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## RWC Newsletter

### Presidents' Message

Welcome, RWC, to the 2020-2021 club year. Even though we can't get together, it doesn't mean we can't stay connected and Grow Better Together, (administration theme).

The RWC is still going strong. Congratulations to Stephanie P. and Judith G. for this first newsletter. The Executive Board is striving to keep everyone as informed as possible. If you have information to share with members please send it to our 1st Vice Presidents Judith G. and Nanci L.

Also, check out our webpage, [www.RiversideWomansClub.com](http://www.RiversideWomansClub.com) and our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/RiversideWomansClub> Keep reading to see what's been happening with RWC. Stay well and safe,  
Your Presidents, Marti N. and Erin S.

### Growing Better Together



### Little Free Library

Do you have extra books and magazines taking up space at home? We are in need of donations for our Little Free Library. Any type of book is welcome. If you donate magazines, please remove the label. Margaret V. will be collecting donations at her home. Please see her email from July 9, 2020 for her address and further details. This is a wonderful service for our neighbors and an excellent project to work on while we aren't able to meet face-to-face.

### Foster Youth Project Update by Margaret V.

Our Club and many other social service organizations were contacted by Fosterall.org to help with the Foster Care graduation program for Riverside County. This is a continuing program for our club and consists of two parts, a Graduation Event and a Holiday Party. Like all high school seniors during this Covid-19 pandemic, their Graduation Event, including dinner and a band, was cancelled. Fosterall.org reached out to all social agencies in Riverside County to donate select items to create gift baskets, as foster students often do not receive graduation presents. The presents fell under the categories of school supplies, kitchen start-up, bedroom/bathroom start-up, activity baskets and gift card baskets. Our members contributed twelve baskets with items worth \$60 each, for a value of \$720. In addition, the total value of gift cards, including \$100 from our Club, was \$300 for a total of \$1020. The total number of volunteer hours contributed by our members was 18. Thank you to everyone that donated!

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**"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." -- Helen Keller.**

## **2020 Scholarship Awards by Lois B.**

Scholarships are one of the many important projects that the Riverside Woman's Club is involved in. We invest in the future of local students by awarding scholarships to help them pursue higher education. We recently awarded scholarships to both high school and college students in the Riverside area who have participated in community service activities while maintaining high academic standards. This year, our scholarships totaling \$8500 were awarded to 5 local high school students, 3 Riverside City College students, and 2 UCR medical students.

Our 4 high school recipients of the annual high school scholarships of \$750 are:  
Kylee A. (MLK High School) - Attending Cal Poly Pomona, Major: Biochemistry  
Esteban L. (Ramona High School) - Attending UCLA, Major: Microbiology  
Julia M. (Ramona High School) - Attending UCLA, Major: History  
Hanna S. (MLK High School) - Attending UCLA, Major: Environmental Science

In addition to the annual scholarships for high school students, RWC awarded a memorial scholarship of \$750 to Anika M. to honor a former club member Mary Lou de la Torre. This scholarship is funded by Mary Lou's family. Anika plans to major in Plant Science at Cal Poly Pomona.

Music and nursing scholarships were given to Riverside City College students. Julia-Ariel G. is this year's recipient of the Denise Markley Bressler Memorial Music Scholarship, honoring a past RWC club president who passed away under tragic circumstances. Denise was a music teacher for many years. Julia-Ariel plans to transfer to Chapman University to continue her education in music. Maria Z. is the recipient of the Pat Kraemer LVN Memorial Nursing Scholarship. Maria is completing a vocation nursing program and then bridging into an RN program. Mayra G. is the recipient of the third RCC scholarship, the RWC Nursing Scholarship, and also plans to become a registered nurse. The music scholarship is \$750, and the two nursing scholarships are \$1000 each.

We were also delighted to award 2 medical scholarships to UCR medical students this year. Our two Dr. Sarah E. Maloy Memorial Scholarships in the amount of \$1000 were awarded to Marc D. and Lana H. Dr. Sarah E. Maloy was a physician in Riverside who founded Riverside Woman's Club during a meeting in her medical office in January 1896. Marc and Lana are second-year medical students interested in pediatrics and serving the medically underserved communities.

We hope to hold a virtual and/or physical ceremony to celebrate our scholarship recipients in the future.

# Reclaim Our Vote

## by Darleen D. and Tinka F.

Darleen DeMason and Tinka Friend are leading an effort to help the Center for Common Ground on a Voter Support Project to assist voters in voter-suppression states to help them have the opportunity to vote. Center for Common Ground, a people-of-color led voting rights organization based in Virginia, is a 501(c)(3) organization. Their project: Reclaim our Vote is a non-partisan voter outreach campaign whose mission is to empower under-represented voters and fight voter suppression. Their partners include NAACP, Black Voters Matter, Mi Familia Vota, Democracy Labs, and Transformative Justice Coalition. They have been helping voters successfully fight voter suppression since 2017. Since they started, voter suppression of minority groups has spread to more states. By design, community of color voters are being placed on “Inactive” or “Unregistered” lists at a 16% higher rate than white voters.

In 2020, Reclaim Our Vote volunteers are now working in 6 states: Alabama, Arizona, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Texas.

Reclaim our Vote campaign is comprised of concerned volunteers who handwrite postcards to mostly rural, often older, voters of color who have been de-registered in voter suppression states but are likely to be unaware of this. (They are not notified when they have been removed from voter registration rolls.) The postcards will alert and offer them ways to check their status and re-register to vote, if necessary.

Our RWC Executive Board has authorized expenses up to \$150 that can be used on postcards, labels, and stamps; so, there is no expense to you--just your time.

Can you spare a few minutes on each postcard so that an elderly minority person may have the chance to express their vote? Again, this is non-partisan. If you are interested in helping these marginalized voters ensure their right to vote in the 2020 election by writing postcards, please let us know. We will be coordinating this effort. Please contact us by July 30th so we can obtain supplies!!!

An e-mail soliciting volunteers will go out in July and we will be working in August. For those of you who are interested, we will get back to you with more specific information and guidance on writing the postcards.

