



News & Views

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The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn.

President's Message - Angie

Dear Ladies,

I am truly looking forward to seeing each of you at our May 7th meeting as we come together to celebrate Mother's Day and proudly introduce our 2026–2027 Board & Chairpersons. Our May 7th meeting will be decorated in a Hawaiian theme, and we will be entertained by vocalist Marissa Valenzuela, making it a fun and festive gathering for all.

This past month has been a wonderful reflection of our club's spirit in action. Many of our members participated in the Shelter's Right Hand 5K Walk, showing their support for a meaningful cause, while others attended the District's 70th Annual Convention, representing Hacienda Heights Women's Club with pride and dedication.

Your continued involvement, compassion, and commitment truly bring our mission to life.

In all things, Charity; in good things, Unity.

Wishing each of you a beautiful and blessed Mother's Day. I can't wait to celebrate together!

Warmly,

Angie Valenzuela

President, Hacienda Heights Women's Club



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- Thurs., 5/7 WC General Meeting "Hawaiian Mother's Day"
 Marie Callender's, 1560 Albatross, City of Industry, 11 am
 * Hostesses: Mary T & Connie M
 * Inspiration: Terry E
 * Patriotic Moment/Pledge of Allegiance: Irene H
 * Presentation of officers and committee chairs for 2026-2027*
 * Program - Marissa, Vocalist
- Sun., 5/10 Mother's Day
- Thurs., 5/21 WC Board Meeting
- Mon., 5/25 Memorial Day



Next Meeting: Thursday, June 4th, Marie Callender's, 11 am



May Birthdays:

Carolyn H, Leslie P, and Valerie T

Why Hawaiian Theme in May? - Google

May 2026 is filled with numerous observances, including *Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month*, Mental Health Awareness Month, and Older Americans Month. Major holidays include Mother's Day (May 10), Memorial Day (May 25), Cinco de Mayo (May 5), and various health, heritage, and hobby awareness weeks, such as National Nurses Week and Teacher Appreciation Week.



*Celebrate
in May*



Equity and Access at HLPUSD & Dr. Steven Chou - Andrea



The HHWC continues our efforts to assist needy students and their families at HLPUSD. Every month we gather shelf stable food supplies, hygiene products, laundry/cleaning supplies, and food coupons for discounted meals. We also donate paper, plastic and cloth bags to assist students in carrying these items.

Dr. Steven Chou, a local dentist, joined with HHWC by donating 288 sets of toothpaste & toothbrush. Oral hygiene is critically important to maintain the health of our students. Dr. Chou's kindness and generosity is very much appreciated by everyone, the students, staff at the Equity and Access Centers, and the members HHWC. Thank you, Dr. Steven Chou!



happy mother's day

Awesome Mom - Kim W

My mom taught me so many wonderful values. Kindness is one of them. Ever since I was a young girl, my mother would tell me to be kind and nice to all, no matter how people treated you. I remember her telling my brother and I, "If you can't say anything nice to a person, don't say anything at all. Always treat someone as you would want to be treated, with respect, love and kindness."

My mother was an excellent cook. She always made a lot of food at meals in case anyone comes over and hadn't eaten yet. I found myself doing the same after I married. This came in handy, since we had three boys, and all their friends loved to hang out at our home.

She taught me how to be Brave and Courageous. I never heard her complain when she went thru all her health issues. She was a woman of faith. She loved the Lord and doing things for the church and the community.

She loved to read. I remember we would read all the books together from our English classes. When I was in high school, we read authors like Steinbeck, Hemingway, Agatha Christie, and Sylvia Platt, just to spend time together.



Mom taught me "It's never too late to learn." - Edna

My mother, Eileen, grew up in a very humble home in rural New Hampshire. She was the only girl with 3 brothers, so she learned how to take care of herself. She was athletic and tough even skiing to school and playing marbles in sub-zero weather. She became an RN and married my dad when he came home from WWII. She had 5 children, 3 girls and 2 boys, and gave them the opportunity to succeed or fail. When they failed, she was always there to encourage them to go on. From my mother I learned humility, common sense, and a sense of humor. I also learned that it is never too late to learn new things. She took up golf in her 50's and won many tournaments. She also started a music store with my dad in her 60's without knowing anything about instruments. I would see her studying the manuals until she knew every accessory she needed to order and sell.

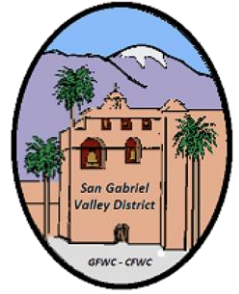
I believe I am an independent and self reliant person because I was raised by this "down to earth" mother. One of my favorite quotes of hers was during the 1970's when kids were trying to "find themselves." She told me, "If you ever want to find yourself, call me. I know where you are."



70th Annual District Convention - Betty C

Our District Convention was held at the Duarte Community Center on April 24th and 25th this year. Ampe V presented the President's report. Connie M also attended and we all were inspired to hear what each club accomplished during the past year.

Betty C gave the inspiration, highlighting the value of Kindness, which included our own HHWC's kindness/hearts decorations (Anna G's repurposed canning jars). It complimented the convention's theme, "Tradition in our Hearts".



Anna's repurposed jars

On behalf of Mary R, who was unable to attend, Ampe received the beautiful certificate for Clubwoman of the Year from Senator Bob Archuleta, (the first male member of his local Women's Club), and Assembly Member Lisa Calderon, as well as District Women's Club dignitaries.

We even won one of the big beautiful gift baskets! Next year, we encourage more members to attend the convention, although we understand it was such a busy day, as many participated in the Shelter's Right Hand 5K Walk in Whittier the same day.



Mary R
Clubwoman of the Year

Data Centers & Battery Storage Facilities - Andrea

Many residents in our communities have expressed concern about the sudden proliferation of requests for permits for data centers and lithium ion battery storage facilities in the surrounding communities. Cities have already changed ordinances to accommodate these facilities, considered dangerous by many. Some locations would be near residential neighborhoods, schools or parks. The information that the Puente Hills Mall might be considered for these facilities has dramatically increased awareness and concern.

Our speaker for the June 4th meeting will be Robert Cudd, a UCLA PHD candidate, who works on a variety of environmental issues in our area. Mr. Cudd will provide info on how these facilities operate, address potential dangers, benefits, and cumulative industrial pollution in this area. Of particular interest is the potential impact to the power grid and water usage if data centers and battery storage facilities are built in our neighborhoods. The info provided will not be overly technical or scientific but will be relatively easy to understand. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers at the conclusion of Mr. Cudd's presentation.



Data Center?

April Highlights



**2026-2027
Officers and Committee Chairs**



Spring and Easter
decorations by Andrea
& Mary Anne



Thank you letter from Fort Irwin Service
Members for "Making Spirits Bright"



Kim
Inspiration



Katie
Patriotic Moment and Pledge

Geri shared
memorabilia
photos from 100th
HHWC
Anniversary
celebration.





April Speakers, Liz & Darlene, Recycling Specialists from Valley Vista, educated our members on food and organic waste and how to dispose them



HOW TO DISPOSE YOUR FOOD WASTE



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Collect your food waste in a container lined with a clear or transparent plastic bag (does not need to be compostable.)
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Once full, tie bag closed to keep odor out and to keep food waste separate from any yard waste.
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Place food waste bag in your organics container.

What is considered food waste?

- Meat, Poultry, and Bones
- Fish and Shellfish
- Eggs, Cheese, and Dairy
- Bread, Pasta, and Grains
- Legumes, Beans, and Nuts
- Vegetables and Fruits
- Coffee Grounds and Filters
- Paper Tea Bags
- Food Scraps and Leftovers

What goes in the organics cart?

- Food Waste (in plastic bag)
- Yard Waste (No Rocks or Dirt)

Valley Vista Services
Waste Disposal and Recycling Division



Scan this code for a video tutorial. For more questions please email organics@myvvs.com

ORGANIC WASTE

All food waste should be placed in a clear or transparent plastic bag, tied securely, then placed in organics bin.

BASURA ORGÁNICA

El desperdicio de alimentos debe estar en una bolsa de plástico transparente atada de forma segura.

有機廢棄物

所有食物垃圾應放在塑料袋中，扎緊，然後放入有機物箱。

 Meat Carne 肉	 Bones Huesos 骨頭	 Dairy Lechería 乳製品	 Coffee Grounds & Filters Café Molida & Filtros 咖啡渣和過濾後的	 Egg Shells Cáscaras de Huevo 蛋壳
 Vegetables Vegetables 蛋殼	 Fruit Fruta 蔬菜 果	 Flowers & Leaves Flores y Hojas 花和葉	 Garden Waste Desecho de Jardín 花園廢棄物	

Small Quantities of:
Pequeñas cantidades de:
少量的:



Egg Cartons
Cartones de huevo
蛋盒



Paper Plates
Platos de Papel
紙盤



Food Soiled Napkins
Papel Ensuciado con Alimentos
被食物弄脏的餐巾纸



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Valley Vista Services
Waste Disposal and Recycling Division







RECYCLING



LANDFILL



ORGANICS





April 21,
El Camino Real Bell
adventure
Located in city of San
Gabriel, cross streets:
Santa Anita Street and
Mission Road



Bell trip, lunch at Mijares.
Thank you Katie for arranging a fun and educational trip!

Starting from Mexico and working their way north, Spanish monks created 21 missions approximately 30 miles (or a day's horseback ride) apart from each other that spanned 600 miles to make El Camino Real or The Royal Road/ The Kings Highway. In 50 years, they performed 24,000 marriages and 87,000 baptisms.





Pictures and stories of domestic violence victims displayed around the park.

April 25, 5K Walk
for Shelter's Right Hand

