

APRIL 2024

THE FIG LEAF

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



Important Dates & Events

General Lunch Meeting - April 10, 11:30 a.m.

Cinema Group - April 12, 10 a.m.

Knitting & Needles - April 15, 10 a.m.

Book Talk - April 18, 10 a.m.

Art & Flower Show - April 24, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Fashion Show - May 1, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

May Board Meeting - May 6, 9:30 a.m.

May General Lunch Meeting - May 8, 11:30 a.m.

Dues - Delinquent if not paid by May 31

Joint Board Meeting - June 3, 9:30 a.m.



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 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,

We had another successful March with our annual Antique Show & Sale. The fun began on Thursday evening with our preview party hosted by **Sue Castro** and **Tracy Pacheco**. Thank you to all who donated food and wine to this ever-popular event. **Patty Cortez** and **Kim Gould** were our fearless Antique Show chair people and had every booth filled with happy dealers. The members' table was full of donated items and was a huge success. Our **Allison** and **Lynn** Lunch Café was again a highlight for everyone. The homemade lunches were delicious! Thank you to all of the chair people and committee members who worked so hard to make it a wonderful weekend.

Our garden flowers are starting to bloom just in time for our beautiful Art & Flower Show: *The Magic of Nature*. This is a wonderful way to say "thank you" to our community and enjoy the beautiful art, designer tables, and flowers from our members' gardens. Our chair people, **Tracy Jensen**, **Dena Reynolds**, **Leesa Kazarian**, **Kim Gould** and their committee have worked hard to bring this FGWC tradition to fruition. Please stop by on April 24th from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. for a spot of tea and browse the beauty of the season.

Our general luncheon on April 10th will be a very special time to say thank you to our past FGWC presidents. This annual luncheon highlights the success of our past presidents and gives us an opportunity to give our appreciation for the time and talent that these incredible women have given to our club.

Looking forward to seeing you in April!

Teresa



*The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size,
but by the depth of the commitment to make a
difference in the lives of others.*





Fig Garden Woman's Club Board Meeting Minutes March 4, 2024

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by President Teresa Kirkorian.

Vice President's Report: Vice President Kim Gould gave a big shout out to Patty Cortez and Marla Speechly for the beautiful set up at today's meeting. They used our nice Fig Garden Woman's Club coffee service and provided a wonderful spread. Kim also reported that we have all new coffee pots in the coffee room.

Second Vice President: Second Vice President Desiree Ward reported that our speaker at the March General Meeting will be Dr. Saam Noonsuk the cultural advisor the the Chaffee Zoo's new Kingdoms of Asia exhibit.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Susan Simpson reported; that as of February 29, 2024, our overall financial assets are \$212,594.80 in our accounts. Our checking account balance is \$91,113.16. Endowment Fund balance is \$76,497.18, Building Maintenance Fund is \$31,447.96 and Memorial Building Fund is \$13,536.50. In February we had income of \$5,034.50 and expenses of \$22,860.16. We had net income of \$5,047.96 from Gala, \$1,369 from the Card Party, \$2,870.54 from the Antique Show, \$950 from the Antique Show Pre-Party, and \$280 so far for the Fashion Show. Susan was thrilled to share that after months of paperwork and coordination, our club received our raffle permit from the Department of Justice. Going forward, we are required to keep our raffle income separate from all other income and must report on our raffle income to the DOJ and show how much of that income goes to charities. Teresa thanked Susan for her professionalism and hard work.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Corresponding Secretary Liz Conner reported that no correspondence was sent, we received 11 donation requests from: Hope Now, Penny Pines, Friends of the Dance Child, Valley Center for the Blind, Fresno Philharmonic, Portraits of Hope Ministry, Ebony Monique Easter, Central Valley Scouting, Friends of Camp El-O-Win, Sierra Meadows Foundation and the Fresno Art Museum. We received no invitation, year-end reports, or magazines.

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 February board meeting were published in the March Fig Leaf and asked if there were any additions, corrections or deletions. Susan Simpson noted that transition from laptop accounting software to online was done by Annie Anderson. Suzanne asked if there were any other edits. Barb Moen moved that the minutes be approved as corrected and Barb Marsha Wagner seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as corrected.

President's Report: Teresa reported that she has been trying to work with our neighbor about the tree issue, but she has not been cooperative, so we are seeking legal action. The trees must be removed; they

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are really close to our plumbing and will cause damage to our clubhouse if not removed. Teresa has been advised by our attorney to have no further contact with our neighbor and she asked the members not to either; the attorneys will work it out. She scheduled a plumber to come fix the sand trap filter for the dishwasher and snake the lines before the Antique Sale. One of our refrigerators went out, so we bought a new one to replace it. We are putting outside rentals of the clubhouse on hold for now until we review the wear and tear these events have on our clubhouse. She thanked Susan for all her work on this. She asked Dolores O'Neal to stand and be recognized for all her hard work in making our clubhouse grounds look so beautiful. Dolores is a master gardener and puts in many hours here working on the roses and landscaping. Teresa shared that she is happy to have Annie back and glad her son is on the mend.

Fashion Show: Hope had to leave early so she reported early in the agenda. She read the letter that she and her committee are sending to secure auction items for the Fashion Show. She thanked Desiree Ward for her help securing items. Two of our new members stepped up and are helping coordinate the auction. We are selling tickets at the meeting today and Wednesday- see Ellie if you would like to buy them today; they are \$60 each and our max capacity is 250 seats.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Contributions: Tracy Jensen reported that we have received 15 applications for club contributions. Her committee will meet next Monday to review them. She will report on the recipients at the April meeting. She suggested that we reserve some time at a future meeting where the recipients come and share what they do and how they will use the funds.

Website: Chair Barb Moen reported that we currently have 969 Facebook followers which is up by four. There are 701 likes, up by two, Instagram followers are 378 which is up seven. Our member resources section has 76 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. She added that anybody on the executive board should register to be on the Member Resources section.

Nominations: Marsha Wagner thanked her nominating committee for their work on developing a slate. Teresa read the slate of officers for the 2024-2025 year. President: Kim Gould; First Vice President: Debbie Reuland; Second Vice President: Suzanne Crosina-Sahm; Third Vice President: Becky Morlock; Recording Secretary: Charlotte Singer; Corresponding Secretary: Joyce Gaskin; Treasurer: Susan Simpson; Assistant Treasurer: Linda Boyajian. Teresa asked if there were any nominations from the floor for each of the positions. There were none. She called for a vote to approve the slate. Irene Weigand moved that the slate be approved; Juliette Hammel seconded the motion. The membership unanimously approved. The officers will be presented to the full membership at the April meeting and will be installed in May.

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SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Antique Show: Patty reported that the Fashion Show committee is ready to go. They have passed out 8,000 flyers. Buster Hewletts will be our auctioneer on Sunday to auction off the items leftover from our club table and the flower arrangements. Kim Gould asked members to 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 asking members to sign-up to bring appetizers and desserts. You may buy your tickets today or at the luncheon; they cost is \$20 per person or \$35 for two. She is still looking for a donation of white wine. Kim reported that CV Lux will be sending a photographer to the party.

Get Acquainted Coffee: Marsha shared that the coffee held at the home of Linda Richburg was lovely. She was a wonderful hostess and everyone who attended had a great time. Diane Hill said that she thinks we had the best turnout ever for this coffee.

NEW BUSINESS:

30 Second Announcements:

Delores O'Neal wanted to thank Marsha Wagner and Barb Moen on all the research and work they did for the nominating task. Some of the positions were very difficult to fill and they did a great job.

Art & Flower Show: Kim Gould said that the Art & Flower show is April 24th at the clubhouse and it is going to be fabulous.

Antique Sale: Barb asked about what we will be doing with leftover items from our club table at the Antique Sale. Kim said that they are considering auctioning off items leftover items during the flower auction. It will help with cleanup. Barb asked for volunteers to help with clean up after the Antique Sale; clean up should be pretty easy. We will have security service again this year. Patty Cortez mentioned that we will need big trash containers for the vendor trash.

Dolores apologized for the rose clippings have not been picked up by the gardener. Teresa said that they probably didn't come due to the rain.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Suzanne Crosina-Sahm

Recording Secretary

FIG GARDEN WOMAN'S CLUB




Fig Garden Woman's Club
welcomes you to our annual

The Magic of Nature

ART & FLOWER SHOW

Wednesday, April 24

11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m

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

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



Fig Garden Woman's Club General Meeting Minutes March 6, 2024

Welcome: Vice President Kim Gould welcomed everyone to the March luncheon. Kim thanked Valerie LeMay and Lisa Farnesi and their committee, Irene Wiegand and Libby Borchardt, for the beautiful tables and coordinating our luncheon, and thanked Pardini's for the tasty lunch.

President Teresa Kirkorian shared that the Valentine's Day party was a lot of fun and everyone had a great time. She told the members that they can purchase the bouquets on your table for \$5, but please leave the vase. Lisa will collect your money.

Collect, Pledge of Allegiance, and Song: Kathleen Lehman shared that Martha Stewart isn't here today because she is ill, so please keep her in your thoughts. Kathleen led us in reciting the Club Collect and Pledge of Allegiance, then led the members in singing *America*. She then shared an Irish inspiration in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

Introductions: Kim Gould introduced her guest, Natalie Nutall, who was a member but is taking a break. Lilian Macias Weiland introduced her daughter, Julia who is a medical student at UC San Diego getting married in seven weeks. Donna Strickler introduced Nancy Koratoff who generously donated to Trash to Treasure. Suzanne Swanson introduced her youngest daughter, Teresa, who moved to Madera from Santa Clarita to be closer to help out.

President's Announcements: Teresa reported that we purchased a new refrigerator for the kitchen in time for the Antiques Sale and the plumbing is working in the bathrooms. She thanked treasurer Susan Simpson for working year 'round and presented her with a bouquet of flowers. She also thanked Dolores O'Neal, master gardener, who takes care of our gardens to make everything beautiful and green.

Nominating: Teresa thanked the Nominating committee for all their efforts and read the slate of executive officers for the 2024-2025 year that have been approved by the board. President: Kim Gould; First Vice President: Debbie Reuland; Second Vice President: Suzanne Crosina-Sahm; Third Vice President: Becky Morlock; Recording Secretary: Charlotte Singer; Corresponding Secretary: Joyce Gaskin; Treasurer: Susan Simpson; Assistant Treasurer: Linda Boyajian. Teresa asked if there was a motion to approve the slate. Diane Hill moved that the slate be approved; Dolores O'Neal seconded the motion. The membership unanimously approved the slate of officers.

Program: Desiree Ward introduced our speaker, Dr. Saam Noonsuk, an associate professor at Fresno State, Vice President of the Fresno County Archeological Society, and the cultural advisor the the Fresno Chaffee Zoo's new Kingdoms of Asia exhibit. Dr. Noonsuk shared that we have a large Southeast Asian community in Fresno and the new exhibit is a great source of pride for them as he and the zoo took great care to properly integrate their culture and the natural features of the exhibit. The exhibit was inspired by the

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12 Century Ta Prohm Temple and the Angkor Civilization and carries over many of the important symbols of their culture. Desiree thanked the program committee --Suzanne Crosina-Sahm and Charlotte Hirasuna for their work on this year's program, and Annie Anderson for all her technical support behind the scenes, and presented each with a shamrock plant.

Call to Order: Teresa called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Susan Simpson reported; that as of February 29, 2024, our overall financial assets are \$212,594.80 in our accounts. Our checking account balance is \$91,113.16. Endowment Fund balance is \$76,497.18, Building Maintenance Fund is \$31,447.96 and Memorial Building Fund is \$13,536.50. In February we had income of \$5,034.50 and expenses of \$22,860.16. We had net income of \$5,047.96 from Gala, \$1,369 from the Card Party, \$2,870.54 from the Antique Show, \$950 from the Antique Show Pre-Party, and \$280 so far for the Fashion Show. Susan shared that as of Monday we received our raffle permit, so we are now legal to hold raffles. We are required to keep our raffle income separate from all other income so we can report on it, but we can go ahead and start holding raffles.

Membership Report: Becky Morlock said that she will be calling a meeting for the membership committee so we can contact the people they sponsored to get more information to them.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Contributions: Chair Tracy Jensen reported that her committee received 15 applications for consideration and they will be meeting on Monday to decide on the recipients. She suggested that at a future meeting, we introduce our recipients so we can learn who they are and what they do.

Website: Web Administrator Barb Moen reported that we currently have 969 Facebook followers which is up by four. There are 701 likes, up by two, Instagram followers are 378 which is up seven. Our member resources section has 76 members which is up one.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Antique Show: Patty reported that the committee will be meeting after the lunch meeting. There are blue



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envelopes on the tables for pie money donations. Please contribute so we can purchase pies to sell slices at the Antique Sale lunches. Kim reported that thanks to member Stephanie Mullins and owner of Scepter and Sash, CV Lux will send a photographer to the pre-party so you might be in their next publication. Also, she asked members to sign up to bring snacks, lunch items, and work shifts. She thanked Jacquie Shore for coordinating the member sales table. We will be accepting donations of antiques and collectibles for our table on Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sue Stephens has been working with florists for donations that we auction off on Sunday. If you have any connections, please let Sue know. Vanda McArthur donated a belt buckle for our auctioneer, Buster Hewletts, to gift to him for helping us out. We will be offering classes on Friday and Saturday.

Antique Show Pre-party: Sue Castro reported that the pre-party is Thursday, March 14 from 6-8 p.m. Tickets are for sale -- \$20 per person or \$35 for two. You get to preview the items before the public and enjoy wine and munchies. She had sign up sheet to bring appetizers.

Art & Flower Show: Chair Tracy Jensen reported that the Art & Flower Show is April 24 and the theme is The Magic of Nature. She is holding a meeting at the end of March. We will be accepting from our membership fine arts including paintings, drawings, and photography. She shared a little history behind the Art & Flower show which harkens back to a time when members had flower cutting gardens. They would create beautiful arrangements from their flower cuttings and decided to share them at the clubhouse to showcase their talents and as gift to the community. We are happy to uphold this long-standing and elegant tradition.

Fashion Show: Co-chair Hope Rosky thanked the members who have already purchased their tickets for A Passion for Fashion. It is Wednesday, May 1st. Doors open at 11 a.m. for the silent auction, We have 31 tables to fill and we are well on our way. If you have a group that would like to sit together, please put that together and let her know. We will be featuring Macy's, Talbots, Nonni's House, and Anthropology. Men will be modeling fashions from Patrick James. Co-chair Joanne Bazarian pointed out the sign-up sheets on the tables for the dessert auction. Linda Boyajian is handling the dessert auction. Catherine Christensen asked the membership to help secure items for the silent auction. The committee is looking for items valued at \$100 or more. She asked that people call her before asking a merchant so we aren't hitting them up multiple times. Would like all items before April 10.

Get Acquainted Coffee: Co-chair Diane Hill thanked Linda Richburg for hosting the very successful coffee. It was a wonderful morning. She thanked everyone who attended.

30-SECOND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Libby share that next month's meeting will be a rodeo theme. Dress in your boots and western attire.

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

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. Bring your friends.

Kim Gould thanked everyone who has donated for the Antique Show. Please come and have lunch. It's a lot of fun.

Joyce Gaskins said there would be a short meeting after the lunch meeting for the Antique Sale hostesses.

Stacy Pacheco reminded the pre-party committee that there is a short meeting after the lunch meeting.

Desiree Ward shared that Dr. Noonsuk invited our members to the zoo for a private tour that he will lead in the Kingdoms of Asia exhibit. Desiree will schedule a date and will coordinate the tour.

Susan Simpson reminded members that she is accepting dues now and they are delinquent after May 31. They are \$250 and she will take cash, checks, or cards.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

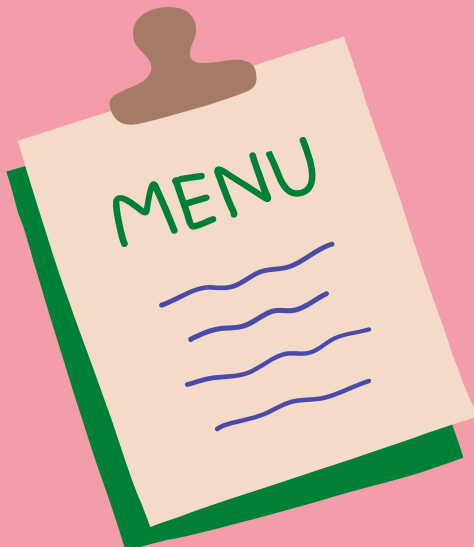
Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Crosina-Sahm

Recording Secretary

FIG GARDEN WOMAN'S CLUB

Luncheon Menu



April 10

Chicken picatta, scalloped potatoes, seasonal vegetables, ciabatta rolls, chef's choice dessert

May 8

Chinese chicken salad, ciabatta roll, chef's choice dessert



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

A PASSION FOR FASHION

***Please help us make our silent auction
a success by donating desserts and auction items***

Auction item suggestions:

Gift cards and merchandise from

In N' Out Burger, Lulu Lemon,
or Williams Sonoma

Champagne or prosecco

Concert tickets, kid's baskets, bath and body -
manicures/pedicures, soaps, candles



Please contact
Catherine Christensen
(559) 259-9729

by April 10
if you plan to donate
an auction item

Please contact
Linda Boyajian
(559) 259-9729

to donate a dessert item
and deliver it to the clubhouse on
Tuesday, April 30th between noon-4 p.m.

Membership Dues

Susan Simpson, 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) 903-8002.

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

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

Thank you for your prompt payments!

Susan



Fashion Show

Hope Rosky, Co-chair

Please bring your check, cash or credit card to the meeting, and let us know who you would like to sit with as there are eight to a table. We sell out at 240 and we are half way there. We have to have our numbers in by April 12th.

Fashion Vendors: Anthropologie, Talbots, Nonni's Boutique, and Patrick James.

We still need silent auction items. Please reach out to businesses as we need more! Let Catherine Christensen know if you need the forms to provide to the business. If you would like to make a dessert or donate to the dessert fund, please contact Jeanette Tate or Linda Boyajian.

We will be selling raffle tickets so please bring money to the show. More than anything, bring your smile and upbeat personality and let's get ready to have some Passion for Fashion.

Painted Table (The former Tornino's) 4080 N Blackstone Ave (Directly behind Chesterfield's)
Door Open at 11:00 a.m.

We look forward to seeing you there,
Hope



Everyone Loves Flowers!

At the April 10th general meeting, the Fashion Show committee will be pre-selling the floral centerpieces that will be gracing our tables at the Fashion Show. The pre-sale price is \$35, and they will be \$40 the day of the Fashion Show. We will have a sample of these stunning centerpieces created by Gentile's Flower Basket at the lunch meeting

We have about 30 centerpieces to sell.

Thank you -- Look forward to seeing everyone there!

Thank you,
Tricia Monahan
559.281.165



Cinema Group

Becky Morlock, chair

Film Discussion: Friday, April 12 at 10 a.m. at the clubhouse

Film: *20 Feet From Stardom*

Year: 2013 - Academy Award for Best Documentary

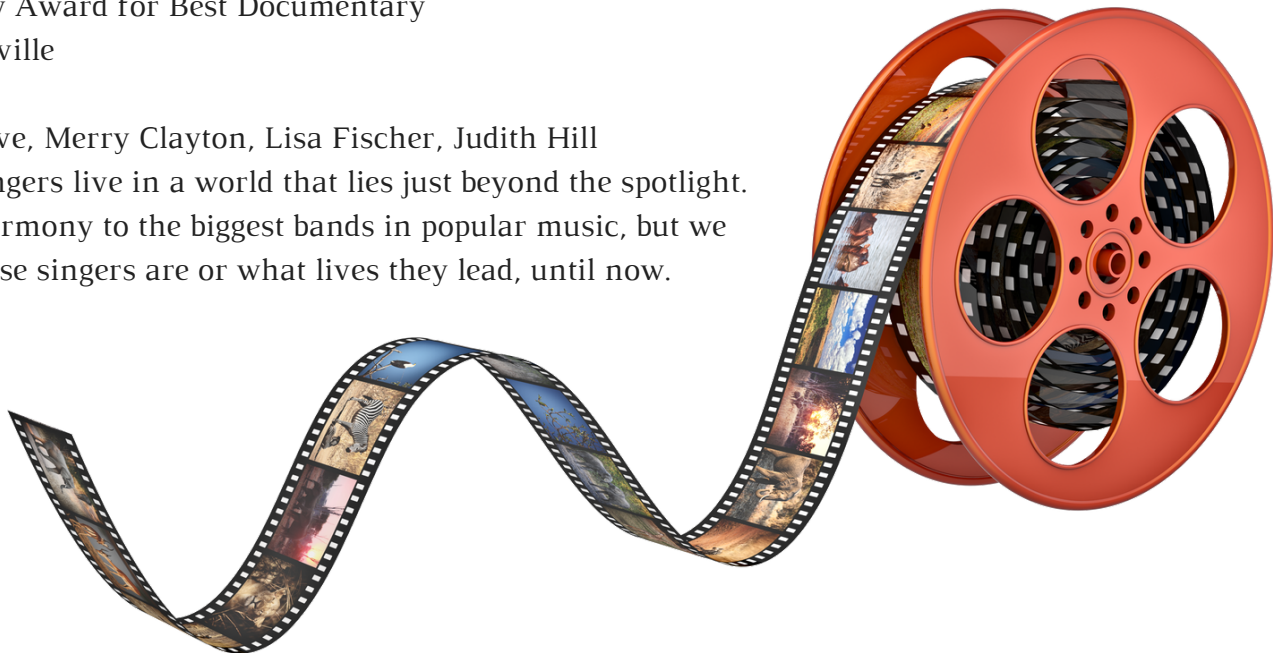
Director: Morgan Neville

Genre: Documentary

Starring: Darlene Love, Merry Clayton, Lisa Fischer, Judith Hill

Synopsis: Backup singers live in a world that lies just beyond the spotlight. Their voices bring harmony to the biggest bands in popular music, but we have no idea who these singers are or what lives they lead, until now.

Hope to see you,
Becky Cinema





Our Club Website at Your Fingertips

Barb Moen, Website and Social Media Chair

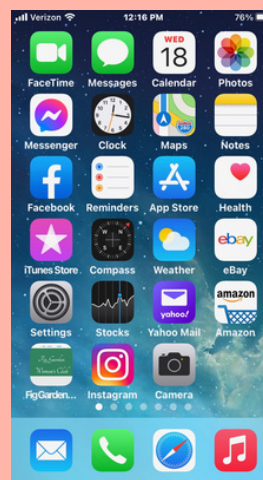
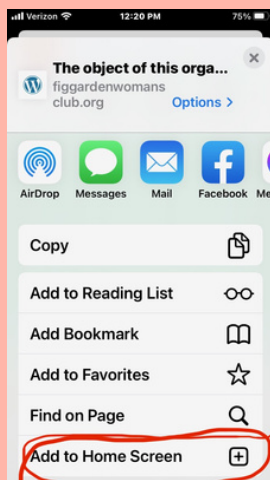
If you are not registered in the “Member Resources” Section, please go to figgardenwomansclub.org. You will see “Register” in the top right hand corner. Click on it and complete the form. The section contains our handbook, new members, the Fig Leaf, and our current calendar.

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.



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 Spring!
Barb



Annual Survey



Hello Ladies,

It's time for us to start the annual survey; we are excited to do this for a second year, but this year is a bit different. On the first page of the survey, please only check the boxes for the committees that you're interested in participating in. Participation includes attending meetings and making decisions that will help shape the direction of those committees.

If you'd like more information about the committees, the second page of the survey is where you can ask for MORE INFO PLEASE! This year we omitted the Technology Survey.

I will be available at most meetings, computer in hand, to help assist those that need a bit of extra help, or may need computer access.

By doing this survey online, you're helping the volunteers shave off HOURS that it once took to collect and sort the data.

Please press [THIS LINK](#) to be taken to the online survey.

Thank you,
Annie Anderson



April 2024 Amenities Report for March 2024 Activities

Chairs: Kim Garcia & Karen Tozlian

Birthday cards: Blake Casares, Charlottee Hirasuna, Tricia Monahan Dutra, Ellen Knapp, Cyndi Vanderhorst, Stephanie Veneski, Linda Gandolfo, Nancee Smith, Pat Hunter, Tracy Jolly, Linda Lucido, Debbie Reuland, Carolyn Garrett, Valerie LeMay, Stacy Pacheco, Barbara Wiedel, Shirley Zaver

Sympathy cards: 2

Thinking of you cards: 3

Phone calls: 5

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

Grateful Grant Recipient



Blue Star Moms
Central Valley, CA

March 8, 2024

Fig Garden Woman's Club
P O Box 5012
Fresno CA 93755

Ref: Donation Grant Report

To Whom It May Concern;

Central Valley Blue Star Moms (CVBSM) was very thankful to have received a grant from Fig Garden Women's Club (FGWC). The funds were earmarked to be used for the 2023 Remember the Troops Packaging Drive. It was requested by FGWC that the grant of \$1,500.00 be used specifically for postage. The \$1,500.00 was held in reserve until December 2023. The \$1,500.00 enabled CVBSM to pay for 76 APO/FPO packages for military personnel serving overseas.

The 2023 Remember the Troops Packaging Drive, CVBSM sent a total of 513 packages to overseas and stateside locations. And additional 96 packages were sent from January to February 29, 2024. CVBSM spent \$4,538.96 on postage for the Remember the Troops Packaging Drive. For this fiscal year to date (9/1/23 to 8/31/24), CVBSM has spent \$6,725.43 on postage and \$8,592.60 on supplies to fill the boxes.

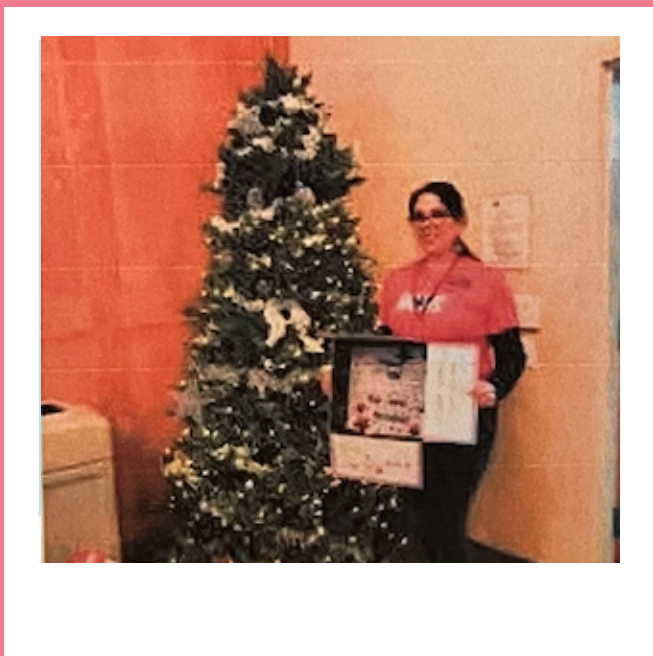
Pictures from the 2023 Remember the Troops Packaging Drive are located on pages 2 - 4 of this letter. Thank you again for your generous donation that helps CVBSM bring some holiday cheer to service members who were not home for the Holidays. If you require additional information, please contact me at treasurer.ca10@bluestarmothers.us or at 559-760-0675.

With heartfelt thanks,

Central Valley Blue Star Moms

Gen Schindler, Treasurer

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*to our members
born in* **April!**



3 Riley Gould
4 Becky Morlock
7 Marla Speechly
7 Teri Sager
8 Lisa Woolf

10 Pamela Alexander
14 Suzanne Crosina-Sahm
18 Anna Maria DiCicco
19 Denise Price
28 Lisa Jelinek

