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DIAMOND BAR WOMAN'S CLUB

President's Message

By Marriyan Hill

As we roll into the summer months, June is here! The days continue to get longer, while the sun shines upon us. The summer brings a new season ripe with possibility. With this new season, we usher in and welcome the 2026 – 2028 Executive Board. I would like to congratulate the incoming and continuing officers: Abbey Howell, Joy Juarez, Jennifer Guzman, Tracy Evanson, Lydia Narcisse and last but not least, Patsy Wilson. Working together, this leadership team will accomplish great change in our community, with the help of all the club members. The Installation Ceremony will be at our monthly club meeting this month. Please join us in welcoming the new board. This meeting and installation will be hosted by the club with no entry fee. The meeting will be held on June 17, 2026, at the Walnut Valley Water District, 235 S. Brea Canyon Road, Walnut, CA 91789. The doors will open at 9am, with the meeting starting at 9:30am.

As always, the club will be dark during the months of July and August. However, there are events happening through those summer months. In June, there is the free Juneteenth Community Festival that will be held on June 20, 2026, from 11am-4pm, at the Air Quality Management District (AQMD) parking lot. In July, there are Concerts in the Park. The dates our club will have a booth have not been finalized. An email will go out with exact dates. In August, there is the Western BBQ Dinner Dance on August 15, 2026. Please be sure to attend these events and join the committees to help volunteer. With many hands, much success can be achieved.

As the incoming President, I want to thank the previous administration that are not joining the incoming board, for all of their efforts during this last term: Past President Diana Limon, 2nd Vice President Mary Jo Franze and Corresponding Secretary Claudia Maidenbergl. It was a pleasure serving on the Executive Board with you this past term.

I am also pleased to congratulate our very own Abbey Howell for her appointment as California Federation of Women's Clubs (CFWC) Chairman of Fundraising for 2026-2028. A position where she will excel in educating clubs and districts throughout the state regarding how to properly and effectively fundraise. Thusly, bringing an extraordinary change in the outcome of fundraising throughout the state for women's clubs.

I look forward to continuing to organize, facilitate and volunteer at events in our community. We all have the common goal of making a difference in this world, starting with striving for a positive change and impact in our community.

"Let Love Lead You"

Marriyan Hill

President



DIAMOND BAR WOMAN'S CLUB 3rd VP & Co-Chair

By Jennifer Guzman

A Year of Growth, Friendship and Service

As we close our 2025-2026 club year, I find myself reflecting on all that we have accomplished together since September. What an incredible journey it has been. This year has been filled with friendships, service, learning, laughter and countless opportunities to strengthen our connection to both our club and our community. From our monthly meetings and special events to our fundraisers, community outreach efforts, and memorable gatherings, each month brought new experiences and new opportunities to serve. Serving as Ways & Means Chair has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my time in the Women's Club. Throughout the year, I had the privilege of helping organize and support fundraising efforts that contribute to the success and sustainability of our club. These events are about so much more than raising funds-they bring our members together, create lasting memories, and allow us to continue supporting the causes and programs that matter most to us. One of my proudest accomplishments this year was hosting the First Annual Mother Daughter Fashion Show Brunch. Seeing months of planning come together into such a beautiful and successful event was truly rewarding. The fashion, food, atmosphere, vendors, photobooth, music and the support from our members created a day that exceeded my expectations. More importantly, it brought people together and showcased the spirit of our club. I am especially grateful to Diana, Claudia and Abbey, whose guidance, support, and encouragement helped me navigate hosting my first major event. Their experience and willingness to mentor me made all the difference. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to every member who volunteered, attended events, purchased tickets, donated, shared ideas, offered encouragement, or simply showed up with a smile. Every contribution played a part in making this year successful. Thank you for an unforgettable year.

Congratulations to the 2026-2028 Executive Board. The future of the club is bright. I am excited to continue serving as Third Vice President Ways & Means Chair. To serve alongside dedicated and inspiring women. President- Marriyan Hill, Second Vice President- Joy Juarez, Treasurer- Abbey Howell, Recording Secretary- Tracy Evanson, Corresponding Secretary- Lydia Narcisse and Parliamentarian- Patsy Wilson. I cannot wait to see what we accomplish together next.

“Behind every successful woman is a tribe of other successful women who have her back.” -Unknown

Jennifer Guzman

Third Vice President Ways & Means Co-Chair



DIAMOND BAR WOMAN'S CLUB Recording Secretary's Corner

By Tracy Evanson

Dear Diamond Bar Women's Club Members,

As I step into the role of Recording Secretary, I want to share how honored and excited I am to serve alongside this incredible group of women. It is a privilege to be part of an organization that is committed to friendship, service, leadership, and making a meaningful impact in our community.

With our Installation taking place on June 17, we also welcome a new administration and the opportunities that lie ahead. I look forward to supporting our club's work, preserving our history through accurate records, and contributing to what I know will be a productive, inspiring, and impactful year.

As we head into our summer break during July and August, I wish each of you a season filled with joy, relaxation, healthy connections, and special moments with family and friends. May your summer be filled with laughter, love, and opportunities to recharge and create wonderful memories.

I look forward to reconnecting with everyone in September as we begin another exciting chapter together. Thank you for the warm welcome, and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your Recording Secretary.

Wishing you a fun-filled and beautiful summer!

Warmly,

Tracy Evanson

Recording Secretary



DIAMOND BAR WOMAN'S CLUB Corresponding Secretary

By Lydia Narcisse

A Message from Your New Corresponding Secretary

I am honored and grateful to serve as the Diamond Bar Women's Club's Corresponding Secretary for the next two years.

Although I have been a member of the Diamond Bar Women's Club for just one year, I have quickly come to appreciate the friendships, dedication, and spirit of service that define this remarkable organization. It is a privilege to extend my involvement by serving on the Executive Board and contributing in a greater capacity to the club's mission.

As Corresponding Secretary, I will be responsible for the club's correspondence and the publication of our yearbook. I look forward to helping keep our members informed, connected, and engaged while supporting the important work our club does throughout the community.

Community service has always been close to my heart. As a retired educator, I have spent my life serving others, building meaningful connections, and making a positive impact. These same values led me to the Diamond Bar Women's Club, where women come together to make a difference through service, friendship, and generosity.

I am truly honored to be part of the Diamond Bar Women's Club and to serve alongside such dedicated and inspiring women. I look forward to the opportunities ahead and to supporting both our membership and the community we proudly serve during my two-year term.

Thank you for your trust and confidence. I am excited for all that we will accomplish together.

Warmly,

Lydia Narcisse

Corresponding Secretary



What's Ahead for June through August!

By Marriyan Hill

Hello Summer! Summer is my favorite season, and it starts now. The days are longer, there is more fun in the sun, and it seems to be more hours in the day. The weather gets warmer and the sun shines bright. Let's highlight a couple of the days of note for this month. The Summer Solstice marks the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere and the official beginning of summer! Juneteenth marks the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the United States. The significance originates in the state of Texas, where people continued to be enslaved after it was ruled illegal in this country. The date of Juneteenth, June 19th, is when these people were liberated.

During the month of June there are two-month long campaigns: Pride Month and Caribbean-American Heritage Month. Pride is observed globally to celebrate and raise awareness for LGBTQ+ rights, culture and history. Pride is represented with the rainbow flag. Caribbean-American Heritage Month is celebrated in the US to honor the rich culture and contributions of Caribbean Americans.

The month of July brings the 250th birthday of our Country the United States of America. 1776 marked the Second Continental Congress adoption of the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia. This historic document marked the severance of the 13 Colonies from Great Britain, founding our great nation. July 4th is a significant holiday celebrated throughout the US with BBQ, parades, flag flying and summer fun.

Here are some days to be observed and celebrated:

JUNE

- 5 – World Environment Day
- 8 – World Oceans Day
- 12 – World Day Against Child Labor
- 14 – World Blood Donor Day / World Flag Day
- 15 – World Elder Abuse Day
- 19 – Juneteenth
- 20 – World Refugee Day
- 21 – International Day of Yoga / Summer Solstice



JULY

- 4 - Independence Day (250th Anniversary or Birthday of the United States)
- 7 - World Chocolate Day
- 11 - World Population Day
- 12 - Malala Day (Honors Malala Yousafzai's advocacy for girls' education)
- 14 - International Non-Binary People's Day / Bastille Day (Commemorates the storming of the Bastille in France)
- 17 - World Emoji Day
- 18 - Nelson Mandela International Day (Highlights social justice and leadership)
- 24 - International Self-Care Day
- 26 - Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

AUGUST

- 8 - Happiness Happens Day
- 9 - International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples
- 10 - International S'mores Day
- 12 - International Youth Day
- 13 - International Lefthanders Day
- 16 - International Tell a Joke Day
- 19 - World Humanitarian Day
- 26 - Woman's Equality Day

I am pleased to bring Arts & Culture to the city of Diamond Bar. The Diamond Bar Woman's Club is pleased to announce the 2nd Annual Juneteenth Community Festival on June 20, 2026, 11am – 4pm. It will be held at the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) Parking Lot, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765. This is a free festival open to all people in the community. The theme for this festival is Liberty! There will be several performances, a children's art contest, community business leader awards given, vendors, live music, good times and smooth vibes. Come one and all, for family fun for all ages. Please come and join in the fun!

In addition, I am happy to host a monthly open mic also at the AQMD Building, 21865 Copley Drive, Room CC6, Diamond Bar, CA 91765; held on a selected Thursday every month. This month it will be held during the end of the Juneteenth Community Festival. 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 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.

Happy Summer Everyone!

Your Arts & Culture Chairman

Marriyan Hill



Sing Your Favorite Songs ,
Play Your Favorite
Instrument, Recite Your
Favorite Poem & Hang Out
with Friends

**The Diamond Bar
Renaissance**

**OPEN
MIC**

**EVERY
MONTH**

THURSDAY
7/23/2026
8/27/2026

HOSTED BY: MARRIYAN HILL
OF THE
DIAMOND BAR
WOMAN'S CLUB

Doors open at
6:30pm
Performances start
at 7pm

**NEW DAY OF
THE WEEK**

**SOUTH COAST AQMD BLDG.
Room CC6
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765**

www.marreon.com

We Successfully Sowed the Seeds

YOUNG GIRLS ARE A PART OF TODAY'S HISTORY IN THE MAKING

By Claudia Maidenbreg



Greta Thunberg

Greta Thunberg began her journey of supporting climate change and its impact just five years ago at the age of 16. She has been nominated for a Nobel Prize four years in a row. Greta came to international attention when she started skipping her Friday classes to campaign outside of the Swedish Parliament. Her simple sign said, "School Strike for Climate." Greta has established a nonprofit foundation for her #FridaysForFuture campaign and has addressed heads of state on the issue of climate and environmental concerns.



Malala Yousafzai

Education is a key to equality. Leaders in countries know that to be a fact. Historians know that to be a fact. That is why there is such controversy over who is allowed to get an education and what is included in that education. Malala lived in a country that limits the education of girls. Her father ran a girl's school, but the Taliban moved in and shut it down. That did not stop Malala. She continued to pursue her education. This violation of what was "right" in the eyes of those in control led to her being shot in the face in 2012. Now living in the United Kingdom, Malala established the Malala Fund, a nonprofit focused on giving girls everywhere a chance at the future they deserve. She was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014.



Amanda Gorman

We don't expect a young girl to be given the opportunity do such divergent things as read her original poem "The Hill We Climb" at a presidential inauguration and to be the first poet to perform at a Super Bowl. We might expect a poem at a formal solemn event, but you really must be something out of the ordinary for football people to ask you to do your poetry at the Super Bowl. Amanda Gorman did both. She is a local Los Angeles girl that has been acclaimed in countries around the globe for her talent and work for racial and gender equality and literacy. Watch out world. Amanda just might be president of the United States someday.

Change that lasts comes from the bottom up and takes a very long time to evolve. When most of us finished high school only 10% of the population was expected to go on to further education. We broke that mold and pushed the boundaries. Our efforts have been a part of the bottom up and we have and are making a difference.

Our Clubs have members as a group and as individuals have contributed to the evolution of equality for women. We have the time and the talent. Our participation in Federation leads to our growth in leadership skills and opportunities to work collaboratively. Let's feel good about our progress and keep up the work it takes for the ultimate--equality for all.





Diamond Bar Woman's Club Fundraiser

WESTERN BAR-B-CUE DANCE



You're cordially invited to join us for an afternoon of good food, dancing and a whole lot of fun! This fundraiser will help to support our charities of choice, programs for our local philanthropic causes.

"Enjoy our Western Bingo Game & Line Dancing"



Date: Saturday – August 15, 2026

Time: 2:30 PM to 6:00 PM

**Place: Heritage Park
2900 South Brea Canyon Road
Diamond Bar, CA. 91765**

Ticket Donation: \$45.00 – Zelle: [DBWC.volunteers @yahoo.com](mailto:DBWC.volunteers@yahoo.com)

**Contact: President- Marriyan Hill or Treasurer-Abbey Howell
(909) 992-2240 (909) 348-3779**

**All Diamond Bar Woman's Club Members
will have tickets for sale.**

WHY IT IS IMPORTANT FOR ALL RACES OF PEOPLE — ★ — TO CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH

Juneteenth is our freedom. Freedom is for everyone.



Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, the day Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas, to announce that enslaved people were free—more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation.



It is a celebration of freedom, resilience, and the ongoing pursuit of equality for all.

WHY IT MATTERS FOR ALL OF US



1. IT'S AN AMERICAN STORY THAT BELONGS TO ALL OF US.

Juneteenth is part of our nation's history. Understanding it helps us understand the true journey of America.



2. IT BUILDS EMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING.

Learning about the struggles and triumphs of Black Americans helps us see each other with more compassion and respect.



3. FREEDOM FOR ONE GROUP STRENGTHENS FREEDOM FOR ALL.

The fight for Black freedom has paved the way for many civil rights we all benefit from today.



4. IT INSPIRES US TO CONTINUE THE WORK OF EQUALITY.

Juneteenth reminds us that justice and equality are not just history—they are ongoing commitments we must all support.



5. CELEBRATION BRINGS US TOGETHER.

Honoring Juneteenth is a way to uplift Black joy, culture, music, food, art, and achievements—and build a stronger, more united community.



WHEN WE HONOR JUNETEENTH,
WE HONOR THE PAST,
CELEBRATE THE PRESENT,
AND BUILD A BETTER
FUTURE—TOGETHER.

Let's celebrate with open hearts,
open minds, and a shared
commitment to freedom and justice
for everyone.



JUNETEENTH ISN'T JUST FOR BLACK PEOPLE.
IT'S FOR EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES IN FREEDOM, DIGNITY, AND EQUALITY.
The more we know, the more we grow. The more we celebrate, the stronger we become.



DIAMOND BAR WOMAN'S CLUB PRESENTS

2nd Annual

JUNETEENTH COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

CHILDREN'S ART CONTEST



Artwork Should Represent
The Theme of Liberty.

Art Submissions Can Be
Dropped On The Day Of
The Event By 10am.

All Artist Between The
Ages Of 5 And 18 Are
Welcome To Submit

for more details: dbjuneteenth@gmail.com

SATURDAY JUNE 20th
11AM TO 4PM

21865 COPLEY DR
DIAMOND BAR, CA

DIAMOND BAR WOMAN'S CLUB PRESENTS

2nd Annual



**THE CROWNING OF
MISS JUNETEENTH**

**JUNETEENTH
COMMUNITY
FESTIVAL**

**FOOD ENTERTAINMENT VENDORS
CRAFTERS CHILDREN'S ART CONTEST
PRESENTATIONS FUN**

**SATURDAY JUNE 20th
11AM TO 4PM**

**21865 COPLEY DR
DIAMOND BAR, CA**

JUNE 2026- AUGUST 2026

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 17 | 9:30AM-12:30PM

DBWC BUSINESS MEETING AT WALNUT VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
235 S. BREA CANYON ROAD WALNUT, CA 91789
EXECUTIVE BOARD INSTALLATION CEREMONY

JUNE 20 | 11:00AM-4:00PM

JUNETEENTH COMMUNITY FESTIVAL
SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (AQND)
PARKING LOT
21865 COPLEY DRIVE, DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765

JUNE 26-29

GFWC ANNUAL CONVENTION
WESTERN KIERLAND RESORT & SPA
SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA

JULY 23-25

CFWC SUMMER EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
BAKERSFIELD MARRIOTT CONVENTION CENTER
BAKERSFIELD, CA

AUGUST 15 | 2:00PM-6:00PM

WESTERN BBQ DINNER DANCE
HERITAGE PARK COMMUNITY ROOM
2900 S. BREA CANYON ROAD, DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765

BIRTHDAYS

RACHEL KIRK | **JUNE 25**

TABITHA PLUNKETT | **JULY 2**

JULIE MILLER | **JULY 3**

ARLENE BRITT | **JULY 23**

PASTY WILSON | **AUGUST 4**

DIANA LIMON | **AUGUST 9**

LYDIA NARCISSE | **AUGUST 24**

Happy
Birthday

