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Exeter Woman's Club

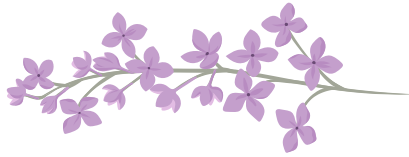
Newsletter

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Letter from the President

Dear Members,

As May arrives in full bloom, we are reminded of the beauty of renewal that surrounds us. Spring brings longer days, warmer sunshine and knowing that life begins again, fresh, vibrant, and full of possibility.

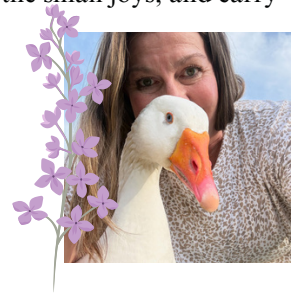
This month, we also take time to honor Mother/Grandmother's Day, a moment to celebrate the women who nurture, guide, and uplift those around them. Whether you are a mother, a mentor, a caregiver, or a source of strength in someone's life, your compassion and resilience make a lasting difference. The care you give, often in quiet and unseen ways, helps shape stronger families and communities.

May is also a perfect time to reflect on our own growth. We too have the opportunity to refresh our spirits and embrace a positive outlook. Life's challenges may test us, but they also reveal the depth of our strength.

Let us move through this month with renewed energy, kindness in our hearts, and hope for the days ahead. May we lift each other up, celebrate the small joys, and carry forward the strength that defines us.

Wishing each of you a beautiful and uplifting May.

Sara LoBue
President 2024-2026



Member Spotlight: Kim (Girard) Olmstead

Kim was born in Linwood, California. When she was about a year and a half old, her family relocated to Downey, where she grew up and later graduated from Warren High School in 1983. She went on to attend San Diego State University for two years before choosing to enter the workforce full time.

Kim began her career in retail, starting at Strouds, and remained in the industry for several years. Despite her experience in retail, she always had a strong passion for working with animals and hoped to pursue a career in that field. She eventually joined PetCo, where she worked for several years. During her time there, she was given the opportunity to transition into a role as a dairy saleswoman and was sent to the University of California, Davis for specialized training.

Her studies focused on veterinary food retail for animals. After completing the program and passing a board exam, Kim earned her certification in the field.

Kim married in 1989 and moved with her husband to Sacramento. During her time working there, the company she was employed, opened a new office in Visalia and offered her the opportunity to manage it. She accepted the position and relocated to the area. Around that time, she discovered a home in Exeter that she immediately fell in love with. Although it was not available then, the property later went on the market in 2002, and Kim was able to purchase it. She still resides there today.

Kim is the proud mother of two daughters from her second marriage, which ended in 2006. Her first daughter, Emily, was born in 2004, followed by her second daughter, Elissa, in 2006. Elissa was honored as the recipient of the Exeter Woman's Club senior scholarship in 2024, an achievement that inspired Kim to become more involved with the organization. Elissa is also an active member of the Club. Emily is currently attending Bakersfield College, while Elissa is a student at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo. Today, Kim maintains a booth at Rocky Hill Antiques, where she works part time and manages the business's social media presence. She has additionally taken on the responsibility of organizing the Exeter Woman's Club monthly Bingo Night, transforming it into a well-attended and successful event.

In 2010, Kim met her current husband, Noah Olmstead, and the two were married on March 6, 2026. Noah plays an active role in supporting both Kim and the Club, particularly with Bingo Night. Kim shares a close bond with her daughters and takes great pride in their accomplishments and the thoughtful young women they have become.

The Club is grateful for Kim's dedication and membership and wishes her every happiness in her recent marriage. Happy Mother's Day to Kim and to all the mothers in our community!

Calendar of Events for EWC and City of Exeter:

Saturday, May 2nd 2pm - Exeter Lion's Club Brewfest -
Exeter Memorial Building

Sunday, May 3rd 5pm - Garden Party Mural Fundraiser -
Downtown Exeter

Thursday, May 7th 5pm - Meet the new Exeter Chamber
Director - Hometown Emporium

Tuesday, May 12th 11:30am - EWC General Meeting -
voting for board members

Thursday, May 14th 5:30pm - EWC Bingo Night

Saturday, May 16th 4:30pm - Red, Wine & Blue Art Walk

Tuesday, May 26th 1pm - EWC Board Meeting

Mother-Daughter Senior Tea recap:

The Exeter Woman's Club Mother-Daughter Senior Tea was a truly wonderful gathering and one of the highlights of this season. The event was very well attended, with members and guests coming together to celebrate in a breathtaking atmosphere. A heartfelt thank you goes once again to our gracious host, Linda Gill, whose kindness and hospitality made the day so special.

Guests enjoyed a delightful spread of delicious food from our generous sponsor, Home Town Emporium while soaking in the beautiful view and sunshine. A special highlight of the afternoon was our guest speaker, Olivia Harden whose thoughtful and inspiring words added meaning and inspiration to an already memorable event. It was a truly lovely day!

Bingo Night! Thursday May 14th @ 5:30pm

The Exeter Woman's Club is proud to dedicate our May 14th Bingo Night to supporting Underdog Adventures. This special evening will not only be filled with fun and games, but also with purpose. We are coming together to help animals in need. We warmly encourage members and guests to bring donations of dog and cat food, toys, blankets, and treats. With your generosity, we can make a meaningful difference and support the wonderful work being done for our furry friends.

