#### **MARCH 2024**





## **Important Dates & Events**

Board Meeting - March 4, 9:30 a.m. General Lunch Meeting - March 6, 11:30 a.m. Cinema Group - March 8, 10 a.m. Antique Sale Set-up - March 12-13 Antique Pre-Party - March 14, 6 - 8 p.m. Antique Sale - March 15-17 Knitting & Needles - March 18, 10 a.m. Book Talk - March 21, 10 a.m. April Board Meeting - April 1, 9:30 a.m. April General Lunch Meeting - April 10, 11:30 a.m.



## Executive Officers

President: Teresa Kirkorian Ist 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 Vaughan Historians: Monica Balch, Marie Slater Auditors: Marsha Wagner, Susan Pappas District Representative: Eleanor Rojas

Fig Leaf Editor: Suzanne Crosina-Sahm

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## **President's Message**

Teresa Kirkorian

Dear Members,

Welcome to March and our beautiful spring weather. Rain is in the forecast with much needed snow in the mountains! So much to be grateful for. We have another exciting month at the club. But first I'd like to thank **Kim Gould** for stepping in for me at the February general meeting AND for organizing and hosting the fabulous Valentines Party for our members. From the pictures, it looked like another fun party!

Thank you to **Linda Richburg** for opening her beautiful home for the Get Acquainted Coffee. This is always a nice event and an opportunity to meet new friends and enjoy

wonderful snacks. Thanks to **Diane Hill** and **Marsha Wagner** and their committee for organizing and providing all the goodies.

Our old clubhouse will be buzzing with excitement as we prepare for our Antique Show & Sale. Starting on Thursday, March 14th with our fun pre-party from 6-8pm. Come and enjoy a glass of wine and fabulous appetizers as you peruse the beautiful antique booths. Tickets will be available at our board and general lunch meeting. \$20 per person and \$35 a couple. This will also be your ticket for the entire weekend. Please contact **Sue Castro** or **Stacy Pacheco** for any questions about the pre-party. This event kicks off a fabulous weekend with not only beautiful antiques, but homemade lunches served all weekend in the **Allison and Lynn Café**, informative guest speakers, a special members antique table and a live auction of the beautiful flower arrangements on Sunday. Tickets for the Antique Show are \$5 (available at the door) and good for the entire weekend. **Patty Cortez** and **Kim Gould** are our chairwomen and have been working hard to bring us this beautiful event that we look forward to every year.

Friendly reminders:

Board Meeting: March 4th, 9:30 General Lunch Meeting: March 6th, 11:30 Antique Pre-party: March 14th, 6-8pm Antique Show & Sale: March 16-17th

Thank you for all your hard work, compassion, and kindness. Sincerely,

Teresa



## Fig Garden Woman's Club Board Meeting Minutes February 5, 2024

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:36 a.m. by President Teresa Kirkorian.

**Vice President's Report**: Vice President Kim Gould thanked Carol Lamborn and Betty Connor for providing the beautiful array of refreshments.

**Second Vice President**: Second Vice President Desiree Ward reminded those who signed up for the tour of the Rescue Mission City Center that it is tomorrow at 2 p.m. If you didn't sign up and would like to go, see her after the meeting. She reported that this month's speaker will be Kristina Richardson from Valley Public Radio who will be speaking about StoryCorp.

**Treasurer's Report**: Treasurer Susan Simpson reported; that as of January 31, 2024, our overall financial assets are \$225,163.54 in our accounts. Our checking account balance is \$104,241.35. Endowment Fund balance is \$75,192.27, Building Maintenance Fund is \$32,204.89 and Memorial Building Fund is \$13,525.03. In January we had income of \$6,453.44 and expenses of \$5,482 for a net gain of \$971.44. She received four bills today. Gala netted \$4,897.96, So far the card party has netted \$2,725 but we are still waiting for the lunch bill. We have already collected \$1,940.75 for the Antique Sale with no expenses so far. She also shared that about eight years ago we purchased a laptop to use with Quickbooks but Quickbooks no longer works with the version on her laptop. Annie helped her migrate our info to Quickbooks online.

**Third Vice President Report**: Third Vice President Becky Morlock reported that she received an application for Peggy Abels requesting Life Membership status. She has been a member fro 37 years. Mary Vaughan read the procedure for Life membership which does not require a vote. Becky will let Susan Pappas know so she can change her status in the handbook. Suzanne will post it in the Fig Leaf.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Corresponding Secretary Liz Conner reported that no correspondence was sent, we received three donation requests from: Hope Now, Saint Francis Homeless Project, and Fresno Mission . We received one invitation to Hope Now Annual Banquet on February 29. We received a year-end report from Hope Now and the GFW/CFWC-California Clubwoman Magazine

**Approval of the Minutes:** Recording Secretary Suzanne Crosina-Sahm reminded everyone to sign in on the sheet at the head table. She announced the minutes of the January board meeting were published in the February Fig Leaf and asked if there were any additions, corrections or deletions. Mary Vaughan noted that under the nominating section she is noted as the chairperson. She is not the chair, she is Parliamentarian. Suzanne asked if there were any other edits. Marsha Wagner moved that the minutes be approved and Barb Moen seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as corrected.



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**District Report:** District Representative Eleantor Rojas reported that we had members from other clubs in Sanger and Northfork come to the card party to learn more about what we do. Eleanor shared that some of the other clubs do things like a Christmas tree sale, apple pie sales, and food booths at local events. Some of the smaller clubs in rural communities forcus more on service events.

**President's Report:** Teresa received a sad call from Annie Anderson. Her son, Stan, was hit by a car and is in the hospital. She has traveled to New Jersey to be with him. He will be OK, but please keep Stan in your prayers because it will be a long process. We are taking a hiatus this year from making Valentines cards this year.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Clubhouse**: Teresa reported that the board approved to have four podocarpus trees remove from our property as they were too close to our plumbing and wiring. We are still trying to work with our neighbor to do something about hers. We have a leak in our kitchen sink and she has called a plumber to figure out what is going on and to replace a filter. The water is off in the kitchen now but it will be fixed tomorrow. The easels have been moved to the first shed outside. There are items in the counter in the kitchen; please see if anythign belongs to you, if not they will go to Trash to Treasure.

**Contributions**: Tracy Jensen reported that we have received two applications for club contributions. The deadline is February 15 for the application to be postmarked.

**Website**: Chair Barb Moen reported that we currently have 965 Facebook followers which is up by seven. There are 699 likes (no change), Instagram followers are 371 which is up three. Our member resources section has 75 members which is up one since the last report. She anticipates our social media numbers will go up with the Antique Sale and Fashion Show coming up.

#### **SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

Annual Card Party: Co-chair Mary Ann Hendrickson reported we had 114 people come to the party, filling the clubhouse, foyer, and library. We had room for no more. We might be able to add two more tables if we remove the table in the foyer. Everyone had a great time and wants to come back next year. Teresa Hurtado made the delicious food that everybody loved. Co-chair Barb Moen thanked Judy Boro for her delicious brownies and Sue Castro, Desiree Ward, Cathy Christensen, and Teresa Kirkorian for their help doing whatever needed to be done. She also thanked Marsha for setting up Bunko and for all the Bunko players for cleaning up after the party. The net looks like it's going to be \$1,364 but we are still waiting for a bill from the caterer. This event isn't a fundraiser, so we are thrilled to make this money for the club. Barb said that a few people are intersted in learning Mahjong and Judy would be willing to teach members how to play if they are committed to take the time to learn it.



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**Lunch Bunch**: Donna Strickler shared how hard Sue works to make Lunch Bunch a success, but when we went to Red Lobster in January 30 people had signed up and of them only ten showed up. Sue called everyone to remind them, and we had a big room reserved and it did not reflect well on our group. September 15 we will have brunch at Fort Washington. If you sign up, please come or let Sue know if you are unable to come.

**Valentine's Party**: Kim Gould reminded the members 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 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. If you don't like drinking out of plastic, bring your own glass.

**Get Acquainted Coffee**: Marsha shared that the next coffee is scheduled for February 22 from 10 a.m. to noon at the beautiful home of Linda Richburg. There are flyers on the table.

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. She is trying to get ahold of Kopi to come tape a Great Day segment like we do in the front of the clubhouse. Patty Cortez and Kim will appear on Hope Rosky's podcast on February 14. Barb reported that the event will be listed in the March Fig Garden Magazine and Fashion Show will be mentioned in the magazine in April, and the Antique Sale is listed on over 20 different websites. Kim has more calls into the media to get more exposure and coverage. Suzanne shared that if you are on Facebook to be sure to like and share the posts and events that Barb creates. The more our members interact with our page, the more it will show up in people's feeds. Kim and Riley are passing out flyers to all the Clovis antique stores. Please sign up to volunteer to work a shift at the sale. If you have any donations for our table, please see Kim. We also need food donations so we can feed the dealers during set-up.

**Preview Party**: Stacy Pacheco reported that she and Sue Castro are organizing the preview party this year. There are sign-up sheets on the table for members to bring appetizers and desserts. We usually get more sweets than savories, so please consider bringing an appetizer We have already sold 60 tickets to the dealers and will be selling tickets today. The cost is \$20 per person or \$35 for two. Kim Gould is working on getting CV Lux to cover the party for their magazine. We had a case of red wine donated, but we will need white wine donated. Please see her if you can help.

**NEW BUSINESS:** 

**30 Second Announcements:** 



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Mary Vaughan reminded members that the Nominating committee will be meeting after the board meeting. As past president, Marsha Wagner is the chair of Nominating. We hope you will say "yes" when asked to serve.

Kim Gould shared that we received some mail from the Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging announcing a seminar for caregivers. She will leave it on the desk in the foyer.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Suzanne Crosina-Sahm Recording Secretary FIG GARDEN WOMAN'S CLUB

## Antique Sale Pre-Party

Sue Castro and Stacy Pacheco, Co-chairs

It's that time of year again for your favorite event, the Antique Show Pre-Party on

#### Thursday, March 14th from 6-8pm

For those who have not attended in the past, this is an opportunity for members and special guests to view and purchase items before the show is opened to the public. You will be able to enjoy an assortment of beverages and yummy treats while shopping. It's just the best!

We will be selling tickets at the lunch meeting on March 6 -- \$20 each or two for \$35.

Hope to see you there!





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## Fig Garden Woman's Club **General Meeting Minutes** February 14, 2024

Welcome: President Teresa Kirkorian was out of town so Vice President Kim Gould welcomed everyone to our February luncheon. Kim reminded us all to be grateful for each other.

Collect, Pledge of Allegiance, and Song: Martha Stewart led us in reciting the Club Collect and Pledge of Allegiance, then led the members in singing It's a Grand Old Flag.

**Inspiration**: Kathleen Lehman read a piece about "Friendship vs. Love" and wished us all a happy Valentine's day.

Vice President: Kim invited members to introduce their guests and reminded members that their guests' lunch is \$20. Sue Castro introduced her best friend from high school, Sue Obbick. Tracy Jensen brought her friend Patty Wilkerson who recently moved back to Fresno from Santa Barbara -- she is a hand model! Judy Osterloh introduced Joyce Lopez who has been a friend since second grade. It was brought to our attention that it was Judy's birthday and the members sang "Happy Birthday" to Judy.

President's Report: In her absence, Kim read a note from Teresa. Teresa wished us all a happy Valentine's day and regrets missing the meeting and the party tonight, but she is in Los Angeles with her daughter who had minor surgery. She asked us to all keep Annie Anderson's son, Stan, in our prayers. He was hit by a car and was in the hospital, but is home now and expected to recover, but it will be a long process. Annie has traveled to New Jersey to be with him.

Vice President's Report: Kim thanked our luncheon chairs Deb Reuland and Judy Gregerson for the festive decorations, and Pardini's for the always delicious meal. She stated that the centerpieces may be purchased for \$15. Kim invited us to enjoy our lunch before we introduce our speaker.

Guest Speaker introduction: Before Second Vice President Desiree Ward introduced our speaker, she shared that there is information about last month's speaker on the desk in the foyer. Our February speaker was Kristina Richardson from Valley Public Radio who spoke about StoryCorp, a program broadcast weekly on Valley Public Radio and other NPR affiliates. StoryCorp is committed to the idea that everyone has an important story to tell and that everyone's story matters. Their mission is to help us believe in each other by illuminating the humanity and possibility in us all — one story at a time. Since their founding in 2003, they've helped nearly 700,000 people across the country have meaningful conversations about their lives. These recordings are collected in the U.S. Library of Congress which is now the largest single collection of human voices ever gathered. She shared an example of a conversation from a StoryCorp program called One Small Step where people of differing political views can come together and have a civilized conversation to remind us that we have more in common that not. Kristina encouraged members to go to Storycorp.org to learn more to share your stories.





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**Call to Order**: Kim called the meeting was called to order at 12:29 p.m. She reminded everyone that that March meeting will be one week earlier than normal on March 6 to allow for the Antique Sale set up.

**Approval of the Minutes**: Suzanne Crosina-Sahm announced that the minutes of the January general meeting were published in the February Fig Leaf, and asked if there were any additions, corrections or deletions. Hearing none, Diane Hill moved the minutes be approved as published. Carol Lambourne seconded the motion and the minutes of the January general meeting were approved as submitted.

Corresponding Secretary Report: Secretary Liz Connor was not present.

**Treasurer's Report**: Treasurer Susan Simpson reported; that as of January 31, 2024, our overall financial assets are \$225,163.54 in our accounts. Our checking account balance is \$104,241.35. Endowment Fund balance is \$75,192.27, Building Maintenance Fund is \$32,204.89 and Memorial Building Fund is \$13,525.03. In January we had income of \$6,453.44 and expenses of \$5,482 for a net gain of \$971.44. The final numbers show that Gala netted \$4,897.96 and the Card party netted \$1,369. The Antique Sale has only shown revenues so far and no expenses, so she will have a report on that for the membership next month.

**District Report**: District Representative Eleantor Rojas reported that at the last month's meeting representatives reported on their fundraisers and projects. All of the different clubs have ambitious, hardworking women just like us, but some are much smaller and in rural areas, so they do different things. Eleanor shared some examples of other club fundraisers such as Christmas tree sale, apple pie sales, and food booths at local events. Some of the smaller clubs in rural communities focus more on service events like annual police and fire department dinners. Kim shared that as Vice President she had to prepare a statistics report to submit to the Federation and last year our members contributed 5,600 volunteer hours.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES

**Contributions**: Chair Tracy Jensen reminded members that tomorrow, February 15, is the deadline to send in an application for funding. Applications must be mailed in and postmarked by February 15. We have already received several.

**Website**: Chair Barb Moen reported that we currently have 965 Facebook followers which is up by seven. There are 699 likes (no change), Instagram followers are 371 which is up three. Our member resources section has 75 members which is up one since the last report. She anticipates our social media numbers will go up with the Antique Sale and Fashion Show coming up.

Membership Report: Becky Morlock reported Karen Tozlian brought to her attention that Peggy Abels has



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been a member for 37 years and qualifies for Life Membership. Ann Lusk and Mariann Powell have been members for 20 years. Becky received an application for Peggy Abels requesting to become a Life Member, and her application has been approved. Susan Pappas has been notified so her status can be updated in the handbook.

**Grounds**: Grounds Chair, Dolores O'Neal reported that the tea roses have been pruned and she and her committee will be working on the white roses next week. If you are on the grounds committee, expect a call. We had four podocarpus trees removed on the other side of the kitchen on our side of the fence because their roots could be damaging wiring and plumbing. We are having a challenge working with our neighbor to resolve the issue with her trees.

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEES

**Get Acquainted Coffee**: Marsha was happy to see co-chair Diane Hill back and she will be at the coffee. She shared that the next coffee is scheduled for February 22 from 10 a.m. to noon at the beautiful home of Linda Richburg. Our comittee will be meeting immediatly after the general meeting.

**Valentine's Party**: Kim Gould reminded the members that we will hold a Valentine's Day party tonight, February 14 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the clubhouse. There is no charge and 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. If you don't like drinking out of plastic, bring your own glass. Please don't use glasses from the kitchen.

**Lunch Bunch**: Chair Sue Stephens reported that we are going to Max's on February 28 and you can order off the full menu. We also have brunch scheduled September 15 brunch at Fort Washington. Please sign up with her if you would like to go. We will also be going to Sakura Chaya but we haven't set a date yet for that.

Antique Show Pre-party: Sue Castro shared that there are sign-up sheets on the tables for members to volunteer to bring appetizers and desserts. Tickets will be available at the next board and general meetings. The cost is \$20 per person or \$35 for two.

Antique Show: Kim Gould announced that if you are on the committee, we are having a meeting after the general meeting. Our 49th Antique Show will take place March 15,16, and 17. She is reaching out to Kopi to come tape a Great Day segment like we do in the front of the clubhouse. Patty Cortez and Kim will appear on Hope Rosky's podcast on February 14 on Central Valley Talk. If you have a donation for the antique show see me after the meeting. I can provide you with a tax form for your donations. Our dealers love our event; we are the only antique show between Bakersfield and Sacramento. We feed our them on



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the two set-up days so if you can sign up to bring snacks or lunch items, she has sign-up sheets to indicate what you can bring. The vendors buy lunches from us during the sales days. Patty Cortez pointed out the red envelopes on the lunch tables for cash donations to buy pies to sell at the lunches.

**Fashion Show**: Co-chair Joanne Bazarian encouraged everyone to save May 1st 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the Fashion Show at the Painted Table. The theme is "A Passion for Fashion" and Joanne and Hope asked members to volunteer to be models. We will have men's fashions from Patrick James, along with women's clothing from Macy's, Talbots, Noni's House, and Anthropologie. Co-chair Hope Rosky asked members to help with the silent auction, where we make the most money with this event. They need members to donate and volunteer on silent auction and the dessert committees. They will be selling tickets at the next meeting.

#### **30-SECOND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**Suzanne Swanson** shared that she received a card from Judy Irvine. Judy and honorary member, Jim Irvine, wanted to wish us all a happy Valentine's day. They miss us terribly.

**Mary Vaughan** reminded members that the Marsha and the Nominating committee will be bringing the slate of new officers to the March general meeting. There is still a need for a recording secretary and the slate of officers needs to be presented at the March board meeting on the 4th. Then we will vote at our meeting on March 6th. She thanked the Nominating committee for all their hard work and to all those members who have said "yes."

**Martha Stewart** shared that the books that we were moved out of the Garden Room for Trash to Treasure never made it back so we have no books for our book exchange. So please feel free to donate used books for other members to enjoy.

**Tamara Hargrave** informed the members that we are still collecting eye glasses for the Lion's Club eye institute. They donate them to people in countries who need them.

**Kathleen Lehman** shared that she is a member of the Community Choir of the Valley and they have a concert at the Warnors Theatre on April 14th. Randy Burger will be the organist.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:56 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

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

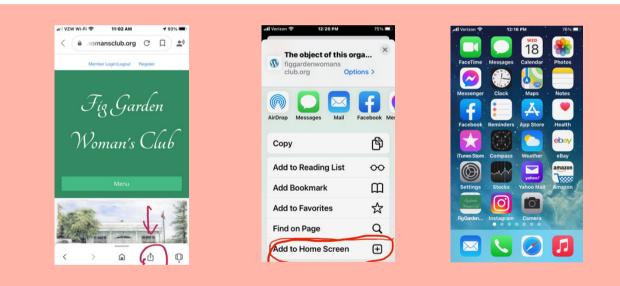
**If you are not registered in the "Member Resources" Section,** please go to <u>figgardenwomansclub.org</u>. You will see "Register" in the top right hand corner. Click on it and complete the form. The section contains our handbook, new members, the Fig Leaf, and our current calendar.

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.

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Happy Spring! Barb

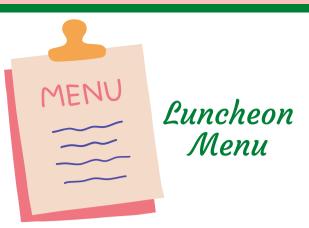


## Life Member!

Congratulations to Peggy Abels on attaining Life Member status.

Peggy joined our club in 1986 and has served us faithfully for 37 years.

Thank you, Peggy, for your committment to our club.



March 6 Corned beef and cabbage, ciabatta rolls, dessert

## April 10

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

### **May 8** Chinese chicken salad, ciabatta roll, dessert

## March 2024 Amenities Report for February 2024 Activities Chairs: Kim Garcia & Karen Tozlian

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## **Birthday Cards:**

Maureen Boyle, Mary Nieson, Alexandra Franco, Judy Osterloh, Carrol McCrumb, Janet Hill, Jean Hull, Carol Lambourne, Paula Takeda, Lynn Baldwin, LaTricia Adkins, Kathryn Brown, Susan Simpson, Suzanne Swanson, Jacqueline Shore

4 Get Well cards 4 Thinking of You cards 7 telephone calls

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

## HAPPY **BIRTHDAY**

to our members born in March!

- **1 Blake Casares 3 Charlotte Hirasuna 3** Trisha Monahan Dutra **3 Ellen Knapp 5 Cyndi Vanderhorst** 7 Stephanie Capelli Veneski **8** Nancee Smith 8 Linda Gandolfo **10 Pat Hunter 11 Tracy Jolly** 13 Linda Lucido
- 18 Mary Ann Hendrickson
- 20 Kathy Olson **21** Debbie Reuland **24 Carolyn Garrett** 24 Valerie LeMay **24 Stacy Pacheco 25 Barbara Wiedel 25 Shirley Zavar 28 Cindy Berends 31 Judith Boro**