



Riverside Woman's Club



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Presidents' Message:

Hello, ladies! February was a great success! It started with the 4th Annual UCR Women's Health Symposium honoring one of our very own members, Nancy Melendez, and ended with our incredible production of the Vagina Monologues! This play was directed by two of our members, Paige Polcene and Nancy Kennedy, and produced by clubwoman Robbie Kennedy! Each of the three performances was very well attended, and the monies raised will go toward fighting violence against girls and women!

Welcome to March, month of the Girl Scouts' Anniversary, leprechauns and all other things Irish, and the first day of Spring! It's also a busy month, too! Some of the highlights are: our Book Club at Chris Gambino's house on the 20th, the District Conference in Temecula on the 19th, the graduation party for the UCR interns on the 22nd, and the Wine and Paint party on the 16th! February was fabulous, starting with our very successful 4th Annual UCR Women's Health Symposium, honoring one of our club members, Nancy Melendez, and finishing with our outstanding production of the Vagina Monologues, directed by two of our clubwomen, Paige Polcene and Nancy Kennedy and produced by clubwoman Robbie Kennedy!!!

As we march into March, we will have Book Club on the 20th, Wine and Paint Party on March 16th the District Conference in Temecula on the 19th, the graduation party for UCR interns on the 22nd,

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FIRST VICE PRESIDENT/DEAN

BY MARGARET VAN HOVE

1. The Doctor's Symposium was a great success with a large turn-out of people from the club, the district and the public. Three women were honored with certificates from several local and state dignitaries, including our very own Nancy Melendez. Our UCR medical students did health care presentations on coronary heart disease and strokes.
2. The Garden Club met twice to discuss plans for the Brockton side of the club house to discourage homeless people from damaging the property. We are eligible to be an historic property but would have to file a plan with the city if we make major changes. Looking at putting in roses and tall vines to discourage any defacing of the walls. And a tall bush for the cubby hole space by the porch. Members could clean out what is there now, plant small rose plants and lay down mulch. Jose could be paid to get the large bush and plant that.
3. Public Issues met and talked about several existing projects. We would like to do another fire station dinner, become more involved with Camp Anza and National Night Out. New projects include holding a tea for women veterans, obtaining retired flags to cut out the stars for active duty soldiers, finding out how to get a plaque for women at our National Cemetery.
4. Vagina Monologues performed at our club house on three consecutive nights to full houses. Our very own Paige Polcene and Nancy Kennedy were the directors, with Robbie Kennedy serving as producer.
5. The By-Law Committee met and reviewed possible changes that will be presented to the members at the March meeting.

A NIGHT AT THE THEATER

WHAT A SUCCESS

Theatre Workshop presented The Vagina Monologues, by Eve Ensler, performances listed below. 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.

Pictures and follow up story in April Issue

DOCTORS' CORNER

Riverside Women's Club UCR Doctor's Corner Women's Symposium

The Riverside Woman's Club was host to the 4th Annual UCR Doctor's Corner Women's Symposium. The Symposium honored Darlene Trujillo Elliot, Nancy Melendez and Robin Maupin, Both Darlene and Nancy are Co-Founders of the Spanish Town Heritage Foundation. Robin founded Oasis of Southern California. The UCR medical student doctor's health care presentations included topics on Coronary Heart Disease, Heart Attacks and Strokes.

The honorees, received presentations of recognitions from Assemblyman Jose Medina, Riverside County Supervisor Chuck Washington, Senator Morreli, California Senator Richard Roth, Riverside City Councilman Mike Gardner and Dr. Desiree Reedus presented certificates on behalf of the Honorable US Senator Kamala Harris

The De Anza District President, Jan Emde, the President-Elect Gail Fitzpatrick, the Recording Secretary, Sonya Matthies, and the Communication and Public Relations 3rd VP, Pat Farmer were in attendance, in addition to club members, community members, and members of the honorees family and friends

MEMBERSHIP-2ND VICE PRESIDENT

BY PATRICIA REED

February 2018

Membership Committee held two Retention Programs this month; Game Night and Ladies Who do Lunch

Game Night – Saturday, February 17th 5:50pm – 8:00pm at our clubhouse.

Nine members joined in to learn a game called Five Crowns which turned out to be a lot of fun, laughs and great memories! We shared great food and snacks for a very enjoyable evening with friends.

Ladies Who do Lunch – Wednesday, February 21st 11:15am at the Mission Inn Restaurant. Eleven members joined us having the lunch buffet which turned out to be amazing, the food was perfect and our server was awesome. For this lunch being at the Mission Inn some members were cautious of the cost, which is \$23.95 per person so I will look for another restaurant for our next lunch so all members can enjoy.

Currently we have 62 members plus two Affiliate members. Our newest members are Shirley Coates, referred by Nancy Melendez, Mary Dicaro, referred by a friend to look us up through Meetup.com and Sandy Franco referred also through Meetup.com. Both Mary and Sandy attended our Meet and Greet event. Dues have been collected from 47 members, I have sent out email reminders to those still needing to turn theirs in and this week I also mailed personalized friendly reminders with a card.

Upcoming in March:

Membership Committee meeting Monday, March 5th 6:00pm at our clubhouse for planning our first Paint and Wine Night and start the planning for our Progressive Dinner. So, if you would like to assist in planning these events please let me know if you can come.

Paint and Wine Night – Friday, March 16th Clubhouse 6:00pm – 8:00pm

CELEBRATE OUR MEMBERS

BIRTHDAYS

Celeste Harman 3/11

Dulcea Sawhill 3/12

Pat Reed 3/17

Erin Snyder and Deborah Mayberry 3/17

Peggy Fryc 3/21

DR. SUESS DAY-MARCH 2



It was a big day for our members and the elementary children of Riverside

Dr. Seuss Day, a full twenty-four hours to make a mess with the Cat in the Hat, dance around with the Fox in Sox, hear a Who with Horton, count the red and blue fish, help the Grinch see the error of his ways, and listen to Sam I Am's friend complain about his dish of green eggs and ham, the ungrateful hairball!

Theodor Seuss Geisel, commonly known by his pen name Dr. Seuss, was a writer, poet and cartoonist. Though best known as a children's author (he released a whopping forty-six books for tykes), his career also saw him work as an illustrator for advertising campaigns and a political cartoonist during the Second World War. He was also a true perfectionist, known to discard 95% of his material before settling on a theme for a new book, sometimes spending up to a year writing a single story, and preferring payment upon completion, rather than in advance.

March 2nd is a celebration of his life and works, as it was on this day in 1904 that he entered the world. Having lived eighty-seven years and made an incredible impact on numerous generations, he died in 1991 at his home in La Jolla, California. His many bizarre, colorful and zany tales are still cherished by young and old alike, and, having been translated into more than twenty languages, are read all across the world every day.



Katherine Williams reading at Orrenmaa Elementary School

GARDEN CLUB

Hypertufa Pot Workshop – Cece Richter
9 AM on March 24
3724 Jefferson St, Riv.

Hypertufa is rock you can make and shape with your hands. The substance was invented by gardeners and gets its name from tufa—a natural porous limestone once used to carve large planters. Hypertufa allows you to get the same rustic look of limestone planters—but cheaper, lighter and more conveniently. Here is a link to a Martha Stewart site that has a wonderful video:

<https://www.marthastewart.com/248335/hypertufa-pots>

You will fall in love with these pots – come out and create them with us!

To sign up, please e-mail Darleen DeMason (demason@ucr.edu) and sign up. Bring rubber gloves and shapes for molds.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 3/16 Paint and Wine Cost \$25.00 which covers the cost of the materials for Painting. 5-8 pm and instruction.
- 3/19 District Conference in Temecula
- 3/22 UCR Medical School Graduation 6-8 p.m. @ Riverside Women's Club House \$10.00/Pasta Dinner
- 3/24 MS Walk with the Animals. Meet in front of Band Shell @ Fairmont Park.
- 3/24 Hypertufa Pot Workshop @ 9:00 am @ 3724 Jefferson
- 3/30 VIP Comedy Showcase-Regional Chamber Commerce 8:00 pm-10:00 pm @ San Bernardino Valley College – no cost
- 4/6 Board Meeting 10:00 a.m. @Club House
- 4/8 Book Shower for ADV @ Club House
- 4/10 Business Meeting 11:00 am at Clubhouse We are having Elections and a speaker from the League of Women Voters. Meal Cost is \$15.00
- 4/14 Bunco for Brains-Scholarship Fundraiser Cost \$20.00 from 1-4:30 pm. If you would like to donate an Opportunity Basket contact Judith Glenn @ glenn0111@yahoo.com
- 4/19-4/20 DeAnza District Convention @Pala Resort
- 4/27 Canyon Lake Women's Club Fashion Show @ Canyon Lake Lodge. Cost is \$45.00 Doors Open 9:30 a.m.

Black History Day Parade and Plaza

Two women from Riverside Woman's Club, **Tinka Friend** and **Peggy Fryc**, are enthusiastic members of the recently formed **Riverside Resistance Revival Chorus**, which supports community and demonstrates solidarity with all residents of our city by singing songs of harmony, diversity, unity, and love. When they perform, they wear all white to honor our foremothers in the Suffragette movement 100 years ago.

On February 10, they sang on stage for the Riverside Black History Day Parade. Their voices and songs were excitedly received by the people gathered in the Pedestrian Plaza on Main Street. Afterwards, many people stopped and thanked several singers, relaying how good the Chorus sounded and how much they appreciated the message of love, respect, and unity at a time in our country which is filled with division between groups.

If you enjoy singing and using your voice to unite people, rather than divide them, contact **Tinka** or **Peggy** to get more information about the Chorus. Their next performance will be on Saturday, **March 24** on the steps of the Riverside Historic Courthouse for the **March for our Lives** event by the Riverside youth and parents trying to end gun violence and make our schools safer for our children.



CFWC - CONTINUES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

SB 1104 Human Trafficking: Parental Notification

Article by Jennifer Nickel

The California Federation of Women's Clubs has authored legislation currently pending in the California State Senate and we need your help. SB 1104 Human Trafficking: Parental Notification builds on groundbreaking legislation, AB 1277 signed into law last year, which addresses the problem of human trafficking proactively by asking school districts to cover human trafficking as part of the sex education topics. SB 1104 is the first bill to depart from its focus on institutions and instead reach out to families to equip them with the information they need to know in order to act as a first line of defense from keeping their children safe. SB 1104 asks school districts to provide easy access to human trafficking information to all parents of middle and high school students to provide them with information about trafficking and the resources to which families can turn in their community if they are concerned their child may be at risk. CFWC was proud when Senator Richard Roth agreed to serve as sponsor of the bill and delighted when he obtained for CFWC the ranking Senate leaders from both sides of the aisle and a key policy maker as co-sponsors (Incoming Pro Tem Leader Toni Atkins (D-San Diego), Minority Leader Patricia Bates (R-Laguna Niguel) and Senator Nancy Skinner (D-Berkeley)).

In meeting with Senator Roth's office, we were informed that the heavy lifting necessary to get this bill passed will necessarily need to be done by CFWC. While Senator Roth is making this bill and one other as his central pushes for this year, he asks that our members work to raise conversations about this bill in within communities across the State in the hopes of getting members of the public to contact their legislators to pass this bill. We need to work quickly since if this bill is not passed into law by October, it essentially dies.

Helping parents better protect their children from becoming victims of human trafficking furthers both GF and CF Resolutions. We ask that you do all that you can to share news of this legislative effort with your family, friends, neighbors and strangers on the street. Copies of the Fact Sheet for SB 1104 and project ideas are available on the Legislation Chairman's page on CFWC.org. Won't you please help?

Senate Bill 1104

Human Trafficking: Parental Notifications

Senator Richard Roth

SUMMARY

The state has taken several important steps over the years to prevent human trafficking including: increasing penalties for perpetrators, training teachers on warning signs, and educating children.

However, we have failed to incorporate one of the most important factors in a child's life: parents and guardians.

BACKGROUND

California leads the nation with the most reported cases of human trafficking. Texas, which is in second place, has roughly 38% fewer reported cases. In 2017, the National Human Trafficking Hotline (NHTH) received 2,171 calls in California reporting human trafficking. Those calls resulted in a total of 705 human trafficking cases being filed; of those 705 reported cases, 226 involved minors.

A Los Angeles Times article recently reported that a statewide human trafficking sting resulted in more than 500 arrests and the "rescue of 56 people including 11 girls." The article also highlighted that "children between 12 and 14 are most at risk of becoming victims of sex trafficking in California."

The NHTH defines human trafficking as a "crime involving the exploitation of someone for the purposes of compelled labor or a commercial sex act through the use of force, fraud, or coercion. Human trafficking affects every community in the United States across age, gender, ethnicity, and socio-economic backgrounds."

According to the National Coalition to Prevent Child Abuse and Exploitation "the sex trafficking of minors is a severe form of child abuse with lasting effects on the health and well-being of individuals, families and society."

PROBLEM

The state currently requires teachers and students to be provided information related to trafficking. Considering that perpetrators frequently groom their victims by instilling in them a distrust of authority figures, or by isolating them from their families, students often try to hide their victimization from teachers and law enforcement.

While children spend a significant amount of time at school, there are certain behaviors that parents are more adept at identifying like sudden changes in behavior, depression, unexplained cash, fake identification, or signs of abuse.

SOLUTION

SB 1104 will ensure that school districts provide parents and guardians of middle and high school students critical information and resources to identify indicators that their child is being groomed for trafficking.

By bringing parents and guardians into the human trafficking prevention discussion, we can create three points of defense around children through:

- Parent education
- Teacher education
- Student awareness education

Human trafficking affects children from all walks of life. This legislation seeks to provide parents and guardians additional tools to protect their children.

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