



# News & Views

GFWC / CFWC  
 Hacienda Heights Women's Club  
 P.O. Box 5565, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

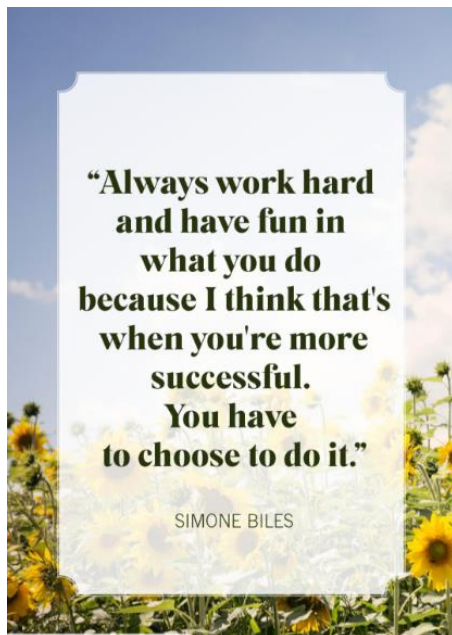
President: Angie Valenzuela  
 Editors: Mary Tang & Valerie Tang  
[douea@aol.com](mailto:douea@aol.com)  
 (626) 274-2946

## October 2023

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

I hope you all enjoyed a terrific summer and made some great memories. I would now like to officially welcome you all back to our 2023-2024 club year. Thank you for entrusting me with leading this great club another year. Thanks for the commitment and energy of our new and returning board members bringing new ideas and helping us make a difference in our community.

Your board members have been hard at work budgeting and scheduling our programs & lunches for the upcoming year. In August, we donated 216 boxes of colored pencils to the community center for their back-to-school backpack giveaway program. In September, we participated in National Day of Service by having a food drive that benefited military families from 29 Palms. Thank you for your generosity in helping with this very much needed project. Our military families will benefit greatly from your donations. Lastly, we also donated taquitos to the Hacienda Heights Community Center for their Hispanic Heritage Month community festival.



Once again, I am going to ask our membership to work toward the following two goals. 1) Get involved and 2) Grow our Membership. There is something for everyone. Our club participates in numerous community events such as Halloween booth, Spring Jubilee & 4th of July Parade. We also participate in charitable events such as Making Spirits Bright, Shoes that Fit, Shelter's Right Hand 5K Walk, Educational Scholarships, Foster Kids, Meals on Wheels, Food Drives, helping the homeless, and our list goes on and on. So, grab a friend, coworker and or neighbor and bring them to one of our lunch meetings. I promise they will enjoy it.

I am excited about our new club year and the wonderful things we have in store for you and most importantly for our community. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me anytime.



Thank you,  
**Angie** 

~~ October ~~

Thurs., 10/5

WC General Meeting, "Domestic Violence Awareness Month"

Hacienda Heights Community Center, 11 am

Hostesses: Leslie Ann Pittman and Betty Castaneda

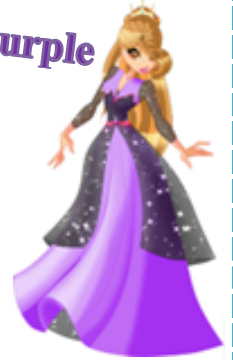
\* Inspiration: Ampe Velasquez

\* Patriotic Moment/Pledge of Allegiance: Connie Munoz

\* Program: Speaker Elizabeth Martinez, MBA, Executive Director of the Women's and Children's Crisis Shelter



**Wear Purple**



Thurs., 10/19

WC Board Meeting, HHCC

Sat., 10/21

District Fall Royal Crown Tea Party Brunch, Quiet Cannon

Tues., 10/31

Halloween

*November hostesses: Martha House and Ampe Velasquez Inspiration: Martha House*



**October Birthdays:**

Sarah Chavez, Alyssa Armenta, Anna Guerriero, Ampe Velasquez, Mary Rosentreter, Scarlet Liu Treu

***Change to Standing Rule #3 - Vote Required***

The Board recommends we delete the first sentence which reads "A one-time application fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) is to be collected with a new membership application." In the next sentence, annual dues will be changed from \$35.00 to \$40.00.

***Donations for Los Altos Displaced Students - Lynn Martin, Projects Chair***

I would like to present a call to action regarding the 'displaced' students attending Los Altos High School. There are over 50 students that do not have a permanent home, staying wherever they can for the night or a few days. This means a couch, a space on a floor or the backseat of a car in some cases. If they do not attend school, they face becoming a ward of the court. If a relative cannot be found or there is no one able to care for them, they are placed In Child Protective Services and 'housed' in a county facility until the age of 18.

***It is crucial they have access to the resources and support necessary to stay in school.***

Los Altos HS has developed a special program to help these students by providing a secure room on campus filled with drawers labeled with the items necessary for their personal hygiene. The coordinator is asking for donations to keep this room available and well stocked for the students. **The top 5 items requested are: Sanitary napkins, tampons, soap, bandages, and hand wipes.** Also, all the little bottles of shampoo and conditioner, hand and face creams, mouthwash, small bars of scented soap, single use razors, and any travel size extras you may have can also be donated.

If you would like to move forward with this, there will be a box at our monthly meetings for the donated items. Thank you for your consideration and in anticipation of your support .... a donation box will be ready to fill at our next meeting!!



## ***In Memory of Josephine "Jessie" Uhler, May 31, 1925 - July 18, 2023***

Our dear Jessie passed away this past summer. She was a member of our club since 1984. Jessie was generous, kind, and intelligent; really a beautiful person, always with a smile. She read several newspapers every morning, including the Wall Street Journal. An avid reader; she was president of Friends of the Library for 5 years. Jessie was also an active member in the Garden Club. According to her children, she was a "supermom." Jessie lived a full life, rich in many ways. Loved by many, she'll be deeply missed.



## ***June 1 Meeting***

**We celebrated Summer, Graduation, Scholarships and Past Presidents**



Cupcake decorators



Sue, Carol's daughter,  
cupcake decorating  
instructor



Decorations by  
Leslie Ann



High School  
Memorabilia



Maria Fonsecas, LVN and  
Berenica Rodriguez, Psychiatric  
Technician, scholarship recipients  
from the Hacienda La Puente  
Adult Education Career Program



Mike Williams accepted a certificate for  
Sigi, honoring her as Clubwoman of the  
Year.



Bingo with Carol. Beautiful  
purple flowers were presented  
to Carol honoring her as a past  
president.





June 4, members enjoyed opera, Otello, at Dorothy Chandler Pavilion



Angie and Steve vacationed in Cambria



Mary sitting on top of the world at the Seattle Space Needle.



Food drive for military families at 29 Palms



Angie delivered 216 boxes of 24 colored pencils to the Community Center for their back-to-school backpack giveaway program on August 2nd.





4th of July Parade - Angie secured a Mack truck from Valley Vista; Betty C. painted signs of women in history for sides of truck; members decorated; Marissa sang patriotic songs..We Won First Place!!

