

FEBRUARY 2024

# THE FIG LEAF

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



## Important Dates & Events

- Board Meeting** - February 5, 9:30 a.m.
- Cinema Group** - February 9, 10 a.m.
- General Lunch Meeting** - February 14, 11:30 a.m.
- Valentine Night** - February 14, 5 - 7 p.m.
- Book Talk** - February 15, 10 a.m.
- Knitting & Needles** - February 19, 10 a.m.
- Get Acquainted Coffee** - February 22, 10 a.m. - noon
- Lunch Bunch** - February 28, noon
- March Board Meeting** - March 4, 9:30 a.m.
- General Lunch Meeting** - March 6, 11:30 a.m.
- Antique Pre-Party** - March 14, 6 - 8 p.m.
- Antique Sale** - March 15-17



## *Executive Officers*

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- 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*

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- Parliamentarian:** Mary Vaughan
  - Historians:** Monica Balch, Marie Slater
  - Auditors:** Marsha Wagner, Susan Pappas
  - District Representative:** Eleanor Rojas
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**Fig Leaf Editor:** Suzanne Crosina-Sahm



## President's Message

Teresa Kirkorian

Dear Members,

I hope everyone had a restful January. Our month kicked off with a wonderful luncheon hosted by **Marsha Wagner** and **Dolores O'Neal**. A special thanks to **Desiree Ward** for organizing our guest speaker, Matt Dildine, chief executive officer of Fresno's City Center. He is inspirational and a visionary for Fresno's greatest needs. I look forward to the tour of the Center on Tuesday, February 6th at 2 p.m..

Our Card Party was a huge success! The clubhouse was filled with the sounds of Bunco, the clacking of Mahjong tiles, and the quiet concentration of our Bridge players. We had a delicious meal and homemade desserts. **Judy Boro's** brownie recipe is in this month's Fig Leaf. Thank you to **Mary Ann Hendrickson, Janet Hill, Barbara Moen** and **Mary Vaughan** for chairing this event.

We will not have our Valentine making event this year. **Carrol McCrumb** and **Suzanne Swanson** will take this year off and be back next February.

Our board will host a very special Valentine's evening for you and your husband, BF or BFF! Please come with an appetizer to share and your favorite beverage. Don't fight the crowds and join us at the clubhouse on February 14th from 5 to 7 p.m.

The love continues as we have another Get Acquainted Coffee. This time **Linda Richburg** will host us in her beautiful home on February 22nd from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. This is a wonderful opportunity to see your friends and meet our new members.

I'm looking forward to another month with all my BFFs at FGWC!  
Much love,

Teresa



*"To the world you may be just one person,  
but to one person you may be the world."*

*-Dr. Seuss*







Spend  
*Valentine's Day*

with your Fig Garden  
Woman's Club Friends!

**Wednesday, Feb 14**  
**5 - 7 p.m.**

Singles and couples are  
welcome.

Bring an appetizer or  
dessert to share and your  
favorite beverage.



## Lunch Bunch

*Sue Stephens*

Please join us for our February luncheon outing at  
Max's at 12 noon (not 11:30) on February 28.

I will take sign ups at the February board meeting and  
luncheon meeting.





## Fig Garden Woman's Club Board Meeting Minutes January 8, 2024

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:39 a.m. by President Teresa Kirkorian.

**Vice President's Report:** Vice President Kim Gould thanked LuAnn Joy and Mary Lopez for providing the delicious refreshments. She reminded chairs of events that they need to provide a report by February 1st.

**Second Vice President:** Second Vice President Desiree Ward reported that this month's speaker will be Matt Dildine, director of The Fresno Rescue Mission City Center.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Susan Simpson reported; that as of December 31, 2023, our overall financial assets are \$223,466.17 in our accounts. Our checking account balance is \$103,807.85. Endowment Fund balance is \$74,516.09, Building Maintenance Fund is \$31,966.58 and Memorial Building Fund is \$13,175.65. In December we had income of \$6,314 and expenses of 6,422.53, that is because all of the expenses from Gala came in in January. . Net for the Gala was\$4,897.96. Santa's House was \$2,302.28, and Maker's Market was \$1,828. For the month of December we netted \$9,028.24 that will go to our community donations and scholarships. She congratulated our members who chaired those successful events.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Corresponding Secretary Liz Conner reported that no correspondence was sent, we received five donation requests from: Children's Home Society of California, Hope Now, Valley Center for the Blind, Evangel Home, and Fresno Council on Child Abuse Prevention. We received one invitation -- a save the date for the Hope Now Annual Banquet on February 29. We received five newsletters, magazines, and year-end reports and three holiday cards.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Recording Secretary Suzanne Crosina-Sahm announced the minutes of the December board meeting were published in the January Fig Leaf and asked if there were any additions, corrections or deletions. Tracy Jensen moved that the minutes be approved and Donna Strickler seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**District Report:** District Representative Eleantor Rojas reported that she needs a copy of our financial report to bring to the district meeting this Thursday so she can report on how much we have earned and share fundraising ideas and information. The State Convention of the district will be in Visalia this April and she recommended that Teresa and Kim visit on at least one day. Susan reported information from the December District board meeting. The Wasco chapter is celebrating their 100-year anniversary with an open house on February 13. There is an invitation on the back desk. The Yosemite District has disbanded, but is joining the San Joaquin Valley District.





*January 8, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes, continued*

**President's Report:** Teresa thanked Eleanor for representing our club and for all the time she puts into the job. She thanked Desiree for helping take down the Christmas decorations, and the December chairs and committees for all their efforts. She shared that in November the State Center Community College District honored Fig Garden Woman's Club at the Heritage Society dinner for the nursing scholarships we provide to their students. We have given over \$100,000 in scholarships to their students. Our board represented the club at a lovely dinner and they presented us with a plaque that we will display in the clubhouse. They also pinned the members who were at the dinner and provided us with extra pins if any of you would like one.

**Nominating Committee:** Chair Mary Vaughan read the bylaws pertaining to nominating and elections in Section 13 of our handbook. Today we will nominate two members from the board and at the January General Meeting the club will elect a nominating committee from the floor. She will meet with the committee after the general meeting to set a date for the nominating meeting. Teresa opened the floor to nominate board members to the nominating committee. Diane Hill and Audry Ward nominated themselves. Becky Morlock expressed that she would like to be on Membership next year. The board members present voted and Diane and Audry were unanimously voted to the nominating committee.

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Clubhouse Usage:** Chair Debbie Reuland reported that there will be a birthday party held at the clubhouse this Saturday hosted by member Jessica Vivid. About 50 people will attend.

**Website:** Chair Barb Moen reported that we currently have 958 Facebook followers which is up by seven. There are 699 likes which is up two, Instagram followers are 368 which is up six. Our member resources section has 74 members which is up one since the last report. She asked if anybody knows Gwendolyn Tilton who continually tries to request to join the Members Resources section. She is not on Facebook or Instagram.

**Clubhouse:** Irene and Jennifer are the clubhouse managers, but Teresa shared their report. She is trying to fix the clock in the back of the room. The water damage in the roof has been fixed, but we still need to replace the roof tile. We are going to do some reorganizing in the kitchen. We have on the counter all the vases that we can use for lunches - you can buy the vases with flowers and then re-donate the vases if you like.

**Contributions:** Chair Tracy Jensen reported their next Contributions meeting will be January 15. We have revamped the contributions process to ensure that all members felt included in the process. She invited Annie Anderson to discuss the slight changes made to the application. Annie sent an eblast to the membership twice that included the new PDF. This PDF can be shared non-profit organizations to encourage them to apply for our community grants. The eblast also included an email template that can be copied and pasted into the body of an email, to make it easy for the members to share the application.

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*January 8, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes, continued*

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

**Remembrance, Past Members:** Chair Marsha Wagner reported that three of our members who have passed will be remembered and honored at the next General meeting: Marilyn Gobel, Kathryn Rohdenhammel, and Lydia Wyatt. Marsha is having trouble getting in touch with the families of Marilyn Gobel and Kathryn Rohdenhammel to invite them to attend the January General Meeting. If you know these women, we will invite you to share remembrances about them. Annette LaRue passed during this meeting year, so she will be memorialized next year. Normally we hold our memorials in November, but Marsha returned from Europe with COVID so it was postponed to January.

**Annual Card Party:** Co-chair Mary Ann Hendrickson reported that the four chairs have been working hard and are going to throw a fantastic event. The theme is “Razzle Dazzle” and the event is Thursday, January 25 at 11:30 a.m. You can reserve a table for for at \$25 per person. Barb can take your payment today. Lillian Macias Weiland asked if she could purchase and single ticket, and Mary Ann shared that she could do so and play Bunko.

**Lunch Bunch:** Chair Sue Stephens announced that there are sign up sheets being circulated for January 31 lunch at Red Lobster, February 28 at Max’s, and September 15 brunch at Fort Washington. The dates and times will be posted in the Fig Leaf and Member Section of the website.

**Valentine’s Party:** Kim Gould shared that we will hold a Valentine’s Day party on February 14 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the clubhouse. There is no charge and couples and singles are invited. The board will set up and decorate and we ask that members bring an appetizer or dessert to share and your favorite beverage. Husbands like this party because it is free!

**Get Acquainted Coffee:** Marsha shared that the next coffee is scheduled for February 22. Our hostess who was going to hold the coffee at her home had to cancel do to surgery so we are looking for a new home where we can hold the coffee. Please reach out to Marsha if you can host in your home.

**Antique Show:** Kim Gould reported that our 49th Antique Show will take place March 15,16, and 17 and the pre-party ins on March 14. We have a few new dealers this year and we anticipate a lot of media coverage. Suzanne Crosina-Sahm is working on a flyer and Hope Rosky will do a podcast that will feature Kim and Patty Cortez. This is the only antique show from Bakersfield to Sacramento. We have chairs for different aspects of the sale. New member Jacqueline Shore is helping me with the Fig Garden table. Joyce Gaskins will be coordinating hostesses, Tracy Jensen and Stephanie Mullins will be coordinating people for the door. Libby will be coordinating the Clean-up committee, so please consider volunteering for clean up if you can. Our dealers are really excited and next year is our 50th sale!

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*January 8, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes, continued*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**30 Second Announcements:**

**Kim Gould** reported that members have asked what will be served for lunch at future luncheons, so she will post the lunch menu in the Fig Leaf.

**Teresa** thanked the members who said “yes” to the nominating committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

*Suzanne Crosina-Sahm*

Recording Secretary

**FIG GARDEN WOMAN'S CLUB**

## *Luncheon Menu*



### **February 14**

Meat sauce lasagna, seasonal vegetables, ciabatta rolls, dessert

### **March 6**

Mediterranean chicken, rice pilaf, seasonal vegetables, ciabatta rolls, dessert

### **April 10**

Chicken picatta, scalloped potatoes, seasonal vegetables, ciabatta rolls, dessert

### **May 8**

Chinese chicken salad, ciabatta roll, dessert





## Fig Garden Woman's Club General Meeting Minutes January 10, 2024

**Welcome:** President Teresa Kirkorian welcomed everyone to our December luncheon.

**Vice President:** Vice president Kim Gould reminded committee chairs that if you chaired a committee that your report is needed. She thanked Pardini's and luncheon chairs Marsha Wagner and Delores O'Neal.

**Pledge of Allegiance, Collect and Inspiration:** Kathleen Lehman led us in reciting the pledge of allegiance and the club Collect. She read a piece that inspired members to decide what you want in life and then go for it. We only have one life so we need to make it count.

**President's Report:** Teresa thanked everyone for a great December and for all our efforts for making it a truly magical holiday season. She shared that in November the State Center Community College District honored Fig Garden Woman's Club at the Heritage Society dinner for the nursing scholarships we provide to their students. We have given over \$100,000 in scholarships to their students. Our board represented the club at a lovely dinner and they presented us with a plaque that we will display in the clubhouse. She invited everyone to enjoy their lunch.

**Guest Speaker introduction:** Second Vice President Desiree Ward introduced our guest speaker Matt Dildine, director of The Fresno Rescue Mission who talked about the City Center a resource center on a 10-acre campus he is developing on Dakota between Blackstone and Fresno Street. The City Center is a one-stop shop for people in crisis that brings together over 20 organizations and ministries to provide resources, stability, and a sense of belonging to people in need. He believes that people need more than just a roof over their heads. They need dignity, time, a sense of community, and a relationship with somebody to tell them that it will be OK. Matt invited our club to tour the facility and Desiree shared that a sign-up sheet is by the front doors.

**Call to Order:** Teresa called the meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Suzanne Crosina-Sahm announced that the minutes of the December general meeting were published in the January Fig Leaf, and asked if there were any additions, corrections or deletions. Hearing none, Linda Boyajian moved the minutes be approved as published. Janelle Dunn seconded the motion and the minutes of the November general meeting were approved as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Susan Simpson reported; as of December 31, 2023, our overall financial assets are \$223,466.17 in our accounts. Our checking account balance is \$103,807.85. Endowment Fund balance is \$74,516.09, Building Maintenance Fund is \$31,966.58 and Memorial Building Fund is \$13,175.65. In December was had income of \$6,314 and expenses of 6,422.53, that is because all of the

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**Parliamentary/Nominating:** Chair Mary Vaughan read the bylaws pertaining to nominating and elections in Section 13 of our handbook. She reported that Diane Hill and Audry Ward were elected at the board meeting to serve on the committee, and today the membership needs to elect three members and an alternate to join them to serve on the nominating committee. Members may not serve on the nominating committee two years in a row. Barb Moen nominated Marsha Wagner, and Marsha accepted. Marsha nominated Dolores O'Neal, and she accepted. Pam Anderson nominated Judy Boro, and she accepted. Valerie LeMay was nominated as the alternate. All four nominees were unanimously voted to the nominating committee. They will have a quick meeting after the general meeting.

**Clubhouse Usage:** Chair Debbie Reuland reported that there will be a birthday party held at the clubhouse this Saturday hosted by member Jessica Vivid. About 50 people will attend.

**District Report:** District Representative Eleantor Rojas will be attending a district meeting in Wasco tomorrow where she will report on our fundraising activities and how much money that we've made which is way more than the other groups raise. The State Convention of the district will be in Visalia this April.

**Bylaws:** Bylaws chair Maureen Boyle moved that we approve the bylaws changes that we published in the Fig Leaf. Maureen proposed the following changes: 1) The club will hold regular member meeting September through May, 2) Dues will become delinquent if not paid by May 31st, 3) Along with the admission fee of \$100 new members will pay dues equal to one-ninth of our annual dues for each month of our membership September through May. Lynn Baldwin seconded the motion. The membership voted and the motion passed.

**Contributions:** Chair Tracy Jensen reminded members that it is not too late to have an organization send in a funding request. The Deadline is February 15, 2024. Annie Anderson sent an blast the membership twice that included the new PDF along with an introductory paragraph that you can cut and paste into an email to encourage organizations to apply for our community grants.

**Website:** Chair Barb Moen reported that we currently have 958 Facebook followers which is up by seven. There are 699 likes which is up two, Instagram followers are 368 which is up six. Our member resources section has 74 members which is up one since the last report. She encouraged members to join our Member Resource section that includes our handbook, and lots of good information.



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## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**Member Remembrance:** Teresa asked that before we begin our Remembrance event, that members keep Pamela Alexander and her husband Ed in their prayers. Ed's daughter, Sandra, was tragically killed in an auto accident last week. She was 37 years old. Teresa will talk to Pam about a meal train and if you would like to send a card, her info is in the handbook.

Chair Marsha Wagner remembered three of our members who passed last year: Lydia Wyatt, Kathryn Rohdenhammel, and Marilyn Gobel.

### *Lydia Wyatt*

Lydia's daughter, Mandy, was in attendance and spoke about her mom. Mandy would come to events with her mom over the years and Lydia always wanted to become a member. She finally did join and was only a member for one year before she passed in August, but our club brought her so much joy and Mandy thanked us for welcoming her into our community.

### *Kathryn Rohdenhammel*

Kim Gould shared that Kathy was part of the group that sponsored her when she joined our club. She was an excellent watercolorist and chaired the Art & Flower Show and showed her art there and at other art shows in town. Some of her water colors are in the clubhouse foyer. She was a lovely, kind, happy person. Lynn Baldwin shared that Kathryn made the best tuna salad for the Antique Sale. Her secret was to put hard-boiled eggs in the mixture. Kathryn was a member since 1990.

### *Marilyn Gobel*

Marylin was a two-time president of our club. She served from 1970-'71 and then 1971-'72. It was an anniversary year and the club was hosting a lot of events and dinner dances, so she agreed to serve two terms.

**Annual Card Party:** Co-chair Mary Ann Hendrickson reported that the planning is in full swing and four chairs are excited to present a fantastic event. The theme is "Razzle Dazzle" and the event is Thursday, January 25 at 11:30 a.m. You can reserve your space for \$25 per person. We're going to have a huge Bunko crowd and lots of our bridge players are returning.

**Lunch Bunch:** Chair Sue Stephens wasn't present but it was announced that there are sign up sheets being circulated for January 31 lunch at Red Lobster, February 28 at Max's, and September 15 brunch at Fort Washington. The dates and times will be posted in the Fig Leaf and Member Section of the website.

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**Get Acquainted Coffee:** Chair Marsha Wagner is looking for somebody to host the coffee scheduled for February 22. The hostess who was going to hold the coffee at her home had to have surgery. Please reach out to Marsha if you would like to volunteer to host it in your home.

**Antique Show:** Kim Gould reported that she and co-chair Patty Cortez are busy working on our 49th Antique Show which will take place March 15, 16, and 17. The pre-party is on March 14. We will need donations of lunch items to feed our vendors. The chairs will send out an eblast of what is needed and we will be talking about this more next month. Patty Cortez shared that all the dealers are signed up and paid. She will be distributing flyers next month and would like us to get them out to your friends, family, and the community.

**Sip & Shop:** Co-chair Cam Maloy reported that they made \$442.60 at the Sip & Shop and had a wonderful time. Teresa thanked Cam and Suzy Wren for chairing the fun event.

### **30-SECOND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Kim Gould** announced that there are some lunches available for sale for \$20.

**Audrey Ward** introduced her guest, Carolyn Shear. Carolyn invited Audrey to join the club when she was a member, and she is interested in re-joining the club.

Dolores O'Neal shared that Mary Ann Hendrickson was a middle school teacher of Lydia Wyatt's daughter, Mandy. who joined or luncheon to day to honor Lydia and other members who passed last year.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

***Suzanne Crosina-Sahm***

Recording Secretary

**FIG GARDEN WOMAN'S CLUB**

Fig Garden Woman's Club  
Presents its 49th

*Vintage &*   
*Antique Sale*

Friday, 3/15 10 am - 6 pm

Saturday, 3/16 10 am - 6 pm

Sunday, 3/17 11 am - 3 pm

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

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

*Three-day Pass \$5 donation*

Free decorating classes Friday and Saturday  
Sandwiches and desserts available



Judy Boro's  
**Brownie**  
Recipe

## INGREDIENTS

16 tbsp (2 sticks) unsalted butter,  
cut into 8 pieces

6 oz. unsweetened chocolate,  
finely chopped

2 cups sugar

Pinch salt

4 eggs, at room temperature

2 tsp vanilla

1 1/2 cups all purpose flour, sifted

1 1/2 cups bittersweet chocolate  
chips, semi-sweet chocolate chips

## DIRECTIONS:

Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease a 9-inch square baking pan.

In a saucepan over low heat, combine butter and unsweetened chocolate. Heat, stirring often until melted, about four minutes. Remove from heat and stir in sugar and salt. Add eggs and vanilla and stir until well blended. Sprinkle the flour over the mixture and stir until just blended. Stir in the chips.

Pour batter into the prepared pan and spread evenly. Bake until toothpick inserted into the center of the brownies comes out almost completely clean, 40 to 45 minutes. Do not over bake.

Cool completely and cut into 2 1/2-inch squares. Makes 16 large brownies.

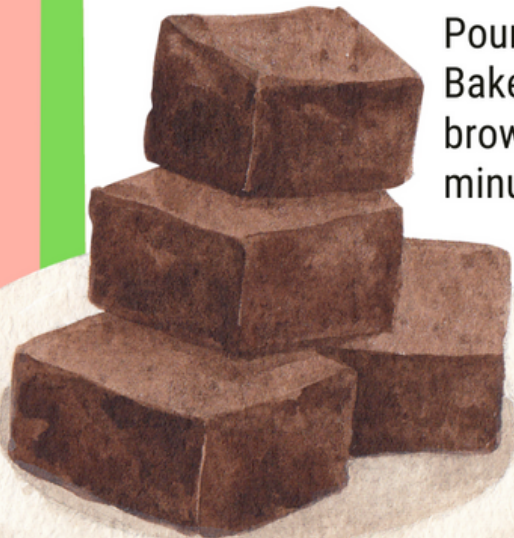






Fig Garden  
Woman's Club  
Presents

# A PASSION FOR FASHION

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 1**

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

at

The Painted Table

\$60

Reserve your seat  
at the February and March  
luncheons  
or contact

Joanne Bazarian  
(559) 645-2591



# Our Club Website at Your Fingertips

*Barb Moen, Website and Social Media Chair*

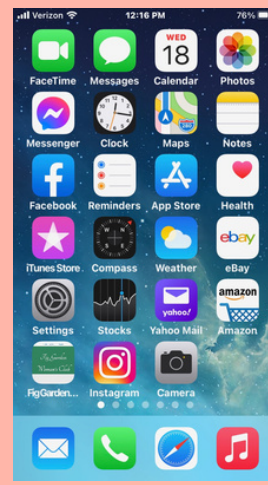
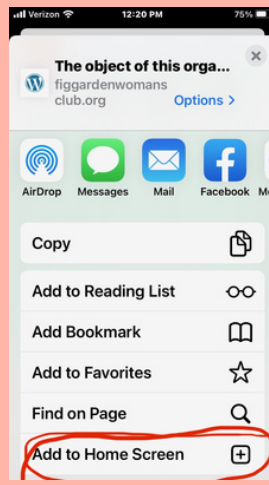
**If you are not registered in the “Member Resources” Section,** please go to [figgardenwomansclub.org](http://figgardenwomansclub.org). You will see “Register” in the top right hand corner. Click on it and complete the form. The section contains our handbook, new members, the Fig Leaf, and our current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



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 Valentines Day!  
Barb



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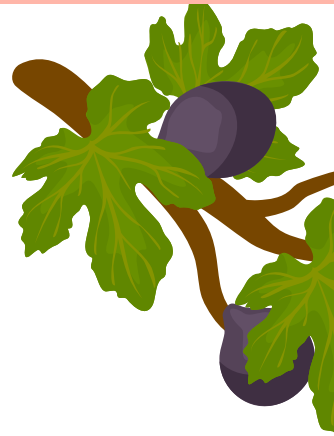
Stacy Pacheco has a new  
email address:  
[stacy@mega-prints.com](mailto:stacy@mega-prints.com)

Ellen Knapp got married in October.  
Her name is now Ellen Vietti and  
her email address is:  
[Evietti2023@gmail.com](mailto:Evietti2023@gmail.com)



## February 2024 Amenities Report for January 2024 Activities

*Chairs: Kim Garcia & Karen Tozlian*



2 Sympathy cards  
1 Get Well card  
6 Friendship telephone calls

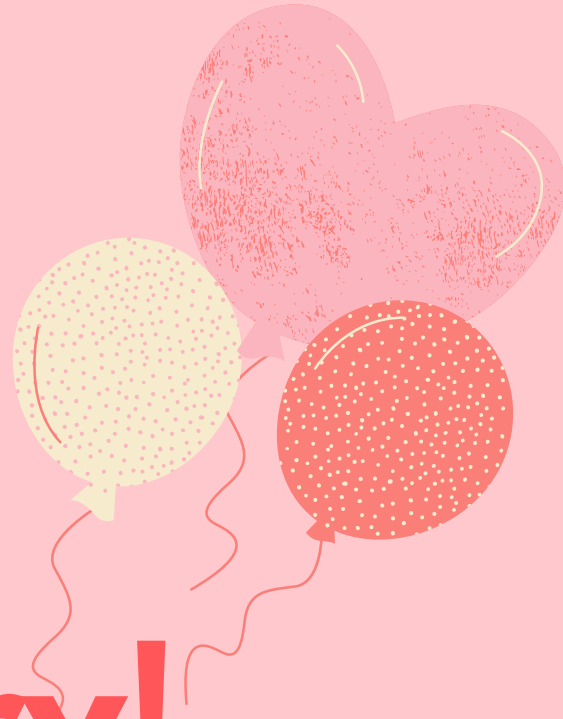


KIM (559) 970-1930 AND  
KAREN (559) 284-5951

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*to our members  
born in*

# February!



- 6 Maureen Boyle
- 8 Mary Nielson
- 9 Alexandra Franco
- 14 Judith Osterloh
- 15 Carol McCrumb
- 17 Janet Hill
- 18 Jean Hull
- 19 Carol Lambourne

- 19 Paula Takeda
- 20 Lynn Baldwin
- 20 LaTricia Adkins
- 23 Kathryn Brown
- 24 Susan Simpson
- 24 Suzanne Swanson
- 25 Jacquelyn Shore

