

Women's Club of Hollister

March 2022 Newsletter

Strong Women, Strong Community



Barb's Bytes

Many of you don't know me well, and since we decided to highlight members each month in our newsletter, I thought this would be a good opportunity to give you some background on me. I grew up as an Air Force brat and lived all over the place. I've been to every state except Maine and attended high school in Wurzburg, Germany. My parents retired when I was 19 in the Seattle area where I lived until moving here 4 years ago last October. I spent my working years managing the Health Information Management Department—which many would recognize as Medical Records—for 6 hospitals, 13 urgent care centers, 5 outpatient surgical centers and over 200 physician offices. I have 2 children, 4 granddaughters and a great grandson who just turned 2. Upon moving here, I knew I wanted to volunteer for an organization that supported their local community, especially children as kids are my passion. I found the Women's Club through searching online and joined the club in the spring of 2018. Suzie Stalder got me busy right away—and during my time here, I have served as Membership Chair, Board Secretary, 1st Vice President and now President as well as serving on many committees. I was fortunate to have co-chaired the Fashion Show with Jill Martin and Renee Raitz prior to COVID. I truly enjoyed the experience of flocking - coming from Seattle I had never seen wild turkeys or bats! I worked closely with Kim Kimber on the mask and cookbook fundraisers and am currently serving as co-chair for the upcoming Fashion Show in charge of decorations. We built our home in Santana Ranch with the idea it would be our forever home. As Thomas Rhett's song Life Changes says – you make your plans and you hear God laughing...well, life changed for us. It is with a very heavy heart that Rod and I have decided to move to Phoenix. We have family there who needs us, and after the last 2 years of being so secluded, we realized we need them too. I have been very blessed to have such a supporting Board and am very grateful to Laura Lee who will become your new President. I will never forget the friendships I've made here, the opportunities offered allowing me to make some contributions supporting the Hollister community, and who wouldn't love this beautiful weather. Thank you for all of this!

REMINDER:

Wednesday March 9th will be an in-person lunch at Paines. Lunch is \$25.00. Please RSVP to Beryl @ berdonny@yahoo.com or 831-628-3028 by Monday March 7th. Please **wear green** and **bring a canned food item** to donate to the Feeding America program.

See you all in-person!

Flamingos Are Coming!

If you haven't already, don't forget to email Jeanne Liem - flymamafly@yhoo.com if you want to be on a Flocking Team. We'll be having a kick-off event early evening, Thursday, March 31st!

Remember to bring your flocking info (name, address, telephone number) of the people you want to be flocked this year. There will be forms to fill out at the luncheon. Make sure YOUR friends are the first to be flocked!! Let's make 2022 the best Flocking Year ever!!

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COMFORT AND CARE

Co-chairs Anne Brooks, Ellen Fisher and Denise Cauthen-Wright are in the process of completing the inventory of Comfort and Care supplies. Current need is school supplies: spiral bound notebooks, composition books, crayons, pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners, glue sticks, colored pencils, markers and coloring books. To arrange pick up of donations, please contact one of the co-chairs or bring to the March meeting.

Denise Cauthen-Wright

UPCOMING CONVENTIONS

The following dates are for the GFWC and CFWC conventions if anyone is interested in attending. At this time, all are in-person and we do try to carpool (except of course to Louisiana!). If you want to attend contact Barb Lampman (253-820-6515),

April 23 – LPD Convention @ Three Flames Restaurant, San Jose

May 12-14 – CFWC Convention @ Delta Hotel by Marriott, 12021 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove

June 24-28 – GFWC Convention @ Hilton New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Thank you to Laura Lee who has graciously accepted the position of Chair of our Nominating Committee. Word has gone out that Barb Lampman is moving to Arizona in the near future, which means we need a new 1st VP as Laura will step into the role of President sooner than expected. We also need someone to fill the Fundraising chair position as Kim will be stepping back from that role. She did a fantastic job of coming up with fundraisers that could be done during COVID and we were quite successful in raising money. As it stands now, we have 3 openings. Please put your thinking caps on, consider the roles and step up or maybe put some names forward. The roles are:

- a. 1st VP – This commitment moves into the President's role after 1-2 years.
- b. Fundraising Chair – Works with the various chairs of any fundraising committees.
- c. Women's Fund Advisory Committee – This is a representative role, representing the WCH, on the Community Foundation's Women's Fund Committee. It requires someone who has been in the WCH for a few years and chaired a few committees or held a board position. This is an active role, not just attending a meeting once a month. They put on events, raise funds, and give out grants.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

We have been challenged with the many social media venues, trying to keep things current, advertising what good things we do, etc. We had put together a Social Media Coordinator job description but soon realized this was quite a daunting position. As a member of the Chamber of Commerce, one of the areas they can assist us is the area of Social Media. We have therefore decided to put together a Social Media committee to work closely with the Chamber, allowing us to spread the work and align our social media presence across multiple platforms. If you know someone, maybe you?, who is good at social media and would like to participate, please forward your or their name to Laura Lee.

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2022
SBC ARTS SHOWCASE
CELEBRATING ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY

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RESOURCE AREA FOR TEACHING

- *STUDENT PERFORMANCES
- *FOOD VENDORS
- *INTERACTIVE ARTS
- *RAFT MAKER MOBILE

San Benito County Arts Council

SCAN THE QR CODE OR CLICK HERE FOR INFORMATION

MARCH 31, 2022
4PM - 7PM
VETERANS' MEMORIAL BUILDING

Join us for our annual San Benito County Arts Showcase. Come out to celebrate the artistic achievements of our students!

CONTACT: CHRISTIAN WOODS
CWOODS@SBCOE.ORG



March Birthdays

Alexis Winder	March 2nd
Brenda Weatherly	March 2nd
Cynthia Carrillo	March 3rd
Sue Parsons	March 10th
Catherine Marks	March 17th

Happy Birthday Ladies!

Get to Know Members: Nancy Bailey member since 2005

What has it been like for you being a WCH member since 2005? In 2005 I joined the WCH and the book group which has brought me years of friendship and community service. What started as acquaintances continues as 7 book club members meeting monthly to discuss our book selections and WCH activities.

What do you like best about WCH? My favorite aspect of being a WCH member is the opportunity to learn and share from our diverse membership while focusing on a common purpose. I'm proud to be a part of a group that has such an impact on our community. I look forward to many more years of service and activities in the WCH.

What committees/board positions have you been involved in over the years? I have been involved in book group, bunco, Comfort and Care backpacks, flocking fundraiser, Wreaths Across America, Decorate A Tree, the Fashion Show and decorating committee. I have been the Secretary on the BODs since 2020. I recommend becoming involved in a way that interests you.

Share with us your personal life: Married, kids, grandkids, previous job, from Hollister? My family relocated from Eden, New York to Hollister in 1997. My 2 sons fell in love with the area and still live in CA. My family has grown to include a wonderful daughter-in-law and an amazing granddaughter. I enjoyed a career at Gavilan College from 1998 until my retirement in 2019. Now that my husband and I are retired, we keep busy by helping with childcare for our granddaughter.

Submitted by Renee Raitz and Suzie Stalder

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

To ensure you receive the newsletter in plenty of time before our upcoming general meeting, the newsletter submission date has been standardized to the 1st of each month. No more trying to figure out when your items need to be in to Barb Mumm (bjdrmumm@gmail.com).

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Women's Club of Hollister General Membership Meeting - Zoom February 9, 2022

Attendance: 14 members

President Barb Lampman called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m. Renee Raitz led members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and Martha Blaser led a recitation of The Collect for Women. Barb thanked everyone for joining the Zoom meeting and noted that the January meeting had been canceled.

February Birthdays - Suzie Stalder congratulated Bonnie Wilkinson, Connie Linton, Nicki Phillips, Dee Stachel, Kathleen Yager, Norma Rendon, Barbara Cosio, Aubrey Norton, Denice Caprino, Katherine Casey, and Tina Hall on their birthdays.

Acceptance of December 8, 2021 Minutes - Nancy Bailey sent everyone a copy of the minutes along with the agenda and meeting link. The minutes were accepted. Nancy read two thank you notes from Girls, Inc. for the club's donation.

Treasurer's Report/Dues - Beryl Kurgan provided a copy of the February 9, 2022 Treasurer's Report. She reported an operating account balance of \$21,701.60 and a Comfort & Care Bundles account balance of \$4,287.89. The Community Foundation of SBC account has a balance of \$1777,018.81. Beryl also reported that 41 membership fees have been collected and she has contacted 27 others about renewal. Kathy Kessler reminded everyone that the WCH website has a PayPal link that can be used for membership renewal fees.

Newsletter Items - Barb thanked Barbara Mumm for her work on the February newsletter and mentioned that the Board discussed providing more informational items. She reviewed the suggestions of including a recipe, a WC historical note, committee update reports, membership bios, and promoting members' businesses. She welcomed suggestions from members. The deadline for newsletter submission was discussed and the 1st of the month was suggested along with a publish date of the 5th.

Speaker - Jeanne Liem on "Tenderness" - Jeanne opened her talk with the Otis Redding song "Try a Little Tenderness". She said tenderness is also warm heartedness. Jeanne recognized February for valentine loves and celebrating a healthy heart and shared how we can take steps to improve our heart health. She added that the WCH is sympathetic to the well being of members. Martha Blaser, as 2nd VP, connects with members that need some additional tenderness in their lives due to illnesses or life changes. She thanked Martha for doing this important work and added that tenderness can make difficult times easier. Jeanne concluded with examples of how we experience and provide tenderness in our everyday lives.

Fashion Show - Fundraising Co-Chair Renee Raitz reviewed that the February Fashion Show was rescheduled for October 8. She is accepting baskets, filler items, and basket paper shavings. She welcomes donated bags of basket shavings available at the Dollar Tree store. Kathy Kessler recommended a model if one is still needed and Barb Lampman will follow up. Barb said Fashion Show committees meetings will be scheduled in the upcoming months.

Laundry 2 Literacy (L2L) - Jill Martin has volunteers for February/March and is seeking members to help in April/May. It is undecided if the program will continue through the summer months. Jill added that children's books in Spanish are always welcome.

Scholarship Update - Katherine Casey shared that scholarship applications have been distributed to the schools. The committee will meet on February 21 to discuss changes in the rating rubric. Future Scholarship committee meetings are scheduled for March 7 (review process/receive applications), and March 21 (interviews). Barb shared that the Scholarship Committee chair recently resigned so Barb Lampman called a special committee meeting to discuss possible changes to the application form and selection criteria. They voted to reduce the GPA to 3.7 and to accept student applications for technical/vocational schools. Denise Cauthen-Wright and Katherine Casey agreed to a co-chair position. Thank you to both ladies.

EDGE - Youth Leadership Program - Barb announced that the EDGE program will take place this year and the club will send one student. The sponsorship fee of \$250 was paid last year but the event was canceled due to the pandemic. No payment is required this year.

Veterans Transition Center - Jill Martin reported on the speaker at the LPD meeting. Kurt Schake spoke about Monterey County's Veterans Transition Center that provides housing to homeless veterans along with their spouse, child, or pet. Jill said they also offer job placement, job training, and rehabilitation facilities. She added that household items are appreciated and a request to donate can be found on their website, www.vtcmonterey.org. Jill said LPD is collecting donations this month on behalf of all clubs in the district. Member donations can be sent to Beryl Kurgan.

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Flamingo Flocking - Anne Brooks and Jeanne Liem are looking for Flamingo Flocking volunteers to sign up for the April fundraiser. A member may choose to flock with other members, flock with their own friends and/or family member, or just go along for the ride with a member. Please let them know your preference.

Upcoming Art Contest - Barb announced that the club will not be participating in the photography and writing contests this year. A chairperson is needed for the children's Art Contest which has a district submission deadline of April 1. Jeanne Liem suggested that the WCH contest run along with the SBC Office of Education art contest. She will contact the district chairperson for details. Please let Barb know if you are interested in chairing this project.

Got Sneakers - Suzie is collecting rubber soled shoes/sneakers for recycling. The project's intent is to keep the shoes out of the landfill. Bring shoes to the March 9 General Membership meeting.

Report Writing - Suzie wrote 38 annual reports for the club with Kathy Kessler and Barb Lampman providing proofreading. Suzie shared that 1500 hours were spent doing activities and a donation amount of \$10,630.45. Also 414.75 hours were spent fundraising \$9,803.15.

LPD March 7 Meeting - The WCH is scheduled to host the district luncheon on March 7. Suzie shared all the details involved in the planning. After a group discussion on lunch costs and vaccination requirements, there was a general consensus to hold this meeting on Zoom and not in person.

Misc./Announcements - Barb announced that Kathy Kessler had agreed to take on the role of Social Media Coordinator in the interim. Thank you to Kathy. This position will be discussed by the BOD.

Anne Brooks suggested that members purchase school supplies and bring them to the March 9 meeting for the next Comfort & Care Backpack project.

Today's Winners - Spin the Wheel: Barb Lampman, Suzie Stalder, and Barbara Mumm. Valentine Trivia Contest - Renee Raitz. Each attending WCH member will receive a Valentine's candy door drop courtesy of Suzie Stalder and Renee Raitz. Thank you all for attending.

Adjourned at 12:55 pm

Submitted by Nancy Bailey, Secretary

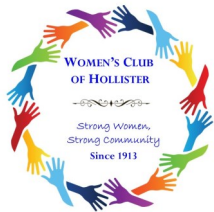
WCH – MONTHLY VOLUNTEER RECORD – 2022

NAME:

MONTH:

Please complete this report and give to Susie Stalder each month you have hours or expenses. Reports may be turned in at the monthly luncheon or by email to fafestival@aol.com

Project/Event/Committee	Activity	\$ Spent	\$In-Kind	Hours	Date
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2021-2023

Board of Directors

President	Barb Lampman
First VP	Laura Lee
Second VP	Martha Blaser
Third VP	Barbara Mumm
Secretary	Nancy Bailey
Treasurer	Beryl Kurgan
Parliamentarian	Renee Raitz
Trustees	Suzanne Stalder Jill Martin Jeanne Liem

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Next In-person Meeting Details

Date: March 9th 2022

Location: Paines Restaurant

11:00 AM—Social Time

11:30 AM—Business Meeting

12:00 PM—Lunch

Please make reservations for our March 9th lunch with Beryl Kurgan at berdonny@yahoo.com or 831-628-3028 by Monday March 7th at 11:00 AM. If you need to cancel, please let Beryl know by March 8th at the latest.

FEEDING AMERICA

It's a simple fact - A child's chance for a bright tomorrow starts with getting enough food to eat today. In the US alone, it's estimated 12 million children may not know when they will get their next meal. In the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, unemployment and food insecurity soared and food banks have been overwhelmed. We would like to help support our local Food Bank to help feed those in our community. At this month's meeting (March 9th), we will be honoring the Food Bank and all they do with a canned food drive.