



News & Views

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The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn.



President's Message - Angie

Dear Hacienda Heights Women's Club Members,

Spring is in the air, and with it comes a beautiful reminder of renewal, growth, and the importance of caring for our environment and one another. As we welcome April, we celebrate both Earth Day and Arbor Day—two meaningful occasions that encourage us to reflect on how we can make a positive impact in our community and beyond. Whether it's planting a tree, reducing waste, or simply appreciating the beauty around us, every small action contributes to a healthier, greener world. Our club has always taken pride in giving back, and this month is a wonderful opportunity to continue that mission. Through our partnerships, volunteer efforts, and community programs, we are helping to nurture not only our environment but also the lives of those around us.

 We are also pleased to welcome special guests from Valley Vista Services' Organics Team, who will be joining us to share helpful insights on the organics recycling program and how we can all contribute to a more sustainable community. I encourage each of you to take a moment this month to step outside, enjoy the fresh air, and consider how you can contribute—whether through service, sustainability, or simple acts of kindness.

 Ways to Get Involved: Plant a tree or flowers • Reduce, reuse, and recycle •  Participate in local clean-up efforts • Donate gently used items • Volunteer and give back --- Thank you for your continued dedication, enthusiasm, and heart for service. You are what makes this club so special. Wishing you a joyful and refreshing spring season!



Warmly,

Angie Valenzuela

President, Hacienda Heights Women's Club



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Thurs., 4/2	WC General Meeting "Arbor Day & Spring" Marie Callender's, 1560 Albatross, City of Industry, 11 am * Hostesses: Andrea & Mary Anne * Inspiration: Kim W * Patriotic Moment/Pledge of Allegiance: Katie
Fri., 4/3	Good Friday
Sun., 4/5	Easter
Thurs., 4/16	WC Board Meeting
Tues., 4/21	HHWC trip to see our El Camino Real "Bell" near Mission San Gabriel
Wed., 4/22	Earth Day
Fri., 4/24	Arbor Day
Fri. & Sat., 4/24 & 25	SGV District Convention
Sat., 4/25	Shelter's Right Hand 5K Walk



Next Meeting: Thursday, May 7th, Marie Callender's, 11 am

Hostesses : Mary T & Connie - Inspiration: Terry E - Patriotic Moment & Pledge: Ampe



April Birthdays:

Carol, Katie, & Sonja

April Program - Angie

As we celebrate the beauty of spring along with Earth Day and Arbor Day, we are pleased to welcome representatives from Valley Vista Services, our local waste and recycling company. They will be sharing information on organics collection and how it helps reduce waste, enrich soil, and better our environment. This timely presentation is a wonderful opportunity to learn simple ways we can all contribute to a cleaner, greener community.

Announcements

- ❖ **Membership Dues.** Thank you to ALL of our members who have paid their \$40 dues. If you have not paid, this is the last reminder. Please bring your check to the April 2nd General Meeting. Thank you.
- ❖ **Ongoing Donations for Equity and Access** (resource center for homeless and foster students & students in need). Bring what you can, Andrea will deliver to E & A after each monthly meeting.
 - Shelf stable canned goods, boxed cereal, mac and cheese
 - Almond milk from Dollar Tree store is \$1.25. They also have regular whole & low fat milk.
 - Fast food and restaurant coupons (highlight expiration date)
 - Bags
 - Personal hygiene items, detergent, laundromat cards
- ❖ **70th Annual District Convention**
April 24th and 25th at Duarte Community Center.
For complete information, visit sgvd.org home page. Sign up at the April meeting.

Thank you! for your donations to the Military Food Drive - Andrea

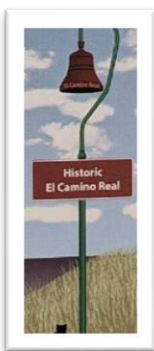
HHWC continues with our investment and dedication to our military families who so bravely serve our country. Previously, we joined with others to support the families at 29 Palms. However, an evaluation determined that there was great need at Ft. Irwin outside Barstow. At our last meeting, our members generously contributed food and household supplies to the food pantry at Ft. Irwin. President Angie brought her truck and we loaded it with supplies for delivery to help our military families. Thank you ALL for your generosity and support!



Foster / Homeless Students Update - Carol

As you know, we budgeted \$1000 to help Foster Students. This is the time of year for Prom and Grad night tickets at our local high schools. We were asked to help with the purchase of these tickets for 3 students. We donated \$730 to purchase 2 Grad night tickets and 1 Prom ticket. Thanks to your generosity we have made 3 Seniors very happy.

Trip to see our "Bell" - Katie

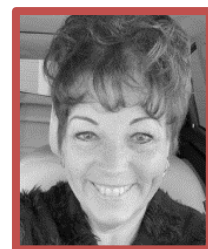


In 1997, the HHWC purchased an El Camino Real Bell which was a special project in partnership with the California Federation of Women's Club. The Club's bell was placed on Mission Road in the city of San Gabriel. (HHWC Yearbook, page 25 Timeline.)

We are going to go see "The Bell" on Tuesday, April 21st., followed by lunch at Twohey's in South Pasadena. We will carpool. Meet at my house, 10 am, 14410 Cabinda Drive, Hacienda Heights. After seeing the "Bell" and photo op, we will have lunch together, or you can drive home.

When I was young, I dreamed about becoming..... - Katie

I had a wonderful childhood and was always told I could do anything I wanted. When I was young, I knew I always wanted to grow up, get married, and be a mommy. I enjoyed science; dissecting things, like a cat's eye, frogs, worms, animal parts, and researching about the human body. Enthusiastic about entering science contests. I went on a trip with my mother to UCLA Medical Center and was fascinated! We saw slices of the human body, watched surgical procedures, etc. So it was natural for me, to dream about becoming a pediatrician. I put together my love of children, science, and the human body. I took Latin and College Prep in high school. As time went on, I was blessed to fall in love, get married, have four children, and now 14 grandchildren! My dream has come true.



What do I want to be when I grow up? - Carol N



When I was in high school I wanted to be a secretary. So, I took a lot of classes like typing, etc. During my senior year, my mother told me she wanted me to go to El Camino College. I didn't want to go to college -- I wanted to be a secretary. She suggested I just try it for a semester and if I still didn't like it I could quit. Well, I loved it. I joined the college choir, I rushed a sorority, and eventually got involved in student government. Of course, I had to pick a major, so I chose Social Worker. When I got ready to enroll at Long

Beach State College my mother said she didn't think I would be a good social worker because I would bring everyone home with me!

Hmmmm. Well, I knew she was probably right (she usually was) so now I needed a different major. I checked with a counselor and found out that most of my credits would transfer to Long Beach State in the education field. A teacher was born. My first job was teaching first grade at a school in Torrance, California. I took a break of several years to raise 3 kids. When my youngest was 10, I was hired to teach first grade at St. Mark's Lutheran School in Hacienda Heights. I taught 1st grade, 5th grade, 7th and 8th grade and retired as Assistant Principal after 22 years. I loved teaching. Working with kids is a great blessing and a wonderful career. Mom was right!

Spring Jubilee, March 21st at the HH Community Center



Wow! Look at the
line at our table



March Highlights



Irish decorations by Irene, Rita, and Rachel



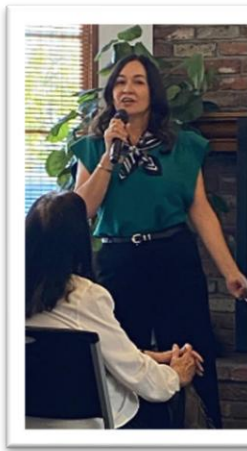
Harpist Dr. Bill and wife played and sang Irish tunes



Chicken pot pie and salad may not be corned beef & cabbage, but it fits our budget.



Mary R. voted Clubwoman of the Year. Congratulations!



Two Truths and a Lie players: Adriana, Angie, and Kim



Rachel, Sonja, R. Ann, and Geri honored for their leadership and service by Supervisor Hilda Solis during Women's History Month



Server Danny surprised and happy to receive our "special" tip