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DIAMOND BAR WOMAN'S CLUB

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Kindness, Strength and Trust

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DIAMOND BAR WOMAN'S CLUB President's Letter

By Diana Limon

Diamond Bar Woman's Club Members:

April is here with spring in the air and summer heat rushing in. How will you start your spring, with a fresh start on a project, spring cleaning, pantry organizing, planting spring bulbs or self-care? Do it your way and enjoy the finished product. With the celebration of Easter, we all have many blessings to be grateful for, with new memories to make with family, friends and neighbors.

Congratulations!! to our Club Woman of the Year, **Essence Guss** and Club Citizen of the Year, **Tracy Evanson**. They will be recognized at the San Gabriel Valley District SGVD Convention on April 24 th and 25 th at the Duarte Community Center 9:30am – 5:00pm. Registration for SGVD Convention is due on **April 9th**. The form will be emailed. Do Not mail in your form or send money to SGVD. We will send all forms and one club check for our DBWC club members attending. The Call (agenda) will be emailed.

The Diamond Bar Woman's Club is working diligently towards our 11 th year in providing Scholarships to our Diamond Bar students, Diamond Bar High School, Diamond Ranch High School and Diamond Bar residents of neighboring high schools. Scholarships will be awarded in Music, Medical fields and Education. We need all members' participation in our fundraising efforts to raise funds to meet and exceed last year's \$10,000 goal. Can we do it? Yes, if we all work together, we have only a few weeks to get there. Contact our Scholarship Chairs - Pam Robinson, Joy Juarez or Ellen Horwitz to see how you can help. Student applications are due Thursday, April 17 th.



The Diamond Bar Woman's club will have a Booth at the Walnut Valley Water District's Earth Day celebration, Water Festival and Open House Saturday, April 18 th, from 10am - 2pm. Let me know if you want to volunteer at the booth for a couple of hours. Setup @ 9am.

Elections were held at the March General Business meeting. We elected a new Executive Board for the term June 2026 -May 2028; the installation of officers and celebration will be held at the June 17 th meeting. Please plan to attend; it will be a festive event.

As a Diamond Bar Woman's Club member, you are also a member of The California Federation of Women's Clubs, <https://www.cfwc.org/clubs/> , and affiliated with the General Federation of Women's Clubs, an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.

This Easter enjoy your family & friends with joy, laughter, good food and overwhelming peace. Happy Easter!

Find us on Social Media

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/diamondbarwomensclub>

YouTubeDiamond Bar Woman's Club 100 year celebration

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jaAbh1vwvRE&t=17s>

Website:

www.diamondbarwomensclub.com

DIAMOND BAR WOMAN'S CLUB 1st Vice President & Recording Secretary Letter

By Marriyan Hill

April is upon us. This month is the SGVD Convention. It will be held in the city of Duarte. Congratulations to the 2026 Club Woman of the Year - Essence Guss, and Citizen of the Year - Tracy Evanson. The Citizen of the Year will be recognized on Friday and the Club Woman of the Year will be recognized on Saturday. Thank you so much ladies for all you do for our organization and our community. You are both greatly appreciated!

This month there will be two Earth Day celebrations. The first will be at the new Walnut Valley Water District facility on April 18, 2026. The second will be at the South Coast AQMD Building parking lot on April 25, 2026. All members are encouraged to attend. There will be an informational booth for our club. This will be a great opportunity to spread the word about the upcoming Fashion Show Brunch on May 2, 2026. Please reach out to Jennifer Guzman, Diana Limon, or Abbey Howell for ways you can participate to help make the fashion show a success. It is also scholarship season. Fundraising efforts are continuing to raise money. Please talk to committee chair Joy Juarez and assistant chair Pam Robinson on any fundraising ideas or ways you may want to help or contribute.

We are so pleased to welcome all new members. There will be a new member social on April 23, 2026, at 3pm. This social will be at the home of 2nd Vice President of Membership Mary Jo Franze. This will be a great time for a meet and greet for new members, the Executive Board, incoming officers and all members that are able to attend. We welcome you to our organization with open arms.

I am happy to announce the elections for the new Executive Board were held last month. The new officers are President - Marriyan Hill, 1st Vice President and Dean of Projects - Claudia Maidenberg, 2nd Vice President of Membership - Joy Juarez, 3rd Vice President of Ways & Means - Jennifer Guzman, Treasurer - Abbey Howell and Recording Secretary - Tracy Evanson. I am so excited for the next two years. I look forward to working with this new Executive Board in the future.

Our club has many women that continue to work tirelessly in our communities. That work has been honored by our elected officials in March, with multiple selections of honorees (<https://calderon.asmdc.org/2026-distinguished-woman-year-award-honorees>). It was my honor to be recognized by Lisa Calderon as one of the 2026 Distinguished Woman of the Year. There was a small award ceremony held on March 14, 2026. In addition, two members Patsy Wilson and Rachel Kirk, were honored by Hilda Solis for Women in History for Women's Month. There was an awards ceremony held on March 27, 2026. Congratulations to all of the honorees in March 2026.



By Jennifer Guzman

Happy APRIL



Hello Club Sisters

Reminder, tickets for the Mother-Daughter Fashion Show Brunch are now on sale. The event will be held on May 2nd from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM at Mountain Meadows Golf Course. I encourage members to help by selling 2–3 tickets for this special event. Tickets will be distributed at the April general meeting, or you may purchase them via Zelle at dbwc.volunteers@yahoo.com.

We are excited to feature a variety of vendors including perfumes, plants, home décor, fashion accessories, and clothing from Hazelbagz, who will also be styling our models, and more.

This celebration honors the incredible women in our lives—mothers, daughters, aunts, grandmothers, granddaughters, godmothers, and more.



Take Me out to the ballgame



I am excited to announce our first annual DBWC Angels Game Night Out! I was able to secure 20 tickets through a community nonprofit forum. The game will take place on April 21st at 6:38 PM at Angel Stadium.

Tickets are first come, first served, and we currently have 5 spots remaining.

Tickets will be distributed to me via email 2–3 weeks prior to the game for distribution. Please note that attendees will be responsible for their own parking.

If you are interested in tickets, please send me a message. I'm truly looking forward to this event and believe it will be a great opportunity for connection and bonding within our group.



Wishing everyone a wonderful Easter.

He is risen.

We are His daughters





GotSneakers Update

Did you know it takes approximately 30–40 years for shoes to decompose in landfills?

I had the opportunity to attend a Leo’s Club meeting this month to support our ongoing sneaker collection project. During the visit, I shared the importance of this initiative and its environmental impact—

Thanks to the Leo’s Club, we collected 45 pairs of tennis shoes—that’s about four full bags! I am incredibly grateful for their involvement and continued support through May, when their season concludes. Combined with our club’s efforts, we have now collected over 75 pairs of shoes. We are still awaiting the total funds raised and will share updates soon.

I will also have flyers available for members to distribute, and I am currently exploring the possibility of hosting a larger shoe collection drive in June.



Special THANK YOU
Debbie Avila-Mott & Diamond Bar Leo’s



ARTS & CULTURE**What's Ahead in April !***By Marriyan Hill***Arts & Culture Chairman Message:**

April is full of special days and holidays. Some are fun, some are funny and some I have never even heard of. Here are some of the key dates for April:

- 1 - April Fool's Day - A day of fun, practical jokes and laughter
- 3 - National Burrito Day, National Chocolate Mousse Day - Yummmmm
- 4 - National School Librarian Day
- 5 - National Maritime Day
- 7 - World Health Day
- 10 - National Sibling Day
- 11 - National Pet Day
- 12 - Passover (begins at sundown)
- 14 - National Pecan Day, Jackie Robinson Day
- 18 - Good Friday
- 20 - Easter Sunday
- 21 - National Civil Service Day, Secretaries Day
- 22 - Earth Day
- 23 - World Book and Copyright Day, World Book Night, English Muffin Day
- 24 - Arbor Day, National Pigs in a Blanket Day
- 25 - World Malaria Day, World Penguin Day, National DNA Day
- 26 - National Pretzel Day, International Guide Dogs Day
- 30 - International Jazz Day

In addition to all of these days, there is National Park Week April 19-27. All month long it is Military Child month, Sexual Assault Awareness Month and National Poetry Month.

I wonder how many of these days of observance are new to you all? There are so many that are new, obscure and also important. For Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). The key dates of observance are April 1st - Wear Teal Day, April 6th -12th is National Crime Victims' Rights Week, and all Tuesdays in April are Teal Tuesdays, with the color to be worn to support prevention. In April I hope we all Teal like making a difference! Please be sure to wear your teal colors in support of victims throughout the month of April. For Military Child Month, April 15th is Purple Up day, where you wear purple to represent all service branches to celebrate the resilience, sacrifice and unique challenges military children face every day. National Poetry Month is near and dear to my heart. Read and share your favorite poem or find new ones. I suggest you even try to write a poem.

In addition, I am pleased to bring Arts & Culture to the city of Diamond Bar. I am happy to host a monthly open mic at the AQMD Building, 21865 Copley Drive, Room CC6, Diamond Bar, CA 91765;

on every third Thursday of the month. However, due to scheduling, this month I am trying to hold it on the fourth Thursday, 4/23/2026. The doors will open at 6:30, with performances beginning at 7pm. Once the date is confirmed with the facility, a flyer will be distributed. This open mic is free to the community and open to all artists of all ages. We have hosted singers, guitarists, pianists, poets, jewelers and photographers, just to name a few. I invite you to come and share your artistry with the community. You are also invited to come and support your community, seeing the artists as a member of the audience. Are you an artist that was not listed here? We invite you to come and showcase your artistry at the Diamond Bar Renaissance Open Mic. Please support this event by attending if you are available, inviting artists you know, and sharing the details of the event with your friends and neighbors.

I look forward to seeing you all in the community partaking in these artistic and cultural events.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Engaging and Educating

By Raphael H. Plunkett

DBWC member, Tabitha T. Plunkett, serves as President of the Rialto USD DAAPAC and AAPAC (District African American Parent Advisory Council and African American Parent Advisory Council) and attended the 2026 Statewide Professional Development Summit for superintendents and educators. Tabitha attended workshops on education, foster care, resource management, technology and reading. She met, chatted with, and had books signed by authors Karen Parsons and Tatyana Ali, actors from Fresh Prince of Bel Air. Tabitha connected with other districts where they shared their successes and challenges. She shared Rialto details and brainstormed with Colin Kaepernick as he shared information about his AI platform, Lumi Story. She gathered many ideas, made new connections, and identified resources to support students, staff and parents in her district.



Women in History

THE FIGHT FOR EQUALITY - CALIFORNIA WOMEN OF THE CENTURY

By Claudia Maidenbreg

Dolores Huerta is a longtime labor leader and civil rights activist who co-founded what became the United Farm Workers of America. She worked with Cesar Chavez fighting for farmworkers' rights, and won, ensuring workers received safety protections, health care and the right to unionize.

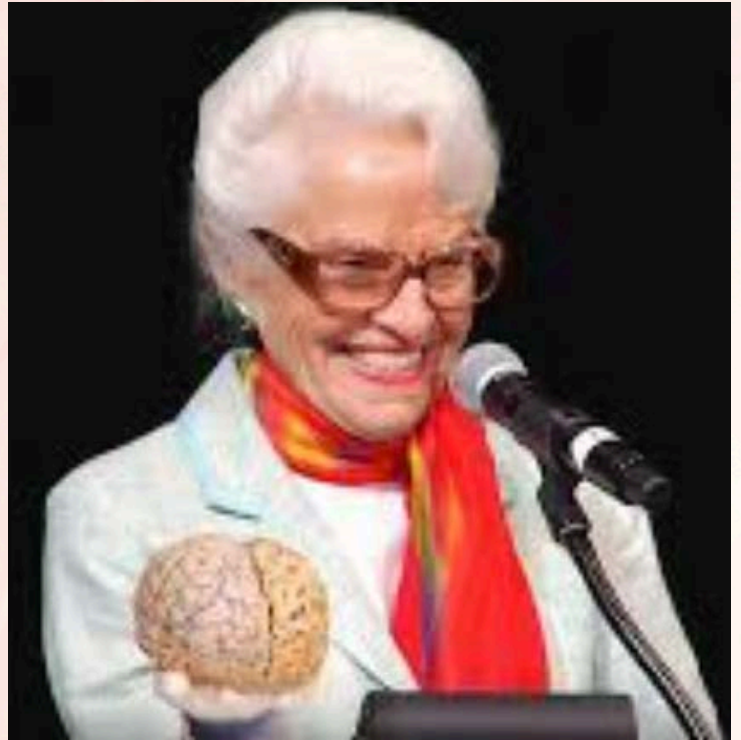
Dolores' work took a turn toward gender equality when she realized as a woman, she faced even more obstacles. In 2012, President Barack Obama awarded her the highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom.



Billie Jean King did more than win tennis matches. Although Billie was considered the No 1 tennis player in the world, she had to deal with a system that rewarded less skilled male tennis players more money. Billie founded the Women's Tennis Association and the Women's Sports Foundation and through those organizations pushed for equal pay for female athletes. Her convictions were so strong that in 1973 she threatened to boycott the U.S. Open over pay issues. Her efforts led the tournament for the first time offering equal prize money to men and women.



Marian Diamond was the founder of modern neuroscience. Think back to how both education and parenting have changed. Public schooling with actual instruction can start as early as 3 years old. As parents, we are told to make sure children from a young age have toys, games, experiences and play dates with friends. Have you ever wondered why? It is based on the research done by Marian Diamond that demonstrated that our brains could change with experiences and improve with enrichment. These are not luxuries but are essential for equality. Impoverished environments can lower the capacity to learn. That means that people, no matter their economic circumstances, have the same ability to learn when they are provided with necessary experiences.



Yuri Kochiyama was sent with her family to an internment camp in Arkansas in 1943 as a part of the implementation of Executive Order 9066. After being released, she began working with civil right activists. Yuri's advocacy on behalf of Japanese Americans led to a formal apology and reparations payments of \$20,000 to each surviving internee.



Nancy Pelosi is the only woman who has ever served as the speaker of the U.S. House. She proved you don't have to give up being a leader just because you are a wife and a mother of five. Nancy demonstrated that life is not over when your children move out and a leader does not have to be young. She did not run for office until she was 47. Nancy prepared herself for leadership by doing what many of us have done, got involved with a local club. In her case it was the Democratic Party. During her career Nancy has supported legislation to safeguard equality and medical care.



What do these California Women of the Century teach us? They tell us that the work to make our world a better place can be influenced by what we do. They tell us that organizations of like-minded people have the power to influence what happens in the world. They tell us that age or life circumstance does not matter when you are motivated to accomplish a goal.



HEATH & WELLNESS

April 1st NATIONAL WALKING DAY

Walk for your health, it strengthens the heart.



Happy
National Walking Day

Benefits of Walking 20 Minutes a Day

- ✓ Strengthens muscles
- ✓ Controls cholesterol levels
- ✓ Regulates blood pressure
- ✓ Reduces stress
- ✓ Delays aging
- ✓ Boosts immunity
- ✓ Improves heart health
- ✓ Burns fat

MISS DIAMOND BAR SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT COURT 2026

Miss Diamond Bar Scholarship Pageant Court
2026- Miss Diamond Bar -Azara Kennedy
2026 Princess-Olivia Yap, Jade Serrano,
Samantha Yang, & Eva Covarrubias

Thanks again for your support. Please put this
in the newsletter.

The Miss Diamond Bar Scholarship Pageant
has been dedicated to community service
since 1964.

We are a non-profit organization. The Court
will be involved in many activities in our city
and outside our community. We are involved
in helping many of the fundraiser of the
Diamond Bar Woman's Club.

We appreciate their support and
encouragement to these you women.

Linda Headlee,
Board Member, Miss Diamond Bar Scholarship
Pageant, Inc.

A non-profit organization serving the
Diamond Bar Community since 1964



DBWC At YLWC craft fair - Pres. Dottie Jensen & Marcia Willett (CFWC)





The Diamond Bar Woman's Club Scholarships



Calling all Seniors **who are residents of Diamond Bar** attending Diamond Bar High School, Diamond Ranch High School, Ron Hawkins, IPoly, St. Lucy's, Damien, School of Arts, Pomona Catholic, Troy High School and Bishop Amant to apply for a scholarship award for 2026

About Us

The club believes in the power of education to transform lives. Our scholarship aims to support students who are committed to making a positive impact through community service, higher learning, music, art, medical, trade schools, and community college. Scan the QR code, or go to our website for more information and to complete the easy application.

Requirements:

A complete application must include:

- cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher
- your official transcripts uploaded
- an autobiography (one to two pages, typed 12 font), your personal story, stating your career goals, events that inspired you, people that inspired you.
- recommendation letters: one letter from your school (counselor, principal, teacher) and one letter from a community member (church, club, employer, coach) who supervised your experience
- The application must be completed and signed by applicant and parent/guardian

Apply by 4/17/26

Only **complete** applications submitted /postmarked by the deadline will be accepted.

Home school students may apply. Must be a graduating senior and provide proof of residence in Diamond Bar.

Apply online at:

diamondbarwomansclub.com/scholarship-application or scan the QR code.

Deadline: Friday, April 17, 2026

For more information contact
Joy 626-216-6615





Diamond Bar Woman's Club Mother Daughter Fashion Show Brunch



Join us Sisters, Friends, and Family
Saturday, May 2, 2026
11:00AM TO 3:00PM
Mountain Meadows Golf Club
1875 Fairplex Drive
Pomona, CA.

Enjoy the Brunch, Entertainment,
Raffles & Vendor Shopping



Ticket Cost \$70.00 - Can be purchased
from all Club Members

All Payments Due By: April 25, 2026

Zelle or Mail Payment to:

P.O. BOX 4035

Diamond Bar, CA. 91765

Abbey Howell (909) 348-3779

Joy Juarez (626) 216-6615

Jennifer Guzman (909) 344-0693

Zelle

Note: Payments can be made
via Zelle. Please open your
Bank App on your phone, then
scan QR code above or enter
Diamond Bar Woman's Club.



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APRIL 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DBWC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - 6:30PM ZOOM

11 SGVD NO MEETING

15 DBWC GENERAL MEETING 8:30AM BREAKFAST 9:30 GENERAL MEETING
VITA'S RESTAURANT, DOUBLETREE HOTEL

18 EARTH DAY WALNUT VALLEY WATER DISTRICT BOOTH 9:30A - 2:30P

20 DVAC 2.0 MEETING - COVINA WOMEN'S CLUB, COVINA 11:30A - 1PM

24-25 SGVDISTRICT CONVENTIION DUARTE COMMUNITY CENTER 9:30A - 5:00P

BIRTHDAYS

9 ABBEY HOWELL

