

# OPAWL NEWSLETTER



Jenny Long

President

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello!

I hope everyone's summer is off to a decent start. This certainly feels different than summers past. And that's ok, we just have to learn how to work through the new challenges that present themselves. Most recently I sense that there is a lot of "quarantine fatigue" going around.

People want to go out and resume the things they used to do before the coronavirus shut everything down. Personally, I don't think we are at the point where resuming all of these activities is a safe bet. But everyone has to make a determination for themselves about the level of risk they feel comfortable with and as things start to open up I just want to urge caution. If you do go out, please take appropriate measures to protect yourselves, especially if you are in the most vulnerable groups for this virus.

On a lighter note, as you've probably heard by now, the OPAWL board was excited to announce our first upcoming Zoom Bingo night for Thursday, June 18. Since having in person get-togethers is still unfeasible, we are happy to have this alternative social fundraiser to support the OPAWL Scholarship Fund. We are discussing having another one sometime in the future.

And speaking of Zoom, we are looking into ways to make this service available to our section leaders so that they can schedule virtual section meetings and activities until the time when it is safe to resume meeting in person.

JUNE-JULY  
2020

Have a  
Safe & Happy  
4th of July

DEAR GRADUATES,  
Congratulations!

Thank you to the  
following:

Doctors Hospital Staff Nurses First Responders  
Pharmacists Police Fire Fighters EMTs  
Delivery Drivers Restaurant Workers Grocery Store Employees Truck Drivers



ORANGE PARK ACRES  
WOMEN'S LEAGUE

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *cont.*

Meanwhile, if you want to connect feel free to call, email or text me. All of my contact information is in the directory. I think that one of the most important things that we need to do during this time is maintain contact with other people. I look forward to connecting with you!

### **Section Meetings**

While some of our sections aren't able to meet in person during this time, some will start to meet virtually. This would be a great time to join the Literature Club for example as rumor has it that they will be able to hold their meetings virtually.

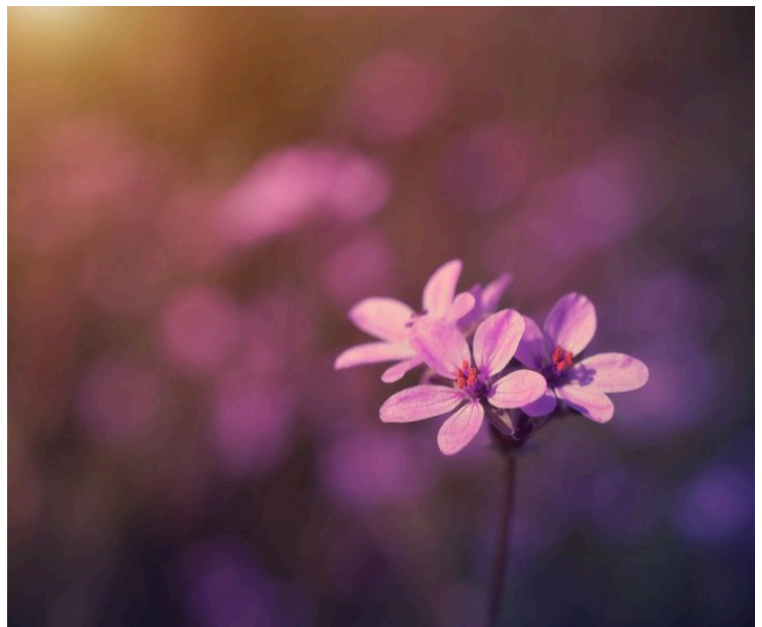
## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

We invite you to renew your membership for membership year June 2020 – May 2021. The Orange Park Acres Women's League welcomes all women residing in Orange Park Acres and neighboring communities. It's easy to join! By now you should have received your Membership Application form by mail. Debra Welch does such a fantastic job and making it easy for you. Simply send the completed form along with a check for your annual \$45 in the self addressed and stamped envelope. If you prefer to make a payment with a credit card, use our PayPal payment feature from our website under the "Become a Member" tab. Current membership is required to participate in several of OPAWL activities and uphold the OPAWL bylaws. These activities will resume when safe for all parties involved.

Thank you for your participation and membership. We look forward to another eventful year together!

### *Mission Statement*

In 1974, several women in Orange Park Acres created the OPA Garden Club reflecting their interest in gardening. As Orange Park Acres grew, many of the newer women employed gardeners and interest in the OPA Garden Club waned. In 1983, the women of Orange Park Acres renewed interest in the organization, giving it a broader purpose beyond gardening. Since that time the organization has actively supported the Orange Park Acres community. In 1984, the organization formalized itself, applying for tax exemption and incorporating. Since then the bylaws have been rewritten and a clear mission has been developed; **Friendship, Philanthropy and Community.**



# OPAWL FUNDRAISER

## *Virtual Bingo*

The changes and uncertainties we have been faced with because of the Corona Virus Pandemic have impacted all of our lives in ways we never imagined. Unfortunately, we were forced to cancel our major fundraising events for this year which left us scrambling for ways to make up the shortfall. Of particular concern was our need to raise sufficient funds to continue to support our Rancho Santiago Community College Scholarship program. As an organization we have had to get creative in order to find ways to maintain our connections with each other and to meet our philanthropic mission. One of the ways we are doing this is with Zoom BINGO FUNraisers. Our first Zoom BINGO was held on Thursday June 18th. Not only did we manage to raise money, we all had a great time doing it! And to make it more exciting, the winners walked away with extra money in their pockets. Congratulations to the night's big winners - Chris Cormack (\$40); Estevan Sugiyama (\$30); and Judy Denton (\$20).

We are in the process of planning our next Zoom Bingo so watch your inbox for an Evite. It's a great opportunity to check in with friends and to support our scholarship program. We hope you will all join us for our next Zoom BINGO. Who knows, maybe you'll be one of the lucky winners!

Submitted by Sue Moore, OPAWL Ways & Means



A screen shot of the happy BINGO participants...

# OPA & OPAWL Info

## Message from OPA President



The year 2020 will go down in the history books. From the pandemic to protests, we have been faced with challenges that have affected all of us. Just when we thought we were getting a handle on wearing masks and socially distancing, our attention has shifted to outcries of social injustice. While we all hoped that we would be back to a more normal way of life by now, it seems we must still have patience.

Currently the OC Health Department has restrictions on large gatherings, which impacts our Fourth of July parade. Therefore, The Orange Park Association has decided that we are going to responsibly postpone our annual Fourth of July Parade until Labor Day 2020. We ask for your understanding, as this was a very difficult decision.

Yes, I too, wish we could have our neighborhood parade but the risks of having the parade far outweigh the joy it brings. And, without 100% support the parade would lose its impact. I will certainly miss not sitting in my driveway watching or riding my horse down the street with the cheering crowds. But I remain optimistic that the troubles, which have made this unprecedented cancellation necessary, will one day be behind us and we will have much to celebrate in the future. Happy Fourth of July, folks!

Your OPA President  
*Sherry Hart-Panttaja*



## Sad News

**FRAN EVERY** passed away on Friday June 26<sup>th</sup>. We have no other information at this time.

Fran was always willing to help, host Bunco, cook Chili, bring food etc with such readiness. It was her joy to provide great appetizers. An interesting woman, full of life, now living with Our Lord.



**Beverly Vogel**  
*February 13, 1933 - June 16, 2020*

Beverly has her wings and will continue to watch over all of us in Orange Park Acres as the guardian she has always been.

# SECTIONS & OTHER INFO

*(currently not meeting in person)*

## LITERATURE GROUP

Please contact Kathy Manulkin at (714)639-8686 & current book listed on website.

## HOT TROTTERS GROUP

Contact: Sarah Nzala  
sarahnzala@gmail.com

## HOME & GARDEN

Contact Rose Ellen Cunningham  
(714)532-1326

## FOODIE LUNCHEON GROUP

The luncheon is a great time to connect with other members and enjoy a great meal. Check your email for the monthly Evite. Please contact Phyllis Helt for any questions (714)744.9269.

## BUNCO GROUP

Our Section meets on the third Friday of most months at 7PM. Bunco is an easy dice game, learned in a few minutes. It's \$10.00 to play and there are money prizes for the winners of different categories.

Our leftover monies is donated to BEVERLY HOUSE for the young women and BETHANY HOUSE for the older women during the holiday season. All are welcome to join us. Call Section Leader Linda Mazzara 714-633-9079 for particulars for the upcoming year. It's a fun evening!!

## GAD-ABOUTS GROUP

We are needing a new leader. If you like adventure and are interested

## BEGINNING BRIDGE

Contact Annette Mason (714)538-4683

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## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

4<sup>th</sup> – Sheree Haavik  
6<sup>th</sup> – Cindy Davidson  
18<sup>th</sup> – Marion Levitt  
21<sup>st</sup> – Suzette Slater  
23<sup>rd</sup> – Peri Tooker  
28<sup>th</sup> – Charlotte Christensen



**If anyone needs help with groceries or emergency services during this pandemic, please contact Emilia Sugiyama (310)569-4662. Help is one phone call away.**

## Irish Soda Bread Recipe

Irish Soda Bread has a beautiful golden brown crust that's nice and crisp, yet inside the bread is soft and tender. Have it with butter and jam for breakfast or it's excellent served alongside a hot bowl of soup or stew.

### Ingredients:

- 3 1/2 cups all purpose flour
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 1/2 cups raisins
- 1 1/3 cup buttermilk
- 2 eggs beaten
- 4 tbsp melted butter
- 1/2 tsp vanilla
- 1 tbsp caraway seeds optional



Mix dry ingredients in a bowl

Mix wet ingredients in a bowl

Add wet ingredients to dry ingredients and mix together until well blended.

Grease and flour Bread Dish and pour in mixture.

Bake 350 degrees for 50-60 minutes or until golden brown

Enjoy while warm 😊

*Submitted by Kathy Manulkin*

**If you have a recipe that you would like to share, please forward it to [opawomen.org@gmail.com](mailto:opawomen.org@gmail.com). We would love to cook your dish!**