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DIAMOND BAR WOMAN'S CLUB President's Letter

By Diana Limon

Diamond Bar Woman's Club Members!

Well, this is it! As October has quickly caught up to us, I am excited that Casino is almost here. With passion and a whole lot of heart, we've poured our energy into planning this event that reflects what we believe in: the **importance of education, leading with kindness, and making a positive impact in our community**. This is the one project that each one of us takes an active part in.

From going out and participating in our community, school and civic activities, this is what stands us apart—not just as neighbors, but as a powerful force for good in our community. With that being said, come and enjoy the festivities, and know that your presence makes all the difference.

Let's be seen and show up as proud members of the Diamond Bar Woman's Club. I can't wait to see you all there!

October: Domestic Violence Month is a month to raise awareness, break the silence, and ensure those affected know that support is available. It can include physical, emotional, sexual, or financial abuse, stalking, or controlling behaviors. It is not limited to one gender, age, or background—although statistics show women are disproportionately affected. We can show our support to these women by endorsing these organizations and getting involved with the projects listed in our Pink Book. You can also attend the Domestic Violence 2.0 meetings held Monthly on the 3rd Monday at the Covina Woman's Club. In showing support **WEAR PURPLE TO THIS MONTH'S MEETING.**

HISPANIC

HERITAGE MONTH



Photo: Jovita Idár, Mexican-American journalist, teacher & activist, ca. 1905. UTSA Libraries Special Collections / courtesy of Garcia Studio.

Jovita Idár was a fearless advocate for Mexican-American rights at a time of intense discrimination along the Texas-Mexico border.

As a journalist, she used the power of the press to confront injustice, writing boldly about racism, education inequality, and women's suffrage. She helped organize the First Mexican Congress in 1911 and was active in the League of Mexican Women, promoting education for girls.

Idár's commitment to civil rights, combined with her refusal to be silenced, continues to inspire generations of journalists and activists.

Dolores Huerta

**Latina Labor Leader & Civil Rights
Icon
1930 -**



Photo: Cover of El Malcriado No. 21 featuring "HUELGA" and Dolores Huerta (UFW labor newspaper). Courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

Dolores Huerta is one of the most influential labor organizers in American history. Co-founding the United Farm Workers (UFW) with César Chávez, she played a pivotal role in securing rights and protections for farm workers, many of whom were Latina/o.

Beyond the fields, Huerta has been a fierce advocate for women's rights, education, and voter engagement. Her rallying cry, "¡Sí, se puede!" ("Yes, we can!"), has echoed through decades of social justice

DIAMOND BAR WOMAN'S CLUB Treasurer's Article "TELL A WOMAN"

By Abbey Howell

Hello Club Member's

This is one of my favorite times of the year, FALL Season has begun and the viewing of the colors is exciting along with the smell of the spices.

I am looking forward to our Casino Night Black & White Fundraising Gala. This will be the 10 th year of the Diamond Bar Woman's Club hosting such an event. Each year it gets big and better. Our community service and interaction has really paid off. We have developed relationships throughout the City of Diamond Bar that has open wonderful doors of generosity, respect and support of our scholarship programs. I would like to thank each of the members in advance for your ticket sales and/or donations made in lieu of being able to sale the tickets to help support our club fundraising efforts.

Now, let's have lots of fun this very evening, dressing up, dancing and just enjoying each other.

As Club Treasurer, I get to relax for just a bit. Our Club Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget was approved and the Insurance bill only went up \$1.00 – that's a relief! We had several motions adopted at the last meeting involving financial decisions; increase in membership dues \$55.00 and presidents monthly allowance along with the ratification of three new officers. It was truly a business meeting.

Congratulations are in order, and I am looking forward to working with each of you!

Thank you.

DIAMOND BAR WOMAN'S CLUB 3rd Vice President

By Jennifer Guzman

Hello Club Member's

It is an honor to serve as the 3rd Vice President, and I am committed to doing my very best to raise funds for the organizations and foundations our club supports. I believe in the power of teamwork, community spirit, and service from the heart.

I am a passionate social entrepreneur dedicated to uplifting my community through service, connection, and compassion. My work focuses on supporting seniors and children, ensuring they receive the care, attention, and opportunities they deserve. Over the years, I've been actively involved in numerous community initiatives and events such as Turkey Trots, Shoes That Fit, Earth Day celebrations, and fundraisers for causes like Multiple Sclerosis and Breast Cancer awareness.

My mission is to bring people together, raise awareness for important needs, and create lasting, positive change within the community.

In addition to my community involvement, I am a Notary Public, Ordained Minister, and private in-home caregiver, offering personal and professional support to individuals and families. I also own and operate a handyman repair business that has proudly served the Diamond Bar community and surrounding neighborhoods for over five years.

I truly love what I do—helping others, fostering connections, and building a stronger, more caring community. I'm excited for what lies ahead and look forward to continuing to make a difference every day.

Thank you.



ARTS & CULTURE

Journaling Event

By Marriyan Hill



The Diamond Bar Woman's Club is 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 Saturday of the month. 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 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.

The Diamond Bar Woman's Club is also facilitating a 90 Day Journal Journey. This is a guided journal journey with daily prompts given for journaling the following day. This guided journal experience is facilitated through social media and can be found daily on the Diamond Bar Woman's Club FaceBook page. It can also be found on my social media under Marriyan ThePoet on FaceBook, TikTok, and Instagram. There was an in person 90 Day Journal Journey Workshop that can be viewed on YouTube, along with the daily journal prompts. The YouTube is @marreonpublishing where you can view the workshop in full. I share my journal entries and open the journal prompts up for discussion through the comments. Participants are encouraged to post a picture of their journal prompts or type them in the comments.

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

Thank you,
Marriyan





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BREAST CANCER



Awareness month

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Violence Awareness

TOGETHER, WE CAN END THE ABUSE.

FIGHT
DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE

Help end the silence. Report it if you see it.



THE BRIDGE MINISTRY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
"HEALED WOMEN HEAL" PRESENT

6TH ANNUAL WALK TO BRING AWARENESS TO

**BREAST
CANCER**

**DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE**

10.18.25

7:30AM-10:30AM

WALK BEGINS PROMPTLY **8:00AM**

9:30AM RESOURCES & INFO SESSION

REPRESENT & WEAR YOUR PINK OR PURPLE
MEN ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

LOCATION: HEALED WOMEN HEAL
985 FOOTHILL BLVD #101
CLAREMONT, CA 91711

JODY MOORE, LEAD PASTOR
9774 HAWTHORNE DR SUITE 901A RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

REGISTER HERE



Women in History

HISTORY IS NOT WHAT HAPPENS. HISTORY IS WHAT WE TEACH

By Claudia Maidenbreg

For most of time history is written by the men in power and is focused on what men did in war, politics, diplomacy, and government. What is valued by men determines what is historically important. If a woman played any part, the history that is taught often eliminates our contribution or describes it within the sex stereotypical roles of wives, mothers, daughters, and mistresses. Taught history often minimizes or ignores the contributions of women and efforts to correct the record are called historical revisionism rather than “truth.”

One way that gives people confidence and enables them to strive to contribute comes from the perspective we gain when studying who did what in the past. Limiting what is taught about the contributions of women to our society gives the impression to our young women that making your mark is too difficult and won't be valued anyway. It also gives support to our young men in any belief they may have that they are the only ones who can do great things.

Some key moments in women's history include the suffrage movement, which fought for women's right to vote; the feminist movement of the 1960s and 1970s, which brought attention to issues such as reproductive rights and workplace discrimination; and the #MeToo movement, which has drawn attention to the prevalence of sexual harassment and assault. In those movements that supported our ability to be respected as valued and contributing members of society success came from the cooperation among unrelated women working together for their common good.

Are you on a school board? Do you participate in school related parent organizations? Can you talk to those who are on a board or in parent organizations? Saying yes to any of those questions means you have the power to impact what is taught. That means you can influence what history says and what will happen in the future.

All of us are role models for our families, our Club sisters, and our communities. Our efforts can include being a part of what is taught in our schools and behavior that reinforces the valuable lesson that cooperation and support among women is the only way to ensure we will ever have equal rights, privileges, and power.



Empowering Connections

Maral V. Karaccusian Named Interim Director of L.A. County's Aging & Disabilities Department



On her first day as Interim Director, Maral Karaccusian greets LACCOA and LACCOD Commissioners during their joint focus group for the Disability Services Strategic Plan, held on September 2, 2025.

Maral Karaccusian, MSW, has been appointed Interim Director of the Los Angeles County Aging & Disabilities Department ([AD](#)) following the retirement of Dr. Laura Trejo.

In her new role, Karaccusian will oversee one of the largest and most comprehensive aging and disability service networks in the country — including Adult Protective Services ([APS](#)), the Area Agency on Aging ([AAA](#)), thirteen Community and Senior Centers, and two advisory commissions: the Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults ([LACCOA](#)) and the Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities ([LACCOD](#)).

The department plays a vital role in supporting older adults and people with disabilities across the County, ensuring access to essential services, resources, and community-based programs that promote independence, dignity, and inclusion.

Karaccusian brings more than 20 years of experience in social work, human services, and public policy to the position. Her work has focused on improving outcomes for some of the County's most vulnerable populations — including older adults, people with disabilities,

Education & Libraries

SHARING LITERACY

By Raphael H. Plunkett



DBWC members recognize the importance of literacy. Our members work, consistently, in our community, and surrounding communities to share literacy. We have members who collect and donate gently used and new books, for readers of all ages. Our members regularly share those books, for free, at community events. We have shared over a thousand books. It's wonderful to see a child's excitement when they are told they can choose a free book, or two, of their choice! It's a joy to chat with parents, grandparents and caregivers, who share the interests of their children as they search for a book or two. Our DBWC members are enriched by sharing, all while we attempt to enrich others. It's a beautiful cycle of sharing. Member, Raphael H. Plunkett, has resumed her weekly volunteer reading at Quail Summit Elementary School, and surrounding community schools. Watching the young scholars' faces light up as they see an interesting and engaging book is magnificent.



DIAMOND BAR WOMAN'S CLUB FUNDRAISING GALA



GAMING, RAFFLE DRAWING, DOOR PRIZES,
SILENT & LIVE AUCTION & ENTERTAINMENT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

6PM - 11 PM
DOUBLE TREE BY HILTON
3101 WEST TEMPLE AVE.
POMONA, CA. 91768

Note: To buy Casino Night Tickets by Zelle. Please open your Bank App on your phone to scan QR code above or enter Diamond Bar Woman's Club. Tickets can also be purchased through a club member or mail your check to:
PO Box 4035 Diamond Bar. CA 91765

Proceeds benefit our club's charities and scholarships.

The Diamond Bar Woman's Club is a non-profit organization. #95-6195759

Contact: Abbey for Program Advertismnt (909) 348-3779



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**TICKET \$125
PER PERSON**

FREE GLASS OF CHAMPANGE,
\$1000 GAMING CHIPS

CALENDAR

2025

DIAMOND BAR WOMAN'S CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS

1 DBWC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - 6:30PM ZOOM

10 SGVD GENERAL MEETING - 9:30AM -12NOON - EL MONTE COMMUNITY CENTER

13 DVAC 2.0 - 12NOON COVINA WOMANS CLUB

13-19 DIAMOND BAR RESTAURANT WEEK

15 DBWC GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING 8:30AM BREAKFAST 9:30 GENERAL MEETING

VITA'S RESTAURANT, DOUBLETREE HOTEL

15 DB CITY ANNUAL STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS - DIAMOND BAR CENTER 5:30PM

17-19 AREA B CONFERENCE - CHICKEN RANCH CASINO

25 CASINO NIGHT FUNDRAISER - DOUBLETREE HOTEL - 6PM - 10PM



October

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Birthdays

OCT. 4 JODY ROBERTO

OCT. 4 LIZ SWENSON

OCT. 5 ROSETTE CLIPPINGER

OCT. 26 JENNY PRINCE

