



Riverside Woman's Club



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Presidents' Message:

Dulcea and I want to wish you and your family a very healthy and happy New Year. As we begin our New Year of 2018 do you have a wish list of what you would like to accomplish for your Club? Is it to attend a Board Meeting to understand better the workings of the Executive Committee and the operations of our club. Or to shadow a Board Position of one that you might be interested in pursuing. This year we will be electing a new Administration in March. Now is the time to consider and ask for an appointment to be a Standing Committee or General Committee Chairman. Will you join the Fundraising Committee with the idea of becoming its chair? Will you take the next step into leadership by joining the Leadership Committee and become a student of someone who wants to move on to another position? This is a very exciting time for our club, as we continue to grow and increase our membership, there are numerous opportunities to become involved from small tasks to committee members and leadership roles.

Our mentor program will assist all new members in identifying their passion and their interest in the projects that the club pursues in the coming months. Last year due to outreach and new ideas some fantastic hands on projects came to us that made a significant difference in the lives of children and families, as well as first responders. The total number of projects we accomplished for 2017 was **106**. Many thanks to all of you for your hard work and commitment to the community which we serve and to one another for working together as a team to accomplish great things!

We are so fortunate to have a beautiful club house. Our stage floor has been completely replaced and now the main auditorium and parlor floor has been re-sanded. These repairs will enable us to open up the possibilities to bring theater groups and expand the number of rentals to our club house.

As we begin the New Year, Dulcea and I hope that you get to know each other better. A suggestion would be to try to move out of your comfort zone and sit with new people at the business meetings. Circulate at the federation time and say hello when you see a strange face. It is easier for experienced members to break the ice than new members. From one of our songs that we sang way back in the beginning of last year "Getting to Know You," let us use these words as we truly get acquainted to one another.

Dulcea & Teri

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT/DEAN

BY MARGARET VAN HOVE

The next time you come to the club house, please take time to notice the floors in the main room and foyer. Over the holidays the floors were sanded and three coats of finish were applied. They now shine and are beautiful and should be that way for many years to come. It is up to us to make sure the finish lasts by not dragging furniture across the floor. The large pieces have felt pieces on the bottom of the legs but we need to be careful with the tables and chairs. Now that the stage and floors look so good, we hope it will increase our rental potential.

As some of you know, November and December were our months for writing up reports for all the projects our club does during the year. Between all the notes we keep from meetings and help from chair people and project leaders, by the time we wrote up everything our club and our members did, it added up to 106 projects! I think this is an accomplishment our club should be proud of. Some of these are fund raisers, some are our scholarships, but many of them, as always, we were involved with and helped our community.

An example of a way we were involved with our community was our annual shopping trip for Valencia Gardens Healthcare Center. Using money donated by both the club and some of our individual members, we went shopping at Dollar Tree for Christmas gifts for the residents who live there. We always manage to find three to four gifts for each person, such as slippers, shower caps, etc. Then we take them back to the Center, where they are wrapped. This year there was a young man watching us very carefully at the check out line and asking questions. After we loaded the car and were ready to drive away, he tapped on the window and said his heart was warmed by what we were doing and gave me two \$50 bills and walked away before I could get his name. It really gave me the chills. We now have a start on our fund for next year!



A NIGHT AT THE THEATER

Just a Reminder Women's Theatre Workshop will be producing *The Vagina Monologues*, by Eve Ensler, on the **weekend of February 23rd, 24th and 25th**. Directed by two Woman's Club members, Nancy Kennedy and Paige Polcene, this production will be part of Ensler's annual V-day campaign, which works to raise money and awareness to end violence against women. One hundred percent of local proceeds of this project will come directly to the Riverside Woman's Club.

The last time we did this, in 2013, we raised well over a thousand dollars for Alternatives to Domestic Violence and the Riverside Woman's Club. (con't next column)

Any woman who is interested in participating is warmly welcome to do so. We'll be having an information meeting/audition in early December (date pending). No acting experience is necessary. Please consider joining .

Performances on February 23, 24, and 25, 2018.

DOCTORS' CORNER

BY DESIREE REEDUS M.D.

Upcoming Doctor's Corner January 18 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Please join us for this event. The interns always have a lot of good information to share.

Women's Symposium is February 3 11:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.
More information to Follow

CELEBRATE OUR MEMBERS

BIRTHDAYS

Terry Lippert 1/11

Patricia Allen 1/17

Ladies Who do Lunch. So if you would like to have a relaxing, enjoyable time with friends in a picturesque restaurant please join us.

Patricia Reed

MEMBERSHIP-2ND VICE PRESIDENT

BY PATRICIA REED

Happy New Year Everyone!

We hope you're ready for some fun and exciting new events and projects for the New Year! To start this year off the Membership Committee will host its first **"Meet and Greet" event Wednesday, January 17th 5:00pm – 7:00pm** at our clubhouse serving appetizers and wine in a social setting. By inviting the community, friends and family in to see all the wonderful projects, volunteering and events we have accomplished over the years, the history of our club and hopefully with your help we'll display upcoming projects and events planned for the year in the hopes to gain new members. We would like to have you join us to welcome our community guests to share *your* story as a member of the Riverside Woman's Club. How you joined, the many projects, events and volunteering you enjoy doing for our community. Additionally, January is our birthday month so we'll be celebrating this with dessert.

There are numerous benefits to belong to the Riverside Woman's Club, The California Federation Woman's Club and the General Federation Woman's Club such as friendships, support for projects, community volunteering with friends, networking and training. We believe by getting members from all walks of life to work *together* we can help serve our community to make it better.

Ladies, I will have a table setup for Membership so please come by, we will be collecting dues which are \$50.00 for renewal, and you can pay via check or cash. If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you and I look forward to working alongside all of you this year.

Upcoming in February, we will be having lunch at the Mission Inn, Wednesday, February 21st 11:30am for

OPERATION SMILE

Founded in 1982, Operation Smile is an international medical charity that has provided hundreds of thousands of free surgeries for children and young adults in developing countries who are born with cleft lip, cleft palate or other facial deformities.

Women from the Riverside Woman's Club, (Riverside, California) sewed and sent 439 patient gowns to Operation Smile. A quilter club member transformed the fabric scraps into a colorful, queen size quilt. Opportunity tickets to win the quilt were sold for four months. On December 12th the lucky winner's name was drawn. Of the \$2590.00 raised through ticket sales and donations, \$1750.00 of it was tripled and \$500.00 was doubled by other donor matches. This means that enough money was raised to pay for the surgeries of 27 children. Twenty seven more smiles. Yeah!!!

Members started this project for Riverside's 120th Anniversary in 2006 and just keep going. These ladies were recognized by the Press Enterprise for their great work and dedication to helping children in need.



Judith Glenn, back left, and Katherine Williams, front left, present Barbara Fishell, right, with the quilt she won.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

1 /9	RWC MEETING 5:00 – 7:00 P.M. Cost is \$15.00 (meal not required)
1 /13	GARDEN CLUB 10:00 a.m.–Club House
1 /17	Meet and Greet– 5:00–7:00 p.m. Wine and Cheese Membership Information Night @ Clubhouse
1 /18	Doctors Corner 6:00–8:00 p.m. @ Club House
2 /3	Women’s Symposium 11 a.m.–2p.m. More information to follow

OFFICERS AND CHAIRMAN

Co-Presidents:	Teri Lippert Dulcea Sawhill
First Vice President:	Margaret Van Hove
Second Vice President:	Patricia Reed
Third Vice President:	Erin Snyder
Recording Secretary:	Eleanor Lister
Treasurer:	Marti Noyes
Financial Secretary:	Robbie Kennedy
Corresponding Secretary:	Chris Gambino
Auditor:	Pam Smith
Parliamentarian	Alison Eccleston
Fundraising Chairman	
Leadership	Erin Snyder
Conservation	Erin Snyder
Home Life	Celeste Hartman
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Newsletter Editor	Pam Smith

HOSTESS PROTOCOL

On a volunteer basis at least two members will serve as Hostesses for each monthly business meeting. Teams Should be one established member and one newer Member or a member that has never served as hostess The past.

HOSTESS DUTIES

1. Chooses the meal menu and linen (if needed) through McGrath's Catering using the value luncheon/or similar price menu.
McGrath's phone: 951-683-7063 or
951-683-6484.
Web Site: www.mcgrathscatering.com
2. Responsible for centerpieces for each table and the head table. Hostess teams may decorate the tree and clubhouse interior
3. Responsible for providing at least three door prizes. When you are selecting centerpieces, before you buy anything, first go through items etc. that the club already has, such as mirror, silk flowers, etc. These items are stored in the stage storage area. The club does have white table cloths, but no napkins.

Hostesses are not reimbursed for decorations unless under at the direction of the Executive Board.
Hostesses **are not** responsible for taking reservations.

**Riverside Woman's Club
CFWC, CFWC and De Anza Supported
Projects 2017-2018:**

Academic Scholarships (High School, Medical Student, Nursing Students)
Alternatives to Domestic Violence
American Heart Association
Art Scholarships
Arthritis Foundation
California Youth Connection
Cancer Awareness programs
Chamber of Commerce
City of Hope
City Park & Recreation Senior and Children's Programs
Community Settlement Association
County Hospital Prenatal Grief Program
DANA
Department on Aging
Diabetes Association
Evergreen Historical Cemetery
Friends of Mt. Rubidoux
Foster Children Support
Habitat for Humanity
Heifer Intl.
Historical Preservation – Spanish Town Heritage Foundation
Homeless Outreach
HOBY
International Students Outreach & Support
Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful
Libraries
Mary S. Roberts
March of Dimes
Meals on Wheels
Military/Veterans (Troops, Hospital)
Museums – Heritage House
Native Daughters
Operation Safe House
Operation Smile
Penny Pines
Public Schools
Rape Crisis Center
RCC Culinary Academy
Reading for Kicks

**Riverside Woman's Club
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Projects 2017-2018:
(cont'd)**

Riverside Art's Council
Riverside Community Players
Riverside County Department of Mental Health (backpacks)
Riverside Fire and Police Departments
Riverside Lyric Opera
Ronald McDonald House
Santa Ana River Watershed Citizen Science Program
Service Clubs (Non-Profit)
Shot-At-Life
Society of Extraordinary Women
Theater Groups
UCR Medical School Scholarship
Unicef
Valencia Gardens Health Care
Woman's Theatre Workshop

***FIND A CAUSE YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
AND
PROPOSE A PROJECT FOR THAT CAUSE.***