



# News & Views

GFWC / CFWC  
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## March 2026

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

Hello Ladies,

Our March theme, Irish Blessings, reminds us how fortunate we are to serve and give back together. This month, we are putting our blessings into action by supporting a Military Food Drive, helping provide for those who serve our country and their families.

We will also enjoy festive entertainment from a harpist performing Irish tunes, bringing a joyful touch to our gathering.

Thank you for your continued generosity, friendship, and dedication to our community. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Warmly,

Angie Valenzuela

President, Hacienda Heights Women's Club



### An Irish Friendship Blessing

In thanks for the fullness of days spent together,  
The friends that we pray will be with us forever.  
The feelings we've shared, the food and the fun,  
With faith that God's blessings have only begun.

### Announcements

- Nomination and Election of 2026-2027 Officers
- \$40 dues payable, check or cash to Katie or Geri
- Support our Military Families (see flyer) - bring donations to March meeting
- On-going donations to HLPUSD Equity and Access for needy students



### **Program** - Carol

We are delighted to feature Dr. William Loose at our upcoming St. Patrick's Day Luncheon. Dr. Loose will grace us with the enchanting sounds of the Celtic harp, bringing the spirit and heritage of Ireland to our celebration.

A lifelong music educator, Dr. Loose has a distinguished background in performance and composition and is also a proud member of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Bands. His performance will include traditional Irish melodies and beloved favorites in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

~~ March ~~

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| Thurs., 3/5  | WC General Meeting "Irish Blessings"<br>Marie Callender's, 1560 Albatross, City of Industry, 11 am<br>* Hostesses: Irene, Rita, and Rachel<br>* Inspiration: Tracy<br>* Patriotic Moment/Pledge of Allegiance: Mary T |
| Sun., 3/8    | Daylight Saving Time Begins, (set clocks ahead one hour)                                                                                                                                                              |
| Fri., 3/13   | SGV District Music Scholarship Program & Election, 9:30 - 12:30, El Monte                                                                                                                                             |
| Tues., 3/17  | St. Patrick's Day                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Thurs., 3/19 | WC Board Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Sat., 3/21   | HHCC Spring Jubilee, 11 - 2 pm, volunteers needed (contact Lynn M)                                                                                                                                                    |



**Next Meeting: Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Marie Callender's, 11 am**

**Hostesses : Andrea and Mary Anne - Inspiration: Kimberly - Patriotic Moment & Pledge: Katie**



**March Birthdays:**

Mary Anne, Betty Y, Angie, and Mary T

***Nominating Committee Report - Carol***

The Nominating Committee will present the slate of officers for 2026-27 at the March general meeting. Nominations from the floor are welcome.

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| President .....               | Angie  |
| 1st VP, Dean .....            | Ampe   |
| 2nd VP, Membership .....      | Katie  |
| 3rd VP, Programs .....        | Open   |
| Recording Secretary .....     | Mary R |
| Treasurer .....               | Geri   |
| Corresponding Secretary ..... | Mary T |

***Great news! - Carol***

Our Clubwoman of the Year has been selected. Come to the March meeting to hear the announcement.

***Special tip for our server, Daniel - Carol***

Last month we collected \$200 for his special "thank you" tip.

We will give it to him at our March meeting. Generosity is our club's middle name!

***Ongoing Donations for HLPUSD - Andrea***

- HLPUSD Equity and Access needs donations of small/sample size of personal products (e.g., shampoo, deodorant, lotion, hand sanitizers, makeup, toothpaste & toothbrushes, hair brushes & combs, soap, mouthwash, feminine hygiene & baby items). Small size, shelf-stable & non-perishables food items are needed as well.

- Bags of all sorts are needed to help HLPUSD students take items with them. Paper, plastic bags & cloth bags are needed. Donate to help with recycling & help the students. Bring to meeting please.
- Sample size products are available at the Freeosk dispenser machine at Sam's Club. Different products are dispensed every week; please bring those items for donation.
- Food coupons needed. Clip local fast food & restaurant coupons and circle or highlight expiration date. Coupons help HLPUSD students & families stretch their limited funds especially when they lack cooking facilities. Please bring your Coupons to every HHWC meeting.

## ***5K Walk - Save the Date, April 25, 2026***

We are a \$1,000 Gold Sponsor which means we have a table, 8 spots for walkers, and our Club name on T-shirts.

If interested in walking, sign up with Rachel at March meeting.



**SHELTER'S RIGHT HAND  
30TH ANNUAL  
5K WALK 2026**

**JOIN US IN  
UPTOWN WHITTIER  
SATURDAY,  
APRIL 25, 2026**

[sheltersrighthand.org](http://sheltersrighthand.org)

## ***Galentine Party at Katie's, February 25<sup>th</sup> - Angie***

Thank you so much for opening your home to us for the Galentine's gathering. Your home felt so warm and welcoming, and the sangria was absolutely delicious! More than anything, I really enjoyed the opportunity to relax, connect, and spend meaningful time together. It was such a special evening, and I truly appreciate the care and heart you put into hosting all of us. – Angie



*Geri*

The one person who set an example for me to do my best was my Dad. He was hardworking and strived to become successful. He immigrated to the US as a young boy and taught himself how to read and speak English. He learned how to install electrical sockets and re-pipe the house by reading manuals in English. He repaired our TV by reading manuals. From that, I learned that "if you can read, you can do anything."



He joined the US Army before WWII and was stationed at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. He joined because it would provide a better path to citizenship and he could sponsor my mother to come to the US. He always planned ahead. From that, I learned to become a planner. I love planning vacations. After the war, he worked long hours as a chef in a restaurant. Eventually, he became a successful restaurant owner. From that, I learned that if you work hard and have a plan, you can achieve anything you want.

*Terry*

First, let me acknowledge that I have been very fortunate to have had very many great and good people who deeply influenced my life from grade school through college, as well as during all of my work life of 50+ years. In thinking about the subject of this request of "who influenced me most in my life" I realized just how many and how very lucky I have been.

After some serious thought I was afraid I might not be able to limit this to only "one person"; however, after much soul searching, I decided that the very most important and first influential people in my life were my father, mother and my sisters. I am attaching a copy of a very early photograph of all of us. From all of these wonderful people, I decided to choose my father Joseph ("Joe") Monroe as the "most influential" person in my life.

My Dad was not only handsome, fun-loving and hard-working, but had the most beautiful heart. As the father of 4 girls, he was always generous, loving, kind, caring and sympathetic. He was the very best "girls' dad" ever! All of our girlfriends loved him, because he was so much fun, and loved to dance. He was always a big hit at our Father-Daughter dances. He loved and respected our Mother all of their lives, and he was the best example of what a good husband should be. My Mom was the disciplinarian. My Dad taught all of us about being kind to people, how to earn and save our money through hard work and giving our best to anything we decide to do. He taught us to respect ourselves, and rely on ourselves first, and then be good wives, mothers and partners; however, he always told us to remember he would always be there for us in good and difficult times. I miss him every day and thank God for having had him in my life.



The Monroe family. That's me, lower left, with twin sister.

## February Highlights



Kindness Angel Betty C,  
honored at District Event,  
February 21, 2026.



February is Black History Month. Our Ann E was recognized for her leadership and service as member of the Los Angeles County Assessment Appeals Board and Chair of Code Enforcement for the Hacienda Heights Improvement Association by Supervisor Hilda Solis. Congratulations!

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Happy Lunar New Year at Hsi Lai Temple, February 17th, celebrating Year of the Fire Horse.



HHCC, February 13th; community celebration of the Lunar New Year. The crowd.....the food.....musical entertainment.....beautiful dancers





February 5th meeting, celebrating Love & Kindness.  
Beautiful decorations by Betty C and Betty Y.



Donation to Meals on Wheels accepted by Jim Kleinpell, president; plus hundreds of personalized Valentine cards for the homebound clients.

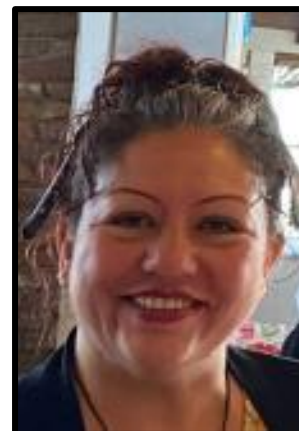


Socks donation for Heart and Sole. Check accepted by David Malkin for "Shoes That Fit"



Marissa Cabeza, of Equity and Access, distributed copies of "thank you" letters from students her office helped.

She received several bags loaded with our donations. Thank you for your generosity!



Eva Thiel-Maiz, Senior Field Deputy for Hilda Solis, spoke about County Homeless Projects



"Two Truths and a Lie" players: Mike, Jim, and Charles





# FEEDING MILITARY FAMILIES

**MARCH 14**  
**9AM - 3PM**



**Food drive** supporting Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force families at 29 Palms Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Fort Irwin and Los Angeles Air Force Base.

Financial contributions via our website

**[www.feedingmilitaryfamilies.org](http://www.feedingmilitaryfamilies.org)**



Or sent to: Feeding Military Families  
PO Box 713, San Dimas, CA 91773  
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[Info@FeedingMilitaryFamilies.org](mailto:Info@FeedingMilitaryFamilies.org)  
or 909-667-2721

## NEEDED ITEMS:

- **Canned Goods**  
(soups, stews, fruits and vegetables)
- **Dry Goods**  
(pasta, beans, rice, flour, sugar, etc.)
- **Baby Food**
- **Baby Supplies**
- **Baby Formula**
- **Hygiene Supplies**  
(soap, shampoo, toothpaste, razors, etc.)
- **Boxed Meals & Cereals**
- **Household Cleaning Products**
- **Snacks**  
(puddings, chips, crackers, etc.)

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