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DIAMOND BAR WOMAN'S CLUB

President's Letter

By Diana Limon



Happy Holidays Diamond Bar Woman's Club members!



The Diamond Bar Woman's club was granted turkeys from Supervisor, Hilda Solis's Gobble Gobble program. We in turn gave them out to House of Ruth, Church and a Diamond Bar family. We also presented House of Ruth with gift cards donated by DBWC members. Thank you for your generosity.

Its December, when Christmas brings a sense of magic and nostalgia. A season for families to display decorations and Christmas trees, listen to Christmas music, watch favorite Christmas movies, and enjoy festive events. Many of us hold traditions passed down through generations. My family tradition is gathering all the women in the family for a full day of making tamales. Cooking them and then have them for Christmas Day. What's your family tradition?

I wish each of you and your families a joyful wonderful Christmas.

With Gratitude,

Diana Limon



Reminder: Ways and Means is hosting our December Christmas meeting on Dec. 17th - 9:30am at the **Diamond Bar Community Center**. Cost is \$15.00

A gift exchange is on a volunteer basis. Value of \$25. Lets gather and have a merry time.



DIAMOND BAR WOMAN'S CLUB

Treasurer's Article "TELL A WOMAN"

By Abbey Howell

Happy Holiday's Seasons Greeting's

Congratulations as we Celebrate 60-Years of being a California 501 (c) 3 Corporation effective November 28, 1965 in the City of Diamond Bar. You have joined as a member and partner to one of the best volunteer organizations within the city. Now let us close out the year with "**ACTION.**"

The year's end is not a time to pause, it's a powerful time to rise, recommit and make your impact matter. Thinking forward looking at the trailblazers who inspired you, and offer the power of collective memories which were gather all year long, noting the new year will shape the future, because you have the courage, that strengthen your resources and leadership ability knowing together we will, we can make a difference!

Bright days are ahead of us in 2026.

I am truly looking forward to the enrollment of the Diamond Bar Woman's Club Leadership University. We will offer several courses in person 4-sessions with a recognition certificate of completion. Save the Date: Friday, February 20, 2026 – Session begins @ 11:00 AM location-Maidenberg Courtyard. University registration no charge.

Reminder –

- 2026 New Membership Dues \$55.00 plus \$15.00=\$70.00 Invite a friend, family member and/or neighbor to join.
- At the December 17, 2025 General Meeting we will be collection \$25.00 for the SGVD Birthday Council Lunch Meeting, held on January 9, 2026
- We will meet at the Diamond Bar Center for our Holiday Meeting, hosted by Joy & Jennifer, please bring a wrapped gift valued at \$25.00 – Meeting cost \$15.00, we will also enjoy Holiday Bingo Game cost \$10.00 for 9-playing cards.

Happy Holiday's Seasons Greetings to Everyone!

Thank you

Abbey

DIAMOND BAR WOMAN'S CLUB

3rd Vice President

By Jennifer Guzman

 Hello Club Member's

December is upon us, and the start of a new year is just around the corner. The last few months have been non-stop, filled with wonderful momentum and great success – and we're looking forward to even more as we close out the year.

 Before our Christmas meeting, on December 12, the Diamond Bar Women's Club will have a booth at the SGV District Meeting Holiday Boutique. We will be collecting ANY type of item for the booth – handmade crafts, baked goods, gift baskets, and more. All proceeds collected will support our club, so anything and everything is welcomed and appreciated.

To arrange a pickup, please contact Jennifer at 909-344-0693. Please have all items ready no later than Wednesday, December 10.

With Christmas around the corner, I'm excited about our December meeting.

This month's meeting will be held at the Diamond Bar Community Center. Please see the attached flyer for full details.

We welcome everyone and encourage each member to invite at least one guest to our Christmas Soirée. Let's make this a warm and festive gathering to celebrate the season and our accomplishments.

 This month, we will also begin three new fundraisers. One will run through January, another through February, and the third has the potential to become an ongoing, year-round fundraiser with no end date. These will all be introduced and discussed at the general meeting.

As we enter the new year, we're excited to announce our upcoming Lotería Night – a lively and engaging community event that promises an evening of fun and connection. Please save the date: January 17, and stay tuned for additional details as plans are finalized.

 With warmest regards, I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

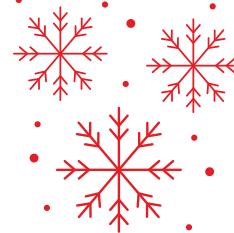


DIAMOND BAR WOMAN'S CLUB

2nd Vice President & Membership

✨ New Member Orientation Recap ✨

By Mary Jo Franze, 2nd Vice President / Membership



On November 15, I had the pleasure of hosting our New Member Orientation, and it was truly a wonderful afternoon. We welcomed our newest members along with several long-time members who joined us to show their support and help introduce the spirit of the Diamond Bar Woman's Club.

During the orientation, we shared an overview of what it means to be part of our Club, our District, and the California Federation of Women's Clubs. We also explained the many opportunities available—from joining committees and working on club projects to stepping into leadership roles and participating in our annual fundraisers.

We handed out our signature **Pink Book**, which includes our bylaws, traditions, officer information, and other helpful resources. We also reviewed our **calendar of upcoming events**, giving everyone a chance to see where they might want to get involved right away.

The room was filled with warm smiles, great energy, and genuine excitement. We truly appreciate everyone who attended, helped organize, or offered their support. Most of all, we're grateful to our new members for choosing to join us.

Welcome to the Diamond Bar Woman's Club—we look forward to growing, serving, and making a difference together! ❤️



ARTS & CULTURE

Open Mic | Journal Event

By Marriyan Hill

1st Vice President and Secretary:

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 month it will be on 12/20/2025, at 5pm. 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.

MULTIPLE DOOR PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN

PRIZES FOR BEST HOLIDAY SWEATER AND BEST UGLY SWEATER

PRESENTED BY THE DIAMOND BAR WOMAN'S CLUB

THE DIAMOND BAR RENAISSANCE

FREE HOLIDAY OPEN MIC

CALLING ALL ARTISTS OF ALL AGES

SOUTH COAST AQMD BLDG.

ROOM CC6

21865 COPLEY DRIVE

DIAMOND BAR

DECEMBER 20, 2025

5PM - 8PM

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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 Face Book page. It can also be found on my social media under Marriyan The Poet on Face Book, 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

The Diamond Bar Woman's Club
Presents

The 90 Day Journal Journey

"Let's Talk, Heal & Grow Together"

What's This All About?

- Talk openly about journaling
- Learn to manage stress
- Take home real-life tools
- Connect with others who want to journal

Workshop Highlights

- Journal Presentation
- Journaling
- Grounding Exercises
- Self-Reflection
- Feed-back on Journal Presentation

**Open to Everyone
All Ages Welcome!**

Whether you've struggled with journaling or just want to learn more about how to start, this space is for you.

Saturday, 11/15/2025
4:00 pm
AQMD Building
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765
Room CC6

Let's break the silence.
Let's start the healing.

Questions? Contact us:
www.marreon.com
909-992-2240



DIAMOND BAR WOMENS CLUB

CHRISTMAS SOIREE

DECEMBER 17TH 2025

Time: 9:30am-1230pm

Where: Diamond Bar Center (Maple Room)

1600 Grand Ave, Diamond Bar, CA 91765

PRE SALE TICKETS \$15

You can also pre buy your Bingo cards by Zelle
dbwc.volunteers@yahoo.com or cash/check at door

Let's come together for some Christmas cheer, food & more.

Best Christmas sweater | Special Guest

Bingo \$10 | \$5 extra cards

Gift Exchange

*Optional participation

\$25 gift value

RSVP on or by Dec 13th

Jennifer (909) 344-0693

Joy (626) 216-6615



With support from Friends and Neighbors

Lee Mao
proudly presents his
6th Annual Toy Drive



All donations
benefit Military
Families at
29 Palms
Marine Corps
Air Ground
Combat Center



From now until Friday, December 12th
please drop off new unwrapped toys to any of the
following Diamond Bar locations:



Mao House 22539 Ridge Line Rd
Mandarin Taste 22391 Golden Springs Dr.
Basil & Co 23545 Palomino Dr Ste F or
The UPS Store 1142 S Diamond Bar Blvd.

Please join us December 13, 2025 @ 10 am
at The Country Club House
22671 Lazy Meadow Dr., Diamond Bar
for the toy turnover ceremony.



Special
thanks for
their
support.



Contact Lee with any
questions
leemao522@gmail.com
909.910.6028



SAFE TOYS AND GIFTS Awareness Month



December is Safe Toys and Gifts Awareness Month – but what does that mean? This month is all about raising awareness of safe toys and gifts for children. Every year, thousands of children are injured by unsafe toys and gifts. Your children should receive safe toys and gifts to avoid these injuries.

Here are some tips for parents on how to survive this memorable holiday:

- Pay attention to age recommendation on toys
- Avoid toys with small parts
- Supervise children when they are playing .
- Inspect toys before buying
- Keep an eye out for recalled toys
- Read the labels on toys
- Store toys safely



Women in History

THE RULES RESTRICTING/ALLOWING WOMEN TO HAVE POWER OR TO BE LEADERS CHANGES SLOWLY

By *Claudia Maidembreg*

This article is about female leaders who lived thousands of years after what we consider ancient time. The key factors in our history that contributed to women having power did not change. In the 1700's equality/female leaders still depended on being a part of a hunting gathering society or owning the land you live on and the lack of men to take the leadership roles. Those factors contributed to some of our female leaders/heroes of the settling of the United States.



Molly Deganwadonti Brant

was the daughter of a Mohawk chief and consort of a British dignitary. Molly became an influential Native American leader and a lifelong loyalist to the British. Throughout the war, she acted as a spy.



Anne Hennis Trotter Bailey

known as "Mad Anne". When her husband died, Anne became a scout and messenger recruiting volunteers to join the militia and sometimes delivering gunpowder to the soldiers. In 1791 she rode the 100 miles to Lewisburg, where she switched horses, loaded up with gunpowder and rode back to Fort Lee.



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Sacagawea a member of the Shoshone tribe gained renown for her role in helping the Lewis & Clark expedition. Sacagawea, along with her newborn baby, was the only woman to accompany Lewis & Clark. She proved invaluable for her naturalist's knowledge, calm nature, and ability to think quickly under pressure.



Since we are no longer hunter gatherers, this article is an advice column. There are reasons there have been, probably still are and will be laws in the future that restrict women's ownership of property. Owning property in our society equals power over your life. If you are fortunate enough to have property, make sure your name is on the title.

In Federation we don't have to wait for the absence of men to be allowed a leadership role. Take the opportunity to step up to a position in our Club. Henry Ford once said, "If you think you can or you think you can't, you're right."





Community Spotlight: Rachel Valenzuela Kirk

My husband, Roger, and I have lived in Diamond Bar since 1971. We have been fortunate to raise our three sons in this beautiful city surrounded by nature-hillsides, owls, ravens, coyotes, rabbits, and more. When things become overwhelming I sit in our backyard and watch the local birds, dragonflies, and butterflies.

But the best part of living here is the community we've become a part of.

As teachers, we recognize the contribution a vibrant public library brings to both children and adults. So it is not surprising that we are lifetime members of the Friends of the Diamond Bar Library which supports our library programs by raising funds through our annual Wine Soiree and promotes literacy in our community through Read Together Diamond Bar programs. I invite you to join us.

I am overwhelmed by the generosity and compassion of our community. As a Domestic Violence Action Committee Board member through our Diamond Bar Wom-



an's Club, I help by gathering requested resources for our San Gabriel Valley agencies. Each time I reach out to our Buy Nothing Diamond Bar, Diamond Bar Buzz, and service groups for clothing, household items, even furniture, I receive a great outpouring of donations.

I also see this generosity as a member of Making Spirits Bright for Military Families. I love to see the involvement of the

community when we hold food drives, toy drives, and fundraising activities. I've learned people want to help others and will donate when they know their contributions are going directly to people in need.

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) advocates for women and girls and I am proud that our Diamond Bar/Walnut Branch sponsors local middle school

girls who have been recommended by their science teachers to attend week-long STEAM summer workshops at SoCal universities. Listening to these outstanding students report on their learning and networking experiences fills me with hope for the future.

As Secretary/Treasurer of the LA County Commission for Older Adults I have become aware of the economic and social needs of our seniors. Older adults are the largest growing segment of the homeless and many experience food insecurity. Even in our own community of Diamond Bar there are seniors who are experiencing social isolation, difficulties paying for house repairs, transportation, medical costs, etc. I encourage us all to take the time to say hello and check up on our neighbors. LA County helpline is 211.

Living in this wonderful city of Diamond Bar has given me the friendships, community, and opportunity to thrive. I enjoy volunteering and giving back a little of what I have received. •





★ Making ★ House of Ruth Home for the Holidays



- House of Ruth's Annual Holiday Store provides new toys and gifts to survivors and their children at no cost.
- Clients are able to "shop" for their children and kids are able to pick the perfect holiday surprise for their parent.
- For many families rebuilding violence-free lives, House of Ruth Holiday Store may be their only source of gifts and food.
- Our clients range in age from newborn to seniors.
- Donations must be new (not gently used) and gifts must remain unwrapped.
- Toys must be non-violent.
- Monetary and gift card donation are always appreciated.

For gift ideas please refer to back of this page

Donations can be delivered to:

Attn: Sabrina Almaraz

599 N Main St. Pomona, CA. 91768

909-623-4364 Ext 5026 Email: Salmaraz@houseofruthinc.org

Drop off times: December 2nd through December 20th, 9am -5pm.

Call Sabrina to arrange an alternative drop off time.



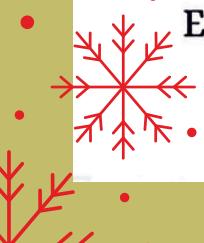
I would like to lift my voice to end domestic violence
with a holiday donation of \$ _____

Name _____ Tel _____

Address _____

Credit Card # _____ Exp Date _____

Email _____





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The Diamond Bar Woman's Club Annual Tea Party



Diamond Bar Princess Scholarship Toy Drive



WRITING CONTEST: ENTRIES DUE TO CFWC BY MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026*(Contestants should contact their District's Contest Chair for the District Deadlines)***GFWC MEMBER CONTEST:**

Authors must be dues-paying members of an active per capita club.

- Entries must be:
 - Typed, double-spaced, and one-inch minimum margins on the top, bottom, and both sides.
 - Printed on white 8.5 x 11-inch paper, one side only.
 - If emailed, use Microsoft Word files only.
- Entries must be written during the contest year (January 1-December 31).
- Entries must include the following information on the top right-hand corner of each page:
 - Author's name, email address, mailing address, and phone number
 - Name of author's GFWC club, District, and Area
 - Category
 - Title of work
 - Page number
- Authors must be amateurs. Earnings from writing may not exceed \$500 annually.
- Entries may not have been published prior to the competition and must be original works by the author.
- A completed, signed **GFWC Creative Arts Waiver** must be included with each submission.
- **Short stories** are limited to 2,000 words. Word count must be included at the end of the story.
- **Poetry entries** can be any style with a minimum length of eight lines and a maximum of 50 lines.
- Entries are limited to one per member per category.



YOUTH WRITING CONTESTS:

While CFWC will not be judging this category at the state level, CFWC will submit District first place student writing entries to GFWC (international). Same Rules apply (as above).

FOR MINORS UNDER THE AGE OF 18: A SIGNED MINOR'S CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM AND a MINOR'S PUBLICITY RELEASE FORM MUST BE INCLUDED WITH EACH ENTRY, in addition to the Creative Arts Waiver.

- **REQUIREMENTS:**
 - Typed, double-spaced, one-inch minimum margins on the top, bottom, and both sides.
 - Printed on white 8.5 x 11-inch paper, one side only.
 - If emailed, use Microsoft Word files only.
- Entries must be written during the contest year (January 1-December 31).
- Entries must include the following information on the top, right-hand corner of each page:
 - Author's name, email address, mailing address, and phone number
 - Name of the GFWC club, District, and Area submitting the author's work
 - Category
 - Title of work
 - Page number
 - Grade Level Category:
 - Category 1: Grades K, 1, and 2
 - Category 2: Grades 3, 4, and 5
 - Category 3: Grades 6, 7, and 8
 - Category 4: Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12
- Authors must be amateurs. Earnings from writing may not exceed \$500 annually.
- Entries may not have been published prior to the competition and must be the author's original work.
- A completed, signed **GFWC Creative Arts Waiver** must be included with each submission (the form is provided at the end of this segment of the CFWC Yearbook, and in the Forms page on the CFWC website).
- Entries are limited to one per person per category.
- **Short stories** are limited to 2,000 words. Word count must be indicated at the end of the story.
- **Poetry entries** can be any style with a minimum length of eight lines and a maximum of 50 lines.
- The "Six Traits of Writing" will be used in the judging of the Youth Writing Contest writing entries in categories 2, 3, and 4.

DISCLAIMER:

Manuscripts will not be returned. Authors should keep a copy. By submitting a short story or poem to GFWC, the author is providing GFWC with a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell, license the work in any media known at the time of entry, or later invented, without limitation, for commercial or non-commercial purposes.

DISTRICT WRITING CHAIR RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Contact your District President to get the CFWC Writing Contest Packet (mid-Sept to mid-Oct)
- Encourage your entire District to participate and distribute info. to all club presidents and their respective Photography/Writing chairs.
- Collect all writing entries and submit with all required documents per instructions.
- **Send all 1st place Writing winners in your district to Olma M. O'Neill, CFWC Photography Chair, at 1210 Bellevue Ave., #302, Burlingame, CA 94010. DUE TO CFWC BY MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026.**
REMINDER: Please submit only one winner, per category, per district.

CFWC WRITING CHAIR RESPONSIBILITIES:

- JULY 2025: Write the description and contact information for the yearbook and send it to the appropriate CFWC Yearbook contact person.
- SEPT-OCT 2025: Send out an information packet to District Presidents
- Support and answer all questions from District Writing Contest Chairs.
- MARCH 10, 2026: Categorize all entries for the CFWC Writing Contest
- MARCH-APRIL 1, 2026: Find Writing Judges for the CFWC Writing Contest. All entries will need to be judged **before** Tuesday, April 1, 2026.
- DEADLINE- APRIL 1, 2026: Send 1st place winners in each category to GFWC.

SUGGESTED TIMELINE:

MID-SEPT – MID-OCT 2025: CFWC Writing Contest Chair emails Writing Contest packet to District Presidents, for distribution to their respective District Writing Contest Chairs.

NOV 2025 – FEB 2026, Monthly: Encourage District Presidents to announce the Writing Contest in district and club newsletters, as regularly as possible.

MAR 2026: Collect all Writing Contest entries (DUE DATE TO CFWC: MARCH 2, 2026). Writing Contest entries will be judged at the CFWC level. All entries are judged by non-club members. Note: If you need help finding judges, consider local writing clubs, college writing centers, bookstores, and libraries.

April 1, 2026: Olma O'Neill, CFWC Writing Contest Chair, will turn in entries, by April 1, 2026, to GFWC for judging at the national level.

May 2026: Awards will be presented at the 2026 CFWC Convention awards ceremony.



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GENERAL FEDERATION
OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

CREATIVE ARTS WAIVER

2024-2026 GFWC ADMINISTRATION

With my signature I declare that:

I have created the submitted work, entitled _____ and I own the full copyright. The work has not been published before.

With my work, including pictures, tables, or additional media, I do not violate or infringe on the copyright of other persons or entities.

The work in question is (please check one): Photography Poetry Short Story

I grant the General Federation of Women's Clubs a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell, license, or sublicense the work in any media now known or later invented, without limitation, for commercial or noncommercial purposes.

This agreement shall become effective and binding on the date of formal acceptance of the work for publication by the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Full Name		
Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Phone	Email	

Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature (if submitter is under 18 years of age)

Date





MINOR'S CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM

The Undersigned is/are the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) of _____ ("Minor"), whom is under 18 years of age. The Undersigned is/are legally entitled to the complete custody, care and control of the Minor and, furthermore, is legally entitled to provide this consent and release.

The Undersigned and the Minor acknowledge and agree as follows:

1. We have read and agree to the _____ [contest name] rules and requirements ("Contest") and knowing full well the rules, terms and conditions of the Contest, we consent to the Minor's participation and submission of _____ [i.e., artwork, photography, creative writing, music] ("Work") to the Contest.
2. The Work was created by the Minor, and has not been published before. The Minor owns the full copyright to the Work, and the entire Work does not violate or infringe upon the copyright of any other persons or entities.
3. We provide our consent for the Work to be published and/or displayed to the public in its original format, as well as in other formats, including, but not limited to editorial, trade, advertising and/or any other purpose and in any manner or medium, including print media, website, social media, and internet. For this purpose, we hereby assign, transfer, or otherwise convey to the GFWC *California Federation of Women's Clubs*, together with its member clubs, its districts and its legal representatives (collectively "CFWC") a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell, license, or sub-license the work in any media now known or later invented without limitation, for commercial or non-commercial purposes. Furthermore, we agree that Work may be used, edited, reproduced, distributed, and presented in any way deemed proper by the CFWC without any additional consent, or payment to us.
4. We agree that we will not release the Work to any other publication in the same or substantially similar form without prior written and explicit consent from the CFWC.
5. We hereby release and hold the CFWC harmless from all claims, demands, liabilities, suits and proceedings, whether in law or in equity, from any and all expenses related to the Contest, arising therefrom on account of, or due to the use of the Work, and/or arising from a third party's unauthorized use of the Work.
6. There is no time limit on the validity of this Release nor is there any geographic limitation on where the Work may be used, distributed, or presented by the CFWC.

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read, understand and fully agree to the terms herein; and that you understand and confirm that by signing this form you have given up considerable future legal rights.

Date: _____

Minor's Name: _____

Minor's Age: _____

By signing below, I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the minor named above and consent to this Minor's Consent and Release and I am mentally competent to enter into this Minor's Consent and Release.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address/Phone Number: _____



MINOR'S PUBLICITY RELEASE

I, _____, am the parent or legal guardian of: _____ [name of child] ("child"). I am legally entitled to the complete custody, care and control of the child and, furthermore, I am legally entitled to provide this release.

I hereby grant and assign the GFWC *California Federation of Women's Clubs*, together with its member clubs, districts and legal representatives, the irrevocable and unrestricted right to use and publish my child's name, voice, image and/or likeness for editorial, trade, advertising and/or any other purpose and in any manner or medium, including print media, website, social media, and internet. I understand and agree that neither me nor my child will be paid for any use described above at any time.

By signing this form, I hereby release the GFWC *California Federation of Women's Clubs*, together with its member clubs, districts and legal representatives from all claims and liability relating to the use of my child's name, image and/or likeness for the above purposes.

By signing below, I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the child listed above and consent to this Publicity Release by my signature below, and I am mentally competent to enter into this Publicity Release.

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address/Phone Number: _____

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST: ENTRIES DUE TO CFWC BY TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2026

(Contestants should contact their District's Contest Chair for the District Deadlines)

There are two main categories for the photography contest:

I. THE WORLD IN PICTURES: These photographs showcase the people, places, and things at home and around the world that impact our lives in a meaningful way, as expressed in these three categories:

a. Our World Up Close—Create a visual that offers a novel viewpoint or a macro image that takes the viewer into a whole new, tiny world. Macro photography creates photos of small items that appear to be larger than life-size. Some common examples are bugs or parts of flowers.



b. Natural Wonders—Use wide angles and panoramas, or landscape images, to showcase mountains, meadows, sandhills, rivers, waterfalls, oceans, deserts, or any other magnificent vista. The emphasis is on NATURAL.

c. Reflections—Feature an object, setting, situation, or landmark that is reflected in glass, water, or another mirrored surface.



II. GFWC LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT: These photographs capture the special moments in the lives of GFWC clubwomen as they actively meet, plan, advocate, volunteer, or celebrate in groups or one-on-one.

RULES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST:

- Photographs must be the original work of the member submitting the photograph.
- All contest photographers must be dues paying members of an active GFWC club.
- Photographs submitted must be taken between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025.
- Contestants must be considered an amateur photographer (pursuing photography for pleasure versus for financial benefits).
- Entries are limited to one per member per category.

ARTWORK GUIDELINES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST:

- Photographs may be vertical/portrait or horizontal/landscape.
- Photographs must be the original work of the member submitting the photo.
- **Digital submissions are highly recommended.**
- If print photographs are submitted, they must be:
 - An 8 X 10-inch high-resolution print.
 - Mounted on a rigid 8 X 10-inch board and overall thickness may not exceed 3/8 inch. No mattes, frames, or hangers are allowed.
- Qualified judges will look at the overall creativity of the subject while recognizing originality, visual impact, and quality of the photograph and technical skills in photography.
- Photographs may be taken using film or digital cameras and may be color or black and white.
- Photographs will NOT be returned.
- Print photographs must have a label affixed to its back with the following information:
 - Contest name: The World in Pictures with category or GFWC Living the Volunteer Spirit
 - Photographer's Name, Email Address, Mailing Address, and Phone Number
 - Name of the sponsoring club, District, and Area
 - Title and brief caption giving location, date, and other pertinent info about the photograph
 - Arrow indicating top of the photograph
- Creative Arts Waiver Form for each submission (the form is provided at the end of this segment of the CFWC Yearbook, and in the Forms page on the CFWC website).
- Digital prints must include the same information within the email to which the digital print is attached.

DISCLAIMER

By submitting your photographs to GFWC for the GFWC Photography Contests on the national level, you are providing GFWC with a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell license, or sublicense the work in any media now known or later invented without limitation for commercial or non-commercial purposes.

DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHY CHAIR RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Contact your District President to get the CFWC Photography Contest Packet (mid-Sept to mid-Oct)
- Encourage your entire District to participate and distribute info. to all club presidents and their respective Photography/Writing chairs.
- Collect all photography and submit with all required documents per instructions.
- **Send all 1st place photography winners in your district to Olma M. O'Neill, CFWC Photography Chair, at 1210 Bellevue Ave., #302, Burlingame, CA 94010. DUE TO CFWC BY TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2026. REMINDER: Please submit only one winner, per category, per district.**

CFWC PHOTOGRAPHY CHAIR RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Write the description and contact information for the yearbook in July of every year and send it to the appropriate CFWC Yearbook contact person.
- Send out an information packet to District Presidents between mid-September to mid-October.
- Support and answer all questions from District Photography Contest Chairs.
- Collect & Categorize entries for the CFWC Photography Contest by Tuesday, April 13, 2026.
- Find Photography Judges for the CFWC Photography Contest to prior to May 1, 2026.
- Send 1st place winners in each category to GFWC by May 15, 2026.

SUGGESTED TIMELINE:

September – October 2025: Photography Contest packet is sent by email from the CFWC Photography Contest Chair, to the District Presidents, for distribution to their respective District Photography Contest Chairs.

Monthly, November 2025 – March 2026: Encourage District Presidents to announce the Photography Contest in district and club newsletters, as regularly as possible.

April 2026: Collect all Photography Contest entries (DUE DATE TO CFWC: APRIL 15, 2026, for judging at the CFWC level.

April 16 – May 14, 2026: Photography Contest entries will be judged at the CFWC level. All entries are judged by non-club members. Note: If you need help finding judges, think about contacting a local Facebook/Meetup Camera Club, local colleges, or camera stores, etc.

May 2026: Olma O'Neill, CFWC Photography Contest Chair will turn in entries, by May 15, 2026, to GFWC for judging at the national level. Awards will be presented at the 2026 CFWC Convention awards ceremony.

CFWC PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST LABEL

CONTEST CATEGORY: _____

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____

TITLE AND BRIEF CAPTION (location, date, other pertinent info. about the photograph):

SPONSORING CLUB: _____

DISTRICT: _____

AREA: _____

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CREATIVE ARTS WAIVER

2024-2026 GFWC ADMINISTRATION

With my signature I declare that:

- I have created the submitted work, entitled _____ and I own the full copyright. The work has not been published before.
- With my work, including pictures, tables, or additional media, I do not violate or infringe on the copyright of other persons or entities.

The work in question is (please check one): Photography Poetry Short Story

- I grant the General Federation of Women's Clubs a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell, license, or sublicense the work in any media now known or later invented, without limitation, for commercial or noncommercial purposes.

This agreement shall become effective and binding on the date of formal acceptance of the work for publication by the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Full Name		
Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Phone	Email	

Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature (if submitter is under 18 years of age)

Date





MINOR'S CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM

The Undersigned is/are the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) of _____ ("Minor"), whom is under 18 years of age. The Undersigned is/are legally entitled to the complete custody, care and control of the Minor and, furthermore, is legally entitled to provide this consent and release.

The Undersigned and the Minor acknowledge and agree as follows:

1. We have read and agree to the _____ [contest name] rules and requirements ("Contest") and knowing full well the rules, terms and conditions of the Contest, we consent to the Minor's participation and submission of _____ [i.e., artwork, photography, creative writing, music] ("Work") to the Contest.
2. The Work was created by the Minor, and has not been published before. The Minor owns the full copyright to the Work, and the entire Work does not violate or infringe upon the copyright of any other persons or entities.
3. We provide our consent for the Work to be published and/or displayed to the public in its original format, as well as in other formats, including, but not limited to editorial, trade, advertising and/or any other purpose and in any manner or medium, including print media, website, social media, and internet. For this purpose, we hereby assign, transfer, or otherwise convey to the GFWC *California Federation of Women's Clubs*, together with its member clubs, its districts and its legal representatives (collectively "CFWC") a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell, license, or sub-license the work in any media now known or later invented without limitation, for commercial or non-commercial purposes. Furthermore, we agree that Work may be used, edited, reproduced, distributed, and presented in any way deemed proper by the CFWC without any additional consent, or payment to us.
4. We agree that we will not release the Work to any other publication in the same or substantially similar form without prior written and explicit consent from the CFWC.
5. We hereby release and hold the CFWC harmless from all claims, demands, liabilities, suits and proceedings, whether in law or in equity, from any and all expenses related to the Contest, arising therefrom on account of, or due to the use of the Work, and/or arising from a third party's unauthorized use of the Work.
6. There is no time limit on the validity of this Release nor is there any geographic limitation on where the Work may be used, distributed, or presented by the CFWC.

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read, understand and fully agree to the terms herein; and that you understand and confirm that by signing this form you have given up considerable future legal rights.

Date: _____

Minor's Name: _____

Minor's Age: _____

By signing below, I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the minor named above and consent to this Minor's Consent and Release and I am mentally competent to enter into this Minor's Consent and Release.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address/Phone Number: _____



MINOR'S PUBLICITY RELEASE

I, _____, am the parent or legal guardian of: _____ [name of child] ("child"). I am legally entitled to the complete custody, care and control of the child and, furthermore, I am legally entitled to provide this release.

I hereby grant and assign the GFWC *California Federation of Women's Clubs*, together with its member clubs, districts and legal representatives, the irrevocable and unrestricted right to use and publish my child's name, voice, image and/or likeness for editorial, trade, advertising and/or any other purpose and in any manner or medium, including print media, website, social media, and internet. I understand and agree that neither me nor my child will be paid for any use described above at any time.

By signing this form, I hereby release the GFWC *California Federation of Women's Clubs*, together with its member clubs, districts and legal representatives from all claims and liability relating to the use of my child's name, image and/or likeness for the above purposes.

By signing below, I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the child listed above and consent to this Publicity Release by my signature below, and I am mentally competent to enter into this Publicity Release.

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address/Phone Number: _____

DECEMBER CALENDAR

2025

DIAMOND BAR WOMAN'S CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS

3 DBWC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - 6:30PM ZOOM

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

6 DBWC HOLIDAY TEA - MAIDENBERG COURTYARD

15 DVAC 2.0 - HOLIDAY MEETING 11:30A - 2:00P COVINA WOMANS CLUB

17 DBWC CHRISTMAS MEETING 9:30AM GENERAL MEETING

DIAMOND BAR COMMUNITY CENTER

25 MERRY CHRISTMAS

31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

BIRTHDAYS

26 JANET RIOS

27 SHARRON TANZER