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# Elisa Trasoras, President LOS CERRITOS DISTRICT, AREA C

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**Barbee Heiny, Editor** 

I am humbled and honored to serve as the Los Cerritos District President and very pleased to welcome our Executive

Committee serving with me. It is going to be an amazing 2 years with everyone's support.

#### 2020-2022 Slate of Officers:

President: Elisa Trasoras

1<sup>st</sup> VP-Dean: Katherine George Chu

2<sup>nd</sup> VP-Membership: Sandra Richardson

3<sup>rd</sup> VP-Program: Gerda Trutzl
4<sup>th</sup> VP-Fundraising: Eloisa Velasquez
Recording Secretary: Marilyn Hutton

Treasurer: Ruby Cure

Financial Secretary: Julie Lehenbauer
Corresponding Secretary: Jean Williams
Parliamentarian: Barbee Heiny
Public Relations: Claudia Vidaurri

My Theme is: "TEAM WORK: Together Everyone Achieves More", and my President's Project is "Long Beach VA Geriatrics, Rehab Medicine & Extended Care (GRMEC). Our District is going to host an hour Bingo one Sunday every month at 2:00 p.m., my husband Ed will have a beginners drawing class every 3 weeks. We are sponsoring Veterans picnic once a year and we are continuing our shoe box project for Christmas.

Changes are inevitable so here we go:

Note the date change for Fine Arts Festival, we have to do this so the District will be able to submit our projects in a timely manner to CFWC and GFWC. Modification is in the works to make it more organized.

We are going to have a Guest speaker at our General Meetings starting September. It seems that there's so much confusion each year about Membership dues therefore we will attempt to invite the State Membership Chairman for Q & A Forum. We are going to invite our State Chairmen to help make our meeting more informative and exciting.

To all Club Presidents, if you are planning of having additional events other than your regular scheduled events that were

submitted to us, please check our District Calendar and submit the date to me to make sure it will not conflict to other Clubs' functions. I would like all Clubs' to support each other, if it's at all possible.

We are going back to Progress Park Plaza Auditorium for the Districts' General Meeting. The Festival of Trees Event will remain at South Gate Park Auditorium.

Are you aware that Los Cerritos District has a website? Our Webmaster, Barbee Heiny, spends a lot of time keeping the information updated, so please visit our Website, <a href="www.Los">www.Los</a> Cerritos District.org. All Clubs are welcome to submit pictures of your activities to the Website.

Let's all pray for each other. "Make sure you test positive on FAITH, distance from DOUBT, and isolate from FEAR. TRUST GOD through it all". (Facebook)

ELISA TRASORAS, President



June 5 - Executive Committee Zoom Meeting at 10 a.m.

June 8- NO Board Meeting

**August 7** - Executive Committee

Paramount Chamber of Commerce

August 10 - District Board Meeting

at 10 a.m. Progress Park Plaza

We will observe Social Distancing.

Club Drawings for District Luncheon

**September 11**- Executive Meeting at 10 a.m.

Paramount Chamber of Commerce

September 14 District Board Meeting

at 10 a.m. Progress Park Plaza

# 1st VP DEAN: Katherine George-Chu

Because of what we are experiencing throughout the world and at home, the new administration coming in, whether it be at the club, district, or state level, will be finding new ways to communicate and engage with our members over the next few months. In the past few weeks, I have had several phone conference calls with our Los

Cerritos District President Elisa Trasoras to organize and plan the 2020-2022 district events. I have also participated in a video conference training session on Zoom with other Districts Deans led by our incoming CFWC First Vice President Barbara Briley Beard. Please know that I am available if you need any assistance. You can always call, email or send me information via snail mail. I will be posting weekly video updates on my public Facebook page so if you want to follow me on social media, go to: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/KatGeorgeChuCA">https://www.facebook.com/KatGeorgeChuCA</a>

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May you and your family continue to be safe and I look forward to seeing all of you very soon!

#### **Yearbook Updates**

Each club was emailed a district yearbook information form. Along with the new club officers' information, please include any club events that you want to have posted in the district yearbook. We want to try to schedule events so that they don't conflict with another club's events. If you haven't received the form, please let me know and I'll get one to you A.S.A.P. I have received forms from: GFWC Long Beach Women's Club, Lakewood Woman's Club, Norwalk Woman's Club, and South Gate Multicultural Women's Club. If you sent it in the mail and it is not listed, I may have submitted this article prior to receiving it.

#### **Community Service Programs**

GFWC has made some changes to the Community Service programs. Some programs merged together while others changed names. International Outreach was absorbed into the other 5 CSP categories. Also, the GFWC Partners are now called Affiliate Organizations. The Chairmen duties for these Community Service Programs include: reporting new information at the district meetings, getting judges to judge the reports from the clubs, submitting a small monthly article in the District Bulletin and writing a short report of what you did as Chairman during the year. I hope you will be able to serve as a Chairman of something that is important to you. If you have any questions about the duties of a Chairmanship position, please feel free to call me.

#### Here are the Chairmen positions for 2020 - 2022:

- Arts and Culture (Formerly Arts Creative) Open
- Photography Contest –
- Writing Contest -
- Civic Engagement and Outreach (Formerly Public Issues) Open
- Education and Libraries (Formerly Education) Open
- Environment (Formerly Conservation) Open
- Health and Wellness (Formerly Home Life) Open

#### **Special Projects**

Advocates for Children - Open

- Communications & Public Relations Open
- Domestic Violence Awareness Filled
- Jennie Awards Open
- Leadership Program Open
- Legislation & Public Policy Open
- Women's History & Resource Center Filled

#### **District Event Themes**

- The Fine Arts Festival theme is Messages of Hope and Resilience.
- The Festival of Trees theme is Let There Be Peace on Earth.
- The Garden Conference theme is A Bookworm Garden Party. A literary themed Garden Party. Which books will inspire you? A Secret Garden. James and the Giant Peach. The poppy field from the Wizard of Oz. The enchanted rose from the Beauty and the Beast. The Grouchy Lady Bug by Eric Carle. The tiger lilies in Alice in Wonderland. Clubs will decorate their tables and donate the book that inspired them. The Environment Chairman will partner with District Dean for this event. The Education & Libraries Chairman will collect and deliver books to an agreed upon charitable organization.

#### **Club Participation**

It is the time of year when each Club has a chance to choose between preparing meals (a great fundraising opportunity for your Club) and decorating a table at our luncheons for the year. We will be drawing for opportunities to prepare meals or set decorations for district events on **August 10**, **2020** at Progress Park in the City of Paramount. If the date and location is confirmed, rest assured, we will be following the safety guidelines set by the park, city and county. Please plan on having a representative attend the scheduled district meeting. If we are unable to hold the meeting due to current restrictions, a videoconference will be arranged.

\*Reminder (reposted from June 2017 District Bulletin) - If you choose to prepare luncheon for the Council Meetings, Garden Conference, May Board Luncheon, the Festival of Trees or Fine Arts Festival, we hope that you will take into account that our members expect a complete luncheon for their \$15.00. While it may be easy to prepare a quick sandwich and salad, a hot entrée or full salad (such as a Cobb or Chef's) and appropriate side dishes and dessert would be most appreciated.

Thank you.

#### **District Events**

25 points for providing district function meal, when cooking is done by club members. 10 points for providing district function meal when using a caterer.

25 points for decorations.

October Birthday Council: Mon., Oct. 12, 2020	
Decorations:	
Luncheon:	<b>District Convention: Sat., April 24, 2021</b> Decorations (for luncheon):
Festival of Trees: Mon., Dec. 14, 2020	Decorations (for functieon).
Decorations: Luncheon: Coffee Hour:	Garden Conference: Mon., May 3, 2021 Luncheon:
Fine Arts Festival: Mon., Jan. 25, 2021 Luncheon:	May Board Meeting: Mon., May 10, 2021 Decorations:
Coffee Hour (club fundraiser/no points):	Luncheon:
Birthday Council: Mon., March 8, 2021 Decorations:	

#### 2nd VP MEMBERSHIP: Sandra Richardson

Hello Ladies,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you as 2nd VP Membership. I was Membership chairman for my Lakewood Woman's Club four years. So I hope to bring some new ideas and new members with all your help. We need new members if we are to continue to grow . New

members mean New ideas, New Friendships and Potential New Leaders. So let's all try to grow our District. We all should try to bring in one new member per person. Don't be afraid to ask your Friends and Relatives. I'll even take your enemies! Just kidding or am I. The only way we continue to grow is with New Members.





#### **3rd VP PROGRAM: Gerda Trutzi**

Hello my dear Federation Sisters. It will be a pleasure to serve as your Program Chairman for the 2020/22 Los Cerritos District Club Year and I thank you for putting your trust in me.

I plan on bringing to you some informative, interesting and fun Programs.

Can't wait to get together with all

of you my Friends for a regular meeting. I pray we all stay healthy and make it through this difficult time with flying colors. Wear the Masks, keep your distance from Crowds no matter how hard it is.
Until soon, Gerda Trutzl





# 4th VP FUNDRAISING: Eloisa Velasquez

I look forward to working with all of you and together we will do great things. Fundraising is fun and exciting. I will appreciate all your support. Be safe and stay healthy.







ELISA TRASORAS, PRESIDENT

## Parliamentarian: Barbee Heiny

Fortunately, for CFWC and the few units in CA that are incorporated, the Cal. Corp. Code authorizes you to meet electronically regardless of what your bylaws say.

"Similarly, when a group's bylaws provide for "elections by mail ballot," rulings seem to indicate that "e"-mail balloting satisfies this requirement."

Correct — at least in Calif.

Important: California law does not authorize email "voting."

What it provides is that if there is to be a written ballot, the ballot may be distributed electronically if either authorized by the bylaws or by a vote of the Board. Also,

members who object and want a mailed ballot or who do not have email or whose email address is found to be invalid need to be accommodated. [CA law actually requires you to obtain members consent prior to using emailed communications; many organizations put such a consent [and opt-out] on their membership applications and periodically survey the members.





#### Public Relations: Claudia Vidaurri

I'm deeply honored to have been chosen to be the District Women's Club Public Relations person.

I, Claudia Vidaurri, want to introduce myself to everyone, especially for those who don't know me. First off, I would like to welcome each and every one to a 2020-2021 District year, full

of activities in a family oriented club- where we all work together to achieve great things for the good of our club and community. We can share amusement over the year through the lens of the camera as we take memorable pictures creating history.







#### Alumnae: Robbie Hicklin

Hello Ladies of the Los Cerritos District Alumnae. I am Robbie Hicklin, one of the "Queen Bees," your new Alumnae Chairman of the Alumnae for 2020-2022.

Take a look at our theme. The theme is "Queen Bees." What do you think about that? So, we want you to buzz your way right in and encourage others who

have served on the Los Cerritos District Board to join us as well. The purpose of the organization is to continue and develop fellowship among those who have served on the Los Cerritos District Board, to further the ideals and purposes of Federation, and to support philanthropic and welfare projects.

We will have four meetings for the year. Perhaps we will be meeting in person by October. If not, we will zoom our way right through the meeting with the most positive attitude. Who knows what the new normal will be by then? Right now, the lunch amount will be \$20.00 per meeting and the locations will be announced in the first newsletter and posted in the yearbook.

### **ALUMNAE-JOANNE WITT (OUTGOING CHAIRMAN)**

As we won't be having our usual June meeting because of the Corona virus, it was decided to handle the election of officers and membership renewal by mail. Members will be receiving one envelope in May containing the 2020-2021 ballot plus a membership renewal form. Ballots should be returned to Barbee Heiny by June 5<sup>th</sup> in the stamped envelope provided.

Thank you to the Nominating committee of Chairman Barbee Heiny, Lynn Hutton and Fran Itkoff for serving. Also, please send your \$10 renewal check written to LCD Alumnae to Sandi Reynolds in the other stamped envelope. Many thanks to Sandi who took over for Linda Collins after she moved to Arizona. Our next meeting will be in October and we will let

everyone know beforehand where it will be held. I have enjoyed serving as chairman these past two years. My thanks to the board and members for all the love and support you have given me. Please do the same for the incoming board. You all keep on giggling to boost your spirits during these trying times. Everyone stay safe and we will see you in the fall.

# **Meeting Projects**

#### **COUPONS FOR MILITARY**

Please save coupons and bring it to our District Meeting in August! We will be clipping coupons during our meeting.

Please bring scissors and/or ruler.



#### **In Memoriam**

The husband (Sam) of Betty McDougall passed away May 18. Please keep her and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Rae Holtzendorff from Norwalk Woman's Club announced the passing away of her mother, Maxine Gwinnup, on May 1, 2020. She was 93 yrs old, lived with Rae since 2001. Maxine attended a few women's club events, especially tea parties. In fact she always reminded me when it was a woman's club

meeting, Haha.



Linda Kelly, President of Norwalk Woman's Club mother Nancy passed away on April 19th at her home in New Jersey. She was 90 years old. Nancy always loved to attend Club and District functions whenever she came to visit California; especially the Garden Conference and Festival of Trees.