

Riverside Woman's Club

Mosaic

January-February 2021



Presidents' Message

Happy New Year and we hope you had an enjoyable holiday time, even during these difficult times

with the Covid19 Pandemic. We did have a fun filled December meeting, a birthday celebration - 125 years for the Riverside Woman's Club at our January meeting. Finally we had great representation for the DeAnza District Conference on January 18, 2021.

We continue to have our RWC meetings through Zoom on the second Tuesday evening of each month. We still need hostesses for upcoming meetings of March, April and May. The hostesses (team of 2 or 3) pick a theme and have 10 minutes for the opening of the meeting. This can include a Flag Salute, a patriotic song, an inspirational reading, and informative or comedic presentation, a skit and/or even a game, anything that will warm us up for the general membership meeting following. Please let Erin or Marti know what month you would be interested in being a hostess. Upcoming plans include a "FUN"raising event with Bingo. If anyone has gift cards that would like to donate, contact Penny Ramirez. February is Heart Healthy Month and also Valentine's Day, and so we hope to celebrate the Love of RWC with all our members during the month and especially at our meeting on February 9th. We hope everyone remembers to pay their annual dues as soon as possible, still only \$50. Get tested, get your vaccine shots, stay well and stay safe.

Erin and Marti

Co-Presidents

UPCOMING EVENTS

February is Woman's Heart Health Month. Please wear red for our February 9 meeting.

Operation Smile gowns are now being sewn by our members and community volunteers. Katherine and Judith are always accepting Cotton fabric donations.

Penny Pines collection is ongoing at each Zoom meeting. Darlene DeMason will be collecting our newly designed donation containers. Keep adding to support our San Bernardino re forestation.

Earth day is April 22. Please submit any ideas for celebration to the garden committee or Darlene.



Alison Eccleston Rises to the Top of De Anza District!

Christine Hunt, area D district President has stepped down from her position due to family issues. Our own **Allison E** is now the pro tem President. Congratulations Allison! RWC is proud to have one of our own achieve this leadership role.

Teri Lippert named Club ESO Program Leader

ESO (Epsilon Sigma Omicron) was mentioned in the article about us hosting the district conference. At the meeting, guest speaker Shirley Lorraine was so compelling that **Teri L** has been appointed as RWC ESO Program Leader. We already have 3 members in the process of signing up. Since many of us are at home reading voraciously, we might as well get credit for all those books we are devouring. Contact Teri if you would like to join. She plans to speak at our upcoming business meeting about this exciting new program. Congratulations Teri!



**DUES
ARE
DUE!!**

Membership dues are now through

March 15. You can easily go to the RWC website, click on “donation” button and there you have it! An easy peasy way to pay your dues. No check, stamp or trip to mail. If you need a receipt, ask Pam Smith. During the past Covid year, our club did over 30 projects. Yes ladies we are still going strong. Hopefully you will continue to make RWC as successful as ever. Thank you for sticking with it, adapting to all the changes and keeping us moving forward. Together we are strong. **CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO PAY NOW!**

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DE ANZA DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The District Conference was held on January 18 via Zoom, with RWC being the host. There were approximately 65 participants. Alison E Chaired the conference in lieu of Christine Hunt. The conference coordinated with our club's 125 year Birthday which was hosted by Robbie K. And Tinka F., two members of the Historical Committee. Tinka gave an educational accounting of the life of Clara Barton. Guest speaker was Shirley Lorraine who is the District chair of the Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO). She gave us a easy to understand version of how the club's reading program works. More to come on this subject soon. Our music scholarship recipient Ariel sang Happy Birthday via video. Congratulations RWC for job well done.

LEADERSHIP CORNER

As long as we live, there is never enough singing.



--Martin Luther King

The next series of articles I want to write is called 'Leaderships Self-Care'. I will be extracting information from a booklet written by Dori Kelsey, Leadership Chair for the California Federation of Women's Clubs. Let us begin the year 2021 with the.....

Things that you are grateful for:

- What makes you happy
- Who is someone you don't want to live without
- What is something you can't live without
- What is your favorite food, color or place
- What have you done for others
- What makes you laugh
- What makes you sigh with relief
- What is in your life that you love
- What is your favorite subject
- What do you still want to learn about
- Where do you still want to go
- **What do you wake up every morning glad to see**

I would suggest that the answers might be written in a Gratitude Journal that you can expand upon throughout the year.



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FROM THE FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT.....Judith Glenn

Do you ever wonder how our club comes up with projects we do?

The General Federation of Women's Club was originally formed to "enhance the lives of others through community service". There are five areas of projects that have been set in stone per se by the General Federation. These five areas are: Health and Wellness, Civic Engagement and Outreach, Education and Libraries, Arts and Culture, and lastly Environment. Some of you may know them as prior names, but this year the names were modified. Each administration (which is a 2 yr term) also has signature projects. Two of these signature projects are: Advocates for Children and Domestic Violence. After new officers are elected a project list is developed at the national level and distributed to each club. These suggested projects are listed under each of the above categories and each individual club can then determine which projects they want to do and how they want to do them. Not all of the projects could possibly be done, but as other member ideas and community opportunities come up, we then act on them. Members are then, either asked or volunteer, to become Project Leaders. When an idea for a project arises, it is presented to our Executive board for approval. Sometimes the project is not doable for many reasons. Once a project is completed, within two weeks of completion, a report is written which includes a few sentences about the project, hours it took to complete it and money either spent or In kind donations. These reports are accumulated throughout the year and turned in at the beginning of the following year. The reports are judged by a panel who are non members. Awards are issued at a district, state and national level. RWC has won many awards, which are housed in the glass front curios in the fireplace room at the club. Below are our Riverside Project Leaders. Feel free to contact any of them if you have an idea for a project you would to see the club do. All ideas are welcomed.

PROGRAM LEADERS

Darlene DeMason --Environment

1.) How long have you been a club member? 5 years

2.) What was the catalyst for your joining the club? Two friends were members!

3). What is your family structure?

I am married to Dan Straus who is also a retired professor from UCR. We have two adult children, Steven and Laura. Laura is married and has a son who will be 2 in April and his name is Wesley Clark.

4.) Did you have an outside of the home career and what field?

I am a retired Professor from UCR and my Title was Professor of Botany. I did research and taught classes in Botany and Biology.

5.) What are your hobbies or favorite things to do?

I am the President of a nonprofit called Victoria Avenue Forever. I also garden at home, knit, and do photography. During covid, I have been spending a lot of time making bread. We have not bought any bread at the grocery store since June. I have been concentrating on sourdough breads.

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6.) If you could live anywhere other than Riverside, where would it be?

We plan to move to San Francisco when feasible.

Cindy Traynor--Health & Wellness

1.) How long have you been a club member? Since October 2019.

2.) What was the catalyst for your joining the club? Providing service to the community, making friends, keeping busy, socializing.

3.) What is your family structure? Married, four adult children, twin grand babies (a boy and a girl). They will be three years old on New Year's Eve.

4.) Did you have an outside of the home career and what field? Yes, County of Riverside, Deputy Probation Officer.

5.) What are your hobbies or favorite things to do? Making jewelry, crafts, traveling and seeing new places, getting together with family and friends.

6.) If you could live anywhere other than Riverside, where would it be? Hm....Blythe or Chico. You can take the girl out of the country, but can't take the country out of the girl.

Kelli Jenkins--Domestic Violence Prevention

1.) How long have you been a club member?

Just 1 year

2.) What was the catalyst for your joining the club?

The club hosted a "Sprinkle" for The Sheepfold DV Shelter and I had the privilege of speaking. I was welcomed in with such loving arms that I decided to join!

3.) What is your family structure?

My husband and I have been married for 3 1/2 years and are a blended family with 5 adult children, 2 of which are married, and 2 precious granddaughters ages 4 and 6 months.

4.) Did you have an outside of the home home career and what field?

Yes, I currently manage a Domestic Violence Shelter (The Sheepfold) here in Riverside.

5.) What are your hobbies or favorite Things to do?

I collect vinyl records and LOVE live music

6.) If you could live anywhere other than Riverside, where would it be?

If not New Zealand, I would LOVE to live on the Oregon Coast.

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Lois Bailey--Education & Literature/Advocates for Children

1.) How long have you been a club member?

I have been in RWC for 15 years. However, I joined the Riverside Junior Woman's Club around 1998 so I have been in Federation about 22 years.

2.) What was the catalyst for your joining the club?

My original motivation for joining RJWC was to be of service to our community and to involve my daughter in community service through Junioresettes.

3.) What is your family structure?

I am married with two adult children. They have their own children now so I am also a grandmother to 4 little ones (6 years old and younger).

4.) Did you have an outside of the home home career and what field?

I had two careers. I worked as a microbiologist in both the medical device and pharmaceutical industries performing quality assurance testing and validating their manufacturing processes for about 25 years. After being laid off, I went back to school to get a teaching credential and became a high school science teacher. I taught physical science, biology, biomedical classes, and all subjects when I was supervising on-campus detention. I retired in June this year.

5.) What are your hobbies or favorite Things to do?

There are lots of activities that I find joy in: spending time with my family and friends, reading books, being outside in nature, walking, playing with my 4 cats, community service, and more.

6.) If you could live anywhere other than Riverside, where would it be?

Sometimes I wish I could live in Florida so I could be with my son and his family but then I would miss my daughter and her family here in Riverside. If family wasn't so important to me, I would probably live in a more natural place in the mountains or by the sea and get closer to nature!

Penny Ramirez--Civic Engagement and Outreach

Thank you Penny for your service as program leader.



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**LOCAL POST OFFICE NAMED AFTER COMMUNITY
ADVOCATE
WOODIE RUCKER HUGHES.....**



This past week the House of Representatives passed my legislation to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4150 Chicago Avenue in Riverside, CA as the "Woodie Rucker-Hughes Post Office"



It was a joyous moment when my colleagues in the House unanimously voted to pass my bill to rename the Riverside Post Office after an icon in our community who I was lucky to call a friend, Woodie Rucker-Hughes. Woodie dedicated her life to social justice and civil rights, to removing barriers to education to ensure students receive a quality education, and to making our community a better place for all. I'm pleased to know that we will be honoring her legacy in this way. I hope the Senate will advance this legislation so that her kindness and dedication will continue to inspire generations to come.

Woodie Rucker-Hughes was a history teacher at John W. North High School and an administrator for the Riverside Unified School District, and she also served as the NAACP Riverside Charter President. Woodie passed away in 2018 after leading a life under the mantra of "never let it rest until the good is better and the better is best."

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