



Woman's Club of West Covina

THE LINK

January 2021

Presidents Message

Nancy Anzalone, 2020-2021

We have to be honest, The year 2020 was the year from “Hell.” Everyone suffered by either getting sick, losing their jobs and livelihoods or losing their families (lockdowns). We can be glad to see 2020 go and heartily welcome the New Year of 2021. This will be a most welcome year as we now welcome news of a vaccine about to hit the market to alleviate COVID19. Hooray and thank goodness. It will be time for members to start attending meetings as we begin the process of getting back to some sort of normalcy. We will begin negotiating with South Hills re our meetings and meals. However, January and most likely February, we will still be in a state of lockdown so be extra careful. Hang in their dear ones. Our board has been magnificent in keeping our club going. For that – many thanks. Reports will be submitted in January. Check with Craft Chairman, Marge Cokely, for entries in the craft contest. Many of you are talented and need to be recognized. A very sad note on the passing of long-time member, Zinnie Walker. Zinnie was 98 years young and always had a soft spot for our club. Memorial Eternal Zinnie. For the New Year of 2021, I wish all our members good health, dreams that come true and a renewed zest for everyday life. We are a blessed nation under God and may we always be mindful of all the gifts we have. Happy New Year!

January 4, 2020 Woman's Club of West Covina General Meeting

Due to continued requirements for social distancing, the January 4, 2020 General Meeting of the Club will be held virtually. Please note we are switching to the ZOOM platform. Use the below call credentials to join us for a magical and musical meeting. **Meeting will begin promptly at 11:00 am.**

Join Zoom Meeting using your smart device

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6598277677?pwd=VIU2bjAzeEI0cEc4STdvY2U0TDdaUT09>

Meeting ID: 659 827 7677

Passcode: WCWC2020

If you are dialing in using your phone: +1 669 900 6833 US

Meeting ID: 659 827 7677

Passcode: 51912007

IMPORTANT DATES

01/08	General Club Meeting – see call and login info above
01/14	Sue Welch Birthday
01/17	Laramie Roberts Birthday
01/20	Yvonne Roble Birthday
01/28	Georgia Tobaben Birthday

Happy Birthday to our January Birthday Club Members

DEAN – FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Valerie Gerlach

I will be interviewing some members via email. I will ask if you would like to participate by telling us a little about yourself. Maybe, why did you join West Covina Women's Club? What would you like to see the WCWC do? (maybe some Suggestions).

I will interview every month. Be sure to read all about Kathy Clark this month. I will start interviewing in January for our February 2021 LINK. Who will be next? Be safe

CLUB SUPPORTS LOCAL WINGS

This past month, our club supported the local WINGS with money to purchase a wonderful Thanksgiving meal for those they serve. Your support of club fundraisers is directly responsible and credited for our ability to give back to those in need. Thank you to all members!



**Together we
truly make a
difference.**

PROGRAM FOR JANUARY 4, 2021

Our speaker for January 4, 2021 is Ashley Rozatti. She will be speaking to us about West Covina Beautiful and the project they are undertaking to help Seniors upkeep their homes. It will be an interesting program and we hope you will all make plans to attend.



A MOMENT FOR YOU

Interviews by Val Gerlach, 1st VP/Club Dean



Club Woman, Kathy Clark

I joined the West Covina Women's Club as I knew some of the members and they were great leaders that gave so much of themselves to the community, so I wanted to be part. I grew up in ELA. My father was the bass fiddle player in the Desi Arnaz Band on the I Love Lucy Show. My grandparents had a 200-member family circus called Escalante Brothers Circus from the late 1800's to 1924. It broke up during the depression. My grandmother, a very pretty woman, was a singer and actress, used to walk me to the Catholic school I attended. I remember her in her big hat and hoop earrings and I was embarrassed because the other kids' mothers and grandmothers were very plain in dress. As I got older, I understood her and learned to try and look nice all the time. At 14 I convinced my father to let me go to public school as I had been sheltered at the Catholic school. Big mistake, I hung around with the wrong crowd, got married at 14 and had my twin sons at 15. However, my father always instilled in me that I could be anything I wanted to. At 17 I went back to school, graduated with my degree, worked as a legal secretary at the Public Defender's Office for 10 years and for 25 years was the corporate secretary of Victory Outreach International, and one of the pioneer's, where I developed the real estate, administration and corporate departments before I retired from there.

Currently I am the Treasurer of the Historical Society of West Covina, Corporate Secretary of the Tennant Foundation, Corporate Secretary of the Greater West Covina Business Association, member of the amazing West Covina Women's Club and West Covina Republican Women's Club. My "hobby" is my passion to help in the rehabilitation homes for persons with substance abuse addictions, gang violence and At Risk Youth. I have been involved and doing this for 50 years. I have lived in West Covina for 21 years. My daughters and I have a Real Estate Team - Clark Real Estate Group. I also offer free Notary services to all members of the West Covina Women's Club.

I was asked what I would like to see the WCWC do? This group does everything! They lead, teach, organize, inspire and support local groups with their needs. This incredible club has some of the best movers and shakers in the community. I am very proud to be a member.



Join our nation as it celebrates National Wreaths Across America Day on **Saturday, December 19, 2020**. Fresh evergreen wreaths are a living memorial to veterans and their families.

According to the Wreaths Across America organization: "There is no better time to express our appreciation than during the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, the mission to remember, honor, and teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery as well as at more than 1,600 participating locations, to show our veterans and their families that we will never forget their service."

For additional information, visit www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org. On this website, you can also subscribe to the [Wreaths Across America Newsletter](#).

The Woman's Club of West Covina December 4, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The General Meeting was held virtually via our **new meeting site "ZOOM"** where members can still "join in" via their smartphones, tablets or computers. President Nancy Anzalone called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. by welcoming everyone and then introducing Past President Luanne Arredondo who again asked those in attendance to "mute" themselves to avoid any outside interference and explained how this new process worked. Inspirational Chair, Carole Mullner stated the year 2020 is ending and inspired us all to enter 2021 with a positive attitude and then recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sue Kreger, Corresponding Secretary stated no mail had been received and that apparently the mail is not being forwarded to our new post office box address on Citrus Avenue. Furthermore, as she is also the Club's Sunshine Chair, she would like to hear from members. President Nancy also stated by interacting with Sue is a great way for members to stay in contact with each other.

George Ogden, Membership Chair had no report, but again reiterated that a gift of a membership would be a way of increasing our numbers to anyone interested in becoming a Club member. Provided an update on the happenings at the VFW, where about 15 Vets were fed on Thanksgiving and invited members to visit VFW Post 8620 on Merced Avenue, but need to call prior to visiting.

President Nancy advised that the See's Candy Fundraiser was a success.

Dean Valerie Gerlach and Craft's Chairman provided update regarding the GFWC's crafts contest. More information will be forthcoming. Currently she is interviewing Club members via email, with the first being Kathy Clark whose interview will appear in the January Link and the next member being Marge Cokely. Valerie then suggested that the Club form a Political Action Committee (PAC) as a way of keeping us informed about happenings with and around our City, West Covina. Nanci Sachs stated since we are NOT a political group that the name be changed to "CIVIC". Everyone agreed and President Nancy advised that when Sandra Taylor was a Commissioner, she always kept the Club abreast when she made her City's liaison report. Everyone agreed with the recommendation and the President advised that the topic would be discussed further at the Board's January meeting. George stated that due to the pandemic, no one is allowed to attend the actual Council meetings, but that we could view them via YouTube or one could phone in to during Oral Communications. Carole Mullner stated she is a Community & Senior Service Commissioner.

As Program Chairman, Liz Mullender had an emergency trustee meeting at work and was unable to attend, President Nancy introduced the music program entertainer, harpist Bonnie Mohr and her accompanist, flutist Laura. Even though they attempted to play several Christmas songs, connection problems occurred on both ends, during the performances and President Nancy intervened by informing Bonnie of the problems and cut the program short. However, as Bonnie is a great storyteller, she was asked to provide the back story to the song Silent Night which is the best song known throughout the world and the information was enjoyed by all. Bonnie ended by advising us to celebrate the season by doing things we could do for our fellowman and then extended warm holiday greetings to all.

Connie Rivera asked if any had heard about the organization requesting clothing to assist women venturing out into the job market and some members stated they had and would like to participate. Additional information forthcoming and the meeting concluded with Past President Patti Hennings-Pierce reciting our closing song, "Let There Be Peace". Meeting was adjourned until January 8, 2021 with the President wishing those celebrating birthdays during the month, Happy Birthday and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Sandra Taylor, Recording Secretary

The Woman's Club of West Covina
Treasurer's Report as of November 30, 2020

Marge Cokely, Treasurer

Balance forward as of October 31, 2020 -----	\$9,641.23	
Income:		
Crafts – Masks -----	\$50.00	
Total -----	\$50.00	+ 50.00
Disbursements:		
Insurance -----	\$323.20	
The Link -----	45.00	
Program -WINGS:		
(Thanksgiving dinner) -----	150.00	
Total -----	\$581.20	- 518.20
Balance on Hand in Checking -----	\$ 9,173.03	
Balance in Savings Account-----	14,620.02	
Balance in Jean Williams Stock Fund -----	15,155.76	
Total Assets as of November 30, 2020 -----	\$38,948.81	

From the desk of GFWC International President Marian Simmons-St. Clair

Dear GFWC Friends,

The live Holiday Open House webinar will take place at 8 p.m. EST next Wednesday, December 16. I'm very excited to have this unique opportunity to welcome every member, near or far, to GFWC Headquarters to view our historic home in its holiday finery. Registration is open through December 14, but early registration is encouraged so an encore presentation can be scheduled as necessary.

The drawing for the fabulous Toronto maple leaf quilt, created by Anne Engelhardt (GFWC NH member serving on the Legislation/Public Policy Committee) will be held tomorrow and results posted on the GFWC Facebook page between 11:30 a.m. and 12 noon EST. Nearly 2,000 tickets were sold and more than \$5,000 was raised to fund the 2021 GFWC Annual Convention. Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket! I hope **YOU** win, but if not...you are all winners in my heart!

If you have not found time to view it yet, please remember that GFWC has released a new video that highlights the mission and programs of each of our Affiliate Organizations—Prevent Child Abuse America, Shot@Life, St. Jude's Research Hospital, Canine Companions for Independence, Heifer International, HOBY, March of Dimes, Operation Smile, and UNICEF. You can find the approximately 20 minute video on the GFWC YouTube page using this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ty57K3f2Hik&t=26s>

Finally, please share this exciting news with your club friends. It's more important than ever that we stay connected and continue to enjoy the many benefits of being a GFWC member.

Happy holidays!

Items Needed for DVAC Holiday Event

NEW ITEMS

Paper Towels
Toilet Paper
Cleaning Products
Twin Sheet Sets
Warm Scarves and gloves
Lotions and Potions
Women's Sanitary Products
Hand Sanitizer
Toys for all ages (teens too)
4 oz. baby bottles
Baby diapers, all sizes
Swaddling blanks
Baby Wipes
Boys Clothing 2T – 5T
Toddler underwear, all sizes
Women's Socks, Slippers

NEW NON PERISHABLE FOODS

Cereal
Rice
Pasta
Crackers
Stuffing
Cookies
Oil
Spices
Sauces, Salsa
Sugar
Coffee
Tea
Creamer
Canned Fruit
Canned Tuna, Chicken, Beef
Soups
Chili/Beans

GENTLY USED ITEMS

Wheeled Suitcases
Alarm Clocks
Clothing*
Shoes*
Stuffed Purses**

GIFT CARDS

Walmart
Target
Grocery Stores

If you have any questions, please email
kimplater@aol.com or call (909) 620-7235

*Crossroads has indicated they will take used, clean and in good condition clothing and shoes. Please put them in a tied plastic bag.

**Stuffed purses can contain such items as: Pens, makeup, comb, brush, mirror, flashlight, notebook, potions and lotions, etc. Tie a Christmas ribbon on them or a new scarf

**DVAC HOLIDAY EVENT
DECEMBER 21, 2020 FROM 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM.
COVINA WOMANS CLUB - 128 S. San Jose Drive, Covina**

Please let President, Nancy Anzalone know as soon as possible if you will be donating any of the items on the list above so that she can coordinate collection and drop off.

COOKING CORNER – HOMEMADE EGG NOG

The BEST Homemade Egg Nog recipe! Thick and creamy with the perfect mild flavor and hint of nutmeg. You'll never buy store-bought eggnog again!

Prep Time15 mins **Cook Time**10 mins **Total Time**25 mins **Servings:** 6

Ingredients

- 6 large egg yolks
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 2 cups milk
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- pinch of salt
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ground cinnamon, for topping

Instructions

- Whisk the egg yolks and sugar together in a medium bowl until light and creamy.
- In a saucepan over medium-high heat, combine the cream, milk, nutmeg and salt. Stir often until mixture reaches a bare simmer.
- Add a big spoonful of the hot milk to the egg mixture, whisking vigorously. Repeat, adding a big spoonful at a time, to temper the eggs.
- Once most of the hot milk has been added to the eggs, pour the mixture back into the saucepan on the stove.
- Whisk constantly for just a few minutes, until the mixture is just slightly thickened (or until it reaches about 160 degrees F on a thermometer). It will thicken more as it cools.
- Remove from heat and stir in the vanilla.
- Pour the eggnog into a pitcher or other container and cover with plastic wrap.
- Refrigerate until chilled. It will thicken as it cools. If you want a thinner, completely smooth consistency, you can add the entire mixture to a blender with 1 or 2 tablespoons of milk and blend until smooth.
- Serve with a sprinkle of cinnamon, and fresh whipped cream, if desired.
- Store homemade eggnog in the fridge for up to one week.

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