

BARB'S BYTE

This past month has been a busy one with our flocking in full force. What an amazing job everyone did with a record breaking donation total of \$14,501. We flocked 306 houses - meaning we visited 612 houses in those two weeks. Big, big thanks to Anne Brooks who has Chaired this fundraiser since its inception. We will truly miss Anne as she will be moving from Hollister the end of May. A big thanks to Jeanne Liem also for stepping in these past two years to Co-Chair with Anne and who will now be Co-Chairing the Flocking fundraiser with Jill Martin! Welcome Jill! Unfortunately Pink Floyd was not able to join our flock this year but we might still catch sight of him as he journeys around the U.S.!

We had a great turnout for our April general membership meeting, the largest we've had this entire year. We honored five high school seniors with scholarships and warned them we may be calling them in the future to be one of our Fashion Show models!

At the May meeting, we will be doing our Board installation. We have yet to fill the 1st Vice President position. As with any club or organization you get involved with, the more active you are within the group the more you get out of it. The main duties of the 1st VP are to plan the Annual Speakers Series as well as serve as Dean of Chairpersons. In addition, we do have some Committee Chair positions open. These include Arts/Photography Contest, Decorate a Tree, ESO, Fashion Show Decorating Committee, and Social Media. I ask that each of you seriously consider serving as a Board member or Committee Chair/Co-Chair.

On a personal note, I have been so amazed at how many friends I have made in the 4½ years I've been in Hollister. We moved here thinking it would be our forever home but things changed and we ended up moving to Phoenix. My brother came down from Seattle to help us move; however, prior to coming he injured his shoulder and one rib and couldn't lift things. That left Rod and I to load a 26-foot U-Haul with the help of one neighbor. Jeanne Liem came by our house as we were loading, bringing us a sack full of snacks, saw how limited we were with helpers and put out a plea to WCH members asking anyone who could come help to come. Lo and behold people started showing up and truly made both of us want to cry - tears of joy and sorrow! Thank you, thank you, thank you Jeanne, Ronco and Josh Liem, Jerry and Chris Stalder, Jill Martin, Laura Lee, Jan Watson, and Renee Raitz. I hope I didn't miss anyone. We were so touched and the help was invaluable. We will miss Hollister and all the friends so very much!

Farewell to Anne Brooks!

Anne has lived in Hollister for more than 20 years and has been a member of the WCH since 2003. She has been very active in our club as co-chair of Flocking and Comfort & Care Bundles and serving as our bookkeeper helping our Treasurer, Beryl. She has volunteered in many other capacities. It is so sad to have Anne leave us. She's moving to Placerville the end of this month. She will truly be missed by everyone!

Congratulations Club

Members!

Over 50 lbs. of nonperishable groceries were collected last month. A delivery was made to the Community Food Bank of San Benito. Let's beat that amount next time we have a collection.

Thanks, Nancy Bailey

110th Anniversary WCH

The Women's Club of Hollister will celebrate its 110th anniversary in 2023. Wow - 110 years strong! We will want to start planning any celebrations for next year relatively soon as 2023 will be here before we know it. With COVID, we were not able to celebrate the anniversary of the Women's Right to Vote so we'll take some of those ideas to celebrate our anniversary. We will need a Chair and committee, of course. We'd also welcome any celebration ideas you might have. Put your thinking caps on and let's have a party!!!!

Reminder:

**See you all in September.
Have a great summer!**

Women's Club of Hollister

BUDGET TIME!

For all Committee Chairs, just a reminder July is when the Budget Committee meets to prepare the 2022-2023 budget. Think about your committee's responsibilities and what items/monies you might need to make this next year successful. Any items to be considered during the budget meetings need to be submitted to Laura Lee no later than June 15th.

LPD CONVENTION

The LPD convention was held on April 23rd in San Jose and was an all-day event. The WCH was well represented by attendees Barb Lampman, Barb Mumm, Laura Lee, Renee Raitz, Kathy Kessler, Jill Martin, and Suzie Stalder. To ensure everyone knew that the Women's Club of Hollister had arrived, we all wore our flamingo t-shirts (courtesy of Kathy Kessler), pink boas (courtesy of Suzie Stalder), a flamingo pin (courtesy of Renee Raitz), and flamingo hats (courtesy of Anne Brooks). We had boa feathers flowing all around the room!!! Jill and Barb L even stepped up to dance during the lunchtime break with other convention members!

The WCH did really well with regard to awards, winning the following awards for an intermediate size club:

First Place: Environment and Membership

Second Place: Legislation, Education & Libraries, and Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention

Honorable Mention: Communications & Public Relations, Civic Engagement, and Advocates for Children.

The WCH was the only club to submit artwork from students so our students took all the prizes! Thanks go to Jeanne Liem for taking on the art project at the very last minute, organizing it and ensuring a smooth transition.



May 2022 Newsletter

Get to Know WCH Members (Jill Martin)

How long have you been a member?

I've been a member since 2010.

How did you hear about the WCH?

I heard about the WCH from Jeanne Liem and June Hockenberry.

What do you like best about the group?

I like being a part of a larger force for change in the world for Women, through District LPD, State CFWC and the GFVC memberships.

Do you see yourself staying for awhile?

I joined thinking I would be a member for 3 years, but now going on 12 years!

Are you on any committees?

I started by being a guest speaker at the WCH. After joining the club I was the committee chair for the Ways and Means, Fashion Show, Nominating Committee and co-chair for the Art Committee. I've been on the Board as 2nd VP, 1st VP and Club President 2016-2019.

Married? Children and grandchildren?

Married 44 years in June. One daughter, no grandkids.

Are you from Hollister? If not, how long have you lived here?

I'm from San Jose. I moved to Hollister in 1993 (29 years ago).

Would you like to add anything?

Joining the WCH has been a very enriching experience in my life. It has challenged me beyond what I thought I was able to achieve. It boosted my confidence, opened my eyes, ears and heart to the needs of others. Through it all I have formed life long friendships.

By Renee Raitz and Susie Stalder



TOMATO TUNA SALAD

Tomatoes	1/2 green bell pepper, diced
1/2 box elbow macaroni	1 cup mayonnaise, to taste
2 cans tuna, drained	Salt
2 stalks celery, diced	Pepper
1/2 onion, diced	

Core and slice tomatoes without cutting all the way through. Spread cut tomatoes open like flower petals. Cook, drain and cool the macaroni. Mix all other ingredients. Arrange mixture on top of the tomatoes (I salt and pepper the tomatoes first). This keeps for several days in the refrigerator.

From The WCH Cookbook submitted by Maureen Serafini

Women's Club of Hollister

WCH General Membership Meeting

Paine's Restaurant April 22, 2022

Attendance: 28 members and 15 guests

President Barb Lampman called the meeting to order at 11:38 a.m. Jeanne Liem led members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and Jill Martin led a recitation of The Collect for Women. Barb thanked the Scholarship Committee for the graduation table decorations. Barb **thanked everyone for coming and welcomed guests.**

Introduction of Guests - Suzie Stalder introduced and welcomed guests Debbie Winchell, Valerie Bowen, Denise Brigantino, Maureen Nelson, and Elizabeth DeLeo. She also introduced the mothers attending with their scholarship winning daughters. This included Isabella Botelho and Amber, Kyleigh McMullen and Liz, Modeline Slater and Susan, Mia Villegas & Marlene, and Meaghan Ricker and Tiffany. Valerie Bowen won a Target gift card from the guest drawing.

April Birthdays - Suzie Stalder congratulated Kathleen Taylor, Nancy Sanchez-Zuniga, Irene Recht, Krystal Lomanto, Suzanne Hall, and Trisha Meraz on their April birthdays.

Acceptance of March 9, 2022 Minutes - Nancy Bailey provided a copy of the minutes. The minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report/Dues - Beryl Kurgan provided a copy of the April 22, 2022 Treasurer's Report prepared by Anne Brooks. She reported an operating account balance of \$19,671.65 and a Comfort & Care Bundles account balance of \$4,287.89. The Community Foundation of SBC account has a balance of \$166,279.36 as of February 28, 2022.

Committee Reports-Children's Art Contest - Jeanne Liem reviewed how WCH collaborated with the San Benito County Office of Education's creative art show and how a WC judging committee chose 1st and 2nd place winners to move onto the Women's Club district art show later in April. Jeanne thanked those who judged with her: Nicki Phillips, Maureen Serafini, and Karen Perceival.

Comfort & Care Bundles - No report.

Fashion Show - Renee Raitz will accept raffle basket donations through August. Renee shared that 33 baskets raised over \$2,000 at the last fashion show. The new date for the 2022 Fashion Show is October 8. Tickets are available on the website. Barb added that scholarship recipients are often contacted to be models. Co-chairs for the event are Kim Kimber, Renee Raitz and Barb Lampman. Barb who heads up the Decorating Committee encouraged anyone interested in taking over her co-chair position to contact her.

Flocking - Jeanne Liem and Anne Brooks provided follow up on the Flamingo Flocking fundraiser that ran from April 1 - 15. The 10 teams consisting of 2 -3 members flocked 306 houses in the area bringing in an outstanding \$14,501. The funds will be used to fulfill the club's mission of providing scholarships each year along with community projects. Jill Martin will replace Anne Brooks as co-chair next year.

Laundry 2 Literacy (L2L) - Jill Martin described the L2L project which is year round and supplies children's books to the local laundromats. WC member volunteers refresh the books once a month. If interested in helping out, please let Jill know. Nominating Committee - Jill Martin and Laura Lee announced that election of officers will not take place at the meeting as most members are in a 2-year term and the open position of 1st Vice President has not been filled. A ballot for the new officers will be mailed out to membership soon with initiation taking place at the May membership meeting. Laura Lee will fill the president's position as Barb Lampman is moving out of the area.

Social Media - Laura reported that WCH now has 2 Facebook places for club activities and information. One group is private for members only. This site will share more internal information to members. A Facebook page also exists for the public to learn about WCH, see activity postings, and share information. Laura asked members to "like" the new page and to share the post.

May 2022 Newsletter

Bylaws/Standing Rules Revisions - Renee Raitz as parliamentarian reviewed the board's process in reviewing and editing both the By-laws and Standing Rules. Barb Lampman, Suzie Stalder, Nancy Bailey and Renee met as a committee to begin the process in March. At the March BOD meeting, the board reviewed all edits and voted to approve the changes. The BOD is asking the general membership to review and accept the changes as presented earlier in the month by email and hard copy. Connie Linton moved to accept the Bylaws and Standing Rules as presented. Seconded by Denise . Cauthen-Wright. Approved.

Scholarship Awards - Katherine Casey and Denise Cauthen-Wright welcomed the scholarship winners and their guests to the meeting. They acknowledged the work and commitment of the Scholarship Committee: Martha Blazer, Katherine Casey, Suzie Stalder, Jan Watson, Denise Cauthen-Wright, Brenda Weatherly, and Alexis Winder. Denise and Katherine provided a brief summary of accomplishments for each of the 5 recipients, and presented them with a GFWC pin, flower, and award certificate. Scholarship winners Isabela Botelho, Kyleigh McMullen, Meaghan Ricker, Madeline Slater, and Mia Villegas provided a gracious thank you to WCH for their award.

Convention News - Barb provided information on upcoming conventions:

April 23 - LPD Convention at Three Flames Restaurant in San Jose

May 12 - 14 - CFWC Convention at Delta Hotel by Marriott at 12021 Harbor Boulevard in Garden Grove

June 24 - 28 - GFWC Convention at Hilton New Orleans in New Orleans, Louisiana

Misc./Announcements—Barb announced and thanked Ellen Fisher for taking on the bookkeeping duties previously done by Anne Brooks. The Penny Pines collection was taken. Every \$68 in change collected results in 1 acre of replanted trees in a National Forest. Laura Lee won the newsletter trivia question game. Jill announced that it was Denim Day which brings awareness to sexual abuse and victim rights. Beryl Kurgan announced that guests planning on joining can submit their application to her. Adjourned at 12:58 pm ,

Submitted by Nancy Bailey, Secretary

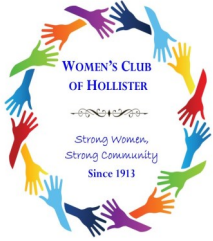
WCH – MONTHLY VOLUNTEER RECORD – 2022

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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May's In-Person Meeting

Details:

Date: Wednesday May 11th 2022

Location: Paine's Restaurant

11:00 AM—Social Time

11:30 AM—Business Meeting

12:00 PM—Lunch

Please make reservations for our May lunch with Beryl Kurgan at berdonny@yahoo.com or 831-628-3028 by Monday May 9th at 11:00 a.m. If you need to cancel, please let Beryl know by Tuesday May 10th at the latest. This will be the last lunch before the summer break. See you all back on September 14th for our next general meeting.

Have a great summer!

