

OCTOBER 2026

THE FIG LEAF

Fig Garden Woman's Club Newsletter
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Important Dates & Events

Board Meeting - October 5, 9 a.m. social/9:30 a.m. meeting

General Lunch Meeting - October 7, 11:30 a.m.

Trash to Treasure drop-off - October 9, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Movie Review: October 9, 10 a.m.

Health & Wellness - October 12, 10:30 a.m.

AnTEAques - October 14, 10 a.m.

Book Talk - October 15, 10 a.m.

Get Acquainted Coffee - October 21, 10 a.m. - noon

Harvest Cocktail Party - October 21, 5-7 p.m.

Trash to Treasure Drop-off - October 11, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Trash to Treasure Set-up - October 27-30, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

National Day of Service - September 26

Fig Leaf deadline - October 31

Trash to Treasure Set-up - November 2-4, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Trash to Treasure Pre-sale Party - November 4, 5-7 p.m.

Trash to Treasure Sale - November 6-7, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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District Representative: Karen Tozlian

Fig Leaf Editor: Suzanne Crosina-Sahm

Welcome to
October!



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Co-Presidents' Message

Suzanne Crosina-Sahm & Debbie Reuland



Dear Members,

What a wonderful start to our new club year! Thank you to everyone who joined us for our September meeting. A big thank you to **Desiree Ward** and her committee for the cheerful sunflower decorations and balloons that filled the clubhouse. It was such a warm and welcoming way to kick off the year.

September was busy! **Membership VP Suzy Wren** led our first New Member Orientation, where we officially welcomed 19 new members to the Fig Garden Woman's Club. They've already jumped right in and are planning what promises to be a fabulous Harvest Cocktail Party on October 21. We hope you'll all attend and help welcome our newest members.

We were also proud to participate in the Federation's National Day of Service, this year focused on "United to End Domestic and Sexual Violence." Thank you to **Libby Borchardt** for organizing our effort, recruiting members, and collecting much-needed items for the Marjaree Mason Center.

Our Out-to-Lunch Bunch enjoyed a delicious brunch at Fort Washington Country Club, made possible by chairs **Riley Gould** and **Judy Osterloh**, their advisor, **Sue Stephens**, and the gracious sponsorship of our friend Lillian Macias Weiland. After an incredible 30 years chairing this section, Sue has stepped into the role of advisor. In recognition of her extraordinary dedication, the section has officially been renamed the **Sue Stephens Out-to-Lunch Bunch**. What a fitting tribute!

October is shaping up to be just as fabulous! At our October 7 General Luncheon Meeting, we'll welcome Nathan Gilbert, Regional Director for the Better Business Bureau, who will share valuable information about recognizing and avoiding scams.

October 21 will be a full day of friendship and fun! That morning, **Linda Richburg** will graciously open her beautifully decorated home for our Get Acquainted Coffee. Linda loves decorating for the holidays, so it will be a special setting to mix, mingle, and get to know one another better. Then, that evening, we'll gather again for our new members' Harvest Cocktail Party.

And, of course, we'll wrap up the month preparing for our biggest fundraiser of the year—*Trash to Treasure!* We love that magical moment when our odds and ends become someone else's fabulous finds.

Warmly,

Suzanne Crosina-Sahm & Debbie Reuland

Co-Presidents, 2026–2027

Fig Garden Woman's Club





Fig Garden Woman's Club Board Meeting Minutes August 31, 2026

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:34 A.M by Suzanne Crosina-Sahm and Debbie Reuland.

Welcome Remarks: Co-president Suzanne Crosina-Sahm welcomed the Executive Board to the new club year and introduced the 2026–27 President's theme, *"Rooted in Tradition, Growing Together."*

Suzanne reviewed plans to streamline Executive Board and General Meetings. Members wishing to be included on an agenda will be asked to contact the Co-Presidents in advance. Board members were also asked to state their names before speaking to assist Recording Secretary Judy Osterloh in preparing accurate minutes. Suzanne reported on a recent phishing scam in which fraudulent emails appearing to come from her were sent to Club members, including a request to purchase gift cards. Members were notified through an e-blast, and the incident is being documented and reported to the appropriate authorities, including the FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center. Members were reminded to independently verify any unusual requests involving money, gift cards, or financial information. Tamara Hargrave has arranged for the director of the Better Business Bureau to speak at the October General Meeting about internet scams and fraud prevention. The Board will also consider hosting a community presentation at the clubhouse featuring an FBI representative to discuss scams and ways to protect against fraud.

First Vice President: First Vice President Charlotte Zylka Singer thanked Sharon Garabedian and Linda Lucido for the lovely treats. Procedure books and binders have been passed out. Charlotte also reminded members that she has the lockbox with all the keys, and to please return it after you borrow any keys. She asked chair members to please sign in on the Sign in sheet. We will need a document for a motion.

Approval of the Minutes: Recording Secretary Judith Osterloh informed those present that the May 4th board meeting minutes were approved at the June 1st combined board meeting. She stated that the June 1st combined board meeting minutes attached to today's emailed agenda require approval. There were no additions or corrections. Suzy Wren made a motion to approve the minutes as written, which were seconded by member Sharon Garabedian. The motion was voted on, and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Boyajian, reporting for Treasurer Susan Simpson, reported that the fiscal year ended on June 30, 2026. She reported that the Club's B of A checking account, as of 8/30/2026, had a balance of \$25,323.22. The investment accounts had a combined balance of \$145,117.29 for a total of \$170,440.51. Income for the month of July was \$1,375.00, and expenses were \$2,987.19, for a net negative balance of \$1,612.19.

Second Vice President: Second Vice President Tamara Hargrave reported that our first speaker will be Nathan Gilbert, Better Business Bureau President and will be speaking in October on phishing scams and how we can avoid them.

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Third Vice President: Third Vice President Suzy Wren reported that we have 19 new club members, and one who is rejoining. Our new membership orientation will be held on Wednesday September 2nd, here at the clubhouse, and there have been responses from 14 of the new members. Suzy will be reaching out to the remaining who have not RSVP'd. The membership committee has not met, we are thinking of meeting after the first September meeting.

Corresponding Secretary: Corresponding Secretary Debra Riley reported that we received eight donation requests this summer. We received an invitation from CASA to attend the crab feed September 11, at Table Mountain Casino. We have sent eight thank you notes for donations totaling \$730.00 made on 7/27/26, in honor of Donna Strickler. The club received two thank you notes. The first was received from Friends of Camp El-O-Win, thanking us for our \$2,500.00 donation that helped the girls go to camp. The other thank you note was from the Salvation Army, Golden State Division, thanking us for our Angel Tree donations in December 2025.

Board Trustee Reports: Debbie, reporting for the presidents, provided the board trustee reports for the summer. The new mailbox is installed in front of the clubhouse. The new mailbox is locking, so no one will have to go to Caldwell Station anymore. Mail will be received directly at the clubhouse. We thank Susan Simpson for taking the lead on the project, for taking the lead on that project, and Debra Riley, Linda Boyajian and Judy Osterloh for conducting the research and for Gilberto for installation. It looks fabulous. She gave a warning to avoid driving into the mailbox.

This year Teresa Kirkorian will be collaborating with Irene Wiegand to oversee house repairs. They have performed cost-analysis of what would happen if we needed repairs needed on the HVAC, air-conditioning units, and heating system. Everything is in good order. We have these cost-estimates to replace or repair on file. Teresa had the windows washed on the inside and outside. The house will be cleaned tomorrow prior to the meeting on September 9th. We are planning to have the carpets cleaned after the Trash to Treasure event, on the week of Thanksgiving. Teresa and Gilberto collaborated to purchase a commercial vacuum cleaner, and the old one will be in Trash to Treasure. We are also in the process of hiring a new gardener to come every week, and will be scheduled. Susan Simpson was consulted to make sure we can afford to hire Teresa's gardener for the clubhouse. Marie Slater is the member in charge of outside grounds. She will be scheduling the gardener to prune hedges, trees and trim roses. Teresa has given a good review of the gardeners' trimming knowledge at her residence. He will be a full-service gardener. The new cost will be \$400.00 per month, and now we're paying \$200.00 per month. Marie will be leading the gardening committee to make decisions on plant recommendations such as planting new ones, pulling out old and other items. Debbie thanked Delores O'Neal for caring for the grounds throughout the years. The last item to mention is that Charlotte is in charge of the keys. If you need to get into one of the sheds, the keys are on the bulletin board in the kitchen, by the desk. Two of the sheds are public, however the other one is not because it holds the Antique Show items. Debbie mentioned to members to read the directions for the e-Blast to avoid overwhelming Annie. It is a lot for Annie, although she is amazingly responsive.

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District Report: District Representative Karen Tozlian provided the district report. She reported on the Federation News. Karen attended the San Joaquin District Committee meeting held on August 13th at the Women's Club of Bakersfield. The new president, Angie Nelson, and her officers planned a well-organized meeting with lots of participation. The meeting guest speaker was Diana Contreras, who was the executive director of Casa Esperanza, which is a transitional home that serves families. The home can accommodate up to six families, who may stay up to two years developing a life plan, which includes education, finances, and career goals. The high points of the meeting were the reports presented by three section leaders. The presentations were interactive and used role-playing and costumes. We were treated to an arts and cultural show, a health and wellness activity, and membership skits. The next meeting will be November 12th, and the location is to be determined. Karen presented Suzanne and Debbie with gifts won at the meeting.

Supplies: Suzanne reported on behalf of Allison Alexander, who oversees restocking kitchen supplies. Allison noted that some recently requested items were already in stock on the shelves. Members are asked to check existing inventory before submitting supply requests to help avoid unnecessary expenses.

Grounds: Marie Slater reported that the plants on the grounds have improved significantly with regular watering. She also noted that adding more flowers would further enhance the landscaping.

Social Media: Linda Gandolfo reported that our Facebook users are 1,531, which is up three. Our Instagram followers are 586, which is up 13. We have quite a few additions to the website to integrate the entire handbook.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Amenities: Lillian Weiland reporting for her co-chair Alisa Martin, asked if any members are able to step in to help. Lillian reported that the birthday cards for September are finished. We will be working on the cards for the month of October. Lillian asked members to keep Alisa Martin's father in their thoughts and prayers, as he is currently in hospice.

Scholarship: Debbie reported, on behalf of Pamela Vogel, that she and Charlotte attended the scholarship presentation at Fresno City College on Friday evening. They were impressed by the number of students receiving scholarships and the wide variety of fields of study represented. During the presentation, each recipient's name and area of study were announced, including several men pursuing nursing degrees. Pamela encouraged members to attend a future scholarship presentation if given the opportunity. The Club awarded 22 scholarships this year. The scholarship recipients will be announced at the September General Meeting and recognized in the Fig Leaf. The nursing scholarship recipients have also been invited to attend the October luncheon.

Fig Leaf: Suzanne Crosina-Sahm reported that the deadline for submissions for the September 5 issue of

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the Fig Leaf is today. Members were asked to submit information in a Word document to make it easier to copy and paste; images of text are not preferred. Suzanne confirmed that the luncheon menu will be included in the Fig Leaf. Members were reminded to submit announcements and information for publication in the Fig Leaf rather than requesting an e-Blast from Annie. E-blasts should be reserved for last-minute updates, changes, and cancellations. Suzanne reminded members that the deadline for Fig Leaf submissions is always the last day of the month.

Greeters: Cam Maloy reported for Greeters, alongside her co-chair Linda Watkins. There are 21 members on the committee as well as four of our past presidents. We realized that it is ideal to have past presidents in the receiving line. An email was sent to our past presidents to be greeters at two meetings each. A schedule has been created for each of them for two months increments.

WAYS AND MEANS

Handbook: Lillian Weiland reported that member handbooks are available for distribution. Members picking up a handbook for another member were asked to sign it out on their behalf. Handbooks will be available at the September and October meetings; after October, members should contact Karen Tozlian to obtain a copy. Members were asked to report any errors or corrections so they can be addressed in the online version of the handbook, which Barb Moen and Linda maintain on the Club website. Lillian reported that approximately \$2,200 in handbook advertising has been sold. Members who have not yet paid for their advertisements were asked to submit payment so Susan Simpson she can reconcile the Club's books. Lillian thanked the Club for the opportunity to create the handbook for the past three years and encouraged members to review the advertisements and support the businesses that support Fig Garden Woman's Club.

Trash to Treasure: Ellen Vietti and Kim Garcia reported on Trash to Treasure. Ellen noted that the storage pod is already full after approximately three summer drop-off days, with additional donations being stored in the library. She recommended securing an additional pod next year. Members were reminded to bring donations only on scheduled drop-off days. The four remaining dates are September 11 and 25 and October 9 and 23, from 8:30–10:30 a.m. Larger and outdoor items, such as bicycles, should be donated closer to the event so they can be properly stored and protected from the weather. Ellen discussed payment procedures for the presale and sale. Due to concerns about handling and securing large amounts of cash, the Board approved the use of a Square card reader. Treasurer Susan Simpson also approved its use and will provide training to Ellen and Kim. There will be no additional fees charged to purchasers for Square transactions. Sales will be by check or credit/debit card only; cash will not be accepted. Presale items sold to members and held in the kitchen will be sold at the marked price and must be removed by the purchaser at the end of the day. Volunteer sign-ups for setup and sale days will be handled online this year, with links provided in the Fig Leaf. A separate link will be provided for

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members to sign up to contribute food for volunteer lunches. Members are also welcome to volunteer even if they have not signed up in advance. Kim Gould clarified that members who sign up to provide food will still need to complete their two-hour volunteer shift in another area, as a kitchen committee is already in place. Donated food should arrive pre-assembled so kitchen volunteers are responsible only for serving. The committee will determine needed purchases for additional rack shelving, while reusing as much equipment and materials from last year as possible.

Community Impact: Libby Borchardt reported on Community Impact and the Club's participation in the September 26 National Day of Service benefiting the Marjaree Mason Center and those affected by domestic violence. An e-Blast was sent to members with instructions and a link to the Center's Amazon Wish List. Libby emphasized that donations should be selected from the Wish List to ensure they meet the Center's current needs and donation guidelines. The list includes items for both women and men served by the Center. A question was raised about having Amazon orders delivered directly to the Center. Libby will contact the Center for clarification and provide an update at the General Meeting. Libby also announced that 15 FGWC members have been invited to tour the Marjaree Mason Center on October 5 at 4:30 p.m. Information will be included in the Fig Leaf, and members interested in attending should contact Libby to sign up. Members may also give donated items directly to Libby or contact her to arrange for pickup.

Lions Club Glasses: Tamara Hargrave reported that donations of eyeglasses and hearing aids continue to be accepted. The collection box is located in the ladies' room.

Little Free Library: Delores O'Neal reported on the Little Free Library. Charlotte clarified that the key to the small storage shed closest to the clubhouse is labeled and kept in the kitchen. Boxes containing books for the Little Free Library are also clearly marked in the shed.

Penny Pines: No report. An update will be provided at the General Meeting.

Telephone: Lillian Weiland reported on behalf of Dena Reynolds that Dena will be contacting members of the Telephone Committee.

Debbie Reuland recognized Lillian Weiland for her dedication and hard work on behalf of the Club, including producing the FGWC handbook for the past three years. She also thanked board members for volunteering their time and service, with special recognition to Cam Maloy, Desiree Ward, and Teresa Kirkorian for their invaluable assistance. Debbie also thanked First Vice President Charlotte Zylka Singer for her continued support and willingness to assist, including during unexpected and emergency meetings.

Debbie announced that at the September General Meeting, handbooks will be distributed from tables on

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the porch, with members of the Handbook Committee available to assist. The Greeting Committee will remain in its usual location inside the clubhouse to help reduce congestion in the foyer.

Harvest Cocktail Party: Suzy Wren reported for Harvest Cocktail Party. She announced that the plans are in the works, the new members will be hosting it, and our membership will be bringing food. We will ask you for donations at the September and October luncheons.

Audit: Sharon Garabedian and co-chair Jennette Tate reported for the audit performed for the last year. Sharon reported that everything is perfect and thanked Susan Simpson for the great job.

Get Acquainted Coffee: Marsha Wagner reported for Teresa Kirkorian. The coffee meet is set for October 21st at Linda Richburg's house. Linda is very excited because she loves to decorate for Halloween. The date again is Wednesday October 21st from 10 a.m. to noon. The second event will be held on Wednesday February 17th from 10 a.m. to noon by Margaret Lujano, a new member.

SECTIONS:

Sue Stephens Out to Lunch Bunch: Riley Gould and Co-Chair Judy Osterloh reported on the Out to Lunch Bunch. Riley recognized Sue Stephens for her remarkable 34 years of leadership of the group. She reported that members enjoyed several outings over the summer, including Cracked Pepper Bistro, with strong attendance at each gathering. The annual Fort Washington Brunch will be held Sunday, September 27, from 10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. The cost is \$42.13 per person and includes champagne. Spouses and friends are welcome. Reservations are required and may be made by contacting Riley or Judy. Additional outings will be planned throughout the year. Debbie Reuland announced that, in recognition of Sue's 34 years of service, the group has been renamed the Sue Stephens Out to Lunch Bunch. Sue will remain involved as an advisor. Debbie noted that the Club wanted to recognize and honor Sue's many years of dedication and contributions.

Health & Wellness: Chair Hope Rosky reported that we will have six sessions throughout the year. Once the weather settles, we will continue the walks as well. The topic for today is aging, Osteoporosis, paired with 40 minutes of low impact cardio and muscle resistance to promote building better balance. This will start right after the meeting inside the Clubhouse.

Book Talk: Chair Margaret Nordstrom reported that book talk will be meeting this year on the third Thursday at 10 a.m., at the Clubhouse. The book section does not assign any reading; we gather to talk about what we have been reading and our thoughts about the books. She encouraged members to come if they enjoy reading.

Create & Connect: Charlotte Zylka Singer and Co-Chair Tamara Hargrave reported that the section

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formerly known as Knitting and Needles has been renamed Create & Connect, with the approval of the Co-Presidents. The expanded section will encompass a variety of arts and crafts, providing opportunities for members to be creative while enjoying time together. Alisa Martin's floral-arranging demonstration, originally planned for September, has been moved to October due to a family illness. A new activity will be planned for September. Whenever possible, Create & Connect will showcase the talents of Club members rather than outside presenters. There is no section budget, so members may occasionally be asked to provide their own materials. Upcoming activities include gift wrapping at an evening gathering in November and cookie decorating and a cookie exchange in December. Create & Connect will generally meet on the third Monday of the month at 10 a.m., with the November meeting held in the evening. Members with creative skills or ideas for future demonstrations are encouraged to participate and share their talents. Members who enjoy knitting, crocheting, needlework, or other portable projects are welcome to bring their projects and work on them during any Create & Connect gathering.

Movie Review: There will be a meeting on Friday September 11th at 10 a.m. to watch Three Billboards.

AnTEAques: Kim Gould reported that the section formerly known as Antiques has been renamed AnTEAques, combining an appreciation for antiques with the tradition of enjoying tea together. The first gathering will be September 16 at 10 a.m. Members are encouraged to bring a favorite teacup and enjoy tea and refreshments while sharing and learning about antiques. Each meeting will feature a theme, although members are welcome to bring antiques or collectibles of their choice for discussion. The September program will highlight jewelry in anticipation of Trash to Treasure, including costume and fine jewelry from the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s, as well as cameos. Future programs will explore a variety of topics based on members' interests and suggestions, including furniture and other collectibles. A future meeting will also feature a member who will share her handmade lace and knowledge gained through study in Europe. Members were encouraged to participate, bring items to share, and join the group for tea and conversation.

NEW BUSINESS

New Section Proposal - Mahjong: Lori Hamada proposed forming a new Mahjong section, with plans to teach and play American Mahjong once a month. Lori has received several lessons from Judy Borgo, who plays competitively, and plans to offer beginner tables for members interested in learning. Members who own Mahjong sets were asked to make them available for the group. Discussion was held regarding possible meeting days and times, including morning and evening gatherings. Concerns were expressed about evening meetings because some members prefer not to drive at night. Tuesdays were suggested as a possible meeting day. Lori explained that American Mahjong requires an annual playing card, currently costing approximately \$11. A simpler version of Mahjong was also suggested as an option for the group. Lori moved to establish Mahjong as a new section. Suzy Wren seconded the motion. Interested members will meet at the September General Meeting to discuss the format and scheduling, with final details to be presented to the Board.

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2026-27 Calendar: Debbie Reuland went over the calendar. The complete calendar is in the handbook. Bobbie Kirk reported that Game Night has been changed from January 27th to the 29th in 2027, from 6-9 p.m.

The next FGWC Board Meeting will be on Monday, October 5, at 9 a.m. social, and 9:30 a.m. meeting start.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted on September 4, 2026

Judith Osterloh

Recording Secretary

FIG GARDEN WOMAN'S CLUB

Scholarship

Pam Vogel, Chair

Fig Garden Woman's Club is proud to recognize our 2025–2026 Nursing Scholarship recipients and celebrate their commitment to pursuing careers in nursing. Congratulations to:

Seleste Dominquez
Isabel Hernandez
Hannah Huntington
Gabriella Manzo
Blia Moua
Citaly Olacio
Marie Pazos
Cha Payne

Bararilo Portilio
Lillian Quezada
Yarelli Ramirez
Darran Romero
Yesslin Sameron
Vanessa Sanchez
Aliciamarie Santos
Kandy Selva

Felicia Torres
Jordan Vazquez
Valerie Vazquez
Lizbeth Vasquez
Go Chee Xiong
Pahoua Yang

The scholarship recipients have been invited to join us at our October 7 luncheon. If any of our students are able to attend, please stop by the lunch table reserved for them to introduce yourself, congratulate them, and give them a warm Fig Garden Woman's Club welcome.

We are proud to support these students as they continue their education and prepare for careers dedicated to caring for others.





Fig Garden Woman's Club General Meeting Minutes September 9, 2026

Pledge: Eleanor Rojas and Dolores O'Neal led the membership in reciting the Club's Collect and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Song: Martha Stewart and Pamela Alexander led the membership in singing God Bless America.

Inspiration: Bobbie Kirk expressed gratitude for the Fig Garden Woman's Club community and the incredible journey that we embark on together. She thanked Desiree Ward and her committee for the beautiful sunflowers and table decor. The sunflowers are a beautiful symbol at the end of Summer. They serve as an inspiration and compass for the year ahead and to ground us in what we call the Sunflower Theory. Sunflowers are known for chasing the sun as soon as they sprout and grow tall and strong. But when the skies turn gray, sunflowers don't drop to the ground or wither away in isolation, they turn to face each other. They lean inward to share their energy, strength, and warmth until the light returns. Bobbie expresses, that is the definition of the Fig Garden Woman's Club.

When the sun is shining in our lives, we celebrate and applaud each other's successes. When storms come, we turn to each other for support, a listening ear, helping hand and unwavering shoulder to lean on. We support each other in times of celebration and times of crisis because two are always better than one. If either of them falls, one can help the other up.

Sunflowers on the table today are a symbol, that we are always better when we stand together. Let us commit to growing together and facing the bright future ahead with optimism, and above all, always turning toward one another whenever a sister needs strength.

Introduction of New Members: Suzy Wren asked sponsors of new members to please stand together. The Club welcomes 19 new members and 17 are present today.

Blair Sobba: Works in the construction industry. She is an avid golfer, tennis player and fundraiser. She is the owner of an independent home goods shop.

Nikki Patricio: Was introduced by Linda Gandolfo. Originally from Los Banos, Nikki moved to Fresno, where she was a kindergarten and first grade teacher. She splits her time between Los Banos and Fresno, but her main home is in Fresno.

Beatrice Hensleit: She goes by Bea, was a nurse for 55 years and wrote a cardiac program. She was inducted into the Nurses Hall of Fame in 2025..



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Jodie Bertolucci: Jody was introduced by her friend Suzanne Crosina-Sahm. She graduated from San Joaquin Memorial and earned degrees at Santa Clara University and Fresno State. She has worked as an educator at the Chafee Zoo, and is semi-retired working at Scout Island as a nature educator.

Donna Zutler: Was introduced by Valeria Goya, a lifelong friend of 50 years. They met in kindergarten. She is a local businesswoman who used to own Valley Sports.

Margaret Lujano: She will be hosting our get acquainted coffee this year at her beautiful home. She worked at Talbot's and has recently retired to spend more time with her husband, two daughters and two grandchildren.

Joanne Berryhill: Is a retired CPA and avid quilter.

Gracie Cavalla: Is a wife, mother and grandmother. She loves to cook, garden, shop and drink Prosecco.

Jodie Garabedian: Is a retired high school teacher and college professor. She is very inspirational.

Pamela Eaton Ryder: Pam is a mother of five and has 13 grandchildren, with great-grandchildren on the way. Originally from Boston, she is a retired regional manager for Pfizer, where she had the Western Region comprising 10 states, and 129 employees including Canada. She volunteers and is a Manager at the Food Bank.

Deborah DeRosa-Parola: Nancee Smith introduced her friend Debra, who is a former professional dancer and choreographer, and now works as an interior designer.

Mila Istomina: Has a PhD in Economics and is the former Program Director of the United Nations.

Lisa Horton: Is an attorney and single mother of a 10-year-old daughter. She attended the new member orientation and said she is excited to make new friends at Fig Garden Woman's Club.

Aimee Jacobs: Introduced by Charlotte Singer, Aimee is a tenured professor at Fresno State in the Decision Sciences Department, or statistics. She is from Indiana.

Jill Kahrmanian: Jill was introduced by Dena Reynolds and is a Fresno native who works at Vonda's a few days a week. She is very kind and generous.

Angela Wiens: Was introduced by her longtime friend, Kathy Olson. They were college friends. She has worked as a fashion merchandiser and is a hard worker who is not afraid to roll up her sleeves.

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Louise Yenovkian: Louise is the business manager at Wild Carter & Tipton and volunteers on the Town Hall board.

President's Announcements: Suzanne Crosina-Sahm welcomed members back for the new Club year and extended a special welcome to the Club's new members. She expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to serve as Co-President with Debbie Reuland and thanked the new Board members for volunteering to serve. She also recognized the Club's Past Presidents for their continued guidance and support.

Suzanne introduced the theme for the year, "*Rooted in Tradition, Growing Together.*" She noted that Fig Garden Woman's Club has a rich history and many traditions to celebrate, including the 100th anniversary of the Clubhouse this year. The theme reflects the Club's commitment to honoring its traditions while continuing to grow, welcome new members and ideas, and create opportunities for members to enjoy time together.

Suzanne explained that she and Debbie are committed to keeping meetings efficient and respectful of members' time. Members who would like an item placed on a future agenda should email Suzanne or Debbie in advance. Agendas will also be emailed to members prior to meetings to reduce paper use.

To assist Recording Secretary Judy Osterloh in preparing the minutes, members were asked to state their names before speaking. Suzanne noted that this will also help new members become acquainted with fellow members.

Suzanne then addressed the recent fraudulent email that appeared to have been sent by her and targeted Club members. Once the phishing scam was discovered, E-Blast Chair Annie Anderson sent an alert to the membership advising members not to respond to the fraudulent message. Suzanne reminded members that if they receive an email or text appearing to come from a board member requesting gift cards, money, financial information, or other confidential information, they should not respond. Instead, members should contact the purported sender directly using a known phone number to verify the request. Suzanne announced that the President of the Better Business Bureau will be the guest speaker at the October meeting and will discuss phishing scams and fraud prevention. She thanked Program Director Tamara Hargrave for arranging the presentation.

BUSINESS MEETING

Call to Order: Co-President Debbie Reuland called the business meeting to order at 12:22 p.m., following lunch. She thanked Pardini's for providing the luncheon.

First Vice President: First Vice President Charlotte Zylka Singer thanked Luncheon Chair Desiree Ward and committee members Sandra Nudson, Karen Tozlian, and Eleanor Rojas for the table decorations. She

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also thanked Peter Tozlian for his assistance in transporting the decorations. Members were informed that the centerpieces were available for purchase for \$5 each.

Presidents' Remarks: Debbie recognized Past Presidents Desiree Ward and Teresa Kirkorian and thanked them for their continued guidance and support throughout the summer as she and Suzanne Crosina-Sahm prepared for the new Club year. Debbie also thanked Desiree for her generous gift to the Clubhouse: a new address sign for the building painted by a local artist.

Handbook Corrections: Debbie announced several corrections to dates printed in the Club handbook. The Trash to Treasure Presale Party will be held November 4, not November 5. For January 2027, the events listed on page 79 have been revised. The Card Party will be held January 20 as a daytime event featuring Bridge and Mahjong, with Judy Boro serving as chair. A separate Game Night will be held Friday, January 29, at 6 p.m. and will feature a variety of games, including Bunco and other card and group games.

Minutes: Recording Secretary Judith Osterloh reported that the minutes of the May 13 General Luncheon Meeting were published in the September Fig Leaf. There being no additions or corrections, Tamara Hargrave moved to approve the minutes as presented. Martha Stewart seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Susan Simpson reported that the Club's B of A checking account, as of 8/30/2026, had a balance of \$25,323.22. The investment accounts had a combined balance of \$145,117.29 for a total of \$170,440.51. Income for the months of July and August were \$1,375.00, and expenses were \$2,987.19, for a net negative balance of \$ (1,612.19). Susan reported that we collected \$1,175.00 for ads for the handbook, and that number will be changing, so we will have our final number next month.

Corresponding Secretary: Corresponding Secretary Debra Riley reported that the Club received eight donation requests over the summer. The Club also received an invitation from CASA to attend its Crab Feed on September 11 at Table Mountain Casino. Thank-you notes were received from Friends of Camp El-O-Win for the Club's \$2,500 donation to help send girls to camp and from the Salvation Army Golden State Division for the Club's Angel Tree donations in December.

Debra also shared a heartfelt thank-you note from one of the Club's scholarship recipients, who expressed her gratitude for the financial support and the difference the scholarship will make as she pursues her goal of becoming a nurse.

Debbie Reuland recognized the 22 scholarships awarded by FGWC at Fresno City College. She and Suzanne attended the scholarship presentation and encouraged members to attend in the future if given the opportunity. Debbie commented on how meaningful the scholarships are to the recipients and thanked Pam Vogel for her work coordinating the Club's scholarship program.

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Presidents' Report: Suzanne Crosina-Sahm reported that she and Co-President Debbie Reuland had a busy summer preparing for the new Club year. She announced that a new locking mailbox has been installed in front of the Clubhouse, allowing mail to be delivered directly to the Club and eliminating the need to pick it up at Caldwell Station. She thanked Susan Simpson for taking the lead on the project and Debra Riley, Linda Boyajian, and Judy Osterloh for their research and assistance.

Terese Krikorian will work with Irene Wiegand to oversee grounds and maintenance this year. A cost analysis was completed for potential future repairs and replacement of the Clubhouse HVAC system. The system is currently in good working order, and estimates are on file for future reference. The Clubhouse windows were cleaned inside and out, and the carpets will be professionally cleaned following Trash to Treasure. The Club is also in the process of hiring a gardener to provide weekly service.

Suzanne reminded members that Charlotte Zylka Singer oversees Clubhouse keys. Keys to the sheds are located on the bulletin board in the kitchen near the desk.

Suzanne also reviewed the proper use of the Fig Leaf and e-Blasts. Members and committee chairs were reminded that information for the membership should generally be submitted to the Fig Leaf by the last day of each month. E-Blasts should be reserved for last-minute information, changes, and cancellations. When requesting an e-Blast, members should provide Annie Anderson with complete, ready-to-send information, including the name and contact information of someone who can answer questions. Members were reminded that replies to an e-Blast are not received by the sender, making it important to include a designated contact person in the message.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Membership: Third Vice President Suzy Wren reported that the new members will host a Harvest Cocktail Party on October 21. Members who would like to contribute an appetizer or dessert were encouraged to sign up. Suzy expressed her enthusiasm for the year ahead and invited everyone to attend the October event.

Preservation and Planning: Teresa Kirkorian reported that the Clubhouse will celebrate its 100th birthday this year. Several preservation projects have recently been completed, including resurfacing the parking lot, repairing the curtains, installing awnings, and repainting areas to protect the wood from weather damage. The curtains are also scheduled to be cleaned.

Teresa explained that the Preservation and Planning Committee focuses on larger projects and long-term maintenance needs of the historic Clubhouse, such as the HVAC system and parking lot. The committee has not yet met this Club year but will do so. A separate Preservation and Planning account is maintained to help fund major projects as needed.

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Social Media: Linda Gandolfo reported that FGWC currently has 1,531 Facebook followers, 586 Instagram followers, and 77 registered website users. She directed members to page 14 of the Fig Leaf, where Barbara Moen provided instructions for registering and logging into the Club website. Registered members have access to photos, the Fig Leaf, and the Club handbook. Linda encouraged members registering for the website to use their actual names rather than nicknames or usernames so they can be easily identified as Club members.

Penny Pines: Kim Gould presented the 2025–26 year-end report. Monthly member contributions totaled \$1,200.57, with an additional \$680 donation from the Vaughn family, bringing the year's total to \$1,880.57. Included in the total were individual donations of \$68 each from Joyce Gaskins and Kelly Swertfager, with each donation providing funding for trees for two acres of land. Kim thanked Joyce and Kelly for their generosity. The Club's contributions will provide funding for approximately 17.6 acres, while the Vaughn family donation will fund an additional 10 acres. Kim thanked all members for generously contributing their coins and dollars to Penny Pines at Board and General Meetings throughout the year.

Scholarship: Pam Vogel reported that FGWC awarded 22 scholarships of \$1,000 each to Fresno City College nursing students who were completing their second semester and entering their third semester. Pam thanked Charlotte Zylka Singer and Debbie Reuland for attending the scholarship presentation and representing the Club. Pam also reported in her role as Chair of the Proofreading Committee and thanked committee members for their hard work and assistance.

Amenities: Suzanne Crosina-Sahm reported on behalf of Amenities Co-Chairs Alisa Martin and Lillian Weiland. She thanked Lillian for overseeing the committee in Alisa's absence while Alisa cares for her father. Suzanne also expressed appreciation to the members who have assisted the committee as needed. A complete Amenities report will be presented next month.

Suzanne reminded members that the Amenities Committee helps Club members stay connected and supported during times of illness, injury, loss, or other difficulties. The committee sends get-well, sympathy, and thinking-of-you cards and, when appropriate, makes calls, visits, and provides homemade treats or meals. Members were asked to notify Alisa or Lillian if they become aware of a member who is ill, injured, has experienced a loss, or could benefit from additional support. Suzanne emphasized the importance of the committee and thanked members for helping the Club care for one another.

Community Impact: Libby Borchardt reported on the Club's participation in the September 26 National Day of Service, benefiting the Marjaree Mason Center and those affected by domestic violence. An e-Blast was sent to members with instructions and a link to the Center's Amazon Wish List. Members may purchase items from the Wish List or give donations directly to Libby. She also offered to arrange pickup of donated items if needed.

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Libby announced that 15 FGWC members have been invited to tour the Marjaree Mason Center on October 5 at 4 p.m. Information will also be included in the Fig Leaf. Members interested in attending should contact Libby to sign up. Participants will meet in the parking lot at the Marjaree Mason Center on Bullard prior to the tour.

WAYS AND MEANS

Makers Market: Nancee Smith reported that the Makers Market will be held on Saturday, November 14. FGWC members interested in participating as vendors will be offered table space at a reduced rate. Nancee advised committee members that she will be contacting them regarding volunteer needs for the event. She also asked anyone with a connection to a food truck vendor to contact her.

Trash to Treasure: Chairs Ellen Vietti and Kim Garcia reported on Trash to Treasure. Ellen noted that last year's event raised approximately \$40,000, providing a strong goal for this year. The remaining donation drop-off dates are September 25, October 9, and October 23, from 8:30–10:30 a.m. Two weeks will be devoted to setup, followed by sale days on November 6 and 7. Members were reminded that participation in Trash to Treasure is required by the Club bylaws unless a member is unable to participate due to illness or other physical limitations.

Ellen thanked Lori Hamada for her assistance in creating online volunteer sign-ups. Two links are available in the Fig Leaf: one for work shifts and another for providing lunches. Morning-shift volunteers will be relieved for lunch at noon. Afternoon volunteers should arrive at 11:30 a.m. for lunch before beginning their shifts at noon. Members were encouraged to sign up early to select their preferred shifts.

Ellen reviewed donation guidelines. Fall and Christmas décor will be accepted and sold in the library. Books will not be accepted, with the exception of children's books. Higher-quality shoes in good condition may be donated and will be displayed in the indoor boutique along with nicer clothing and handbags. Linens, curtains, and drapes should be clean, measured, and tagged. Outdoor items will also be accepted; however, furniture will not be accepted. All donations should be clean and in good condition.

Trash to Treasure Pre-Party: The Pre-Party will be held November 4, with refreshments served on the lawn. The Boutique and Jewelry departments will be open for shopping that evening. Members were encouraged to volunteer during setup to help sort, organize, and prepare donated merchandise. Ellen announced that this will be her final year as Trash to Treasure Chair and encouraged members, particularly those with retail experience, to become involved with the committee.

Cleanup will take place November 7 from 2:30–4:30 p.m. Marla will oversee cleanup and coordinate with nonprofit organizations to collect unsold merchandise. The goal is to have all remaining items removed by the end of the day.

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Trash to Treasure Lunches: Lori Hamada will coordinate volunteer lunches. Members may sign up through the link in the Fig Leaf. Approximately 35 lunches will be needed on each setup/workday and 65 lunches on each sale day. Members were encouraged to form teams to provide sandwiches, salads, desserts, and other lunch items. Food should arrive by 11:30 a.m., fully prepared and ready to serve. Members providing food are not expected to work in the kitchen.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Handbook: Lillian Weiland reported on the Club handbook and thanked Co-Presidents Debbie Reuland and Suzanne Crosina-Sahm for their assistance throughout the summer. She also thanked the Proofreading Committee for its time and attention to detail and asked members to notify her of any corrections that may be needed.

Handbooks will be available for pickup at the September and October meetings. After the October Luncheon Meeting, members who have not received their handbook should contact Karen Tozlian or Sharon Garabedian to arrange pickup. Lillian thanked Karen Tozlian, Pam Vogel, and Linda Boyajian for assisting with handbook distribution.

No additional handbooks were printed this year due to the high cost of producing individual copies. Lillian reported that approximately \$2,200 in advertising was sold, compared with approximately \$1,400 in handbook production costs, allowing advertising revenue to more than cover the cost of producing the handbook. Lillian encouraged members to patronize the businesses that advertised in the handbook and thank them for supporting Fig Garden Woman's Club and its community outreach, including nursing scholarships and other Club programs.

E-Blasts: Suzanne reminded members that when submitting information for an e-blast, they should include their email address and phone number so recipients have a designated contact person for questions, rather than directing inquiries to E-Blast Chair Annie Anderson.

Telephone: Dena Reynolds reported that the Telephone Committee will provide members with upcoming luncheon menus by text, email, or through their designated phone partner. She noted that vegetarian meals will be the only special meal accommodation available.

Dena also directed members with questions regarding transportation to pages 16 and 26 of the handbook for information about the Transportation Committee.

Get Acquainted Coffee: Teresa Kirkorian announced the dates for this year's Get Acquainted Coffees. The first will be held Wednesday, October 21, from 10 a.m.–noon, at the home of Linda Richburg. The second will be held Wednesday, February 17, from 10 a.m.–noon, at the home of Margaret Lujano.



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Harvest Cocktail Party: Debbie announced a correction, normally just the sponsors and new members bring food, so if you have already signed up thank you.

SECTIONS

Sue Stephens Out to Lunch Bunch: Riley Gould and Co-Chair Judy Osterloh reported on the Out to Lunch Bunch. Riley recognized Sue Stephens for her 34 years of leadership and thanked members for their strong participation in summer outings, including a recent gathering at Cracked Pepper Bistro. Riley announced that the Executive Board has renamed the section the *Sue Stephens Out to Lunch Bunch* in recognition of Sue's many years of service. Sue will continue to be involved as an advisor.

The annual Fort Washington Country Club Brunch will be held Sunday, September 27, from 10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. The cost is \$42.13 per person and includes champagne. Spouses and friends are welcome. Reservations are required and may be made by contacting Riley or Judy.

Health & Wellness: Hope Rosky and Joanne Bazarian reported that the next Health & Wellness gathering will be held October 12. Members were encouraged to bring weights, if available, and water. A guest speaker will also be featured.

Book Talk: Vanda McArthur reported on behalf of Margaret Nordstrom that Book Talk meets on the third Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. in the small meeting room. Rather than reading an assigned book, members gather to discuss what they are currently reading and share their recommendations and opinions about books they have enjoyed—or not enjoyed.

Create & Connect: Co-chairs Charlotte Zylka Singer and Tamara Hargrave reported that the section formerly known as Knitting and Needles has been renamed Create & Connect, with the approval of the Co-Presidents. The section has expanded beyond needlework to include a variety of arts, crafts, and other creative activities, with an emphasis on showcasing the talents of FGWC members.

Create & Connect generally meets on the third Monday of the month at 10 a.m. The September gathering will be held September 21 at 10 a.m. and will feature grape-leaf stuffing.

Future activities may include a floral-arranging class led by Alisa Martin, and an evening cocktail-making class led by Suzanne Crosina-Sahm. In November, Kathy Amador will lead an evening gift-wrapping class, and December will feature cookie decorating and a cookie exchange.

Marathon Bridge: Mary Ann Hendrickson – no report.

Movie Review: The next Movie Review gathering will be held Friday, September 11, at 10 a.m. and will

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feature Three Billboards.

AnTEAques: Kim Gould announced the section's new name, AnTEAques, reflecting its combination of tea and antiques. The first gathering will be held September 16 at 10 a.m. Members are encouraged to bring a favorite teacup and enjoy tea and refreshments while discussing antiques and collectibles. Meetings will feature different themes, although members are welcome to bring any item they would like to share. The group will exchange information about members' items and, when possible, discuss their potential value. The September program will highlight jewelry in conjunction with Trash to Treasure and will include both costume and fine jewelry.

NEW BUSINESS/30-SECOND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mahjong: Lori Hamada reported on the new Mahjong section, which will focus on American Mahjong. Members interested in participating were invited to meet immediately following the General Meeting. Plans include instruction for beginners as well as regular play for those already familiar with the game.

30-Second Announcements: Debbie Reuland announced that comedian Pete Holmes will be the first speaker of the Town Hall season on Wednesday, September 16, at 7 p.m. at the Paul Shaghoian Memorial Concert Hall. A food truck event will be held outside the concert hall from 5–7 p.m. prior to the program.

Suzanne Crosina-Sahm announced that the Armenian Museum of Fresno will host an Armenian Heritage Celebration on Thursday, October 1 at its downtown ZARTONK Gallery near Mariposa Plaza from 5–8 p.m. The event will feature music, food, dancing, and traditional Armenian costumes.

Libby Borchardt reminded members about the Marjaree Mason Center Amazon Wish List and noted that the Center also accepts monetary donations, including cash, checks, and gift cards.

Tamara Hargrave reminded members that donations of eyeglasses and hearing aids continue to be accepted for the Lion's Club. Collection boxes are located in the women's and men's restrooms. She thanked members for their donations.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted on September 21, 2026.

Judith Osterloh

Recording Secretary

FIG GARDEN WOMAN'S CLUB

FIG GARDEN WOMAN'S CLUB PRESENTS



Join us outside on the grounds of our historic clubhouse
to kick off your holiday shopping

Saturday, November 14
9 am - 3 pm

Fig Garden Woman's Club
4550 N. Van Ness, Fresno, CA 93704

SHOP HANDCRAFTED ITEMS FROM 44 VENDORS!

Denim jackets
Candles
Tea Sets
Journals
Beaded items
Baked goods
Hair bows
Pottery
Jewelry
Jam
Press on nails
Scarves

Wood crafts
Seashell creations
Fine Art
Doggy treats
Honey & honey products
Tote bags
Evil Eyes
Suncatchers
Children's books
Fairy items
Leather jewelry
Organic beauty products

ADMISSION IS FREE



Trash to Treasure

Ellen Vietti & Kim Garcia, Co-chairs

There are still two more drop off days Oct. 9th and 23rd. Please bring your donations in a box and labeled with the department. All drop off days are from 8:30 AM-10:30 a.m.

To sign up for your shifts, we will be using electronic workbooks. We will also have sign-up sheets at the September and October luncheons, for those who will need help.

We would appreciate members using the electronic workbooks, so we do not duplicate efforts. Please sign up for your set-up and sale day shifts [CLICK HERE](#). You will receive a text message confirming your shifts.

We would also appreciate you signing up to bring food for a lunch during our prep weeks or sales days. Please consider putting a team of 2-3 together and claiming a day, or sign up alone and be paired with another member! [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up to bring food. Lori Hamada, our T2T Food Chair, will be in touch with all food volunteers.

Thank you for your support!



Social Media Report

Linda Gandolfo, Chair



Facebook

August: Followers: 1,531

September: +89

Total: 1,611



Instagram

August Followers: 586

June +13

Total: 627



Website

August: Accounts: 80

September: +1

Total: 81

CLUBHOUSE PARKING

You may have noticed a few changes to the parking near the Clubhouse.

We have added as many designated handicapped parking spaces as we are permitted to have. We also recognize that some of our members have mobility challenges but may not have a handicapped placard, so we have designated a few additional spaces close to the Clubhouse as reserved parking for members who need a shorter walk.

We kindly ask everyone to be considerate and leave these reserved spaces available for members who truly need to park closer to the Clubhouse.

We appreciate your thoughtfulness and cooperation, and look forward to seeing everyone at our beautiful and historic clubhouse!



SCAM ALERT: STOP, THINK, VERIFY

Fig Garden Woman's Club members have reported receiving suspicious and fraudulent email and Paperless Post invitations.

Thankfully, we are not aware who has lost money, but it's an important reminder that scammers often impersonate people you know and trust.

To protect yourself:

- Check the actual email address, not just the sender's name.
- Never purchase gift cards in response to an email or text request.
- Don't click unexpected links or provide passwords or personal information.
- Be suspicious of urgent requests or excuses such as "I'm traveling" or "I can't talk right now."
- Verify before acting. Call or text the person using contact information you already have.

Remember: ***Fig Garden Woman's Club officers will never email you asking you to purchase gift cards on behalf of the Club.***

When in doubt: STOP. THINK. VERIFY.

October Speaker

Tamara Hargrave, Second Vice President

In light of the recent phishing scams targeting several of our club members, we have a very timely program planned for our October luncheon.

Our guest speaker will be Nathan Gilbert, Regional Director for Better Business Bureau Mountain West and Pacific Southwest. Nathan has more than 20 years of experience in business leadership and community engagement and is passionate about helping people recognize and avoid scams, fraud and other threats.

Nathan will share practical information about how to spot common scams, recognize warning signs and protect yourself from becoming a victim—information that is increasingly important as scammers become more sophisticated and convincing.

We hope you'll make plans to attend and encourage your fellow members to join us. This is one luncheon you won't want to miss.



Menu



October

Chicken salad on croissant, mesclun salad, fruit cup

November

Turkey, mashed potato, vegetable

December

Beef bourguignon, roasted potatoes, baby bells with onions

January

Tomato bisque starter, penne pasta with chicken, garlic bread

February

Corn chowder starter, chicken focaccia sandwich, orzo pasta salad

March

Choice of corned beef & cabbage OR chicken picatta, potatoes, carrots.

April

Italian bruschetta starter, Italian chicken wrap, angle hair pasta, fruit

May

Mesclun steak salad

Chef's choice dessert served with every meal

Vegetarian options available upon request

NO MEETINGS JUNE, JULY, AUGUST



Holiday Gala Table Reservations

Desiree Ward, Chair

Gala Reservations & Table Decorator Sign-Ups

We are delighted to announce that Gala reservations and table decorator sign-ups will open October 7th at the General Luncheon!

Join us for a beautiful evening of celebration, friendship and fun on December 10th. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The Gala is a members-only event with each member welcome to bring her spouse or one guest/date. We kindly ask that reservations not include additional family members or other guests. Tickets are \$60 each.

Making Your Reservation

Members may reserve: An entire table of eight, or Individual seats.

When making your reservation, please provide the name of each person attending and indicate your preferred seating arrangement. If you are reserving individual seats and would like to sit with specific members and their spouse/guest, please let us know. We will make every effort to accommodate seating requests.

Table Decorators

If you would like to decorate a table, please sign up when reservations open at the October General Luncheon Meeting. Priority will be given to table decorators when assigning their table, making this a wonderful opportunity to gather your friends together and create a special table for the evening.

Payment & Confirmation

Payment may be made by, check and submitted with your reservation. Your reservation is not confirmed until payment has been received.

Reservation Deadline

All reservations and payments must be received no later than Thursday, November 19th, which is three weeks before the Gala. Seating is limited, so we encourage you to reserve early, gather your friends, and start thinking about how you would like to celebrate this special evening together!

We look forward to seeing you on December 10th! If you have questions regarding reservations or signing up to decorate a table, please contact Desiree Ward at (559) 906-1551.





Our Club Website at Your Fingertips

Linda Gandolfo, Website and Social Media Chair

The most up-to-date FGWC Handbook and Events Calendar are always available on our website in the “Member Resources” Section. **Both are updated as changes occur.** The section contains our handbook, new members, the Fig Leaf, and our current calendar.

To access the *Handbook* log on to our website at: figgardenwomansclub.org

Then select: Member Resources

Then select: Handbook



To access the *Events Calendar* log on to our website at: figgardenwomansclub.org

Then select: Member Resources

Then select: Events Calendar



To access to the *Member Resources* section, you must be registered on the website.

To register, log on to our website: figgardenwomansclub.org then select: Register (in the upper righthand corner).

After you have completed the form, you will receive an email stating that you now have access to the *Member Resources* section. For security purposes, only FGWC members are given access to this information.



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Our Club Website at Your Fingertips, continued



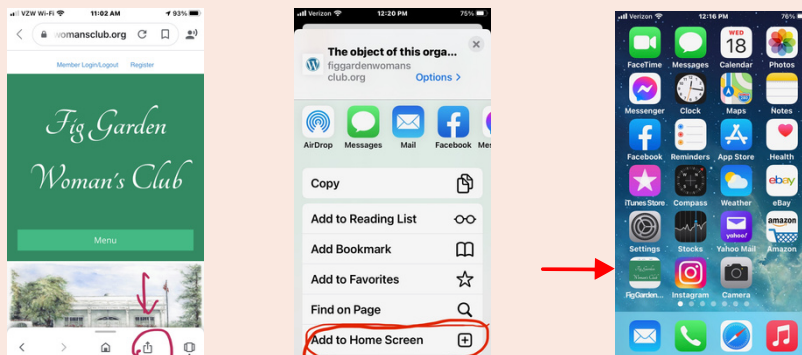
PHONE OR TABLET ACCESS

For new members who would like to add the FGWC icon on your phone or tablet for easy access, below are step-by-step instructions on how to do so.

For those of you with Apple IOS devices:

1. Bring up the FGWC website on your phone's or iPad's internet browser.
2. At the bottom of the page you see a square with arrow pointing up. Click on it.
3. Click on "Add to Home Screen".

That's it! You're done. Just click on the icon whenever you want to check the webpage.



For those of you with Android devices:

1. Bring up the FGWC website on your phone's internet browser.
2. Touch the apps icon to display the apps drawer.
3. Long press the app icon you want to add to your home screen
4. Drag the app to the home screen page, lifting your finger to place the app

Please contact Linda Gandolfo if you have any questions or need help (559) 269-5888.

A Friendly Reminder

Our beautiful 100-year-old clubhouse belongs to all of us, and we each have a role in keeping it clean and in good condition.

Whenever you use the clubhouse for a meeting, activity or event, please clean up afterward, empty any trash receptacles you have used and place the trash in the dumpster in the parking lot behind the clubhouse. And as a reminder, the Luncheon committees should also empty the restroom trash baskets following each luncheon.

Our housekeeper is scheduled by Irene as needed and is not at the clubhouse on a regular schedule, so trash left behind may remain there for several days.

Thank you for doing your part to care for our historic clubhouse and keep it clean and welcoming for everyone!





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*to our members
born in*

October!

1 Jeanette Tate
2 Dolores O'Neal
2 Sonja Robinson
4 Kristi Emo
6 Dena Reynolds
8 Avnell Daniels
8 Barb Moen
9 Mariann Powell
10 Jill Harmon
11 Laurie Fry

14 Jennifer Huelskamp
15 Ruth Buchman
15 Linda Gebbia
15 Juliette Hammel
15 Mona Llamas-Prieto
16 Linda Richburg
27 Annie Anderson
28 Frances Morrison
29 Patricia Cortez
30 Cathy Amador