

MAY 2024

# THE FIG LEAF

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



## Important Dates & Events

- May Board Meeting - May 6, 9:30 a.m.
- General Lunch Meeting - May 8, 11:30 a.m.
- Cinema Group - May 10, 10 a.m.
- Book Talk - May 16, 10 a.m.
- Knitting & Needles - May 20, 10 a.m.
- Marathon Bridge Luncheon - May 21, 11 a.m.
- Dues - *Delinquent if not paid by May 31*
- Joint Board Meeting - June 3, 9:30 a.m.
- Cinema Group - June 14, 10 a.m.
- Knitting & Needles - June 17, 10 a.m.
- Book Talk - June 20, 10 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,

April showers bring May flowers... and April flowers!

April was another beautiful and busy month. Our Art and Flower Show “*The Magic of Nature*” was a sight to behold! The club was filled with gorgeous designed tables, fresh flowers and plants, and artwork from our many talented members. We were also treated to gentle and melodious harp music and delicious tea served by our past presidents. Our chairwomen, **Tracy Jensen, Kim Gould, Leesa Kazarian** and **Dena Reynolds** spent many hours organizing, implementing, and executing a flower show for the ages! Thank you to all who participated and showcased your amazing talent.



Our April meeting was dedicated to past FGWC Presidents. **Kim Gould** presented each with a President's Pin from the federation and the past presidents shared wonderful stories and highlights of their time in office. Past presidents in attendance were: **Linda Lucido, Midge Barrett, Martha Stewart, Margaret Nordstrom, Carol McCrumb, Ellie Craig, Monica Balch, Suzanne Swanson, Maureen Boyle, Janelle Dunn, Irene Wiegand** and **Marsha Wagner**. We truly appreciate the wisdom and commitment these lovely women have brought to our club.

May will be filled with fun and activity. Our fashion show “*A Passion for Fashion*” is on May 1st and the co-chairs, **Hope Rosky** and **Joanne Bazarian** have put countless hours into this fun production. We always look forward to our fashion show and sell out every year!

We will be inducting our new Board members during our May luncheon meeting so please plan to attend and congratulate our new Executive Board.

Sincerely,  
Teresa

*“Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.”*

*-Marcel Proust*





## **Fig Garden Woman's Club Board Meeting Minutes April 1, 2024**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by President Teresa Kirkorian and she pointed out that the sign-in sheet is on the front table.

**Vice President's Report:** Vice President Kim Gould welcomed the board members and thanked Liz Conner for the fabulous refreshments .

**Second Vice President:** Second Vice President Desiree Ward had no business to report but shared that we are in good hands with Suzanne Crosina-Sahm taking over next year and Annie Anderson handling tech support. Desiree shared that we had a great turnout for the private tour of the Kingdoms of Asia and it was wonderful. Teresa thanked her for a great program this year.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Susan Simpson reported; that as of March 30, 2024, our overall financial assets are \$223,906.99 in our accounts. Our checking account balance is \$99,345.49. Endowment Fund balance is \$78,567.40, Building Maintenance Fund is \$32,446.87 and Memorial Building Fund is \$13547.23. In March we had income of \$22,074.35 and expenses of \$10,180.34, for a net of \$11,894.01. She does not have numbers for the Pre-party; they can share that in their report. Her numbers for the Antique show will change because she still has income and expenses coming in, but as of Saturday we have a net of over \$15,000 which is greater than the previous year. For the Fashion Show so far we have an income of \$2,740.00

**Approval of the Minutes:** We will vote for the approval of the minutes at the next meeting since our newsletter publishes on the 5th.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Corresponding Secretary Liz Conner reported we sent two thank you notes, one to an anonymous donor who gave us \$2,000 and the other to Helen and Stephen Morrison for a \$175 donation (they were going to be vendors at the Antique Show, but couldn't come and let us keep their booth fee) . We received three donation requests: Hope Now, Salvation Army, and Valley Center for the Blind. We received three newsletters, a thank you note from the Blue Star Moms, and a donation for the Fashion Show from China Peak for a ski package valued at \$300.

**President's Report:** Teresa welcomed everyone back and hope they had a nice Easter. She thanked the Antique Show committee and hoped they will all be at the General meeting so they can be recognized.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Contributions:** Tracy Jensen put forward a motion to increase the contributions budget by \$3,000 for a total of \$21,000 for the 2023-2024 year. This request does not require a permanent increase.

We have five organizations we would like to fund: Fresno Philharmonic - \$1,000 for recorders to be

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distributed to schoolchildren, Fresno Mission - \$5,000 for 40 beds for Rescue the Children; Friends of Camp El-O-Win - \$5,000 for to subsidize 2- to 26 campers, Heart of the Horse - \$5,000 for therapy for children, adults and veterans with physical and emotional challenges. Fresno Art Museum - \$5,000 to fund one of their exhibitions. We will be given full credit as the underwriter of the exhibition.

Vonda accepted the motion. Hope Rosky seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Website:** Chair Barb Moen reported that we currently have 979 Facebook followers which is up by ten. There are 708 likes, up by seven, Instagram followers are 384 which is up by six. Our member resources section has 77 members which is up one since the last report.

**Club House Usage:** Debbie Reuland reported that we are putting a freeze on renting the clubhouse, but she already had a contract out for a memorial service on April 13th.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

**Club Survey:** Annie Anderson brought two computers to the club to help members fill out the survey if they need assistance. The survey looks very similar to last year's and is designed to help you share which committee you would like to serve on next year. You can also ask for more information about a committee. She will send a link in the Fig Leaf and in an Eblast. It will only take about five minutes of your time. Teresa said this survey really helps the incoming president place members on committees.

**Art & Flower Show:** Tracy Jensen said that the Art & Flower show is April 24th at the clubhouse and the theme is "The Magic of Nature." There are sign up sheets on the back table to bring foods, volunteer, bring art, clean up, etc. We need your help plating food, making tea, etc. We are thrilled to announce that we will be bringing a harpist for three hours to play during the show. Tracy provided a little history of the Art & Flower Show. We will be accepting paintings and fine art to display and her committee will be vetting art the Monday and Tuesday before the show from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This event is by invitation only, but we will be extending an invitation to smaller nursing homes, veteran's homes, and senior homes. You may invite your friends and family, but it is not open to the public because we are limited in food and seating. We do not promote this on social media. Barb Moen will review how the event is described on the website and will reword accordingly. Kim Gould needs one more decorator for one of the designer tables (that are for display only). Please bring flowers pre-arranged. If you are a past president, please see Kim to sign up to pour tea. Pouring tea is considered an honor. Tracy Jensen put forth a motion to increase that Art & Flower Show budget be increased \$150 to \$500 for the 2023-2024 year due to inflationary issues from food cost, to printing, and entertainment. Last year the budget for the event was \$400. Susan explained how the budget process works, and why it is important that each committee member submits a report showing actual income and expenses of the event or project so the club can budget accordingly. If you decide to absorb expenses, please share that in your report because the next chair might not be able to do so. In-kind contributions should be included in your report.

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Desiree asked what the \$500 will be used for. Tracy has printed \$71 on printing. The harpist has agreed to discount her price to \$250 for three hours (they usually charge \$300 to \$400 per hour). If we are short on flowers, we might need to buy some. She clarified that just because we have a budget of \$500, doesn't mean we need to spend it all, but it would be nice to have a buffer. Susan pointed out that we are in a very robust financial position, but keep in mind that about \$40,000 of our \$80,000 is in investment accounts. Tracy moved to increase this year's budget to \$500 for this year to accommodate the harpist and other expenses. Karen Tozlian approved the motion and Eleanor Rojas seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Antique Show:** Patty Cortez thanked everyone who donated to and worked on the Antique Show. The dealers were very pleased with the food and how our members took care of them. Everything ran very smoothly and the event was a success. This year we passed out 8,000 flyers; her friend donated all the printing of the flyers, and another friend only charged \$85 for the programs. Kim Gould shared that next year will be our 50th Antique Show and we'll be working on getting a lot of coverage. She thanked everyone who worked and for being so professional. We made over \$1,000 at the auction. Susan's son saw some of our signs still up, so he's collecting them for us.

**Preview Party:** Stacy Pacheco reported that the pre party was a great success. Sold 124 tickets and grossed about \$2426 with expenses of only \$271. She estimated that we received about \$931 in-kind donations in drinks and appetizers. Net income for the pre party was \$2,155.

**Fashion Show:** Hope Rosky shared that we are selling tickets today; they are \$60. We have 128 reservations so far and we need to double that, so spread the word. We still need silent auction items. Working with the Painted Table to lower some of their costs, for example, their corkage fee was \$15 per bottle was dropped to \$5 for wine, and comping the corkage for champagne. Hope and Joanne decided to not work with Macy's this year due to the cumbersome process of checking out clothing. The Fashion Show will feature Nonno's House, Anthropologie, Talbots, and Patrick James Catherine Christianson has been working really hard on the silent auction and she is passing a sign up sheet for desserts for the dessert auction. The committee will also be pre-selling the centerpieces being created by Gentile's Flower Basket. They will provide a sample for the lunch meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**30 Second Announcements:**

Joanne Bazarian shared that she and Libby are co-chairs of the April luncheon and it will be rodeo-themed, so be sure to be in your best western wear. We will be honoring our past presidents at the meeting.

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Suzanne reminded everyone to send her information for the newsletter.

Kim Gould thanked Susan Simpson for all her work on the Antique Show.

Eleanor Rojas shared that the District is having it's state annual conference May 16-18 in San Jose.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

***Suzanne Crosina-Sahm***

Recording Secretary

**FIG GARDEN WOMAN'S CLUB**

## 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 -

Susan





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

**Welcome:** President Teresa welcomed everyone at 11:40. Kim Gould thanked lunch chairs Libby Borchardt and Joanne Bazarian and their committee for the wonderful western themed centerpieces. Teresa Kirkorian thanked the general lunch chairs and their committee for the darling centerpieces available for the membership to purchase.

**Collect, Pledge of Allegiance, Song, and Inspiration:** Martha Stewart led us in the Collect, Pledge of Allegiance, and *It's a Grand Old Flag*. Kathleen Lehman told a wonderfully inspirational story titled "*This is For You*" she said we all have inside us what we need to get through a tough season of winter, and spring and its beautiful blooms are right around the corner.

**Membership Report:** Becky Morlock announced that Mariann Powell has been a 30+ year member and she has donated her dues to the club.

**President Announcements:** Teresa recognized Antique Show chairs Kim Gould, Patty Cortez, Pre-Party chairs Sue Castro, Stacy Pacheco, Kitchen and Food chairs Lynn Baldwin, Allison Alexander, Treasurer Susan Simpson, Riley Gould, and Sue Stephens. She read letters from two Antique Show dealers: Joe Pope and April Wertz. They thanked the Fig Garden Woman's Club for putting on such a well-organized, wonderful show, and for taking good care of them. They loved the variety of beautiful items, gorgeous flower arrangements, the delicious snacks, incredible homemade lunches, and how the members really took care of them. They each gave a shoutout to Kim and Patty for their many long hours organizing such an amazing event. They look forward to the 2025 show. Teresa ended by thanking Susan Simpson for handling all the money throughout the show and Sue Stephens for getting all the flowers for the lovely flower arrangements. Teresa ended her report by thanking all the volunteers who helped to make it a successful event.

**Fashion Show:** Co-chair Hope Rosky reported that the Fashion Show is on May 1 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Painted Table. Tickets are still available for \$60.00. Hope said there will be champagne and appetizers, lunch, a silent auction, and a fashion show. Co-chair Joanne Bazarian reported that centerpieces will be sold at the Fashion Show for \$40, but members can pre-purchase them after the meeting today for \$35.00.

**Program: Recognition of Past Presidents:** Kim Gould started the program with a presentation of a Presidents pin from the Federation. She thanked each one of the past presidents for their hard work and the difference each one of them made during their term. Kim gave each of the past presidents a keychain which said "Thank you, may you be proud of the work you do, the person you are, and the difference you make." Kim introduced each of the presidents and what their motto was and a little about their term. Past presidents recognized were: Linda Lucido:2004-2005, Midge Barrett: 2008-2009, Martha Stewart: 2010-2011, Martha Stewart and Margaret Thompson: 2011-2012, Carol McCrumb and Ellie Craig: 2012-2013, Monica Balch: 2015-2016, Suzanne Swanson: 2016-2017, Maureen Boyle:2017-2018, Janelle Dunn: 2019-2020,

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Irene Wiegand: 2020-2022, and Marsha Wagner: 2022-2023. Kim ended by thanking them all for their years of service and the difference they all made to the Woman's Club.

**Call to Order:** Teresa called the meeting to order at 1:10

**Approval of the Minutes:** Libby Borchardt acted as Recording Secretary, as Suzanne Crosina-Sahm was not present. Libby announced that the minutes of the April board minutes be approved as published. Suzanne Swanson seconded the motion, and the minutes of the April board meeting were approved and submitted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Susan Simpson reported that some of the figures have changed since the board meeting report. The report as of March 31, is as followed: checking B of A is \$99,345.99, investment balance is \$223,906.99, income is \$22, 444.35, and expenses are \$228.50. Susan reported that final figures for the Auction pre-party was \$2,115.82 and the Auction Show net was \$15,236.84. Susan reported that both the pre-party and sale had the highest net amounts ever made. She also mentioned that members are to pay their dues of \$250 by the end of May. They can pay by cash, check, or credit card.

## STANDING COMMITTEES

**Contributions Committee:** Chair Tracy Jensen introduced her committee and reported that the committee met three times. They started with 16 applications and chose five recipients. They are: the Fresno Philharmonic (\$1,000) for recorders for children in four counties. Heart of the Horse Therapy Ranch (\$5,000) which serves the mentally and physically disabled, and veterans. The Fresno Art Museum (\$5,000) to sponsor their summer/fall exhibit. Our name will be on the brochure, and we will get credit as sponsors, providing great exposure for us in the community. Friends of Camp El-O-Win (\$5,000) to help send 20-26 girls to camp who otherwise would not be able to go. Rescue the Children (\$5,000) for 40 beds. The total for these wonderful organizations is \$21,000. However, we only have a budget of \$18,000. Tracy made a motion to increase the budget from \$18,000 to \$21,000 for the 2024 year. Tracy reported the board had already approved the \$3,000 increase. Joyce Gaskin made a motion to increase the Contributions budget to \$21,000, from \$18,000. Carol McCrumb seconded. Membership to voted, and the motion passed.

**Website:** Chair Barb Moen shared that in 2016, Suzanne Swanson suggested that we start a Facebook and Instagram page, and in 2018 the new website was designed by Jill Robinson and Barb Moen with assistance from Suzanne Swanson. Barb reported that Facebook likes were 700, up by seven, Facebook Followers 979, up 10, Instagram 384, up six, and the Member Resources on the website 77, up one. Barb did say she would like the followers on Facebook to reach 1,000 by May.

**Club Survey:** Chair Annie Anderson reported that 24 members have filled out their survey. She also said some things have changed to make it easier. The first page is where the members sign up for a

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committee. On the next page, it allows members to click on it if they want more information on any of the committees. The survey is in the Eblast and the Fig Leaf. Annie said that she will help anyone who needs it. Teresa thanked Annie for all her hard work.

**Amenities:** Kim Garcia filled in for Karen Tozlian who was on vacation. She said that the committee sends birthday, sympathy, and get-well cards to members.

**Antique Show Pre-Party:** Teresa asked the committee to provide their reports. Patty Cortez and Kim Gould thanked their committee and the volunteers who helped during the antique show. Kim reported that donations from the members raised \$5,900. Sue Castro and Stacy Pacheco thanked their committee for all their help for the pre-party. They also thanked members who brought food. They sold 100 tickets and made \$2,100.

**Art and Flower Show:** Chair Tracy Jensen asked for art made by members to display at the event. The theme is the Magic of Nature. Tracy gave a little history of the Art and Flower Show. Ninety years ago, it was called Reciprocity Day. It was a thank you tea to give back to the community. The flower show was on another day. There were judges, prizes, and ribbons, and the competition became fierce among the members. She said it has changed a lot since those days. Tracy also mentioned that there will be a harpist this year, so she requested a motion be made to increase the budget from \$150 to \$500 to cover the cost of the harpist, Ellie Cho. Joyce Gaskin made a motion to increase the budget from \$150 to \$500 for this year's art and flower show and Shirley Zaver seconded it. Teresa asked the membership to vote, and the motion passed. Tracy said that she will be at the Clubhouse on April 23 and 24 from 9-1, and asked volunteers for set up. Kim Gould asked for volunteers to help in the kitchen and to make centerpieces for card tables.

**30-SECOND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Joanne Bazarian said she will be at the club until 1:30 for those who want to buy Fashion Show tickets. Desiree Ward mentioned that there is going to be a Jewelry Trunk Show at the Holiday Boutique on April 19. The jewelry is called Waxing Poetic and it is designed in Santa Barbara and crafted in Bali. There will be a drawing for jewelry for just showing up. Kim Gould said she hoped a lot of the members would come to the Art and Flower Show on Wednesday, April 24 from 11:30-3:30.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:22

Respectfully submitted by Libby Borchardt  
on behalf of

***Suzanne Crosina-Sahm***

Recording Secretary

**FIG GARDEN WOMAN'S CLUB**



## Annual Survey

THANK YOU TO 75 MEMBERS THAT HAVE TAKEN THE TIME TO FILL OUT THIS SURVEY!

It should take you about five minutes or so, and your participation is appreciated! This is your chance to sign up for things that you're interested in. If you don't express your interest, you could be put on committees where need is greatest.

On the first page of the survey, we would like you to only check the boxes for the committees that you're interested in participating in. Participation includes attending meetings and making decisions that will help to 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!

***We are hoping to close the survey by May 31st!***

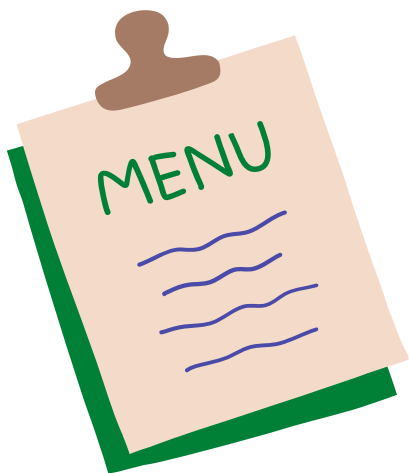
I will still be available at most meetings, computer in hand, to help assist those that need a bit of extra help, or may need computer access.

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

This year we omitted the Technology Survey.

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

Thank you,  
Annie Anderson



## *Luncheon Menu*

**May 8**

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



## Our Club Website at Your Fingertips

*Barb Moen, Website and Social Media Chair*

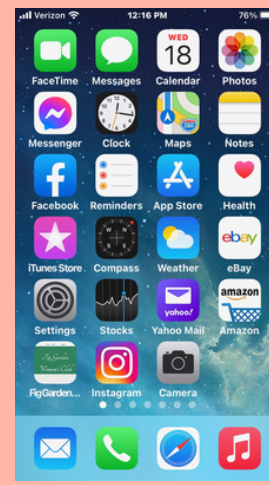
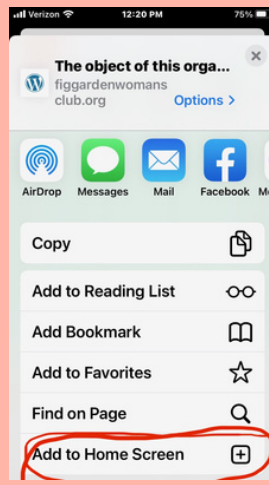
**If you are not registered in the “Member Resources” Section**, please go to [figgardenwomensclub.org](http://figgardenwomensclub.org). You will see “Register” in the top right hand corner. Click on it and complete the form. The section contains our handbook, new members, the Fig Leaf, and our current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



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



# Cinema Group

*Becky Morlock, chair*

**Film Discussion:** Friday, May 10 at 10 a.m. at the clubhouse

**Film:** *Far From The Madding Crowd*

**Year:** 2015

**Director:** Thomas Vinterberg

**Genre:** Drama, Romance

**Starring:** Carey Mulligan, Matthias Schoenarts, Michael Sheen

**Synopsis:** In Victorian England, the independent and headstrong Bathsheba Everdene attracts three very different suitors; Gabriel Oak, a sheep farmer; Frank Troy, a reckless sergeant; and William Boldwood, a prosperous and mature bachelor.

*Open to all members.*

Please join us; all you need to do is see the film (streaming) and bring your opinion. Participate or not, it's up to you.

Becky Cinema



## May 2024 Amenities Report for April 2024 Activities

*Chairs: Kim Garcia & Karen Tozlian*

**Birthday cards:** Riley Gould, Becky Morlock, Marla Speechly, Teri Sager, Lisa Woolf, Pamela Alexander, Suzanne Crosina-Sahm, Anna Maria DiCicco, Denise Price, Lisa Jelinek

**Get Well:** Brenda Joseph



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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*to our members  
born in*

# May!



- 3 Midge Barrett**
- 6 Charlotte Zylka Singer**
- 7 Pamela Anderson**
- 9 Diana Whitehead**
- 13 Josette Arax**
- 13 Tamara Hargrave**

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

