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## RWC Newsletter

### Presidents' Message

Dear RWC members,  
Thank you to those who have renewed their membership. We want to remind everyone that the CFWC State Convention will be held via Zoom May 13-15. The registration deadline is April 15. Anyone may attend but only selected delegates may vote. We hope to see you all there!

Your Presidents,  
Marti and Erin

### *Growing Better Together*



### Club Membership

Membership renewal was last month. According to Georgia, nearly every club member has renewed for 2021. What a wonderful accomplishment! This is evidence of the loyalty, dedication, and resilience of our club members during this unprecedented time. The tax write-off helps, as well! Georgia will be sending out the 2021 roster with updates by May 15. If you do not receive the roster by that date, please let Georgia know in case the email was logged improperly.

### Advocate2Vaccinate

Amidst COVID 19, immunization programs around the world have been negatively impacted. In an effort to continue and expand global access to vaccines for children, Shot@Life is currently pushing its campaign, Advocate2Vaccinate during the month of April. The month-long activities will culminate with World Immunization Week.

There are several ways to get involved.

1. Sign the petition asking Congress to fully fund global immunization programs, as well as a request asking for full funding for Polio eradication activities.
2. Spread the word on social media.
3. Call your representatives.
4. Write a letter to the editor of your local paper.
5. Host a virtual event or fundraiser.



**Riverside Woman's Club is a proud member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.**

**Edited by Judith G. and Stephanie P.**



## ESO Reading Program By Teri L.

### ESO (EPSILON SIGMA OMICRON) Reading Program

Our ESO Program has expanded to 8 Club Members participating. This is a self-paced reading program; no pressure and you can read at your leisure. There are 25 categories that you can select and read books in these categories.

Some of these categories are American History, Biography and Memoir, Drama, Education, Fiction Classic, Fiction General, Fiction (mystery, sci-fi), Science, Sports and Recreation, and Women's Studies to name a few.

It is very simple to join, upon your request to me, you just fill out a short Pledge Application and email it back to me. The first level is to read 16 books, 4 books in 4 different categories. The beauty of this program is that you can count the books that you have already read. After you have read your books you just fill out a form (I will also email it to you) and write up a couple of sentences about what you learned from the book.

When we can meet in person, I am going to host an ESO Breakfast and invite a local author. I hope that we continue to have more members participate.

A graphic with a blue and white wavy background. A white rectangular box with a green border contains the word "Reading" in a large, bold, blue sans-serif font.

# Reading

## Walk With the Animals

It's time for the 29th annual Walk with the Animals! This walk is a fundraiser for VCA Animal Hospitals and The Champion Foundation. Though the walk is typically run in person, this year the walk will be held virtually on May 8. This event is free to join for 2021. Visit [www.petsadoption.org](http://www.petsadoption.org) to register.

Participants will seek donations from friends and family and walk on their own time. You can walk your neighborhood, a hiking trail, or even in your own house! Anyone who raises a minimum of \$50 will receive a Walk with the Animals t-shirt. Let us know if you join the event.



## GFWC Blog Highlights RWC

Last week the Riverside Woman's Club was recognized in the GFWC Blog for our gardening project for Home Front at Camp Anza. As part of this project, our club has provided soil, mulch, and vegetable plants for family garden boxes to retired veterans living at Home Front. This is the third time our club has been highlighted in the blog.

### CONTACT US

[www.RiversideWomansClub.com](http://www.RiversideWomansClub.com)

[www.facebook.com/RiversideWomansClub](http://www.facebook.com/RiversideWomansClub)



## Call for Committee Members

Committees are such an important part of the success of our club. They are beneficial by dividing the workload, foster creativity, and develop teamwork skills. Present committees are Garden, Scholarship, House, and Membership. Committees are formed when projects arise. We have new projects coming up ladies. Our club can always use your skills, so please consider joining a committee.



## Upcoming Events

April 15 Live Bingo  
April 22 Earth Day Penny Pines Collection,  
April 27 Shot at Life Call in  
May 8 Walk with the Animals  
May 13-15 CFWC state conference  
May Scholarship Finalists Announced  
May intern MD graduation

## Leadership Changes

Jamie A. S. Is the new club Legislation and Public Policy Program Leader.  
Congratulations Jamie. More to come regarding this new role.

## "We Are Mosaics" By a Friend

\*Reprinted from a story posted on  
www.sunnyskyz.com (Nov. 2021)

I make my Ramen the way a friend taught me in eleventh grade.

Every fall, I listen to a playlist made for me  
by a boy I drove across a border to see.

I eat sushi because a girl who won't talk to me anymore made me try it, and Indian food because my best friend's parents ordered for me before I knew what I liked.

There are movies I love because someone I loved loved them first.

I am a mosaic of everyone I've ever loved,  
even for a heartbeat.

# Operation Smile

The RWC Opportunity Quilt tickets are \$5.00 each. Ticket sales will end on May 5 with the event taking place on May 11. You do not have to be present to win! Proceeds will go towards the RWC's Operation Smile Fund, headed by the International Committee.

Operation Smile sends a team of medical experts to over 85 third-world countries to repair cleft palates in children.

RWC members sew medical gowns throughout the year for the children undergoing these surgeries. The queen-sized quilt in the raffle was created from gown scraps.

Tickets may be purchased on the RWC website, [www.riversidewomansclub.com](http://www.riversidewomansclub.com).



# Riverside Honors a Veteran

Several members of the Riverside Woman's Club have donated patriotic fabric to Quilts of Valor. QOV is a nationwide quilting organization whose goal is to gift a patriotic quilt to every service member. At present 267, 228 quilts have been gifted. Sgt. Kimberly Morgan served in the army from 1988-2003. To honor her service, she has presented a Quilt of Valor on February 24, 2021, at the RWC clubhouse. She has maintained a life of service by going on to serve in the Air Force as an auxiliary officer and presently is serving on the Coast Guard auxiliary boat crew. Kimberly is the recording secretary for the 2020-2022 administration at RWC. With the fabric donations to QOV, RWC has made it possible for additional veterans to receive quilts.





# Camp Anza

Camp Anza is a 33 family housing unit specifically for veterans. The housing units are built around a WWII “officers club” which serves as a community rental holding up to 450 guests. Part of the club is a museum. The inside architecture is the original wood and design. Members of the Riverside Garden Club, for the second year, supplied family members with soil, vegetable plants, and mulch to replant individual family boxes. They were so enthusiastic about their yield from last year, stating how much the fresh vegetables helped economically when hit hard by the virus.





## Leadership Lounge

by Terri L., Club Trainer and Leadership Program Lead

Every month, there will be a Leadership column in the newsletter. Unlock your personal potential and leadership abilities by being proactive about your personal wellness. Think about the areas of your life that you need to focus on to make yourself healthy, resilient, and happy.

### Basic Rules of Teamwork

1. Every Team Member has a talent and gift that can be shared.
2. The best asset any team Member can bring to the table is their ability to actively listen.
3. Basic etiquette is never out of style and must be observed by all Team Members at all times.
4. The dynamics of any Team are defined by the personalities of the Team Members.
5. Different personalities bring the best and most varied Teams.
6. Encouragement is always welcome and constant training in a Team is a must!
7. Any member no matter what their experience, has a place on a Team.
8. Personal opinion has no place on a Team.
9. Teams must work together in order to take on a task at hand to move ahead. There is a big difference between assertive and aggressive behavior on a Team. Being rude, gossipy, hurtful, and dishonorable has no place on a Team.
10. Teams that work together and have fun are the best strategy for membership gain and membership retention.

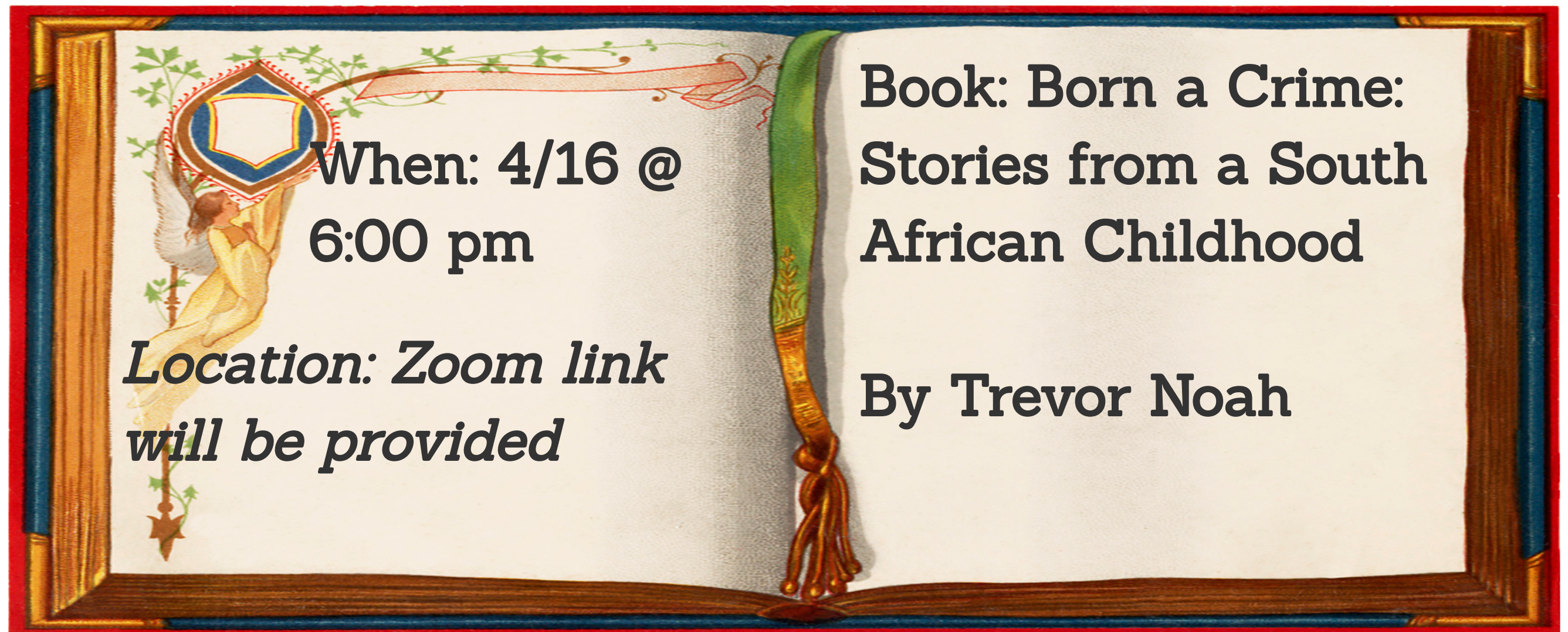
### LEADERSHIP

Words that define Leadership:  
Influence, Wisdom, Inspiration,  
Passion,  
Knowledge, Energy, Uniting





# Book Club Corner



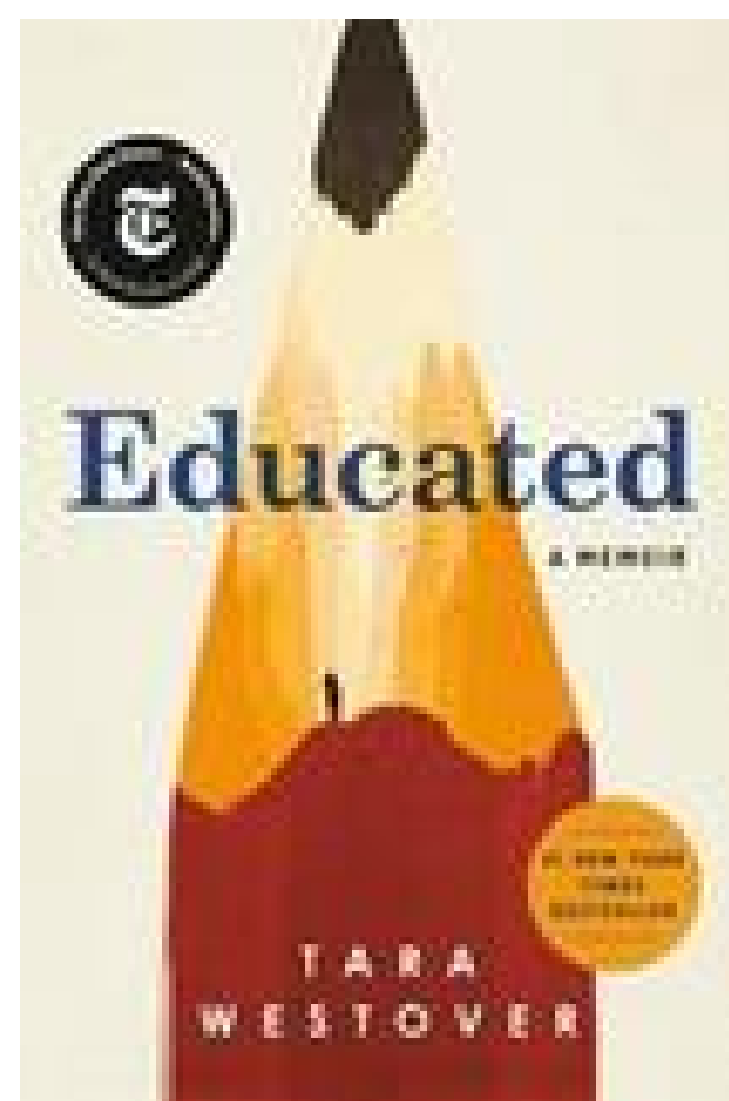
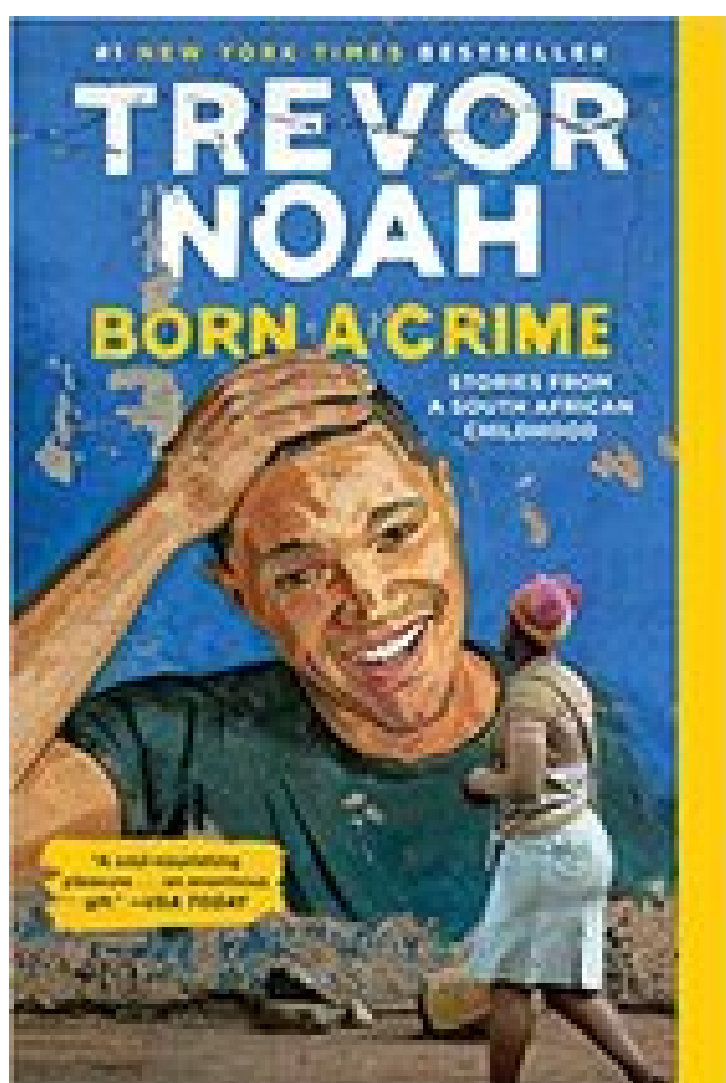
## Remarkable Creatures Summary

If you like The Daily Show hosted by Trevor Noah, you should consider reading the April Book Club selection *Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood* by Trevor Noah. It's a memoir of his very unusual childhood and a New York Times #1 bestseller. See the book summary below for more details.

The book (or Kindle edition) is available from Amazon, Target (Riverside SE on Canyon Springs Parkway), Thriftbooks, and other places for purchase. Riverside Public Library (has an eBook to loan).

We will meet online on Friday, April 16th at 6:00 pm to discuss it. I will send out the link and the discussion questions for the online Zoom meeting in April.

If you want to plan ahead for our May meeting, we are meeting on Friday, May 21st at 6 pm on Zoom. We are reading *Educated* by Tara Westover.





# April Coloring Page

