

# News & Views

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## **April 2024**

The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn.

This month we celebrate Spring and Arbor Day. Spring represents new beginnings and growth. Arbor Day is an annual celebration of tree planting and is a national holiday. Both represent rejuvenation and hope. It's a season that reminds us that change is possible and that there's always room for growth.

Our club is growing too. We recently gained four new members and are delighted to welcome them to our family. Together we will continue our philanthropic mission by supporting our local charities and organizations.

We also have some exciting programs and events that you don't want to miss.

Join us on Saturday, April 20th for the Shelters Right Hand 5K Walk which supports the Women's and Children's Crisis Shelter.

We will again be purchasing gift cards for our graduating foster kids.

The District's Annual Convention will be held on April 26th and 27th at the Doubletree Hotel in Pomona.

Lastly, you don't want to miss our April 11th General Club meeting. We have a wonderful and educational Arbor Day program planned for you as well as a delicious lunch, game and fellowship. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you soon.



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Thurs., 4/11 WC General Meeting - "Arbor Day & Spring "

Hacienda Heights Community Center, 11 am

\* Hostesses: Mary Anne Drew & Leslie Ann Pittman

\* Inspiration: Martha House

\* Patriotic Moment/ Pledge of Allegiance: Martha House

Thurs, 4/18 WC Board Meeting

Fri., 4/26 Arbor Day

Fri., 4/26 District Convention, Double Tree Hotel, Pomona

May hostesses: Mary Tang & Connie Munoz, Inspiration: Ampe Velazquez

<u>Please note:</u> Meeting dates change for April and May. Due to scheduling conflict with the Community Center, we will meet on the 2nd Thursdays; April 11th and May 9th.



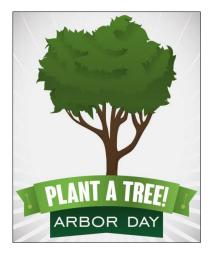
## **April Birthdays:**

Luci Householder, Carol Nixt, Katie Macnider, and Elsa Galvan

#### **Program** - Lucy Pedregon

Our April speaker is Andrea Gullo, Executive Director of the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority. She will provide an update regarding our hills and restoration efforts such as landscaping and trees planting. Also, she will cover grants usage, rangers who patrol the area, and its wildlife. All of this to preserve and protect our open space! Do attend to have your questions answered.

**Arbor Day** - Leslie Ann Pittman, April Hostess with Mary Anne Drew Thought it would be nice for you to know the history of this holiday. Below is the information taken word by word from: Arbor Day Foundation



On January 4, 1872, J. Sterling Morton first proposed a tree planting holiday - Arbor Day - at a meeting of Nebraska's State Board of Agriculture. The date was set for April 10, 1872, and it was estimated that more than 1 million trees were planted throughout the state on that first Arbor Day.

In the years following, other states passed legislation to observe Arbor Day, and the tradition began in schools nationwide in 1882. Today Arbor Day is celebrated in all 50 states and more than 40 countries around the globe.



#### **Domestic Violence Awareness** • - Leslie Ann Pittman, Chairperson

As Spring is here, we are expecting HHWC members to spring into action by joining in the 5k walk on Saturday, April 20th at Central Park, Whittier to support Shelter's Right Hand.

A display table will be at our next meeting (April 11th) where you can find pamphlets, and details about the walk. If you have not yet signed up, please do so - time is running out - no need to delay any longer.

You may also purchase raffle tickets - GREAT prizes for a very GREAT cause! Mary Tang will be monitoring the HHWC table at the 5k walk and cheering us on. Members who are walking, please inform me, have a little surprise for each of you.

As the Shelter's Right Hand tells us - "Let's Step Out to Break the Silence and Stop the Violence!"

**Register Online: Sheltersrighthand.org** 





## March Highlights

March meeting at Marie Callender's



Betty's signs reads: "A good laugh and a long sleep are the 2 best cures for anything." - Irish Proverb







Irish decorations by Terry V., Terry E., Betty C., and Connie







Connie, Terry, and Mr. Leprechaun



Carol and Mary were guests at the Diamond Bar Women's Club on March 20th. Shown: Sonja, Pat, Patrick Byrne (Director of the Armed Services YMCA at 29 Palms and that day's speaker), Alison, and Carol.



Loading up Angie's truck with food and supplies for the marines and their families at 29 Palms.







Community Center Spring Jubilee on Saturday, March 30th. Despite the rain, there was a good turnout. Lynn brought hundreds of stuffed animals for prizes. Our Club received a commendation for best booth at the Spring Jubilee.









