



GFWC Long Beach Women's Club

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hope everyone had a Happy New Year and wish a more successful 2021. Sadly we had to cancel our last meeting of the year, but received the beautiful Christmas Card created by Vicki for us. Thank you so much!

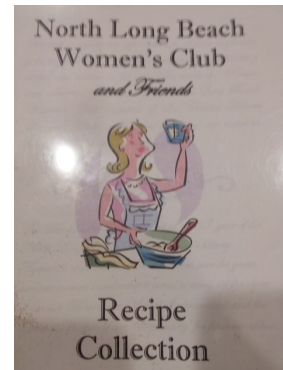
Obviously our plans have to be wide open and very flexible this year. I hope we can meet in January if our favorite restaurant is able to be open by our meeting date.

We need to think of our donations and who they are going to so we can help as many as possible. In December Amanda LePine asked if we supported the Beach Fund. She says "The Beach Fund steps up and helps students meet some needs. The most important need is food." It has not been addressed since we did not have a meeting. Thoughts?

Hopefully we will see each other this month at our meeting. I do miss seeing all of you, it is much nicer to be able to interact and discuss things in person. Hang on and persevere.

Barbee

A bit of NLBWC History



(More info when we hear from Ruby Cure who found it as she was moving to Brea)



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Hi ladies,

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas. I was planning on having a quiet day but the kids and grandkids stopped by at different times and we visited on my patio. It turned out to be a wonderfully, not so quiet, day after all.

Since our last meeting, we met at Dominguez Community Center (physically distanced, of course) and assembled 10 Buddy Boxes for LB Veteran's Medical Center and 20 ditty bags for the Long Beach Rescue Mission. These boxes contained a flashlight, socks, a pack of playing cards, personal grooming items, pens & notebooks, greeting cards with stamps, etc. LC District delivered 131 buddy boxes to the VA and lots of snacks and refreshments. This is Elisa's project and she's working very hard to make it a success. We've also delivered meals twice last month to Ronald McD House. During this quarantine they've had occasions when they're a little short of lunches and dinners so our club stepped up to help them out. We're not allowed to enter the house and so we pick up the food at a restaurant, call when we get to the house and they come out and pick it up. The last time we delivered food, they came outside with a lovely sign thanking the Long Beach Women's Club for our generosity.

January is report writing month and they've been written and turned in to the District Dean. DONE! FINI! For a year fraught with covid producing problems the LBWC did better than I thought we would. We didn't have the hours but we donated to many charities.

I'd like to thank Vicki for the wonderful and clever Christmas card she designed again this year. What would we do without that creative woman? I'd like to remind the members whose names were placed on the card to send Jo your donation to be sent to the CFWC Art Fund. Make checks payable to LBWC.

The Los Cerritos District VIRTUAL Fine Arts Festival is January 25th at 10 a.m. ZOOM invitations will go out next week. Download the ZOOM app (it's easier than you think) and next week Barbee will send you the link to sign in. This will certainly be a unique FAF. Katherine has worked very hard to make it a success. If you would like to participate in a reading, poem, sing a song, etc. let me know and I'll check you in with Katherine. The interactive program is going to be a demonstration of making a centerpiece using a pineapple. If you'd like to participate have a pineapple handy.

I was saddened to learn of the death of Sue Proctor, a former member who moved about 3 years ago to Bullhead City. She and Norm were in an auto accident and her side of the car sustained a great deal of damage. She never regained consciousness. Sue was a lovely, generous and giving club member and she will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Norm and her family.

I recently read this quote, 'A winter of sacrifice followed by a spring of hope'. I think that about sums up what we've been living through. We have an effective vaccine and more knowledge about how to treat this horrible flu. 2021 will be a spring of hope if we continue wearing masks, distancing and washing our hands.

Stay safe ladies and I hope we're able to get together real soon.

Hugs, Lynn

"Friendship is born at that moment when one person says to another:

'What! You too? I thought I was the only one.'" ~C.S. Lewis

Mark you calendars

January 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

““Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, ‘What are you doing for others?’”

MLK Jr

January 20th ?? Lunch with friends at the Crab Pot, 11:30am

February 2nd



February 5 National Wear Red Day



February 14th



Valentine’s Day

February 15th President’s Day



February 15th Birthday of Susan B Anthony



February 16th MARDI GRAS



FEBRUARY IS ALSO



National Cherry Month
(wonder why??!!!!)

Editor's Note: Many thanks for allowing me to create the Club Christmas Card again this year. It's always a bit of a challenge to find a design but it's also a great honor and pleasure to do it. We are following in a long tradition which began even before I joined the club a long, long time ago. We can thank our friends Elizabeth Bingham and Dolores Seguire for the idea. Elizabeth's son-in-law would do a holiday drawing and each member would sign her own name somewhere on the page. When he was no longer able to do it, Dolores would find a line drawing in a coloring book or other clipart and the members would sign that page. When it finally landed on my desk, we switched to the current format. Thanks, too, for your donations to the CFWC Art Fund!

Vicki

