



News & Views

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Hacienda Heights Women's Club

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The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn.

Dear Club Members,

As we embrace the beauty of fall, I want to take a moment to recognize two important observances this month: Domestic Violence Awareness and Breast Cancer Awareness. These issues affect many in our community, and it's crucial that we stand together to give them support.

I am excited for our upcoming educational luncheon meeting, where we will discuss ways to raise awareness and support these causes. Together, we can empower ourselves and others with knowledge and resources.

Thank you for your continued commitment to our mission. Let's make this month meaningful and impactful.

On another issue, the Community Center will no longer allow our club to meet there free of charge. Thus, the location of our October meeting will be at:

Marie Callender's
11 am, Thursday, October 3rd
1560 Albatross, City of Industry
Lunch price: \$25

Don't blame the wonderful staff at the Community Center, it's a new countywide policy.



Thank you,
Angie



~~ October ~~

- Thurs., 10/3 WC General Meeting
 "Domestic Violence Prevention & Breast Cancer Awareness Month"
 Marie Calender's, 1560 Albatross, City of Industry, 11 am
 * Hostesses: Katie Macnider & Mary Rosentreter
 * Inspiration: Katie Macnider
 * Patriotic Moment/Pledge of Allegiance: Katie Macnider
 - Distribution of 2024-2025 Yearbook
 - "Get-to-know-you game" – Angie
 - Election of Recording Secretary
 - Vote on Proposed Budget for 2024-2025
 - Honor our Citizen of the Year, Lucy Pedregon
- Mon., 10/14 Indigenous Peoples' Day, a public holiday
- Thurs., 10/17 WC Board Meeting
- Fri., 10/25 Trick or Treat Village at the HH Community Center
- Thurs., 10/31 Halloween



*Next meeting will be Thursday, November 7th, at Marie Callender's, 11 am
 Hostesses are Terry VanRiper and Tracy Nishizu; Inspiration, Carol Nixt*

**October Birthdays:**

Alyssa Armenta-Martinez, Anna Guerriero Mary Rosentreter,
 Scarlet Liu Treu, and Edna Moore

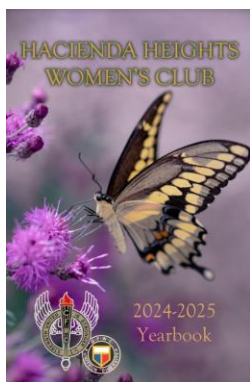
Program - Lucy Pedregon, VP

The Women's Club will host two (2) special speakers at our October meeting. Our first speaker is Elizabeth Contreras Martinez, Executive Director of the "Women's & Children's Crisis Shelter" located in Whittier. She will provide an update on what the crisis shelter does for battered families to ease the pain of homelessness. Following Elizabeth is Shelter's Right Hand, Diane Britton, who is the "Thrift Shop Committee Chair". All are invited to listen to inspiring stories of hope!

Citizen of the Year - Carol Nixt, 1st VP

This month we will honor Lucy Pedregon as our Citizen of the Year. Lucy grew up in El Monte and later lived in Hacienda Heights with her husband and children. She was very active at her local school and eventually worked as a Media Aide in Art and Dance. She joined our club in 2022 and has been active ever since. In 2023 she was chosen to be the Grand Marshall of the "I Love America" Fourth of July parade because of her many years serving our community. It is our pleasure to honor her at our October meeting.



2024-2025 Yearbook - Mary Tang

Yearbooks will be passed out at our October meeting. Members who cannot attend the October and November meetings will receive theirs in the mail. Please check your information in the directory section beginning on page 13. If there is an error, or you would like to make a change, let me know at a meeting or email me at douea@aol.com. It would be a good idea to put your name on the inside cover. Page 11 is important, it lists the dates and themes of our meetings, including names of hostesses and birthdays. Check for dates when it's your turn. Please, do not share the yearbook with others outside the club for privacy reasons.

**Community Hero – Martha House**

11/25/1938 – 9/7/2024

June 2024 meeting, we honored Martha House as our "Community Hero". She was given a special award and recognized by many dignitaries in our community.

After a courageous fight and intensive treatments at the City of Hope, Martha succumbed to cancer. Her main thoughts were not for herself, but for the care of Charles after she's gone. Martha passed on September 7th, 2024.

Service was held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, September 19, graveside prayers at Rose Hills, and reception at La Puente Handball Club. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church or Meals on Wheels. Following are comments made by a few of our members:

"...she touched the lives of hundreds of people and made them better in many ways. The city of Hacienda Heights was blessed to have such a beautiful person who tirelessly gave of herself." - Violet



Sampling of awards Martha received over the years

"Martha made a difference to a lot of people." - Geri

"...a very special friend to all who knew her. She was intelligent, kind, humble and passionate." - Angie

"...May Charles' strong faith sustain him as it did Martha who is now at peace with our Lord. Martha's model of faith as a servant leader will forever be in my heart as well as that of countless others. She leaves an impactful legacy to continue to inspire us all." - Betty C.



June Highlights



Speakers that honored
Martha at the June meeting



Pastor Jason Li,
Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church



Jessica Patterson,
chairwoman of the
CA Republican Party



Joe Vinatieri,
Mayor of Whittier



Phyllis Rokus, President
of the Puente Hills
Republican Women



Patty Ramos-Kotze, President
of the 56 Assembly District
Central Committee



Jim Kleinpell, President
of Meals on Wheels



Marissa sang a beautiful rendition of
“Over the Rainbow”



Past Presidents Mary Anne, Carol, and Scarlet

Donation of school supplies to
"New Horizon" families



Table
decorations by
Laura Perez



Andrea, Angie, hostess Katie and Lucy



September 26th Military
Food and Supplies Drive
to Military families hosted
by Katie Macnider