

News & Views

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December 2024

The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn.

Dear Hacienda Heights Women's Club Members,

We are excited to invite you to our December general club meeting as we celebrate the holiday season together. This special gathering will feature the talented Mesa Robles Middle School choir singing beautiful holiday songs adding to the festive spirit.

In the spirit of giving, we will be collecting gift cards for the homeless and foster students from our local school district, as well as toys and hygiene items for families in need from our community. Your generosity will help bring joy to those in need during the season of giving.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, December 5th as we come together to spread holiday cheer!

Warmest Regards, Angie

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Thurs., 12/5 WC General Meeting - Christmas Luncheon

Marie Calender's, 1560 Albatross, City of Industry, 11 am

* Hostesses: Lucy P. & Kathy L.

* Inspiration: Carolyn H.

* Patriotic Moment/Pledge of Allegiance: R. Ann E.

Sat., 12/15 Donation of shoes, socks, blankets, clothing, hygiene products

Hsi Lai Center, 3130 Colima, 8 am – 1 pm

Thurs., 12/19 WC Board Meeting

Thurs., 12/25 Christmas Day

Next meeting will be Thursday, January 9th, at Marie Callender's, 11 am Hostesses are Ampe V. & Lynn M. - Inspiration by Ampe V.



December Birthdays:

Cindy W. and Terry E.





Program - Lucy Pedregon, VP



On December 5th, we will have the choir from Mesa Robles Middle School come entertain us with holiday songs. The 7th and 8th graders will be directed by Amanda Benavides. The school is located at 16060 Mesa Robles in Hacienda Heights, next to the library. Join us for fellowship, food, and music to celebrate the blessings and joy of Christmas.

District News - Carol Nixt, 1st VP

On Friday, Nov. 8, I attended the District Fall Council at the Covina Women's Club.

It was announced at the meeting that the annual District Convention will not be held at a hotel next April. It will be a one-day convention held at the Covina Women's Club. I hope a lot of us attend so we can have our own table.

I collected a district yearbook for Angie and me. The speaker was the president of Area B. Lunch was delicious.

Special Thank You - Lynn Martin

I would like to send a special thanks to all the volunteers participating in our 2024 Making Spirits Bright. This event is organized to support families from the 29 Palms Military Base.

HHWC donates the funds for our volunteers to purchase Christmas gifts that are requested by the military families. Clothing, shoes, and toys are



wrapped and labeled for delivery. Valley Vista Services, our local waste and recycling company, generously donates a truck for the transportation of the gifts to the military base. This event is made possible because of all those that contribute their time and donations to making this program a success AND...We had more volunteers wanting to participate than families on our list! What a GREAT ORGANIZATION and the best members ever!

HHWC is dedicated to paying tribute to the courage and dedication of our military personnel by Making Spirits Bright and look forward to continuing to participate in this wonderful program.

Our 2024 volunteers: R. Anne, Edna, Terry V., Tracy, Geri, Rita, Irene, Mary T., Betty C., Mary R. Katie, Angie, Gwen, Lynn Y., Gaby, and Nancy R.



East San Gabriel Valley Coalition for the Homeless - Irene Hinojosa

The E.S.G.V.C.H. is located at 15701 Hill Street, La Puente CA 91744. It started in 1994 and is a non-profit, 501c3 organization. Its mission is to bring hope and restore dignity to individuals and families. Their goal is to obtain housing, increase self-sufficiency and remain housed. ESGVCH has several unique programs throughout the year, Emergency Assistance Center (EAC), Bridge Housing Program and Winter Sheltering Program.

Our Club donates up to \$1,000 worth of needed items each year. This year, the shelter requested blankets, power banks, first aid kits, work boots, fast food gift cards, and gas cards. All were purchased and delivered in November. We received a thank you letter expressing much gratitude and appreciation.

November Highlights



Irene, Angie, Ampe, and Connie at the District Tea Party on November 16th at The Quiet Cannon, Montebello













Irene volunteering with the East San Gabriel Valley Coalition for the Homeless at the Hilda Solis Resource Fair on November 21st at the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area

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Our Veterans from Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines



Color Guards from La Puente High School



Speaker Jesse James, retired Marine with Angie



Lucy presented with Citizen of the Year Award by Carol



Geri shared medals earned by her father during World War II



Speaker Sargent Roland Souza, helping veterans realize their benefits



November meeting hostesses Terry V. and Tracy did the decorations to "Honor our Armed Forced and Veterans"