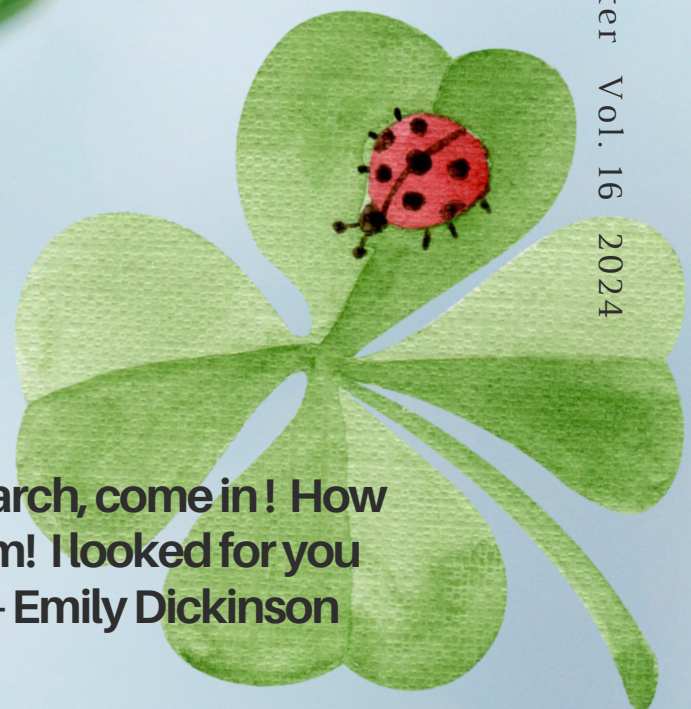


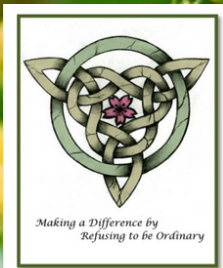
# DIAMOND BAR WOMAN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER



March Newsletter Vol. 16 2024



Dear March, come in! How glad I am! I looked for you before. - Emily Dickinson



## DIAMOND BAR WOMAN'S CLUB

## President's Letter

*By Diana Limon*

March is a fully packed month with many to do's on our list, within our families, our community, our government, our world and most importantly our Diamond Bar Womans Club! March is known for spring, planting flowers, new beginnings, and voting.

As I read the GFWC.com website it states the following: GFWC members are involved in volunteer community service, advocacy, education, and leadership. GFWC supports women's suffrage and other social causes. As members of the GFWC, we are entering our annual voting for our next year 2024-2025 Executive Board members. Let's remembers the Diamond Bar Womans Club's Purpose of the Club is as follows:

The objective of this organization shall be to encourage cultural activities and help provide for the welfare of the community.

We made some short-term decisions at our January meeting, as the new President I wanted to know where our focus was going to be for the next 6 months. We overwhelmingly agreed as a group to focus on our young high schoolers with educational scholarships, as well as Medical and Art scholarships. We are known in Diamond Bar as being an organization that gives to our young people for furthering their education.

Who will we put in place to follow our purpose?

I want to Thank each of you for allowing me to represent the Diamond Bar Womans Club, we are all strong women with big hearts and when we join together we do marvelous things!

Wishing you all the goodness of the Easter season,

Diana Limon - President - Diamond Bar Woman's Club



# 2022-2024

## CLUB OFFICERS



**DIANA LIMON**

*President*

**ABBEY HOWELL**

*1st Vice President/ Dean*

**RAPHAEL PLUNKETT**

*2nd Vice President/ Membership*

**JANICE GIARDINA / LINDA HEADLEE**

*3rd Vice President/ Ways & Means*

**MARRIYAN HILL**

*Recording Secretary*

**JENNIFER MAHLKE**

*Treasurer*

**ROSETTE CLIPPINGER**

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**PATSY WILSON**

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*Newsletter Editor*



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## DIAMOND BAR WOMAN'S CLUB

**1st Vice President  
"Tell A Woman"***By Abbey Howell*

Hello Club Members,

Well here we are into March Madness. It's hard to believe the third month of the calendar year is upon us. We have a great deal of work to look forward to this Spring Season. New Projects and Programs will be restructured along with great ideas moving forward.

The Diamond Bar Woman's Club has (3)-Major Projects that was adopted in January. This past February at the General Business Meeting we reviewed the budget and discussed the Scholarship Casino Fundraising timeline. I am pleased to announce that we are all set for October 19, 2024 for this year's fundraising event. Please note a SAVE the DATE flyer will be available at the next meeting. Tickets will be distributed to members at the June 19th meeting. A few of you have purchased tickets for the February event that was postponed and choose to roll the tickets over, don't worry, you are covered! It is wonderful to know that we have such loyal sponsors and donors supporting our local Scholarship Project for the high school students within the Diamond Bar area.

We are looking forward to the presentation of this year's Making Spirits Bright, budget and timelines within the new structure presented at the meeting. I am hoping we can clear this project and move ahead. The third project only presented two programs; Easter and Mother's Day, all other programs were placed on hold until the budget and timeline is presented for a vote under the Domestic Violence Project.

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March is Women's History Month – The City of Diamond Bar will honor the Diamond Bar Woman's Club this month with a Proclamation presented at the City Council Meeting on March 5, 2024 at 6:30 PM this award will be presented the President Diana Limon and Members by Mayor Stan Liu.

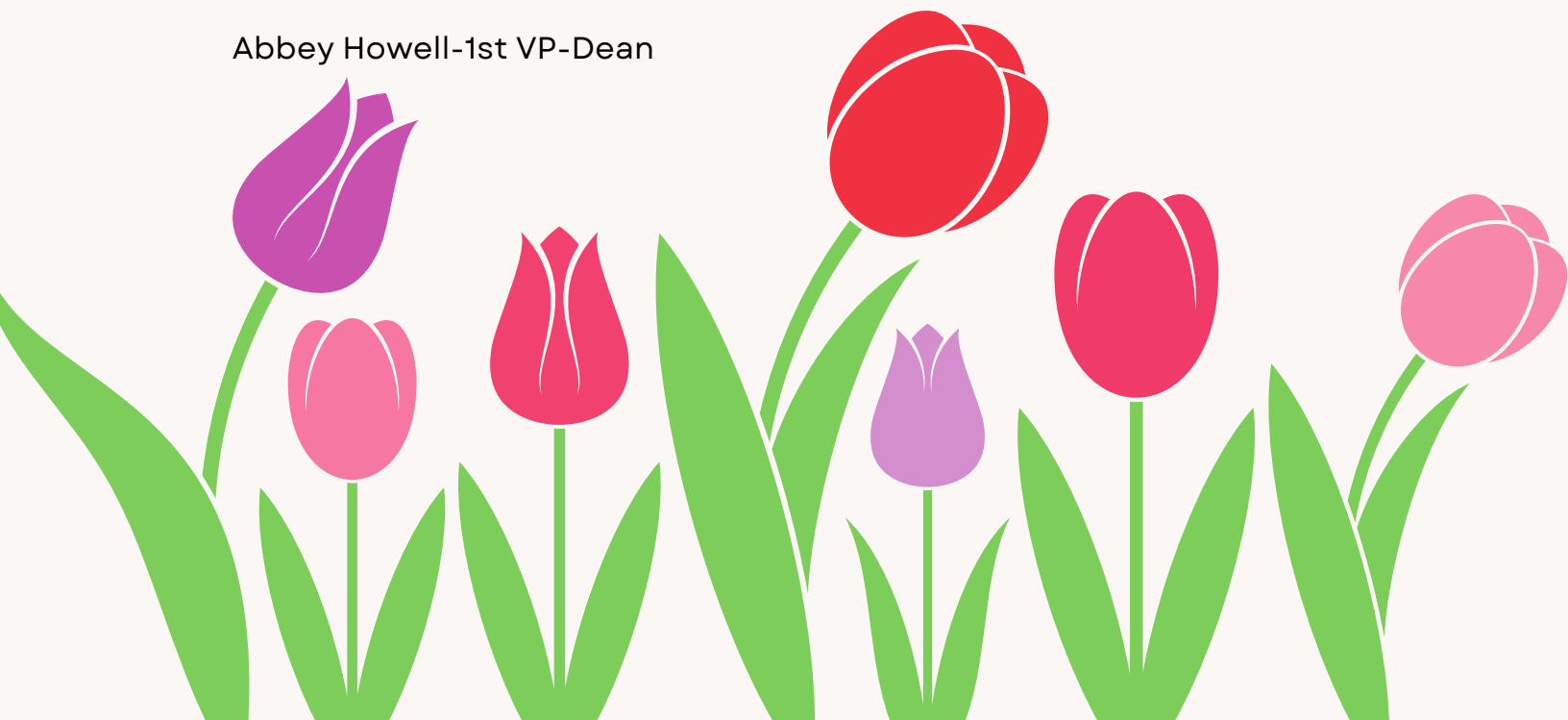
Recognizing the Leadership of Women – San Gabriel Valley District sent Yvette Romo of the GFWC Rowland Heights Woman's Club to represent the District as the LEADS Candidate at the CFWC Winter Board this year. Congratulations!

#### Notes to March Madness

- March 8th 9:30 am to 2:30 pm San Gabriel Valley District Spring Council & Business Meeting will be held at the Covina Woman's Club 128 S. San Jose Covina, CA. Enjoy the music and art competition. The election of new District Officers will also take place. All Club Delegates are required to attend. Reservations required for lunch \$25.00
- March 8th Club Credential Delegate Cards due at the Spring Council Meeting
- March 10th Daylight Saving – Spring forward
- March 17th Happy St. Patrick's Day
- March 19th First Day of Spring
- March 20th DBWC General Business Meeting
- March 31st Enjoy Easter

Thank you

Abbey Howell-1st VP-Dean





# MAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT

The committee is currently in the process of conducting their gratitude presentation, and our upcoming presentation will be for the San Dimas Rotary on March 4th. We anticipate gathering with this dedicated group, which provides significant support to our military families at both bases. Additionally, some MSB committee members will be taking part in the Golf Tournament alongside the Walnut Valley/Diamond Bar Rotary. This involves volunteering for various roles and assisting with lunch. As many of you are aware, the Making Spirits Bright Project is currently under suspension until the budget and timeline structure of guidelines are submitted for a vote.

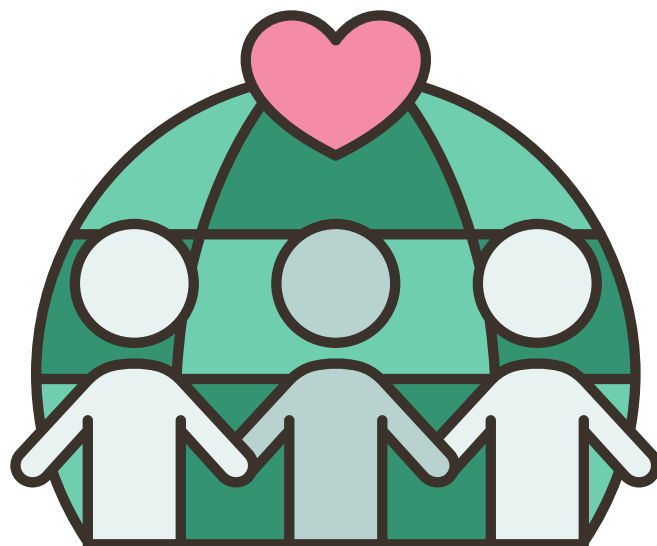
Sonja Reed

MSB Project Chairman



# SAFETY IMPORTANCE

By Raphael H. Plunkett | DBWC Safety Chair



Public safety is an important goal for any community. The City of Diamond makes a concerted effort to inform, empower and education its community about safety. As promised, I attended the City of Diamond Bar Public Safety Seminar on Feb. 28 at Diamond Point Elementary School. There were representatives from LA County Fire, Sheriff and City Staff. Assistant City Manager Ryan McLean lead the presentation, along with Deputy Aaron Scheller, Fire Chief Dustin Roberston and Assistant to the City Manager, Anthony Santos.



# WAYS & MEANS

*By Janice Giardina & Linda Headlee*



## *January Raffle*

\$50.00 Amazon Gift Card

Donated by - Claudia Maidenberg

Congratulations to our January winner - Sharron Tanzer

**FUNDS RAISED - \$125**



## *February Raffle*

\$25 Sprouts Gift Card & \$25 Macy's Gift Card - Donated by - Claudia Maidenberg

+ Box See's candy suckers - donated by - Nancy Lyons

Congratulations to our February winner - Orient Pagan

**FUNDS RAISED - \$195**





# SPECIAL RECOGNITION

*By Janice Giardina & Linda Headlee*

DBWC continues to support the Miss Diamond Bar Scholarship Pageant - Proud Sponsors of the Court's Crowns  
Miss Diamond Bar 2024 Scholarship Pageant will be held March 10th.

Good luck to the 2024 Contestants and thank you to the outgoing 2023 Court.

Thank you to DBWC President, Diana Limon, Patsy Wilson, Raphael Plunkett, Abbey Howell for attending. Special thanks to Rosette Clippinger, Paula Dryburgh and Fred Malke for helping at event.



# Recognition of Black History Month



## Honoree Raphael Hildan Plunkett

Raphael, "a professional volunteer" moved to CA from Chicago, IL in 1994 making Diamond Bar home with husband Joe, children Joe, Tabitha and Drake, grandchildren Marshall, Takumi, Madsyn, Marchand, Wataru, and Mallory.

A Cum Laude graduate of University of La Verne, and recent graduate of LAAAWPPI, the Los Angeles African American Women's Public Policy Institute, she supports lifelong learning.

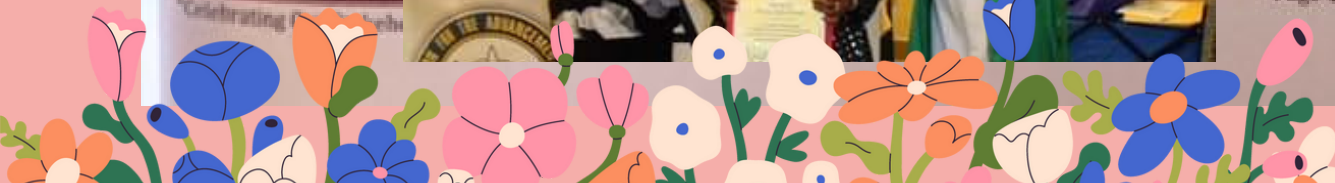
Raphael has volunteered as a reader in numerous schools, for 38 years in 20 states and 30 countries, and as coordinator for the LA Philharmonic Music Mobile elementary program.

Currently serving as Chair of the Traffic & Transportation Commission for the city of Diamond Bar, after having served as Parks and Recreation Commissioner, she has been recognized as a Diamond Bar Volunteer of the Year. Raphael is a proud recipient of the Fred Hampton Scholarship Fund Image Award.



As a volunteer with CJEC (Coalition for a Just and Equitable California), LEAP (Lineage Equity & Advancement Project), and NAASD (National Assembly of American Slavery Descendants) she worked towards reparations, attended every hearing, and worked with the CA Reparations Task Force toward the creation of the Final Report and Recommendations (<https://oag.ca.gov/ab3121/report>). Senator Bradford recognized Raphael's efforts as a grassroots advocate and supporter for actualizing Reparations and equity for African Americans in California.

She's a member of NAACP PVB, Diamond Bar Woman's Club, California Black Women's Democratic Club, Tri-County's Democratic Club, was a precinct captain, and traveled to DC as a member of the Los Angeles World Affairs council, has served as Foreperson on a jury trial, trained as a violence intervention coordinator, CERT trained for Riverside County, and is a certified meditation teacher.



# Two DBWC Members Recognized by the NAACP



Two DBWC members were recognized at the 5th Annual Freedom Fund Program on Saturday, February 24, 2024 at the Double Tree Hilton in Claremont. “Celebrating Our Stakeholders Perseverance in America’s Democracy” was the theme of the day as Rachel Kirk was recognized for her community service, and Raphael H. Plunkett was an honoree for her 38 years of volunteer reading and grassroots advocacy efforts, along with five other honorees. California State Treasurer Fiona Ma, CPA was the keynote speaker. Madam President Ellis-Royston of the NAACP Pomona Valley Branch, presented the awards to our two members. Councilman Andrew Chou came to support our members. We are enormously proud of our membership!

**Congratulations Rachel and Raphael!**



# In Recognition of Women's History Month

## SGV-NCNW

### General Body Meeting

March 2, 2024 @ 9:30 am



"Special Guest Speaker"

**Abbey Howell**

**President of General**

**Federation Women SGV District**



**Women's History Special Presentation**

**By SGV Members**

**Tracy Jordan & Michelle Wallace**

Join Us In Person or via Zoom ( Link will be emailed)

**Location**

**South Coast Air Quality Management District**

**21865 Copley Drive Diamond Bar, CA 91865**

**Room CC6**

**Continental Breakfast**

**8:45 am to 9:20 am**

SGV-NCNW P.O. BOX 413 Walnut, CA 91788 PH: (909) 598-5539

Email: [sgvncnw@gmail.com](mailto:sgvncnw@gmail.com) Website: [www.sgvncnw.com](http://www.sgvncnw.com)



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**California Federation of Women's Clubs**  
**Member: General Federation of Women's**  
**Clubs International Post Office Box 4035**  
**Diamond Bar, California 91765**

**Executive Committee**

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Diana Limon

**First Vice President**  
Abbey Howell

**Second Vice President**  
Raphael Plunkett

**Third Vice President**  
Linda Headlee/Janice Giardina

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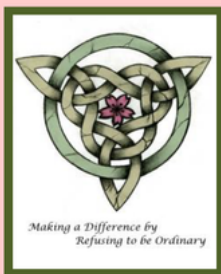
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Dear Club Members

For 60 years the Diamond Bar Woman's Club has strived to expand its scholarship program that supports for our children in their quest to become the best they can be. Our organization is committed to providing financial assistance to deserving students who are in need of financial aid to pursue their education. We believe that every student deserves the opportunity to achieve their academic goals, regardless of their financial situation. Your generous donation will help us provide scholarships to students who might not otherwise be able to afford a college education.

In order to fulfill our mission and provide services in our community, we rely on the generosity of individual and business for support. Without the assistance of community-minded individuals, just like you, we wouldn't be able to help children mature into the next generation that will lead the way.

We are asking that you make a cash donation to support our scholarship program. Last year we were fortunate to be able to give \$9,000 in scholarships to Diamond Bar children. This year our goal is \$10,000 and we hope that you will be able to make a contribution. Your generosity will make a difference in our community by allowing us to continue in our work.

We have enclosed a donor envelope for your convenience. Remember that every donation makes a difference, regardless of size.

Our children are counting on your support!

Sincerely,  
**Pam Robinson**  
 Scholarship Co-Chair

Scholarship  
**Ellen Horwitz**  
 Scholarship Co-Chair





# Important Dates



## March

- 2 9:30 am Abbey Howell NCNW speaker for Woman History month
- 5 6:00 pm Diamond Bar Woman’s Club Proclamation City Council
- 6 11:00 am Executive Board Meeting -Applebees Walnut
- 8 9:30 am SGVD Meeting – Covina Club Spring Council & Elections
- 10 **Daylight Savings Spring Forward**
- 14 RSVP for DBWC Lunch and March meeting
- 17 **Happy St. Patrick’s Day**
- 19 First Day of Spring
- 20 10:00 am DBWC Meeting at Vita’s Restaurant
- 26 April Newsletter articles due
- 31 **Happy Easter**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
*TO THESE MEMBERS*

| Member            | February Birthday |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Orien Pagan       | 1-Feb             |
| Barbara Armstrong | 4-Feb             |
| Ellen Horwitz     | 4-Feb             |
| Janice Giardina   | 6-Feb             |
| Joan Doner        | 8-Feb             |
| Raphael Plunkett  | 11-Feb            |
| Eileen Ansari     | 12-Feb            |
| Member            | MARCH BIRTHDAY    |
| Marriyan Hill     | 1-Mar             |
| Layla Abou-Taleb  | 5-Mar             |
| Nancy Lyons       | 9-Mar             |
| Hong Diana Zhao   | 11-Mar            |
| Mae Moore         | 19-Mar            |
| Pamela Robinson   | 23-Mar            |



# CFWC Winter Board Meeting

