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Exeter Woman's Club

Newsletter

Board Directors 2025-2026:

President - Sara LoBue
Vice President - Cindy Valdez
Treasurer- Rosemary Hellwig
Recording Secretary - Carla Zimmer
Corresponding Secretary - Lauren Haas
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Cristy Jensen
Marilyn Landeros
Gail Townsend
Lana Brown
Kim Gerard



2026 was a HUGE SUCCESS!

Dear Members,

Christmas Home Tour 2025 is on the books! I should have a final accounting by our meeting on the 13th.

Just before 3 pm on home tour day, we saw the first sunshine we'd seen since mid November and nothing like a little sunshine to kick off the evening! I can't thank you enough for all your hard work for this, our biggest fundraiser. A big thank you to Denise Albright & her talented artwork skills in every corner of this fundraiser AND her help in keeping me on task, to Dr. Ann and her crew at the busy, BEAUTIFUL Clubhouse, to all the docents that worked five plus hours as almost 350 guests toured through the homes, the clubhouse, & the darling vintage trailers. Despite the planning that started with just three homes, you'll have to agree with me it was a fun and magical evening! Already we have four potential "yeses" for the 2026 Tour!

With much gratitude,

Rosemary

Letter from the President

Hello EWC Members,

Happy New Year!

As we turn the page to a new year, I'm so grateful for this group of members, friends, and family who helped us celebrate our building's 100th anniversary and followed up with a highly successful Christmas Home Tour.

We still have available memorabilia from these milestones (history book, recipe book, fine commemorative wines, and Holiday coffee mugs). The reviews are so positive, just ask a board member or me to make a purchase that will last a lifetime or two.

We have lost some dear friends this year, and I would like to recognize their years of dedication and support for this Exeter Woman's Club. From cooking in our kitchen and setting out yummy General Meeting meals, to greeting at the front door, to sending condolences and celebration cards to our members and friends. Please say a Prayer for those they have left behind.

I would also like to welcome our new members, as they navigate our club ins and outs. You are now a part of something bigger than yourself. We value the gifts you will bring to this Club, if only to join for lunch every Month on the second Tuesday.

With Gratitude,

Sara LoBue
EWC President 2024-26



Calendar of Events

Thursday, January 8th - 5:30 pm - Bingo Night
Tuesday, January 13th - 11:30 am - General Meeting
Tuesday, February 10th - 11:30 am - General Meeting
Thursday, February 12th - 5:30 pm - Bingo Night
Saturday, February 28th - 2pm - Memorial Brick Garden Dedication

Together in 2026

Our greatest strength has always been one another. When we gather, share ideas, and lend our time and talents, our Club becomes more than a meeting place, it becomes a community built on friendship, service, and purpose.

This year offers fresh opportunities to connect, to give back, and to grow together. Whether you participate in a single event, join a committee, help with a group project, or attend a monthly program, your presence truly matters. Every contribution whether large or small, adds to the warmth, creativity, and impact of our club.

We encourage each member to step in, get involved, and say yes to new experiences. Bring a friend, share your skills, try something new, and enjoy the camaraderie that makes our Woman's Club so special.

We are in need of additional volunteers for Bingo Night and lunch preparers for our General Meetings. Please sign up and share your favorite recipes and cooking skills.

We will further announce new club events and established engagements throughout the year, volunteers will be needed. Please stay tuned!

Here's to a year of collaboration, connection, and shared success!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Frances Luna
Maria Ultreras
Melanie Morton
Desi Pena
Nicole Diaz
Marisol Mota

"Remembering our treasured members who passed away in 2025"

Paula Ann Taylor, 75, of Santa Maria, passed away on April 5, 2025. In 2011 to 2013 Paula was on the EWC board of directors with a tour in the Treasurer position for a while. She was a forward mover with a calming influence and was instrumental in the raising of our rental fees and recognized the value of this building we are stewards of.

Margaret Alice Stolz passed away peacefully on August 1, 2025, at the age of 96. An EWC member for many years. In 2008 she became a board member and remained on the board for the next decade. She always volunteered without hesitation and was voted into the Corresponding Secretary position in 2011 through 2016. Her part in life and in our Club was a positive ray of sunshine.

Nancy Jean Baird, age 80, passed away on Saturday, December 13th. From 2009 to 2011 she was on the EWC board of directors and took on the corresponding secretary position until 2011 when she suffered a stroke. In subsequent years, Nancy was a beacon of light and never uttered a negative word. Our many conversations were always around her goal of getting back to our monthly luncheons/general meetings.

Our Prayers and condolences go out to these families for their loss.