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RWC Newsletter

Presidents' Message

We RWC presidents are so proud of how our club has grown to meet the challenges of the times. We've grown our communication strategies, our technical skills, and our member connections, and the year hasn't even officially started yet. Watch for the September Riverside Woman's Club meeting announcement (Zoom, probably), and if you'd like to join the planning committee, let us know. If interested in planning for the 19th Amendment commemoration at RWC, let us know that also, or contact RWC Historian Tinka F. Take care and stay safe,

Marti and Erin



Growing Better Together

The Turning Point Suffrage Memorial

August marks the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment giving women the right to vote. The Turning Point Suffragist Memorial scheduled a day-long celebration on August 26, 2020, to formally dedicate the memorial and mark the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment---with a special focus on those imprisoned at Occoquan, VA, who endured harsh conditions and abuse to win voting rights for American women. However, this event is postponed. The RWC has donated \$100.00 to this memorial in support of women's rights. If you would like further information about this memorial project, please contact Tinka Friend @ tinkafriend@sbcglobal.net.

Little Free Library Update

Our members are very generous when requests are made of them. They have proved this many times. The turn out for Foster Care students was amazing and now the turn out for our Little Free Library has been just as great. We had a variety of books and magazines dropped off at my house. There were 203 books and 76 magazines for adults and 104 books and 13 magazines for teens and children. Everything was in good shape and will help fill the library for quite some time to come. This is an ongoing project for our club, and I would appreciate if you would drop these items off at my house by the door or gate. You can also drop them at the club and ring and leave them indoors. Then please let me know so I can keep track of how we are doing.

Thanks to all of you who have helped so far.

Margaret

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Agua Mansa by Nanci L.

“Agua Mansa de San Salvador, the historic bell, dedicated to “Our Lady of Guadalupe”. Marked the Adobe Church of Agua Mansa, near Riverside from 1852 to 1868. It was the first bell cast in Riverside County. The Bell weighs 956 pounds. Acquired by Frank Miller of the Historic Mission Inn, today it sits within the Las Campanas restaurant of the Mission Inn.

The Bell was given a plaque on July 24, 1957 by the Native Daughters of the Golden West, Jurupa Parlor No. 296. In a ceremony on the patio of the Mission Inn. The plaque read, “Agua Mansa de San Salvador. This Historic Bell, Dedicated to “Our Lady of Guadalupe”, Marked the Adobe Church of Agua Mansa, near Riverside, from 1852 to 1868. The bell is marked by Jurupa Parlor No.296 Native Daughters of the Golden West, July 24, 1957.”

Today, the Riverside Women’s Club, Native Daughters of the Golden West , and the Old Spanish Trail Association along with the Mission Inn Foundation are joining together to recreate the original plaque, and then in a morning ceremony the recreated plaque will be re-dedicated and attached to the platform of the Agua Mansa Bell. Recreating the original July 24, 1957 ceremony.



Photo by Jennifer Cappuccio Maher, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin/SCNG

Voter Postcard Project Update by Tinka F. and Darleen D.

We still need more volunteers for the Post Carding Project. As we celebrate the Centennial of the 19th Amendment, let’s work to help others exercise their right to vote. More detailed information has been provided below.

This project has no party affiliation - it is non-partisan.

The RWC is paying for the postcards and stamps. Tinka and Darleen will provide the mailing list, the message you are to write on the postcard, and Avery labels with their local Voter’s Registrar website URL for the recipients to use to determine whether or not they are still on the voter rolls.

Darleen and Tinka will deliver the supplies to you. They will also pick up the handwritten postcards, check them, put on stamps and mail them.

The exact text on the postcards will be provided by the Center for Common Ground when Tinka and Darleen request it in August.

Darleen and Tinka will send you both a pdf document describing how to write your postcards and a link to a video. If people wish, a Zoom meeting can be arranged to discuss it. Tinka and Darleen will be happy to review your work and answer your questions,

Darleen has been working with on this project, and she has been able to do 30 postcards in about two hours.

Please let us Tinka and Darleen know if you can help with this project to ensure all eligible voters who want to vote are not denied that opportunity.

Member Highlight by Margaret V.

In the August 2nd copy of the Press-Enterprise, there was an article about a former member of our club who holds the 2020 Mrs. Fontana title. Her name is Qianteh Looney and she is in competition for the Mrs. California title on August 9th. Winners in eight divisions will go on to compete nationally.

She is the founder of Bryan David's Brothers Foundation, which provides support to families with children who have speech disorders. She has also promoted fashion shows spreading awareness of breast cancer, homelessness, and children with disabilities.

In the article, she mentioned that she was a former member of the Riverside Woman's Club. Let's give a shout out to Qianteh and all she is accomplishing. She started here in Riverside and just keeps going.

Trujillo Adobe Brick

The Trujillo Adobe is the last remnant of Riverside's earliest settlement founded in 1842 when Lorenzo Trujillo led 10 families along the Old Spanish Trail from Abiquiu, New Mexico to settle in what we now know as North Riverside. The Spanish Town Heritage Foundation (Nancy M. is a member) has presented our club with the opportunity to purchase a brick for \$75. The brick will be engraved with

"Riv. Woman's Club
A Legacy of Service
Since 1896"

This brick will become a permanent part of history as the site is developed into seating, platform for speakers and a Corona ray. Thank you Nancy for bringing this historical endeavor to the RWC.

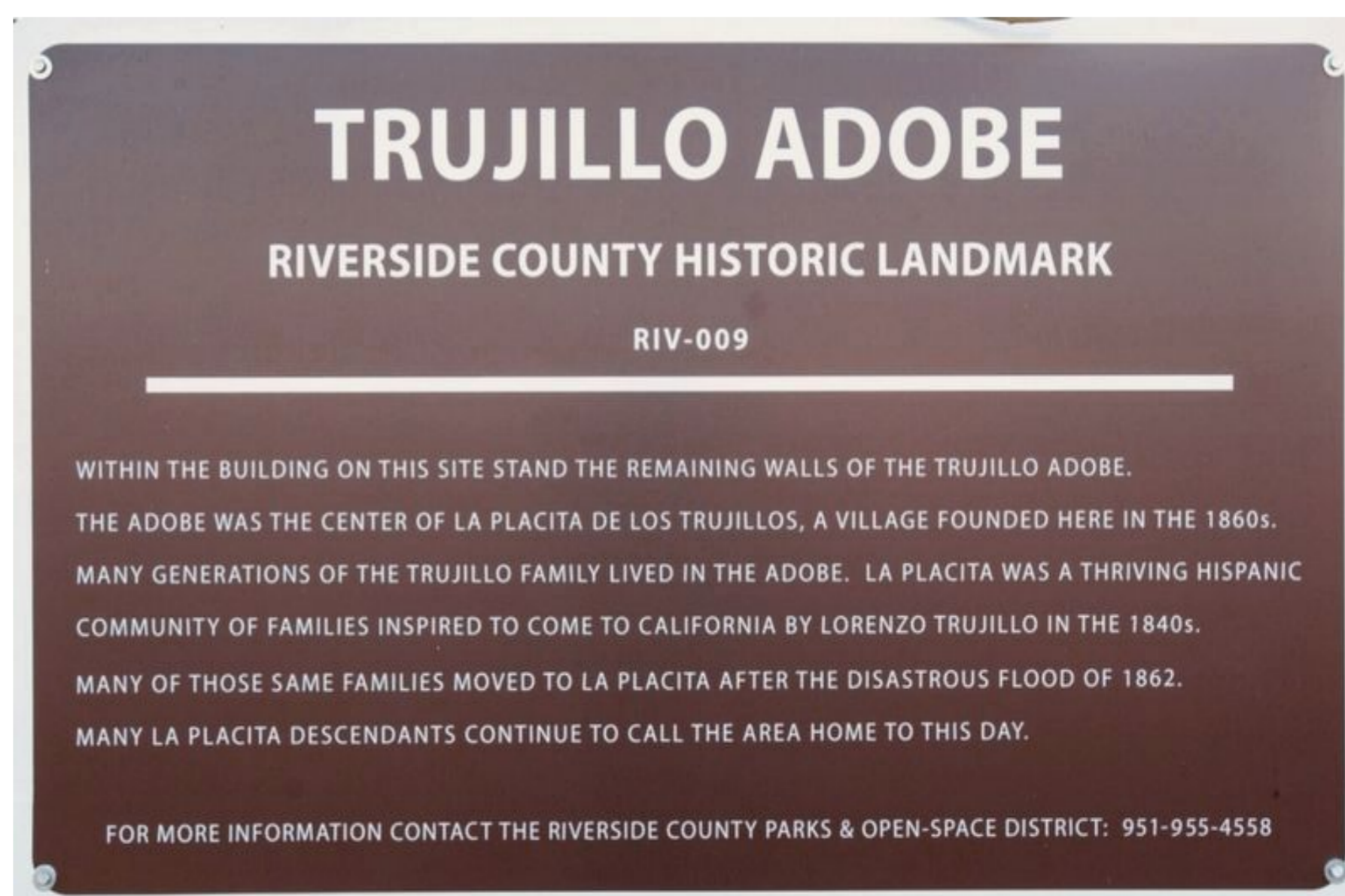
Shot@Life by Jennifer Nickel

GFWC Partner, Shot@Life, has asked supporters to reach out to members of Congress and the Senate regarding the US withdrawal from the World Health Organization, which is happening as a partisan reaction for criticism in the US over the handling of the current COVID crises. World Health is an important organization. Ensuring that diseases are contained elsewhere helps prevent their spread to the US, which is so clearly demonstrated in the current crises.

If you would like to have your voice heard on this matter, call our members of Congress and the Senate. Shot@Life will contact them directly for you, as well with a letter they have already written. You simply need to go to this link:

<https://act.shotatlife.org/a/urge-administration-reconsider-us-withdrawal-world-health-organization?emci=566255b7-3fc1-ea11-9b05-00155d03bda0&emdi=b5f6e0d7-44c1-ea11-9b05-00155d03bda0&ceid=3307114>

Please join me in acting today since this provides the Club with a strong reportable project even though we may not be currently meeting.





The Intelligence of Suffrage Hats

The most iconic symbol of Suffrage, both UK and USA, is hats. It was not a conscious choice as much as an outcome. Ladies, working women, even school girls wore hats. Rather, it was the invasion of hats into men's sphere that was new. Like a swarm of bees, hats buzzed into the man's world.

In 1910, there were no hats in Congress, on lobbyists heads or in chambers, as gentlemen removed their hats. In fact, hats became a suffrage tool of making a spectacle. One could not ignore ladies marching up to Congress for the VOTE. Government men complained that the 64th Congress was occupied by ladies' heels constantly clicking on the white marble floors. The more the men objected, the more ladies showed up. From the gallery to the offices, there was a constant parade of hats under which ticked an unwelcome insistence for a voice, a vote, an office, full equality.

One congressman said, "Women don't know anything about politics. Did you ever hear them talking together? Well, first they talk about fashions and children and housework, and, then perhaps, about churches and, then perhaps, about theaters, and, then perhaps," he finally added, "Do you think I want my wife working against my interests?"

These militants had the hearts of warriors, the tactics of soldiers and the fashion sense of Selfridges. They intentionally dressed as women of means, carried chalk in their handbags for public announcements and wore hatpins, good for defense if needed. Alice Paul assigned each of her army a member of Congress to follow, track, and stay in their view.

As one member of Congress remarked,
"Miss Paul and her ladies turned the halls of Congress in to a "Millinery Establishment."

Make no mistake, these ladies were conscious, dedicated and knew precisely the task at hand. They marched in procession, walked the halls of Congress, stood at the White House fence, always calculating their moves on the road to full constitutional equality. Hat and gloves, they wore their costumes which said,
WOMEN ARE READY TO VOTE.

One Hundred years later many of us are sewing commemorative costumes, creating replica signs, and making a hat. Remember this, poor women, working women, wealthy women, union women, rancher women, farming women, pioneer women, debutantes and socialites all dressed to tell the country, women are ready to vote. Wear a Stetson, a bandana, a Liberty Gage hat, or a fabulous ballcap, we are all ready and longing to vote.

Suffrage is not finished until every American can vote.

Taken from:

<https://cawomenssuffrageproject.org/2019/12/the-intelligence-of-suffrage-hats/>

NOTES

Hello everyone,

I am Katherine W., the Katherine who signed your birthday card from the Woman's Club. I also send cards for other occasions. If you know a club member, who could use a card to cheer them up, congratulate, wish them well, sympathize with, celebrate, or other reason for sending a card, please let me know.

I am now also sending birthday cards to the residents of Valencia Gardens an affiliate of the club.

Katherine W.
Sunshine chair

Pay with Coins

You have probably heard that we are having a coin shortage. We can all help increase the coins in circulation by searching our houses, cars, pockets, purses, and piggy banks. The next time you shop, consider paying with coins.

Katherine W.

“The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention.” – Oscar Wilde

Volunteer Opportunities

Cards for Kids

Another opportunity for our club members to assist with is “Cards for Kids”. This is a program at Loma Linda Hospital. Christine B. is willing to pick up the finished cards and take them to the hospital. Teri has volunteered art supplies to make cards. Please contact Christine for further information.

Lead Bees

Do you know what Hive you are in? Be sure to read through the email that was sent regarding hives. This is an exciting new addition to the format of our club. We have received a wonderful response to requests for Lead Bee volunteers. We are still looking for a Lead Bee in the 92501 neighborhood (Hive 01). Please contact Judith G. if you are interested.

Blanket Drive

Christine B.'s women's group at her church (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints) is doing a blanket drive this summer. They are collecting new blankets, either store-bought or handmade, quilts, fleece blankets, flannel, crocheted, or basically anything to be donated to local Riverside organizations that need them. Some hospitals and groups are not accepting donations due to COVID but a few have been found that would be happy to have them including Beds and Blessings, who works to keep kids out of the foster system, the Riverside Police Department and a woman who is over the local chapter of Binky Patrol who gives hundreds of blankets per year to local Riverside facilities (such as nursing homes, law enforcement and fire, foster families and more). The Sheepfold battered women's shelter would also be happy to take gently used blankets (her phone number is (949) 400-6766, call her to arrange a drop off). If anyone would like to donate blankets for the drive please email Christine B. for further information