



# News & Views

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Hacienda Heights Women's Club

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## December 2025

*The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn.*

Hello Ladies,

As we enter this beautiful Christmas season, I am truly looking forward to seeing you all on December 4th at our general luncheon meeting. This time of year invites us to pause, reflect, and embrace the spirit of gratitude, hope, and giving. We have a wonderful holiday program planned that I know will lift your hearts and prepare us all for a meaningful Christmas.



I am especially proud of the generosity and compassion our club continues to show. Many of our members are shopping for military families from Fort Irwin, helping to bless those who sacrifice so much for our country. In addition, our club is donating to families in need within our local school district, ensuring that Christmas shines a little brighter for the children and parents in our own community.

Your kindness and willingness to serve truly embody the spirit of the season. Thank you for the love, time, and effort you pour into our projects and into each other. May this season bring you peace, joy, and a renewed sense of purpose.

Looking forward to celebrating together on December 4th.



Warmest Regards,  
Angie Valenzuela 

President, Hacienda Heights Women's Club



~~ December ~~

Thurs., 12/4 WC General Meeting  
 Christmas with "Chorale Bel Canto"  
 Marie Callender's, 1560 Albatross, City of Industry, 11 am  
 \* Hostesses: Gabby, Nancy & Ann E  
 \* Inspiration: Carol  
 \* Patriotic Moment/Pledge of Allegiance: Betty Y



Fri., 12/12 Holiday Village, HHCC, Lynn seeking volunteers for WC booth

Sat., 12/13 Hsi Lai Temple Clothing Donation Drive, 8 - 2 pm, see flyer

Thurs., 12/18 WC Board Meeting

Thurs., 12/25 Christmas Day

Wed., 12/31 New Year's Eve



**Next Meeting: Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, Marie Callender's, 11 am**  
**Hostesses : Ampe and Lynn - Inspiration: Katie - Patriotic Moment & Pledge: Rita**



**December Birthdays:**

Terry E and Cindy W

**December Program** - Lucy

**"Chorale Bel Canto"**



**A VERY BIG THANK YOU !** - Carol

At our October meeting we collected \$1050 in gift cards for the Foster and Homeless students in our school district. Here is an excerpt from an email from the Equity and Access office :

"For over 5 years, four siblings have lived within the foster care system. Among the siblings is Tony, the oldest at 17 who carries a quiet strength far beyond his years. He has always put his brothers and sisters before himself---especially Manny, who has been diagnosed with autism. When asked what he wanted for Christmas, Tony paused, his eyes filling with tears, and whispered, " I don't think I ever think about that".

Tony is a high school senior and an honor student with dreams as bright as they are selfless.

**THANK YOU**



After graduation, he plans to enroll in the fire academy to become a fire fighter. His goal is simple yet profound: to earn enough so that one day all his siblings can live together again-----safe, loved and under one roof."

Our generosity means more than just a gift. It is a reminder that they are seen, valued, and loved.

***Holiday Cards for Military Soldiers*** - Leslie P

At our December meeting, I'll have a special box to collect holiday cards for military soldiers. I'll deliver these cards to the La Puente Library and place them in the box meant for them. Some cards might be taken to the Veteran Hospital in Long Beach. These cards will bring comfort and joy during the season, especially to those who may not be able to spend the holidays with their families.

Important Note: Not requesting financial gift cards or enclosures, simply a heartfelt, handwritten messages of gratitude and encouragement. Please prepare your cards at home, taking the time to write with care and thoughtfulness and bring them to the meeting / luncheon on December 4th.

Please indicate on the envelope which holiday your card is for (Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa) - or feel free to create one for each!

Rose Bowl 2026 Theme: The Magic in Teamwork!

Thank you for your kindness and generosity. Wishing all our members a very Happy Holiday season filled with joy, and a truly Magical New Year for you and your family!



***Hsi Lai Temple Clothing Donation Drive, Saturday, 12/13*** - Andrea

December 2023, a tragic fire destroyed Lydia's House domestic violence shelter in Long Beach. Our Club, along with HHIA and Safer HH partnered with Hsi Lai Temple to collect clothing, blankets, pillows, sheets, towels, etc. for the forty-six displaced women and children.

Last year, the event was hosted during December. We added partner United Rescue Mission and they brought a semi-trailer truck, a forklift, and 20 big bins. We filled them all!

The Hacienda Heights Women's Club is pleased to partner again in this very worthy cause. HHWC will have a table/pop up from 8-2:00 on Saturday, 12/13/2025, at the Hsi Lai Educational Center parking lot at 3130 Colima, Hacienda Heights. We need volunteers to join us to help manage and receive donations. And of course, we need everyone to donate. Please invite your friends, family and neighbors.

***Thank You Letter from ESGVCH*** - Mary T



Megan Ryan, Program Manager sent the following on November 5, 2025:  
 "Dear Hacienda Heights Women's Club, we at East San Gabriel Valley Coalition for the Homeless would like to thank you for your generous donation of flashlights, laundry detergent sheets, first aid kits, blankets, cellphone chargers, laundry cards, and fast-food gift cards. Your donations and efforts in supporting our cause are helpful towards our mission to bring hope and restore dignity to those in need by providing shelter, alleviating hunger, assisting with basic daily needs, assisting to regain housing, raising community awareness, and by working collaboratively with others to end hunger and homelessness.

The homeless population in our area is growing to include more women, children, and elderly. We thank you again for your generosity and hope that you will continue to support our efforts to improve the quality of life of those we serve."

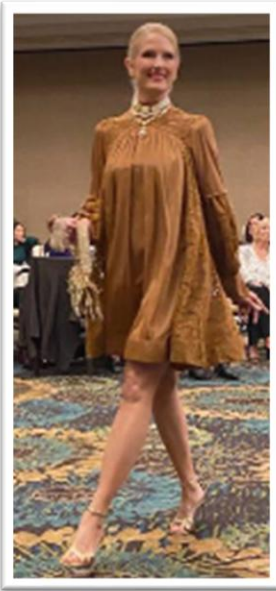




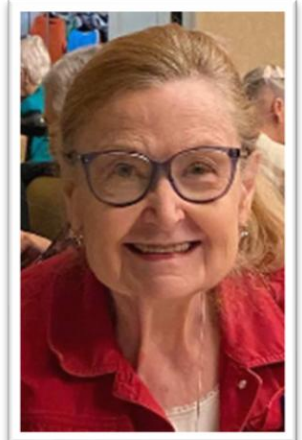
## November Highlights

### City of Hope Fashion Show

Luncheon and Boutiques, November 15th, Pacific Palms Resort



Betty C, Gwen, Terry V, Connie, Ampe, Lesli Ann, Lori, Mary, Andrea, and Irene enjoyed the luncheon, models, and singer at City of Hope Fashion Show





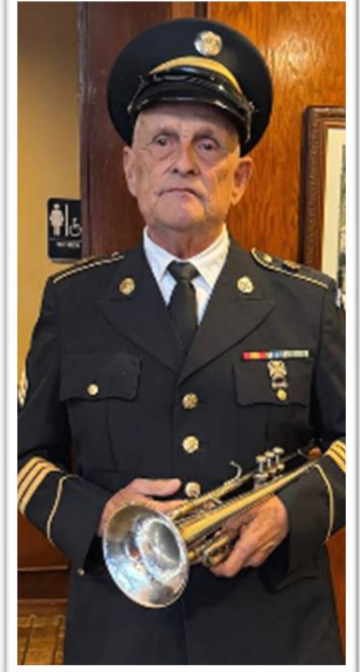
## November Meeting, Honoring Veterans



Veterans received Certificates of Recognition from Supervisor Hilda Solis



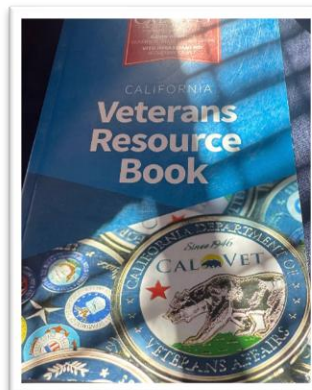
Thank you  
Terry V and  
Tracy for  
patriotic  
decorations



Rudy Gutierrez, Army  
Bugler, performed taps



Honoring  
ALL WHO  
served  
**THANK YOU  
VETERANS**



November speaker  
Jerry Luna



Sgt. Edmundo Bendana Jr., director of  
La Puente ROTC program and Color  
Guards presented the colors



*Valerie and Dad on Greek Island Cruise*



Val and Dad went on a cruise in the  
Adriatic, Ionian & Aegean Seas



Venice, Italy



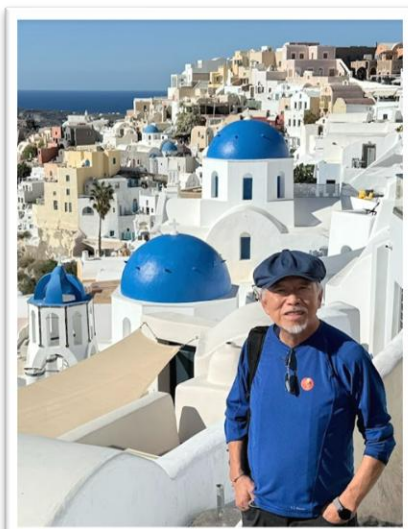
Village on Corfu, Greece



Overlooking Montenegro



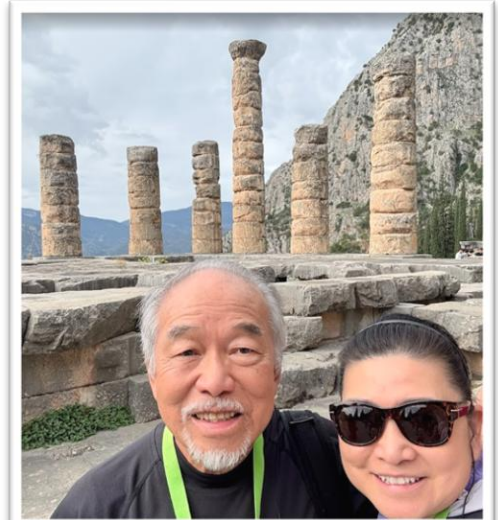
Walls of Dubrovnik, Croatia



Santorini, Greece



Caves of Piran, Slovenia



Oracle at Delphi





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BLIA LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

SaferHH

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鞋子、襪子、被子、衣服、玩具、衛生用品、  
不接受大型物品、家具或廚房用品

Accepting: Shoes, socks, blankets,  
clothing, toys, hygiene.

NO large items, furniture, kitchenware

地點 Location:

西來文教館 / Hsi Lai Center  
3130 Colima Road,  
Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

日期 Date:

12/13/2025 (週六 / Saturday)

時間 Time:

早上八點至下午兩點  
8:00 am - 2:00 pm only

Organizer: Buddha's Light International Association - Los Angeles Chapter

Co-organizer: Hacienda Heights Women's Club (HHWC), SaferHH,  
Hsi Lai Temple / BLIA, Long Beach Sub-chapter

December 2025



**The La Puente Valley Woman's Club**

***invites you to our Annual***

***Tamale Making Party***

***for***

***Displaced Families and***

***unhoused Residents***

***on Saturday***

***December 20, 2025***

***from 8am to 6pm***

***at***

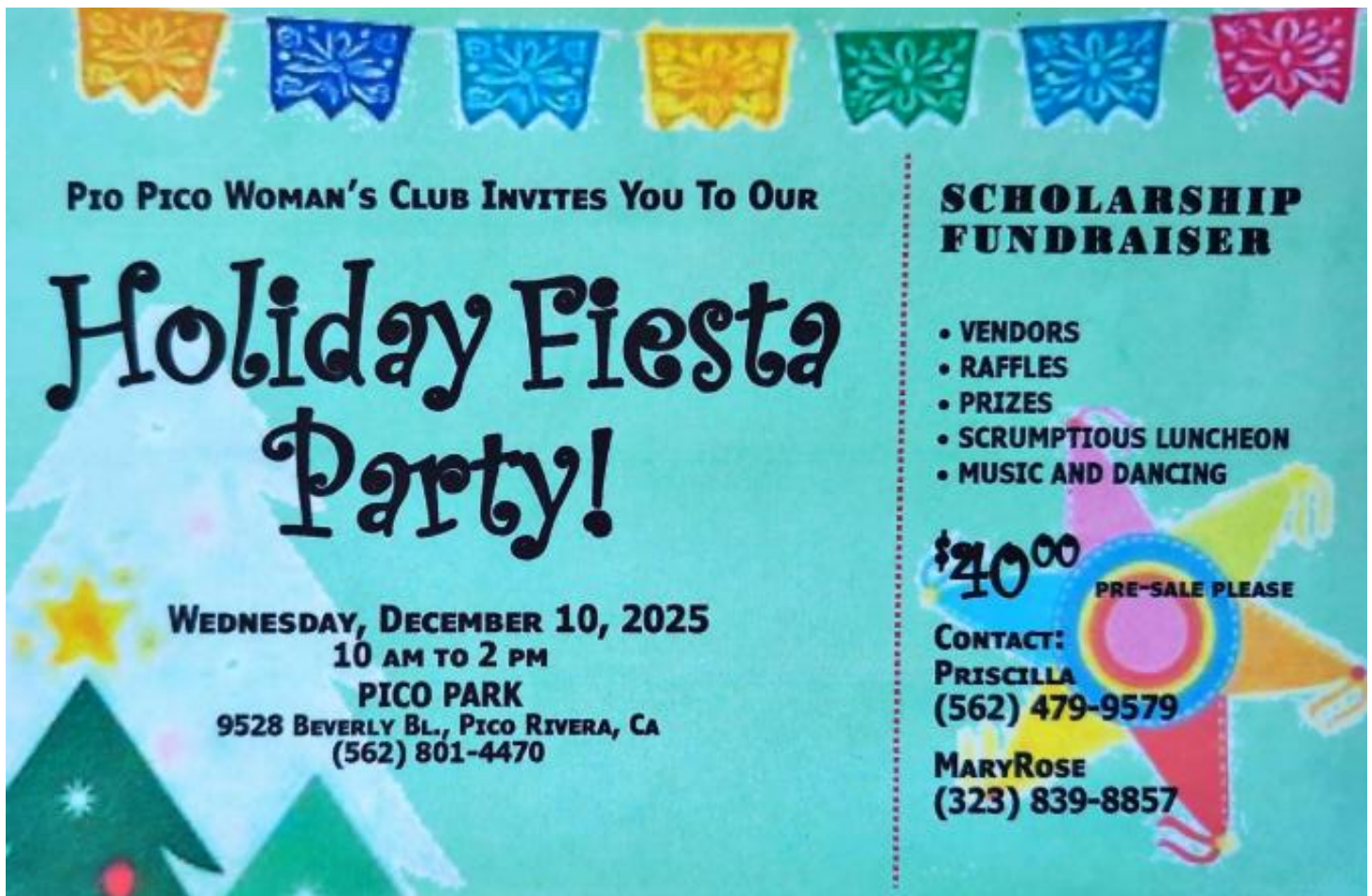
***200 N. First St. La Puente, CA 91744 for more***

***info call Martha 626-512-1241***

***Please come help serve our community***







A festive flyer for a Holiday Fiesta Party. At the top, a string of colorful Mexican paper flags (papel picado) in orange, blue, yellow, green, and red hangs across the width. The background is a light teal color. On the left, there are stylized white and green Christmas trees with yellow stars. The main text is in a large, black, cursive font. To the right, a vertical dashed line separates the event details from the scholarship fundraiser information. A large, colorful starburst graphic is positioned behind the ticket price and contact information.

**PIO PICO WOMAN'S CLUB INVITES YOU TO OUR**

# **Holiday Fiesta Party!**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2025**  
**10 AM TO 2 PM**  
**PICO PARK**  
**9528 BEVERLY BL., PICO RIVERA, CA**  
**(562) 801-4470**

**SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER**

- VENDORS
- RAFFLES
- PRIZES
- SCRUMPTIOUS LUNCHEON
- MUSIC AND DANCING

**\$40<sup>00</sup>** **PRE-SALE PLEASE**

**CONTACT:**  
**PRISCILLA**  
**(562) 479-9579**

**MARYROSE**  
**(323) 839-8857**



A flyer for hall rental at the Pio Pico Woman's Club. The layout is clean and professional. On the left, the text 'HALL RENTAL' is written vertically in large, bold, black letters. Below it, a smaller line of text says 'CONSIDER US FOR YOUR SPECIAL EVENTS'. The main title 'PIO PICO WOMAN'S CLUB' is in large, bold, blue letters. To the right of the title is a list of features in a simple black font. Above the list are three small, rounded rectangular images: the first shows the exterior of the club building with a sign, the second shows a modern kitchen with stainless steel appliances, and the third shows a large, bright room with tables and chairs set up. Below the list is a QR code. To the right of the QR code is the website address. At the bottom right, the address and phone number are listed, followed by social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, and a location pin.

# **HALL RENTAL**

**CONSIDER US FOR YOUR SPECIAL EVENTS**

## **PIO PICO WOMAN'S CLUB**

- Spacious Main Room
- Air Conditioned
- Foyer
- Full Kitchen
- Large parking lot
- Restrooms
- Tables & Chairs





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