

JUNE 2023

THE FIG LEAF

Fig Garden Woman's Club Newsletter
Established in 1921



Important Dates & Events

Joint Board Meeting - June 5, 9:30 am

Cinema Group - June 9, 10 am

Book Talk - June 15, 10 am

Knitting & Needles - June 19, 10 am

Deadline to pay dues - June 30

General Meeting - September 13, 11:30 am



Executive Officers

President: Teresa Kirkorian

1st Vice President: Kim Gould

2nd Vice President: Desiree Ward

3rd Vice President: Becky Morlock

Recording Secretary: Suzanne Crosina-Sahm

Corresponding Secretary: Liz Conner

Treasurer: Susan Simpson

Assistant Treasurer: Linda Boyajian

Appointive Officers

Parliamentarian: Mary Vaughn

Historian: Monica Balch

Auditor: Janelle Dunn

District Representatives: Eleanor Rojas

Fig Leaf Editor: Suzanne Crosina-Sahm



Outgoing President's Message

Marsha Wagner

It is June and my year as your president is officially completed. I am honored to have had the opportunity to be your president and work with the incredible women of our club in different ways than I did just as a member.

I had so much fun working side by side with members whom I did not know prior to this opportunity. I made new friends and learned so much. When I began the year, I made it my goal to attend as many activities as possible and I managed to attend almost every event. Participating in so many activities altered my perspective of our club. The difference between participating on projects as a member to being involved in most activities has allowed me to meet so many ladies who have incredible energy and talent. The admiration I have for our club, what we do and how we support our community grew exponentially.

We are not just luncheons, parties, coffees and fundraisers. We are the largest woman's club in California, 102 years old with a heavy influence, not just in Fig Garden, but in Fresno and the Valley. Fig Garden Woman's Club rocks; thank you all for this wonderful experience.

In May, we installed the new executive board and Teresa Kirkorian will be your president. Fig Garden Woman's Club is in good hands for the 2023-'24 season - let the fun begin!

Just a few reminders:

- Remember to pay your dues of \$250 no later than June 30th. If you do not pay by then, your membership will end and your information will be removed for the handbook for 2023-'24.
- Out to Lunch Bunch begins June 7th. If you want to have a great time with your friends this summer, call Sue Stephens at 431-0528 and sign up.
- We will begin our year in September, with a complete luncheon meeting on September 13th.

Thank you all for allowing me to be president and for the great support I received all year.

Have a wonderful summer!

Marsha





Incoming President's Message

Teresa Kirkorian

I am honored to be serving as your 2023-24 Fig Garden Woman's Club president.

When I joined this club in 2015, I couldn't imagine being on the board, let alone being the president. But here I am and here we go! When I joined the club, my mother, Dolores Monahan, was my sponsor. She had been in the club for several years and often talked about all the wonderful, diverse, and talented woman. I am so happy to have joined this club and especially fond of the special memories that I shared with my mom. Thank you for the warm welcome I received from all of you when I joined, and for being so supportive when I lost my mom. Your friendship means the world to me. My gratitude continues as I welcome our new board members. Talk about talent!

We have another busy and event-filled year. There are a few important dates and changes to our calendar, so be sure to mark your calendars. Please be advised - I'm a bullet point person!

- Our joint board meeting is June 5 at 9:30 am
- As our bylaws state: the deadline for dues is June 30.
- Out to Lunch Bunch starts June 7. Contact Sue Stephens for information: 431-0528.
- First board meeting is August 28, 9:30 am
- First general meeting September 13 is a LUNCHEON MEETING starting at 11:30.
- OKTOBERFEST will be Saturday, October 14, 5:30-9 pm.
- TRASH TO TREASURE will be moved back to the Fall. Sale dates are November 3-4, set up two weeks prior.
- The March luncheon meeting will be held Wednesday, March 6, 2024 to accommodate the Antique Show March 15-17.
- FASHION SHOW will be May 1.

I would like to welcome all our new members! Fig Garden Woman's Club is a very industrious and charitable club and I hope you will be involved with our many activities throughout the year. Please call me any time with questions. I look forward to getting to know you.

My moto for this year will be gratitude.

“So it is not happiness that makes us grateful. It's gratefulness that makes us happy.”

- David Steindl- Rast

Have a wonderful summer,
Teresa





Fig Garden Woman's Club Board Meeting Minutes May 1, 2023

Call to order: President Marsha Wagner opened the meeting at 9:33 A.M.

First Vice President: Teresa Kirkorian thanked Vanda McArthur and Linda Lucido for the beautiful snacks.

President Marsha Wagner said there were agendas and reminded the Board and members to sign their name on the sign-up sheet.

2nd Vice President: Kim Gould read a wonderful thank you letter from one of the organizations we gave money, too, Cats by the Tracts. The letter ended by saying their first litter kittens are being named streets in the Fig Garden Area. Kim also thanked everyone who donated to Trash to Treasures.

3rd Vice President: Chair Kathy Dennen reported that seven new people will be presented at the General Meeting. Four joined in different months; we won't be taking new members until mid-year.

Recording Secretary: Libby Borchardt reported the Fig Leaf hadn't been out yet, so April minutes couldn't be approved.

Treasurer: Both treasurers were not present, so Marsha reported that the treasurer's report will be at the May General Meeting. Give any outstanding Trash to Treasure receipts to Sharon Garabedian.

Corresponding Secretary: Susan Simpson was on vacation, so Mary Vaughan reported that no correspondence was sent, no donation requests, nor contributions committee requests. There was one invitation received from Fresno City New Wrinkles to performances of America Sing! (June 1-June 11). There were no newsletters, magazines, or year-end reports. There were no personals to the president, personals to the 2nd vice president, and no requests to speak. There were two thank you notes received, one from Linda Lucido thanking the club for the opportunity to serve as a past president of the FGWC. The second note was from Central Valley Veterans thanking the club for the generous donation of \$2,500.

District Report: Chair Eleanor Rojas reported that National does not provide large grants unless it is an emergency. Eleanor said that she is forming a committee to reach out to local organizations to provide possible grants for our proposal. Members Lilian Weiland and Mary Ann Powell are on the committee.

President's Report: Marsha thanked both chairs, the area chairs, and everyone who helped make Trash to Treasure a successful event. Marsha stated that one of the most wonderful things that made



May 1, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes, continued

the event so special was donating items to many different organizations. This is what this club is about, giving back to our community.

Marsha also suggested instead of having a Welcome Coffee in September, the club should have a luncheon. The luncheon should be an informational luncheon. We can distribute handbooks, talk about events and activities. Another suggestion was that every chairman of an event talk about when their event is and a little about it. Members seemed very interested in making September either a luncheon or buffet and a regular meeting. A proposal was made by Marsha that the September meeting will be a luncheon and meeting. Tamara seconded it. The members voted and it passed. Marsha said it will be brought up at the May meeting.

Out To Lunch Bunch: Sue Stephens read all the different restaurants the members may go to this summer. They are Tahoe Joe's on June 7, Max's on June 21. AJ's on July 12, and Westwoods on July 26. September 17 will be a brunch at Fort Washington and significant others may attend. An Eblast will be sent out during the summer with all the dates. A suggestion was made that mentors invite the new members to go. Sue said she has the sign-up for the lunches.

Amenities: Vivian Lew reported that 41 cards and one meal were provided.

Clubhouse Usage: Chair Debbie Reuland reported that the potential 8th grade graduation party has been cancelled. The wedding on October 9th is still on and the bride is a new member.

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

Web Administrator/Facebook: Chair Barb Moen reported 635 FB likes, up 10, followers 785, up 10, Instagram followers 320, up 7, and web-member resources 58, up four. Barb also said she will be out of town until the middle of October, so she asked members to take pictures for her at all events and activities.

Grounds: Delores O'Neal reported that she cut back the Carolina cherries before Trash to Treasure. Marsha said that the club may possibly get a new gardener.

Trash To Treasure: Marsha asked if anyone had anything to add and thanked everyone for the great job. It was suggested that people do not bring in their own bags. Sharon Garabedian said that we should continue to bring children's clothes and children's books as they sold well. Shirley Zaver suggested that the first week is when we need the most people to help. We need more people for the breakdown at the end of the sale. Another suggestion was we should have a sign indicating that only cash and credit cards are accepted. A meeting of the chairs will be held on Friday, May 6th.

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May 1, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes, continued

30 Second Announcements:

Movie Review: Becky Morlock reported that the movie is Notorious, Alfred Hitchcock classic starring Carey Grant and Ingrid Bergman. It is on Friday, May 12 at 10:00.

Marsha reported that Trash to Treasure is moving back to November.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:04.

Libby Borchardt

Recording Secretary

FIG GARDEN WOMAN'S CLUB

Welcome our New Members

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Fig Garden Woman's Club General Meeting Minutes May 10, 2023

Welcome: President Marsha Wagner called the meeting to order at 11:30 and welcomed everyone.

First Vice President Announcements: Teresa Kirkorian thanked the lunch committee chairs Pamela Anderson and Donna Strickler and their committee Shirin Assemi, Kathy Babigian, Ellie Craig, Linda Lucido, Rayma Northington, and Karen Tozlian for their wonderful table decorations.

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: Pamela Alexander read an inspiration on taking things slowly, being patient, and being with the people who mean the most to you, such as your family and friends.

3rd Vice President: Kathy Dennen, introduced 11 wonderful New Members. Kathy said that after today, there won't be any New Members until the middle of next year.

President's Report: Marsha reported that the survey is online and should only take five minutes to complete. There are currently 95 surveys finished. Marsha said members will have until the end of June to finish and if not complete, members may be put on committees that they may not like. Annie provided step-by-step directions. Marsha, Teresa, and others can help members who need it. Marsha reported that there have been some addendums to our bylaws. Marsha proposed that membership be lowered to 190 from 250; the members voted and it was passed. Marsha also presented a board proposal proposed that the September meeting be a regular luncheon, instead of a welcome coffee. The motion was voted on by the membership and passed.

Installation of New Board: Marsha did a very entertaining installation of next year's board. She told each of the officers their job description and then gave out different candy bars that represented each of the member's positions and jobs. Then she asked each of them if they accept their individual positions.

2nd Vice President: Kim Gould thanked everyone who donated jewelry to Trash to Treasure. She read a thank you letter from, Cats by the Tracts, who shared that after they received our donation, a cat had kittens she couldn't care for. They named the kittens after the streets in Old Fig Garden. Kim announced that she has the sign-ups for next year's luncheons and board meetings.

Recording Secretary: The minutes from the April meeting were in the Fig Leaf, Lisa Jelinek made a motion and Sharon Garabedian 2nd them. The minutes were approved.

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May 10, 2023 General Meeting Minutes, continued

Treasurers Report: Allison Alexander reported that as of April 30, the current balance is \$200,983.39. Trash to Treasure income was \$23,283.64 with expenses of \$1,387.12, netting \$21,896.52.

Corresponding Secretary: Chair Susan Simpson was on vacation, so Mary Vaughan reported that there were 0 Correspondences sent, 0 Donation requests, and 0 Contributions Committee requests. There was 1 invitation received from Fresno City New Wrinkles. They have performances of America Sing! From June 1-June 11, 2023. There were 0 Newsletters, Magazines, and Year-end Reports. There were 0 Personals to the President, Personals to the 2nd Vice President, and 0 Requests to Speak. There were 2 Thank You notes received, one from Linda Lucido thanking the Club for the opportunity to serve as a Past President of the FGWC. The second note was from Central Valley Veterans thanking the Club for the generous donation of \$2500.

Trash To Treasure: Sharon and I thanked everyone who helped make Trash to Treasures a joy to work with. We had everyone stand up and get a round of applause. This event could not have happened without the dedication of such wonderful members, who did countless hours of volunteer work.

30 Second Announcements:

- Teresa presented Marsha with a gift and thanked her for all the hard work and countless hours she put in as President in the 2022-'23 year. Marsha, it was awesome serving on the Board with you!
- Book Club will be meeting in June and July in the Garden Room. It's a time to meet members and hear about the latest books.
- Kim reported that one of our recipients for contributions, Bullard Closet, received three prom dresses from Linda Lucido.
- Suzanne shared that CSU Summer Arts is coming back to Fresno State on June 26 and will offer many great performances by world-class artists that are open to the public. Ticket prices have been dramatically reduced thanks to a donation from Prieto Automotive and are available on the Summer Arts website. Contact her if you would like a calendar.
- Becky Morlock reminded everyone that Movie Review will continue all summer long. It will be the 2nd Friday of every month at 10 am.
- Kathy Dennen said to contact her or Susan Pappas with any address, phone number changes, etc.
- Barb Moen reported that she will be gone until the middle of October. If anyone has a new photo for the handbook, contact Susan Pappas.
- Marsha reminded everyone to sign up for the lunches in the summer. Annie will send out an Eblast with the dates. She ended by thanking the membership for allowing her to be their president and wished everyone a wonderful summer.

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted May 29, 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



Membership

Kathleen Dennen

Please Note

Cara Douglas' email is:
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Social Media and Website

Barb Moen

Members are encouraged to submit photos of club activities that we can post on our Facebook and Instagram pages, and on the FGWC website.

Please send them to Barb Moen via text (559) 285-2933, or email, bcmoen@yahoo.com.

When submitting photos please include a list of names of people in the photo from left to right so they can be identified correctly. Please provide a signed photo release form if there are any guests in the photo. Photo release forms are available on the kitchen desk in the blue folder.



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

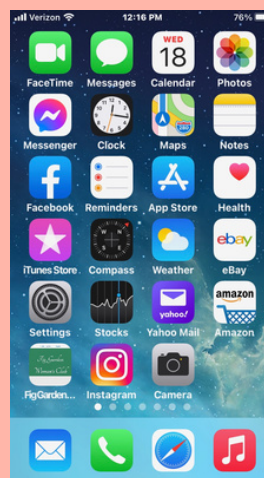
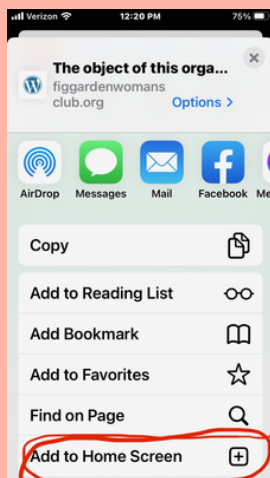
If you are not registered in the “Member Resources” Section, please go to figgardenwomensclub.org. You will see “Register” in the top right hand corner. Click on it and complete the form. The section contains our handbook, new members, the Fig Leaf, and our current calendar.

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.



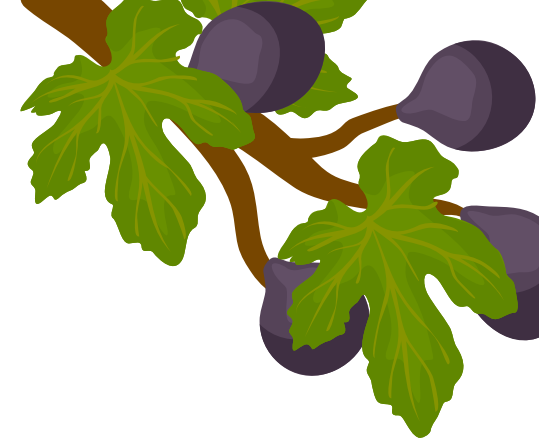
For Android devices:

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.

Have a great summer!
Barb





June Amenities Report for May 2023 Activities

Chairs: Marla Speechly and Vivian Lew

CARDS

Twelve “**Birthday**” cards: Midge Barrett, Charlotte Zylka Singer, Pamela Anderson, Diane Whitehead, Josette Arax, Tamara Hargrave, Lydia Wyatt, Hollie Slater, Bethany Baker, Martha Stewart, Vivian Lew, Loretta Bolin

One “**Get Well Soon**” cards: Midge Barrett

Twenty nine “**Thank You for Being Kind**” cards: Vanda McArthur, Linda Lucido, Judy Gregerson, Monica Balch, Allison Alexander, Susan Simpson, Libby Borchardt, Kathleen Dennen, Mary Vaughn, Kim Gould, Teresa Kirkorian, Marsha Wagner, Eleanor Rojas, Sue Stephens, Susan Pappas, Annie Anderson, Diane Hill, Pam Vogel, Juliette Hammel, Suzanne Crosina-Sahm, Dolores O’Neal, Barbara Moen, Tracy Jensen, Marie Durney, Debbie Reuland, Maureen Boyle, Vivian Lew, Donna Strickler, Pamela Alexander

Five “**Thinking of You**” cards: Janet Hill, Rosalie Jorgenson, Kathleen Coit, Louis Armstrong, Suzanne Swanson

Ten “**Welcome**” cards: Barbara Parnell, Julia Darley, Ellen Knapp, Catherine Christensen, Mary Lopez, Kathryn Brown, McKenna Gould Wiegart, LaTricia Adkins, Jacquelyn Shore, Pat Shein

One “**Sympathy**” card: Hope Rosky

VISITS & PHONE CALLS

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

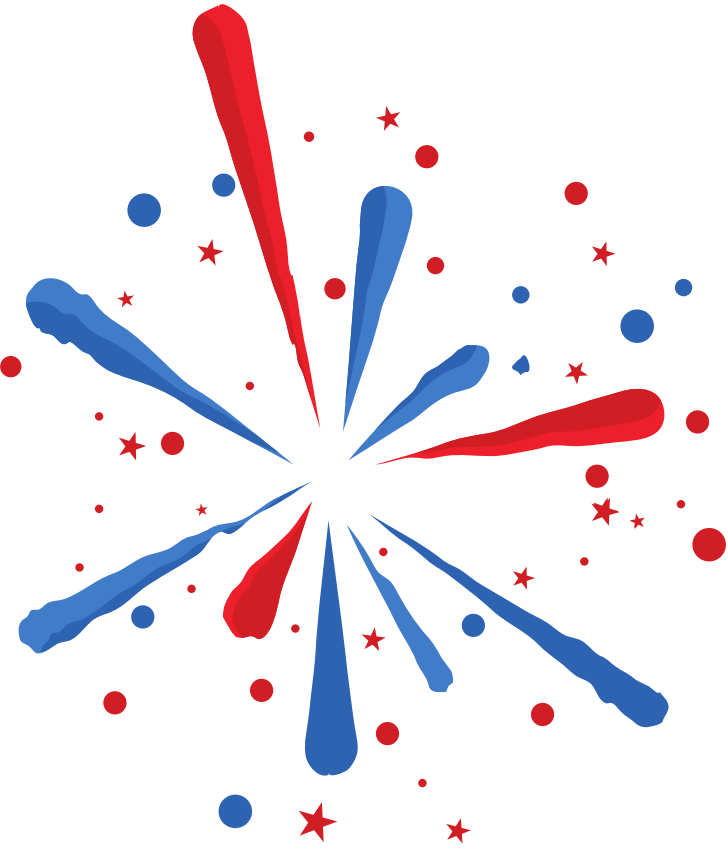
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June!

3 Selah Anselmo
3 Hope Bushnell
5 Elizabeth Looney
7 Audrey Ward
9 Marie Slater
14 Louise Armstrong
15 Allison Alexander
16 Kathleen Coit
16 Julianne Patrick
16 JoAnne Prickett
17 Betty Haak

17 Lillian Macias Weiland
19 Joanne Bazarian
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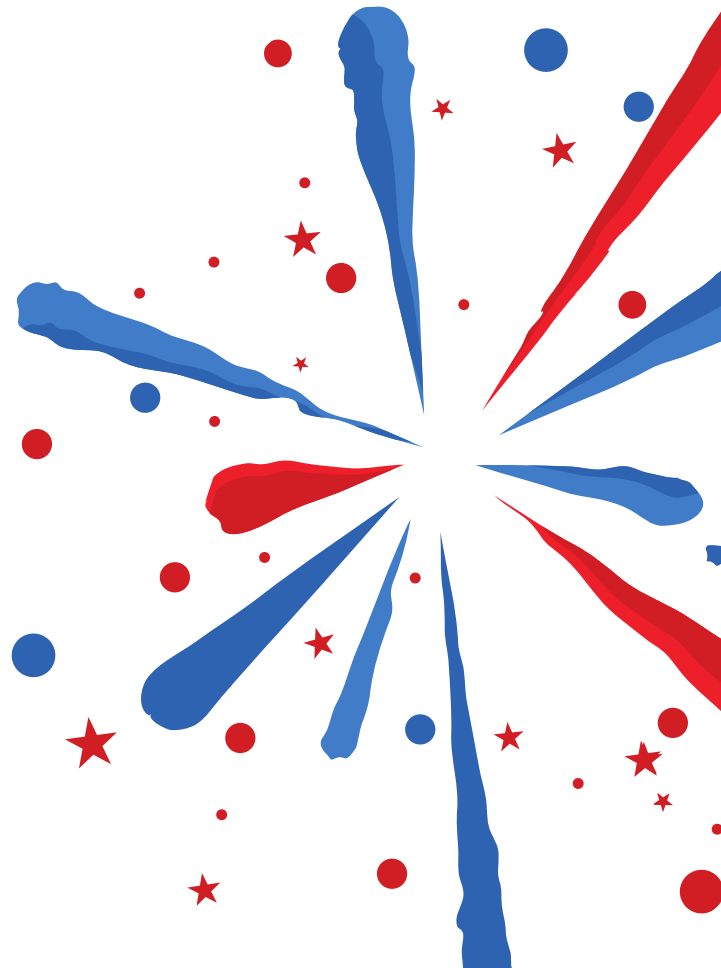


HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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July!

- 1 Maria Prochazka
- 2 Irene Wiegand
- 3 Cheryl Bird
- 4 Marilyn Schutt
- 9 Cathy Frost
- 9 Susan William
- 12 Brenda Joseph
- 14 Stephanie Mullins
- 15 Teresa Kirkorian
- 15 Ann Lusk
- 23 LuAnn Joy
- 23 Cindy Shipstead





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*to our members
born in*

August!

1 Elizabeth Spencer
2 Rayma Lynn Northington
3 Maria Schmitt
5 Kathy Powers
8 Mary Vaughn
11 Sharon Garabedian
13 Shelley York
15 Liz Conner
15 Kim Garcia

17 Betty Jane Pash
18 Jenna Straeter
19 Virginia Dalena
21 Cynthia Rathwick
21 Pam Vogel
24 Kim Gould
25 Ida Blackburn
25 Sue Stephens
27 Valerie Goya