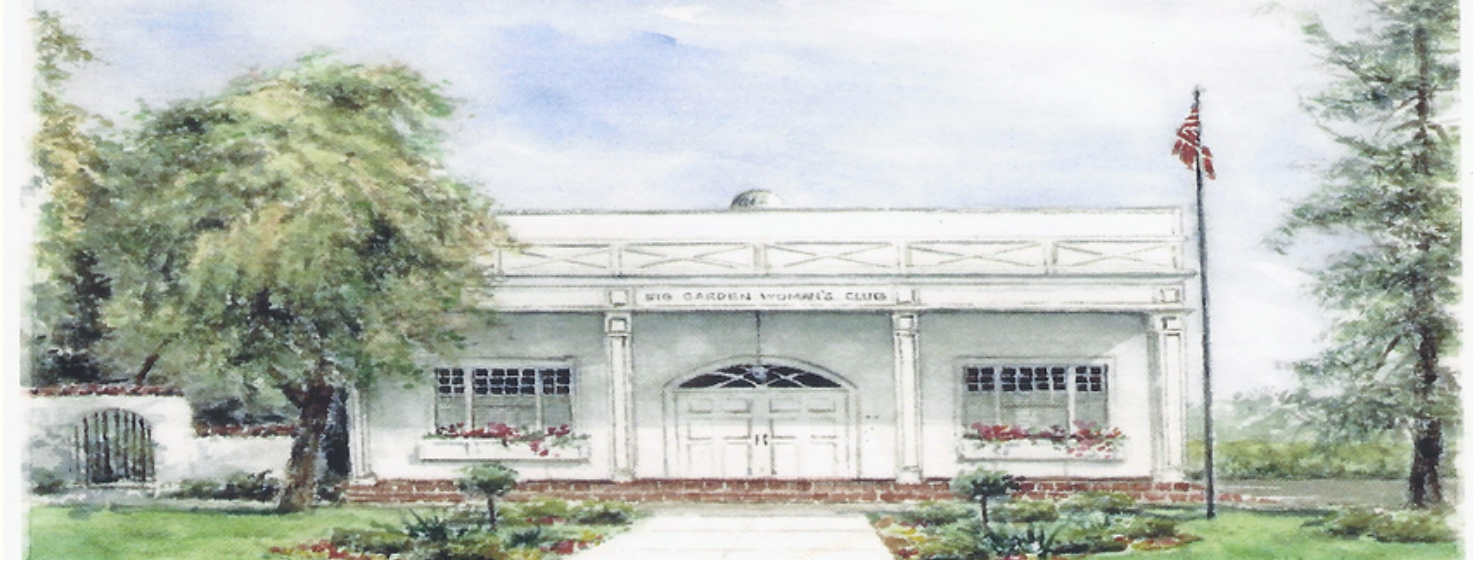


MAY 2023

THE FIG LEAF

Fig Garden Woman's Club Newsletter
Established in 1921



Important Dates & Events

General Lunch Meeting - May 10, 11:30 am

Cinema Group - May 12, 10 am

Knitting & Needles - May 15, 10 am

Book Talk - May 18, 10 am

Joint Board Meeting - June 5, 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 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

Good Morning Ladies! I am writing this message on April 30th for our May Fig Leaf. It is the morning after the completion of our final fundraiser for the year and just the day before we begin the last month of our season. There are only a few more activities and one more luncheon to enjoy before we wind down for the summer. We will still have Movie Review, Knitting 'N Needles, Book Talk and Marathon Bridge at their usual times.

We finished our Trash to Treasure fundraiser yesterday and after we were finished, seven groups from our community arrived to take away most of what was left over. It feels so good to see other non-profits who can use the items we didn't sell. These groups will reach out to others struggling within the greater area of our community. Nothing we collected will go unused. I want to thank those who worked so hard on this incredible effort. I hope I don't miss someone, but if I do I apologize upfront. It was a world wind two weeks! Thanks goes first to the leadership of **Libby Borchardt** and **Sharon Garabedian**. Their organization and tenacious effort kept everyone moving throughout the process. They were fabulous problem solvers and cheerleaders for the entire effort. The committee chairs did a fabulous job of organizing, cleaning, displaying and managing the merchandise for sale. The list of committee chairs are: Boutique, **Tamara Hargrave, Debbie Reuland, Lee Leone**; Clothing, **Shirley Zaver**; Electronics, **Barbara Moen, Mary Vaughan**; Food, **Ann Caldwell, Sonja Robinson**; Linens, **Shirley Buckenberger, Joyce Hughes, Susan Simpson**; Jewelry, **Kim Gould, Tracy Jensen**; Holiday and Toys, **Kathleen Lehman, Carrol McCrumb**. I also want to thank **Gilberto** who helped us arrange tables, fixing and putting things together, and generally backing us up! I also want to thank every member who worked throughout the set-up, sale, cleanup and behind the scenes. Every year that I have been a part of this fundraiser, I am in awe of how our group of does such an amazing job on such a difficult time-consuming project with such ease! Everyone who is involved works so hard and seems enjoy helping shoppers and one another during the sale.



So, here we are now in our last month, May. Our last luncheon will be May 10th and we will install our new board and leaders, bring into our fold the final group of ladies joining our club, and in many ways, say goodbye to FGWC's 102nd year! I hope you all will attend the last luncheon and that you will remember to finish up your year making sure that you have:

- Paid your dues of \$250.00 before June 30th.
- Completed the Survey on line or on paper. (Preferably on line)
- Signed up for The Out to Lunch Bunch summer luncheons arranged by Sue Stephens.

Sincerely,
Marsha



Fig Garden Woman's Club Board Meeting Minutes April 3, 2023

Call to order: President Marsha Wagner opened the meeting at 9:34 A.M.

President Marsha thanked everyone who participated in the Antique Show. Vice President Teresa also read a nice letter written by one of the vendors praising the Club for such a wonderful job.

First Vice President: Teresa Kirkorian thanked Judy Boro and Marie Durney for the beautiful snacks.

President Marsha Wagner reported that our yearly survey will be going online. Marsha said there will be paper for those members who don't do anything online.

Member Annie Anderson, who does our Eblast has put the survey on the internet. Her lesson on how to navigate the survey online was very informative and helpful. She said that in the next days she will Eblast all the members. You can do the survey on any of your devices. She mentioned that it shouldn't take more than 10 minutes to complete. She also offered to help any member who would like to do the survey after the meeting. Thank you, Annie, for all your hard work on this project.

1st Vice President: Teresa said there will be some change next year as all the keys and locks will be changed. There will be a sign-up sheet when any member checks out keys. There will also be security cameras installed.

2nd Vice President: Kim Gould read the names of all the wonderful speakers we had at our General Meeting this year. Thank you, Kim, for all your work; we thoroughly enjoyed the speakers.

3rd Vice President: Kathy Dennen reported seven people coming in April. She said it's important that the members who sponsor new members mentor them. Marsha also said she would like to have all the members in by May. She wants all the new members to be in the book by the end of May.

Treasurer: Assistant Chair Allison Alexander reported that as of March 31 the cash-to-cash equivalents of \$191,120.01. Allison reported that expenses were \$4,776.47 and the income was \$19,490.81. As of last Friday, the Antique Show has an income of \$17,900.81 and the expenses were \$2,162.84.

Correspondence Secretary: Chair Susan Simpson reported there were three donation requests from Fresno Council on Child Abuse Prevention, Hope Now, and American Red Cross. She also received an invitation to the Fresno Art Museum, new exhibitions: Nathan Oliveira, Bruce Beasley, Art Dyson, and Raul Colon. She mentioned she went to the District Board Meeting, and they have a new members orientation presentation that the Club should use.

Recording Secretary: Libby Borchardt reported that the Fig Leaf had not been sent out, so minutes could not be approved.

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April 3, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes, continued

District Report: Chair Eleanor Rojas reported that she will be attending the District General Meeting on April 13. She is excited to learn about how we can get more involved with the Federation. She reported that there hasn't been any response regarding the national grant proposal of \$25,000 for the Marjorie Mason Center. Marsha said that the money would come from the National Federation of the Women's Club.

Bylaws: Chair Maureen Boyle reported that there will be amendments to Section One of the bylaws mainly having to do with membership. The amendments will be presented at the April General Meeting, published in the Fig Leaf, and then voted on at the May General Meeting. New Members will be introduced at a general meeting after they pay their dues instead of the first general meeting after they pay their dues. Membership is limited to 200 active members, exclusive of Emeritus Members, Honorary Members, and Life Members. Also, the Board of Trustees have the power to limit the number of members as deemed necessary for the good of the club.

Presidents Report: Marsha reported that there is a correction on page 60 in the handbook. The annual dues are \$250, and they are due as of April 1. If they are not in by June 30th, members will be dropped from the club. Marsha said an Eblast will go out reminding members that the dues should be paid now, and they have until June 30th.

Kim Gould thanked everyone who came and helped at the Antique Show. The vendors were very pleased and loved it. Kim also asked for any suggestions to make it better next year. Sue Castro said the pre-party netted \$1400. She thanked everyone who donated food and drink.

Amenities: Chair Marla Speechly reported they sent out 47 cards and four meals were delivered.

Club Usage: Marsha reported for Debbie Reuland that a possible 8th grade graduation party will be at the club. Teresa said it would be a Saint Anthony's party, and there will be more parents than kids. Marsha mentioned a contract had not been signed, but it had been approved. Also, Marsha said the wedding in October is still on and the woman who signed the contract is a new member of the club.

Scholarship: Chair Pam Vogel reported that she was meeting with the Scholarship Director of Fresno City College and distributing applications to nursing students. Pam said that she and her committee will be reviewing the applications as they come in.

Web Administration/Facebook: Chair Barb reported that there are 625 Facebook likes, up 20, 757 Facebook followers, up 60, 313 Instagram followers, up 16, and 54 Web Member Resources, no new ones. She reported that Susan Pappas updates the handbook and sends it to Web Member Resources.

Preservation/Planning: Chair Martha Stewart reported that Annie Anderson replaced the door handle.

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April 3, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes, continued

Fig Leaf: Marsha reported that the Fig Leaf will be going out on April 5.

Grounds: Chair Delores O'Neal thanked everyone for their prayers, cards, meals during her recovery. She said that before the accident she and Monica pruned the roses. They will trim the bushes against the fence before Trash to Treasures.

Contributions: Chair Tracy Jensen introduced her committee. She said that a total of 12 organizations were submitted and discussed according to required criteria. A total of 7 organizations were approved. They are: Central Valley Veterans: \$2,500, NK Foundation: \$1,000, Bullard Closet: \$1500, Break the Barriers: \$3500, Valley Center for the Blind: \$3500, Cats by the Track: \$1500. The total being \$15,000. She said that templates of letters were developed by Annie Anderson and can be used each year.

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

Trash To Treasures: Chairs Sharon Garabedian and Libby Borchardt reported members can begin bringing their items to the April General Meeting. Members can sign up to work on set-up days and the two sale days. Members are required to work 2 hours for volunteer hours. The dates of set-up are April 17-April 27, from 9-12 and 12-3. Members may bring donations until April 21. The sale days are April 28 and 29 with shifts being 8:30-11:30 and 11:30-3:30. 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. Marsha reported that Trash to Treasures will be moved back to the Fall.

Art and Flower Show: Louise Armstrong said the event is on Wednesday, April 5th on Wednesday from 11:30-2:30. She thanked everyone who brought flowers, vases, and artwork. The committee would be setting up the event right after the Board Meeting.

30 Second Announcement

Martha Stewart asked if we could have a separate donation to help get hot water for the bathroom. The cost is \$2,000. Teresa called it a hot water fund. Teresa also asked Martha to get an estimate to get the faucet fixed. Martha will report next month. Marsha also reported we should have a bathroom designated handicapped.

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

*April 3, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes, continued*

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.

Kim introduced her daughter Riley as the newest and most likely youngest member of the Club. It was also her 21st birthday.

Movie Review: A member 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 14th at 10.

Knitting and Needles will be on April 10th and Book Club on April 13th.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:04

Respectfully submitted April 30, 2023

Libby Borchardt

Recording Secretary

FIG GARDEN WOMAN'S CLUB

Amendments to By-laws

Article VI

Membership

Sec.1

New members will be introduced at "a" General Meeting after they have paid their dues. Instead of "the first General Meeting after they have paid their dues. Membership is limited to two hundred (200) active members exclusive of Emeritus Members, Honorary Members and Lifetime Members. Instead of 250 members. Adding the following to Section 1 ;

The Board of Trustees is granted the discretion to limit the numbers of members as deemed necessary for the good of the Club.

Proposed corrections typo/ grammar

Remove Article VI

Article XIII Sec. 2 line 3 add "have" shall (have) been

Sec. 3 line 4 add "the" installation of (the) officers

Welcome our New Members

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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





Fig Garden Woman's Club General Meeting Minutes April 12, 2023

Welcome: President Marsha Wagner called the meeting to order at 11:34 and welcomed everyone.

First Vice President Announcements: Teresa Kirkorian thanked the general lunch chairs Kim Gould and Dena Reynolds and their committee for the darling centerpieces and the membership can purchase them.

Collect: Chairperson Martha Stewart led us in collect.

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

Inspiration: Chairperson Kathleen Lehman did an inspiration called The Dash. It was about how we live our years between the dash and how people will remember us, not by how much money we made, but how we treated others and made an impact in people's lives. What will be said in our eulogy after we have gone.

3rd Vice President: Kathy Dennen, introduced the New Members of our Club. They are Tricia Monahan- Dutra, Jacqueline Curti, LuAnn Joy, Majorie Harp, Charlotte Zylka Singer, and Teri Sager. Marsha welcomed all the new members.

Kim Gould read all the names of the speakers that presented at our luncheons, throughout the year. She thanked all her committee for helping. She also reported that the Antique Show was very successful and thanked everyone who was involved. She also said that the auctioneer Patty Cortez used, usually charges \$1,000 for his services. He graciously donated his time, so Kim gave him a beautiful belt buckle. He said he would engrave Fig Garden Woman's Club on it.

President's Report: Marsha thanked everyone who was involved and helped with the Art and Flower Show. Member Annie Anderson showed the membership a power point presentation on how to navigate our survey online. Marsha reported that an Eblast was sent announcing that dues are now due and members who haven't paid their \$250 dues by June 30th will be dropped from membership. Marsha said that members who need help paying their dues can reach out to either her or Teresa.

Program: Recognition of Past Presidents: Teresa said she was honored to introduce 12 of the past presidents, that were at our luncheon. They each told us the year they were president and a little story about their time they lead.

Recording Secretary: The minutes from the last meeting were in the Fig Leaf and were approved.

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April 12, 2023 General Meeting Minutes, continued

Treasurers Report: Susan Simpson reported that as of March 31st the cash and cash equivalence is \$191,120.01. Income was \$19,490.81 and expenses were \$4,776.47. Susan reported that the Antique Show netted \$15,737.47. There may be adjustments if late payments come in. Susan said that she will take cash, check, or credit card to pay for dues.

Corresponding Secretary: Chair Susan Simpson reported there were 3 donation requests from Fresno Council on Child Abuse Prevention, Hope Now, and American Red Cross. She also received an invitation to the Fresno Art Museum, new exhibitions: Nathan Oliveira, Bruce Beasley, Art Dyson, and Raul Colon. She also mentioned she went to the District Board Meeting, and they have a New Members orientation presentation that the Club should use.

Contributions: Chair Tracy Jensen introduced her committee. She said that a total of 12 organizations were submitted and discussed according to required criteria. A total of 7 organizations were approved. They are: Central Valley Veterans: \$2,500, NK Foundation: \$1,000, Bullard Closet: \$1500, Break the Barriers: \$3500, Valley Center for the Blind: \$3500, Cats by the Track: \$1500. The total being \$15,000. She said that templates of letters were developed by Annie Anderson and can be used each year.

Trash To Treasure: Chairs Sharon Garabedian and Libby Borchardt reported members can begin bringing their items after the meeting, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. They were to call Sharon to set up times. There were sign-up sheets at the tables for members to sign up to work on set-up days and/or the two sale days. Sharon reported that members are required to work 2 hours for volunteer hours. The dates of set-up are April 17-April 27, from 9-12 and 12-3. Members may bring donations until April 21. The sale days are April 28 and 29 with shifts being 8:30-11:30 and 11:30-3:30. 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. Area Chairs requested that items not be placed in the wrong area. They requested that the member ask each area chair where the item goes. Sharon reported that we need an end of the event committee to help after the sale ends on Saturday.

Bylaws: Chair Maureen Boyle reported that there will be amendments to Section one of the bylaws mainly having to do with membership. The amendments will be presented at the April General Meeting, published in the Fig Leaf, and then voted on at the May General Meeting. New Members will be introduced at any General Meeting, after they pay their dues instead of the first general meeting after they pay their dues. Membership is limited to 200 active members, exclusive of Emeritus Members, Honorary Members, and Life Members. Also, the Board of Trustees have the power to limit the number of members as deemed necessary for the good of the club.

30 Second Announcements:

Book Club is meeting on April 13 in the Garden Room. It's a time to meet members and hear about the latest books.

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April 12, 2023 General Meeting Minutes, continued

Tamara Hargrave, one of the chairs of the Boutique area for Trash to Treasures, told the membership they put their paid items in a white kitchen garbage bag. All other bags will be from the other areas. Kathleen Dennen said that if there are any additions or changes in the handbook, please contact her, so she can reach out to Susan Pappas to make the changes.

President Marsha Wagner adjourned the meeting at 1:04 pm

Respectfully submitted May 1, 2023

Libby Borchardt

Recording Secretary

FIG GARDEN WOMAN'S CLUB

Annual Survey

Annie Anderson

Below you'll find the link to the 2023-2024 Annual Survey. Please take a moment to click on the link and take the survey. Your help is greatly appreciated.

[SURVEY LINK](#)

Thanks to those that have already participated in getting it done.

Here is a QR code that will also take you to the survey if you're interested in completing it on your phone or tablet.



If you haven't received an eblast lately, or would like to confirm your email address, send me an email to ebblastFGWC@gmail.com.

Thanks a bunch! Annie



Out to Lunch Bunch

Sue Stephens

Mark your calendars for our Out to Lunch Bunch luncheons!

Wednesday, June 7

Tahoe Joe's

7006 N. Cedar

Wednesday, June 21

Max's Bistro & Bar

11784 W. Bullard Ave.

Wednesday, July 12

AJ's Armenian Cuisine

5048 N. Maroa Ave.

Wednesday, July 26

Westwoods BBQ & Spice

8042 N. Blackstone Ave.

(Order off the menu and individual checks)

Wednesday, August 9

TBD

Sunday, September 17, 10:30 am

Fort Washington Country Club

10272 N. Millbrook

Champagne Brunch \$39 each



Make plans to join us. Sign up at the May general meeting or call me at (559) 431-0528.

Sue





Our Club Website at Your Fingertips

Barb Moen, Website and Social Media Chair

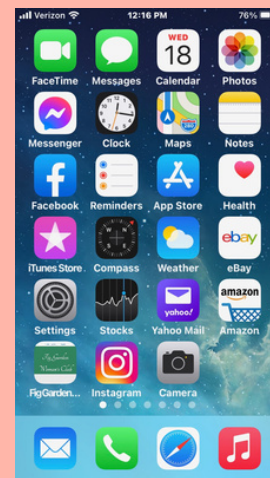
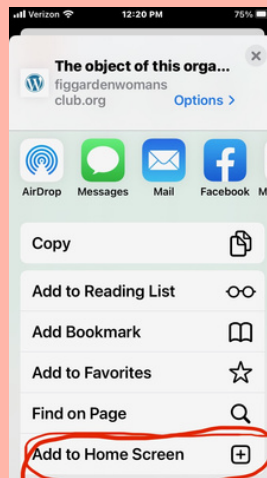
If you are not registered in the “Member Resources” Section, please go to figgardenwomansclub.org. You will see “Register” in the top right hand corner. Click on it and complete the form. The section contains our handbook, new members, the Fig Leaf, and our current calendar.

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.

Stay in touch over the summer!
Barb





May Amenities Report for April 2023 Activities

Chairs: Marla Speechly and Vivian Lew

CARDS

Twelve “**Birthday**” cards: Riley Gould, Becky Morlock, Marla Speechly, Teri Sager, Lisa Woolf, Elizabeth Rush, Pamela Alexander, Suzanna Crosina-Sahm, Anna Maria DiCicco, Denise Price, Doris Rahn, Lisa Jelinek

One “**Get Well Soon**” cards: Susan Williams

Twenty five “**Thank You for Being Kind**” cards: Marie Durney, Nancy Wood, Louise Armstrong, Juliette Hammel, Lisa Jelinek, Linda Richburg, Sharon Garabedian, Libby Borchardt, Tamara Hargrave, Lee Leone, Shirley Zaver, Barbara Moen, Mary Vaughan, Ann Caldwell, Sonja Robinson, Shirley Buckenberger, Joyce Hughes, Susan Simpson, Kim Gould, Tracy Jensen, Kathleen Lehman, Carrol McCrumb, Kim Gould, Dena Reynolds


One “**Thinking of You**” cards: Kathleen Coit

Eight “**New Member**” cards: Marjorie Harp, Teri Sager, Charlotte Zylka, Riley Gould, Daisy Siemens, Jacqueline Curti, Tricia Monahan Dutra, LuAnn Joy

VISITS & PHONE CALLS

One “**Meal**”: Kathleen Coit

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*

May!



3 Midge Barrett
6 Charlotte Zylka Singer
7 Pamela Anderson
9 Diana Whitehead
13 Josette Arax
13 Tamara Hargrave
16 Lydia Wyatt

18 Hollie Slater
26 Bethany Baker
26 Martha Stewart
29 Vivian Lew
31 Loretta Bolin

