



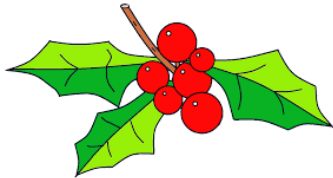
# News & Views

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

## December 2023

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



**"If you want to experience the true  
Meaning of Christmas, give  
Something to someone who  
Can offer nothing in return."  
~Toni Sorensen**



I am looking forward to seeing all of you on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at the Hacienda Heights Community Center for a meeting, delicious lunch and jolly Christmas music.

In the spirit of giving, please bring an unwrapped toy and or gift card for the County's Winterfest program which will take place on December 16<sup>th</sup> at the Hacienda Heights Community Center where Park's staff will distribute gifts to children in need from our community.



A special **THANK YOU** to our club members who volunteered to shop and wrap gifts for the Making Spirits Bright program. This wonderful program provides very much needed gifts to military families at 29 Palms.

Our club will also be donating gift cards to New Horizons, a local nonprofit organization, which will distribute the cards to families in need from our community.

Lastly, our club purchased blankets, beanies, gloves, hairbrushes and 24 x \$10 In-N-Out gift cards for the East San Gabriel Coalition for the Homeless.

It truly is a blessing and a privilege to be of service to others. Thank you for generously donating and volunteering your time. Your support allows us to continue to fulfill our mission and serve people in our community each year. I extend my very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and bright New Year to you and your families.



Thank you,  
**Angie** 



~~ December ~~



- Thurs., 12/7 WC General Meeting, "Sleigh Bell Luncheon"  
 Hacienda Heights Community Center, 11 am  
 \* Hostesses: Carol Nixt and Carolyn Hanson  
 \* Inspiration: Carol Nixt  
 \* Patriotic Moment/ Pledge of Allegiance: Ampe Velasquez  
 \* Program: Chorale Bel Canto Singers celebrate Christmas with music  
 \* Bring an unwrapped toy for the Community Center's Winterfest (Dec. 16)
- Thurs., 12/21 WC Board Meeting
- Mon., 12/25 Christmas Day

*January hostesses: Mary Tang and Connie Munoz Inspiration: Ampe Velasquez*

Please note: Our January meeting will be on the second Thursday, January 11, 2024



**December Birthday:**  
 Terry Estrada (12/22)

The best way to spread  
 Christmas cheer is singing  
 loud for all to hear. ~ 'Elf'

***Annual White Elephant Sale*** - Carol Nixt

Clean out those closets. Check your cupboards. Search the house for those "I don't want this anymore" things and bring them to the January 11 General Meeting.



There will be a table set up for the White Elephant Sale. There will be no prices. You are on your honor to pay what you think it is worth. So, bring some cash. Keep in mind this is for charity.



All proceeds will be given to a local charity. Items left over will go to Good Will. Remember that one person's trash is another person's treasure.!!

What is Christmas? It is  
 tenderness for the past,  
 courage for the present, hope  
 for the future. It is a wish that  
 every cup may overflow with  
 blessings rich and eternal and  
 that every path may lead to  
 peace.

~ Agnes M. Pahro

I stopped believing in Santa Claus when I was six. Mother took me to see him in a department store and he asked for my autograph.

~ Shirley Temple

***Membership Chair and Parliamentarian*** - Mary Anne Drew

I want to thank the ladies who brought in new members to our club. An installation of new members will be held at our festive December meeting.

For all members, you have received your new club yearbook. Be sure to read the bylaws and if you have any questions, please let me know.



### ***Kindness Angel and Clubwoman of the Year*** - Mary Tang

At the November meeting, nominations were taken by secret ballot for our Kindness Angel. She will be honored at the District Fashion Show in February. Result - there was a tie! Leslie Ann and Betty C. received the same number of votes. At the board meeting, it was decided that Leslie Ann will be our Kindness Angel and Betty C. will be our Clubwoman of the Year. She will be honored at the District Convention in April. Congratulations! You're both kind and deserving.

There are three stages of man: he believes in Santa Claus; he does not believe in Santa Claus; he is Santa Claus.

~ Bob Phillips



### ***Hilda Solis, LA County, 1st District Supervisor Turkey Give Away*** - Lucy Pedregon

On November 15th, I arrived at 9:10 for the 10 am event at Pepperbrook Park on Countrywood Avenue. Many county dignitaries were already there, including Sheriff Robert Luna, CHP officers, and Parks Staff alongside Hilda Solis and her field officers. There were a few speeches; but the decorations by the Parks Staff were amazing. Colorful autumn leaves and bales of hay everywhere. Hilda Solis arranged the turkey give away in Hacienda Heights for needy families. Our Club was offered 8 turkeys to give away. Through my experience in the community helping needy families, I recommended the families living in duplexes on 7th and Valley. I went earlier to canvass the area and counted 12 homes. Our Club allowed the purchase of 4 additional turkeys. The turkeys were delivered the same day. There were many thank yous and hugs. They were so happy and truly grateful. And we are so blessed. I will write a thank you letter from our club to Hilda Solis for her generosity.

The Christmas spirit is a spirit of giving and forgiving.

~ James Cash Penney

### ***November Highlights***



We honored our Veterans at the November meeting. Veteran Color Guards started the meeting along with bugle call. They did an excellent job.







Veterans Charles House and Mike Williams posed with one of the many cutouts around the room.



Sonia and friend from the Diamond Bar Women's Club brought many cards and thank you notes from families of 29 Palm involved with "Making Spirits Bright".



Young active marine thanked the Veterans for their service and sacrifices. His hope is to make them proud.



Speaker Dominique Acuna, Air Force Veteran with Lucy.



Angie with Dominique



Martha and Ampe provided the patriotic decorations. All was beautiful. Thank you.