 10, 10 am

General Lunch Meeting - April 12, 11:30 am

Book Talk - April 13, 10 am

Cinema Group - April 14, 10 am

Trash to Treasure Set Up - April 17-27, 9 am - 3 pm

Trash to Treasure Pre-sale - April 27, 5 - 7 pm

Trash to Treasure - April 28 - 29, 9 am to 3 pm

Board Meeting - May 1, 9:30 am



Executive Officers

President: Marsha Wagner

1st Vice President: Teresa Kirkorian

2nd Vice President: Kim Gould

3rd Vice President: Kathleen Dennen

Recording Secretary: Libby Borhardt

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,
 Our wintery weather has not gotten the message that it is time to go away and let our weather turn to spring! The calendar says it is April but I don't think the weather has quite gotten the message. Fig Garden Woman's Club, however, is going to begin spring anyway. We will begin with our beautiful **Art and Flower Show on April 5th**. If you have never attended this event, try to make it this year as it is truly lovely and fun. Following the Art and Flower Show will be our **General Lunch Meeting on April 12th**. At the luncheon we will honor all of our past presidents. The luncheon will begin the time that we will be accepting items for the **Trash to Treasure Rummage Sale** fundraiser. There will be announcements and Eblasts and announcements in the Fig Leaf giving the dates and times when you can bring your goodies.



Trash to Treasure Rummage Sale is a tremendous amount of work. It is also the only activity in which all members participate. Everyone is expected to work a two-hour block of time but many of our members work far more than two hours. There will be sign-up sheets and phone calls to encourage everyone to be a part of Trash to Treasure over the two weeks of set up and sale. **Set up for Trash to Treasure is from April 17-27** and there is a great deal of work to be done to be ready for the sale. Jobs include emptying boxes and setting tables of sale items and providing lunches for the working crew. If you don't want to empty boxes and set up tables, you may wish to work in the kitchen during the sale days or make lunches for the working crew. Other jobs include promoting the sale by passing out flyers or posting signs around town. Maybe you would like to be a hostess during the sale days or work the check-out lines. There is need for every member to be involved. **Presale for Trash to Treasure will be on April 27th from 5 pm to 7 pm. The Trash to Treasure Rummage Sale will be April 28-29th from 9 am to 3 pm.**

I want to thank all those who worked during the Antique Show and Sale. The vendors remarked that it was a wonderful experience and that they would like to come again next year. We sold over 600 programs for entrance to the sale and the flower auction was very lucrative. There were many people eating in the café that they ran out of food! Thanks goes to the chairs of the sale **Patricia Cortez** and **Kim Gould**, and café chairs **Lynn Baldwin** and **Allison Alexander**, as well as all those who worked throughout the three days of the sale.

Do not forget that our dues are being collected beginning April 1st. They are \$250.00. Please plan to pay them by June 30. We will also be asking everyone to fill out the interest survey which will be on line this year. Help will be available for anyone who needs it to fill out the survey. The use of the survey is how we make up committees for next year's projects and activities. Also, If you need to change anything on your information in the handbook, see Susan Pappas, Teresa Kirkorian, or me.

Enjoy the coming of spring and the wonderful activities of Fig Garden Woman's Club!

Marsha



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
FIG GARDEN WOMAN'S CLUB

*Art & Flower
Show*

Wednesday, April 5
11:30 am to 2:30 pm

in our clubhouse
4550 N. Van Ness Blvd.
Fresno, CA 93704

Be our guest for tea and enjoy
beautiful art and flower
displays created by our
members



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

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

Vice President: Teresa Kirkorian thanked Janet Hill and Diane Hill for the delicious snacks and wonderful decorations.

2nd Vice President: Kim Gould reported that the speaker at the General Meeting will be Jeff Aiello from Valley PBS. She spoke about the Antique Show, and everything was going smoothly. She mentioned there were sign-ups in the library.

3rd Vice President: President Marsha Wagner reported for Kathy Dennen, who wasn't present. Marsha reported that we will be presenting three new members at the General Meeting. She said the goal is to have new members in before June and to have every member's picture, by the end of the year. Also, Irene Wiegand graciously agreed to mail out existing handbooks to members who haven't picked them up. For those who are inactive members, there is a rejoining fee. Marsha said all applications need to be in no later than May.

Nominating Committee: Marsha reported that we have our slate of officers and the members at the General Meeting will be voting on them.

Treasurer: Assistant Chair Susan Simpson reported that as of February 28, the current balance is \$178,263.37. Susan reported that expenses were \$9,485.04. The income was 2,392.00. Susan reported that some of the income is from members who paid their dues early and from the Antique Show.

Correspondence Secretary: Chair Susan Simpson reported there were two donation requests from Hope Now and American Red Cross. There were additional five donation requests that were given to the Contributions committee. She also received an Annual Report, 2022, from the State Center Community College Foundation. It was on the back table for the membership to read.

Recording Secretary: Libby Borchardt reported that the minutes of the last meeting were in the Fig Leaf. She asked if there were any corrections or changes. Susan Simpson reported that there is a change from the February Board Meeting. It should say there were two donation requests, not donations from Evangel Home and Hope Now. Susan Pappas made a motion and Irene Wiegand seconded it. The minutes were approved.

District Report: Chair Eleanor Rojas reported that the deadline for the National grant proposal is March 15. We are requesting a scholarship for Domestic Violence. Eleanor reported that Marjorie Mason has a grant writer on staff and helped write the 10-page proposal and Eleanor wrote the cover letter.



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Marsha also reported that the District will have a craft/artwork contest in April, near Bakersfield. Let Marsha know if you are interested in showing your artwork in the contest, She will send the application and information to you.

Membership: Marsha reported that the current membership limit in the Bylaws is 250. We currently have 183 and 6 more coming in. After much discussion regarding the safety of members and future members, Maggie Thompson made a motion to change membership to a 200 limit and Barb Moen seconded it. Marsha asked for a vote, and it passed. Marsha gave it to Maureen Boyle to discuss with the Bylaws Committee.

President's Report: Marsha reported that February was full of great activities. The clubhouse has at least two activities a month and there should be something for everyone, March will be just as busy. Marsha reiterated that there shouldn't be alcohol at any club events that involve children.

Amenities: Marla Speechly reported they sent out 35 cards

Contributions: Tracy Jensen met with her committee on February 27 and came up with seven organizations that represent our club. The names will be revealed later.

Web Administration/Facebook: Barb Moen reported that there are 605 Facebook likes, up by eight, 697 Facebook followers, up by 32, 297 Instagram followers, up 14, 54 website member resources, up four.

Preservation: Martha Stewart reported that there is a door handle that doesn't work. Annie said she can easily replace it. Teresa said that Gilberto removed the lock. Marsha told Annie to replace it.

Fig Leaf: Marsha reported that the Fig Leaf came out and it is awesome, Suzanne does a wonderful job.

Grounds: Linda Boyajian worked on the roses, and we need to clean the windowsills.

Trash To Treasure: Members can start bringing items tot the April General Meeting. We are not accepting underwear, books (except children's books), and records. Libby Borchardt will be the go-to for selling big pieces of furniture on Marketplace. Furniture items that fit into a car will be accepted. Also, look at the Fig Leaf for any dates and information. Marsha reported that Trash to Treasure will be moved back to the Fall.

Antique Show: Kim Gould reminded the membership the Antique Show is on March 17-19. She reiterated all the presenters that were going to speak, and to sign up for volunteers to bring food, work h them to be on her podcast, and the members who donated items.



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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 tightened.

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.

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Art and Flower Show: Louise Armstrong said the event is on Wednesday, April 5th on Wednesday from 11:30-2:30. It is free event, opened to the public. She said they will need to have volunteers for the event. A sign-up sheet will be at the March General meeting. They are also in need of fresh cut flowers from member's yards. Linda Richburg is collecting member's artwork to be displayed at the event.

Community Projects:

JoAnne thanked everyone who gave donations for the cookie \$600 buy-out for Troop 99, the troop live in the motels on Highway 99. At present, she had raised \$288 and proceeded to ask for the last \$312. The members chipped in and reached the 600.00 goal! This sweet little troop will now be able to go to the beach. The members decided that the cookies should be donated back to different organizations.

30 second Announcements:

Diane Hill mentioned that Trash to Treasure items should be put on the left-side of the stage. Marsha said that there shouldn't be any Trash to Treasure donations, at this time.

Movie Review: Chair Becky Morlock announced the movie is Annie Hall starring Woody Allen and Diane Keaton. Anyone can come, just watch the movie, and offer your opinion. It's on April 14 at 10.

Book Talk: It's held on the 4th Thursday of the month.

Teresa Kirkorian reminded the members to turn off all the lights, including the can lights

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:04.

Respectfully submitted March 28, 2023

Libby Borchardt

Recording Secretary

FIG GARDEN WOMAN'S CLUB

Membership Dues

Allison Alexander, Treasurer

Club dues of \$250.00 are now due and payable. Payment may be made via check mailed to:

FGWC
P.O.Box 5012
Fresno 93755

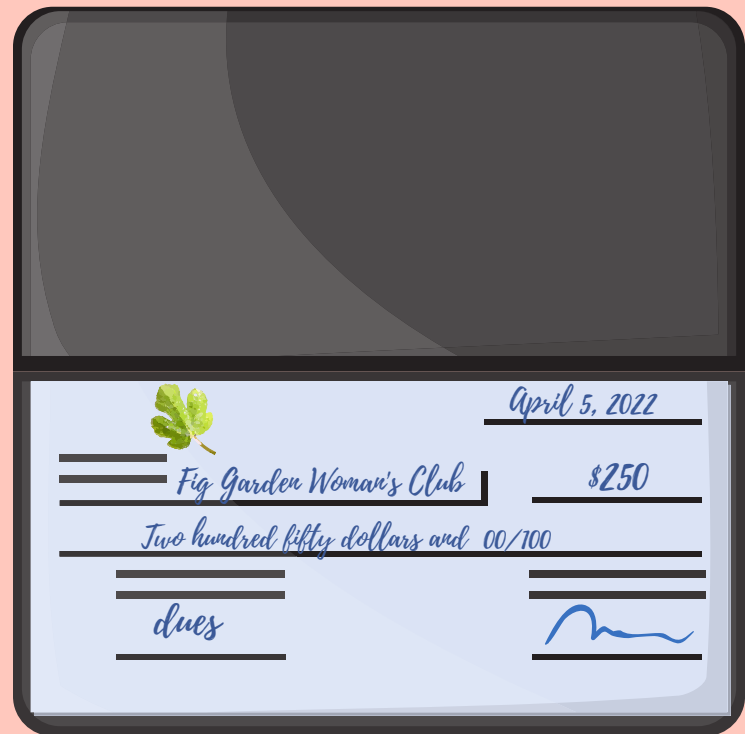
You may also pay with a credit card via Square. To do so, members may call me at (559) 352-0001

Payment may also be made at the board meetings and general meetings.

Dues not paid before the end of June will require the member to reapply to the club and pay the \$100 new member fee.

Thank you for your prompt payments!

Allison



Welcome our New Members

Anna Maria DiCicco
Cathy Frost
Paula Takata



Please Note:

Denise Price's email was previously listed incorrectly.

Her email address is:
denise_p@ymail.com
(NOT gmail)



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

Welcome: President Marsha Wagner called the meeting to order at 11:35 am and welcomed everyone.

First Vice President Announcements: Teresa Kirkorian thanked the general lunch chairs Desiree Ward, Tracy Jolly and their committee for the beautiful centerpieces. The centerpieces will be for sale at some of the tables for \$15. Teresa said look for the envelope.

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

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

Inspiration: Chairperson Kathleen Lehman presented a beautiful speech on eight powerful words that we should live by.

3rd Vice President: Lilian Weiland filled in for Kathy Dennen, who was vacationing in New Zealand. Lillian introduced four new members of our club. They are Anna Maria DiCicco, Cathy Frost, and Paula Takata. Lillian presented a yellow rose which represents friendship to the new members. We are very excited to have these ladies join our club.

Nominating Committee: President Marsha Wagner introduced the slate of officers: 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 Boyajian, and Recording Secretary: Suzanne Crosina-Sahm were voted in by the membership. Congratulations to this wonderful group of ladies!

Program: Kim Gould introduced our guest speaker, Jeff Aiello, who is the CEO for Valley PBS. He is a seven-time Emmy Award winning documentary filmmaker and television host/producer of the popular travel series "Outside Beyond the Lens." His presentation was enjoyed by all.

Recording Secretary: Libby Borchardt asked if there were any changes from the last meeting report. Sharon Garabedian made a motion to approve the minutes and Lisa Jelinek 2nd it. The minutes were approved.

President's Report: Masha reported the biggest event happening in March was the Antique Show.

April Events:

Art and Flower Show: Linda Richburg reported that the show will be held on Wednesday, April 5 from

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11:30-2:30. The theme is “Everything is Coming Up Roses.” Members are needed to donate food, flowers, as well as any kind of art they would like to have displayed.

Trash To Treasure: Sharon Garabedian reported that the membership needs to save their donations until the April 12th General Meeting. There will be sign-up sheets with times for members to work the sale. The set-up days are April 17-27 from 9 am - 3pm. The actual sale is April 28-29 from 9-3. Please sign up for any of those days to work. Sharon also said that Libby Borchardt sold our first furniture item on Marketplace. Please make sure to reach out to her if you have any big items to sell.

30 Second Announcements

Marsha thanked the membership that there were only 8 lunches left.

Lillian Weiland will be doing a clean-up trash day on April 22 at Cedar and Shaw.

Maggie Thompson introduced her guest, Jill Harmond. Her husband’s great aunt was one of the original members who started this club.

Suzanne Crosina-Sahm shared that CSU Summer Arts will be back at Fresno State this summer. She said that enrollment is open and there are many great classes you can take like writing your novel, Kpop dance and more. Also, there will be a calendar full of wonderful performances that will be open to the public featuring world class artists in town teaching these courses . Reach out to Suzanne if you are interested.

President Marsha Wagner adjourned the meeting at 12:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted March 28, 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

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



Trash to Treasure Timeline

Our biggest fundraiser is right around the corner, and we will need everyone's participation to make this event a success.

SET-UP

Saturday, April 15th at 9 am - empty shed and stage

WORKDAYS

1st Week: Monday, April 17th to Friday, April 21st
From 9 am to 3 pm

2nd Week: Monday, April 24th to Thursday, April 27th
From 9 am to 3 pm

TRASH TO TREASURE SALE DAYS

Friday, April 28th and Saturday, April 29th
From 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

All members are required to work. Look for sign-ups at the April General Meeting for baggers and cashiers. Members will be contacted to schedule their time slot for one of those days.

TRASH TO TREASURE





Our Club Website at Your Fingertips

Barb Moen, Website and Social Media Chair

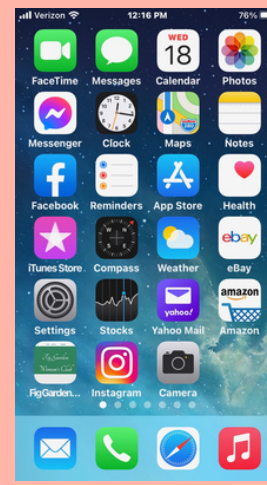
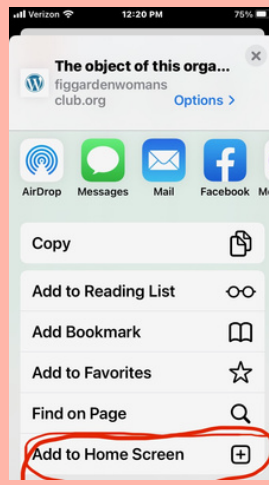
If you are not registered in the “Member Resources” Section, please go to figgardenwomansclub.org. You will see “Register” in the top right hand corner. Click on it and complete the form. The section contains our Handbook, new members, the Fig Leaf, and our current calendar.

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 Easter!
Barb





April Amenities Report for March 2023 Activities

Chairs: Marla Speechly and Vivian Lew

CARDS

Nineteen “**Birth**day” cards: Blake Casares, Charlette Hirasuna, Cyndi Vanderhorst, Stephanie Capelli Veneski, Nancee Smith, Pat Hunter, Tracy Jolly, Linda Lucido, Mary Ann Hendrickson, Linda Gandolfo, Kathy Olson, Debbie Rueland, Carolyn Garrett, Valerie LeMay, Barbara Weidel, Shirley Zavier, Cindy Berends, Judith Boro

Three “**Get Well Soon**” cards: Joyce Hughes, Becky Morlock, Diane Hill

Nineteen “**Thank You for Being Kind**” cards: Desiree Ward, Tracy Jolly, Sue Castro, Judy Boro, Diane Hill, Kim Gould, Lisa Woolf, Judy Gregerson, Lynn Baldwin, Stacey Pacheco, Patricia Cortez, Kim Gould, Juliette Hammel, Patricia Cortez, Lisa Woolf, Judy Gregerson, Lynn Baldwin, Juliette Hammel, Kim Gould

Two “**Thinking of You**” cards: Valerie Goya, Lydia Wyatt


Three “**Welcome**” cards: Paula Takeda, Anna Marie DiCicco, Cathy Frost

One “**Sympathy**” cards: Lisa Farnesi

VISITS & PHONE CALLS

Four “**Meals**” Midge Barrett, Pam Cowling, Becky Morlock, Dolores O’Neal

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

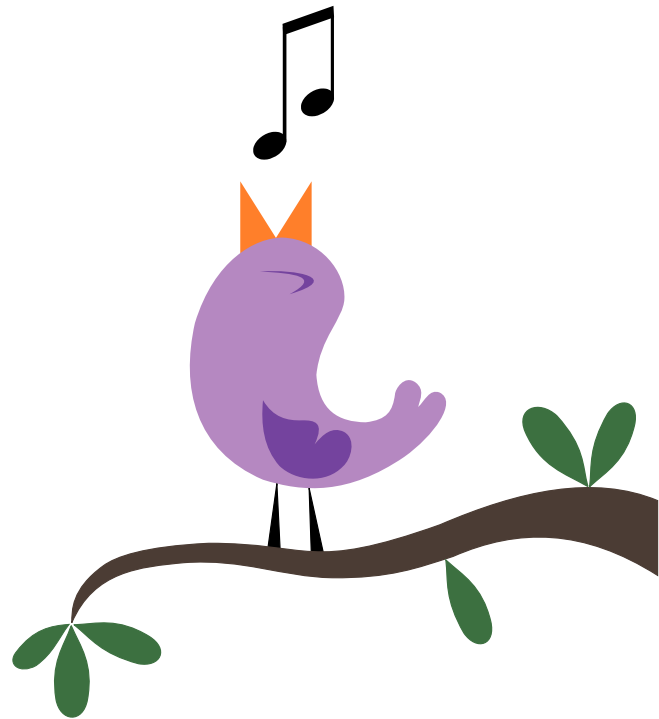


MARLA (559) 579-9898 AND
VIVIAN (559) 365-1177

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*to our members
born in*

April!



4 Becky Morlock
7 Marla Speechly
8 Lisa Woolf
9 Elizabeth Rush
10 Pamela Alexander

14 Suzanne Crosina-Sahm
18 Anna Maria DiCicco
19 Denise Price
26 Doris Rahn
28 Lisa Jelinek

