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DIAMOND BAR WOMAN'S CLUB President's Letter

By Diana Limon

Diamond Bar Woman's Club Members:

We have quickly come to May 2026. This month holds so many important dates for each of us. We have Mother's Day coming up, which I want to say, for me, is the most important day of the month. My mother and grandmother were born in New Mexico, and it's funny how my mother used to say she walked to school in the snow; it was a true statement. My grandmother walked to work at Ft. Bayard, a military hospital base, where she was a cook for the Generals and Doctors. They moved to California in 1945, and my grandmother worked at Grandma's Bakery, where she retired. My mother worked for a short time but after marriage, she had no time with 6 girls and 1 boy.

Celebrating a birthday was always a special occasion; my grandmother made sure we were treated to shopping at Bullocks and lunch at Clifton Cafeteria. She definitely spoiled us. My Paternal grandmother was from Sonora, Mexico. She was a Yaqui Indian and did not fully learn English; she spoke to us in Spanish, and we replied in English. But we always knew what the other was saying. She taught my mother how to make tamales and menudo, she had a beautiful garden she tended to everyday. My mother was an avid reader; she was always reading, ordering books, the Highlights magazines for us to read, and had us read the encyclopedias she purchased for us. We (my sisters and I) learned so many traits from both my Mom and Grandmothers. I was so fortunate to have them growing up and learning from them. I bring this up not just as a daughter, but also as a mother and grandmother. I cherish my memories so dearly in my heart and mind. My father took many photos and videos of those special times. In remembering these personal recollections, I hope to make the reminder that listening to our mothers and recording their stories is a way to honor them that will endure long after to share with the next generation.

May is also our signature Scholarship Awards month. We have all worked very hard towards our goal of awarding scholarships to our high school seniors. We are known in the Diamond Bar community for this very reason.

Let's all be there to honor our graduating seniors in the next chapter of their lives in education. Our Awards luncheon on May 20th, location will be generously hosted by the Walnut Valley Water District's new corporate office, 230 Brea Canyon Rd., Walnut, Ca. the time change is 4:00pm. Please mark your calendars.

This is my last article as President for the Diamond Bar Women's Club. I have truly learned a great deal about the Federation of Women and how widely known and how accomplished so many of our sisters are in legislation, women's rights, environment, domestic violence, women's history, and arts and culture. The DBWC has won many awards in these categories. We should all congratulate each other on how our club stands out and is noticed. I have made so many friends and relationships; you are all my sisters. I am proud to say that I was the 1st Latina President for the Diamond Bar Women's Club, which is an honor to hold.

I wish you all a beautiful Mother's Day, and remember to celebrate YOU because you deserve to be honored for all you do.

With Gratitude.

Diana Limon - President Diamond Bar Woman's Club 2023, 2024,2025, 2026

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DIAMOND BAR WOMAN'S CLUB

1st Vice President & Recording Secretary Letter

By Marriyan Hill

It's gonna be May! We are full "Spring" ahead this month! I am pleased to announce the Mother Daughter Fashion Show Brunch was a huge success. I would like to give a huge thank you to all that were involved, spending countless hours planning and creating for this event to be the great success that it was. Madame President, Chairman, Committee, Club Members and especially, Abbey Howell, with her countless years of experience and connection with other Federated Women's Clubs and their members. It was such a highlight of the event to see sister club members honored and recognized with award certificates. The significance of this first annual event honoring our fellow club sisters was so moving to witness. This was a great way to honor and celebrate Mothers for the upcoming Mother's Day holiday. I wish all mothers a happy and loving Mother's Day!

We are looking forward to presenting our annual scholarships at this month's General Business Meeting. This event will be held at a new location. For the first time, we will hold our General Business Meeting at the Walnut Valley Water District, in their beautiful board room. This is a great opportunity for community partnership. The location is 235 Brea Canyon Road, Walnut, CA 91789. The meeting will have a one time, new time of 3pm, with the awards ceremony starting at 4pm. The Scholarship Chairman and Committee did an amazing job this year in streamlining the process from beginning to end. This year, the online application process was made simpler for both the applicants and the committee receiving the applications. The printing and reviewing process also evolved into a more streamlined process. There were many applications submitted. It was a tough choice in narrowing down the applicants to select the winners. Participating in this process really does encourage us to fundraise more to be able to award more money each year. All the candidates are winners, but we only have so much money. In the end, we are proud to be awarding nine \$1,000 scholarship to local students. We look forward to hosting the awards ceremony, with the students, their families, school board representatives, local dignitaries and our club members. This will be an amazing event!

Memorial Day is this month on the 25th. I would like to thank all those that have served this country with a special observance for those that paid the ultimate price, their life, for our freedom. I have a special place in my heart for the military service men and women in this country. My father was a Vietnam Veteran and now my daughter has joined the Navy. She is in bootcamp right now. Chairman Patsy Wilson will be holding an annual Red Poppy Sale at Walmart on 1180 S. Diamond Bar Blvd on May 23, 2026 at 8am-2pm. Please show your support and join her to assist her in this sale. This is always a nice outing and way of interacting with the community for a great cause. I encourage all club members that are available to spend some time at this booth with Patsy and committee.

This month marks the end of a two term legacy for President Diana Limon. I would like to thank her for almost four years of being the President of this club. I have worked along side her on the Publicity Team, with her as Recording Secretary, being appointed as the Chairman for Arts & Culture and ultimately as 1st Vice President. As I prepare to step into the role as President, I would like to give a special thank you to Diana Limon for all the years of working together. I wish you well in all your future endeavors.



DIAMOND BAR WOMAN'S CLUB 2nd Vice President & Membership

By MaryJo Franze

New Member Social Recap

A Beautiful Afternoon of Friendship and Connection



What a truly wonderful afternoon we shared at our recent New Member Social!

As 2nd Vice President, Membership, of the Diamond Bar Woman's Club, it brought me so much joy to welcome both new and longtime members together for an afternoon filled with cocktails, appetizers, laughter, and heartfelt conversation.

From the moment guests arrived, the room was filled with warmth and energy. Familiar friendships were rekindled, new connections were made, and there was a genuine sense of sisterhood that reminded us all what makes our club so special.



Members enjoyed an afternoon of cocktails, conversation, and connection.

Our New Member Social was created not just as a gathering, but as an opportunity for women to get to know one another beyond meetings and events – to share stories, discover common interests, and begin building the meaningful friendships that are at the heart of our organization.

To our new members, thank you for joining us and for saying yes to becoming part of this remarkable club. We are excited to have you with us and look forward to serving our community together.

To our longtime members, thank you for continuing to show the kindness, welcoming spirit, and support that make every woman feel immediately at home.



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New and longtime members gathered together to celebrate friendship and sisterhood.

I would also like to extend my sincere gratitude to everyone who attended and helped make the afternoon such a memorable success. Your presence made this event exactly what it was intended to be – a beautiful celebration of friendship, community, and connection.

I look forward to seeing these friendships continue to grow throughout the coming year and to sharing many more special moments together.

With heartfelt thanks,

Mary Jo Franze

2nd Vice President, Membership



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

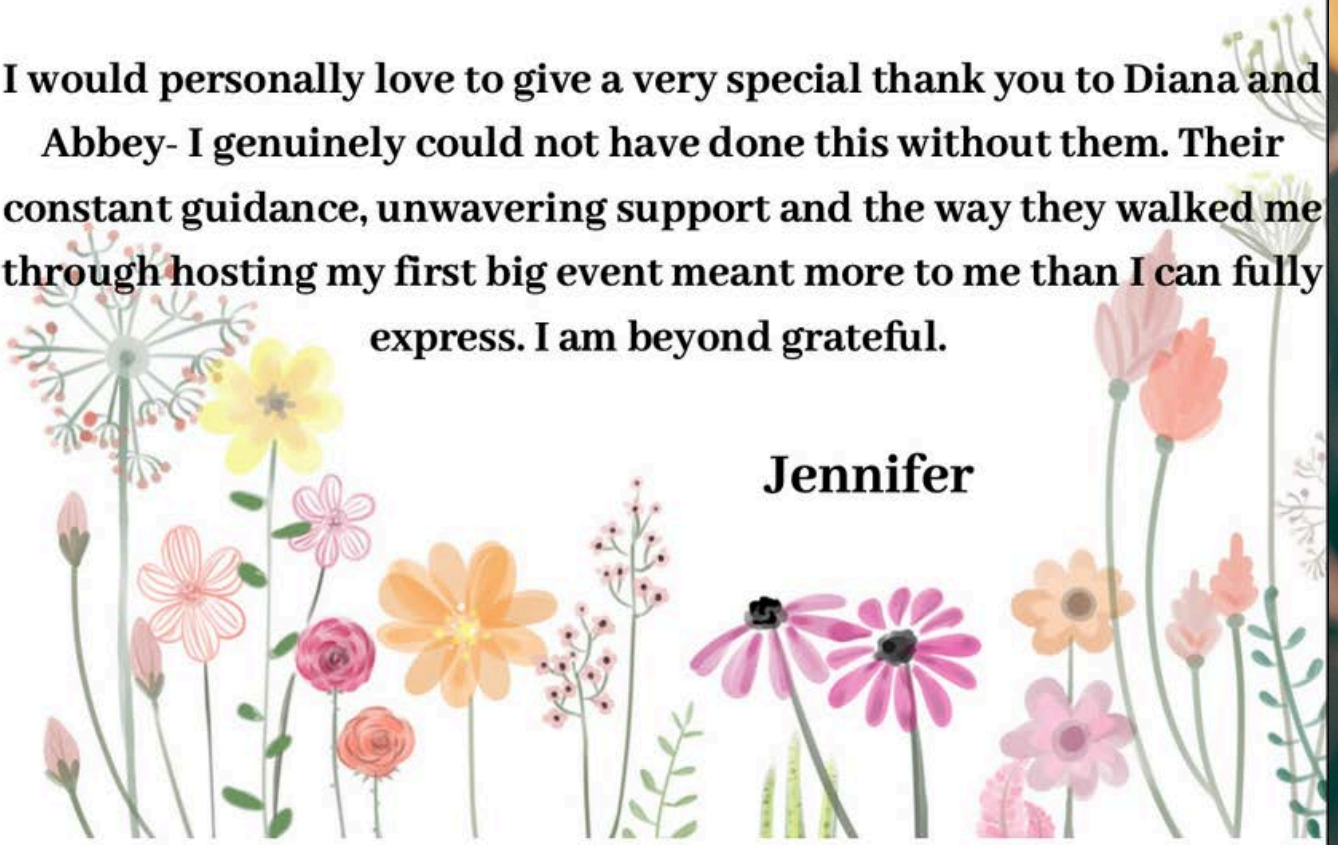
By Jennifer Guzman

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who made our First Annual Mother-Daughter Fashion Show & Brunch such an incredible and beautiful event. My heart is absolutely overflowing with joy and gratitude. From the fashion and delicious food to the beautiful atmosphere, amazing vendors, fun photobooth and lively music- the entire setup was truly everything and more I could have imagined. Together, we created such a special and memorable event that I know will stay with us for a long time, and I'm already so excited for what we have in store for next year.

I would personally love to give a very special thank you to Diana and Abbey- I genuinely could not have done this without them. Their constant guidance, unwavering support and the way they walked me through hosting my first big event meant more to me than I can fully express. I am beyond grateful.

Jennifer







DBWC

**PIZZA FAMILY
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**Bringing community together
1 slice at a time**

**DBWC RECEIVES
20% OF THE
PROCEEDS**

**Thursday, May 28th
11am-9pm**

Round Table Pizza

1139 Grand Ave

Diamond Bar, CA 92765

**BRING THIS FLYER
OR MENTION
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DIAMOND BAR WOMAN'S CLUB 3rd VP & Co-Chair

By Joy Juarez

Scholarship selection is complete! After six hours, yes I said 6 hours and 25 applications later, the Scholarship Committee was able to select 10 applicants. Going into the meeting we knew we were able to select nine. That was hard because we got down to the final three and couldn't decide. Right there at that time we all agreed we needed to select all three. So we said "we'll get that money!" At the Mother Daughter Fashion Show we were able to raise \$500 and got matched with the rest!!! There will be 10 scholarship Awards presented on May 20th at the Walnut Valley Water District. Time to be announced soon.

Hopefully you will be able to join us to see these hard working Seniors be awarded. We will have a Nacho Bar with all the fixins', agua frescas (mexican flavored water) and yummy desserts.



ARTS & CULTURE**What's Ahead in May!**

By Marriyan Hill

May is a month filled with special holidays and days of note. It is most known for Mother's Day! This year Mother's Day is May 10th. Happy Mother's Day to all the moms in the world. I think being a mother is the most thankless job, while also at the same time being the most fulfilling role of that mother's life. I would like to say thank you to all the mothers out there!

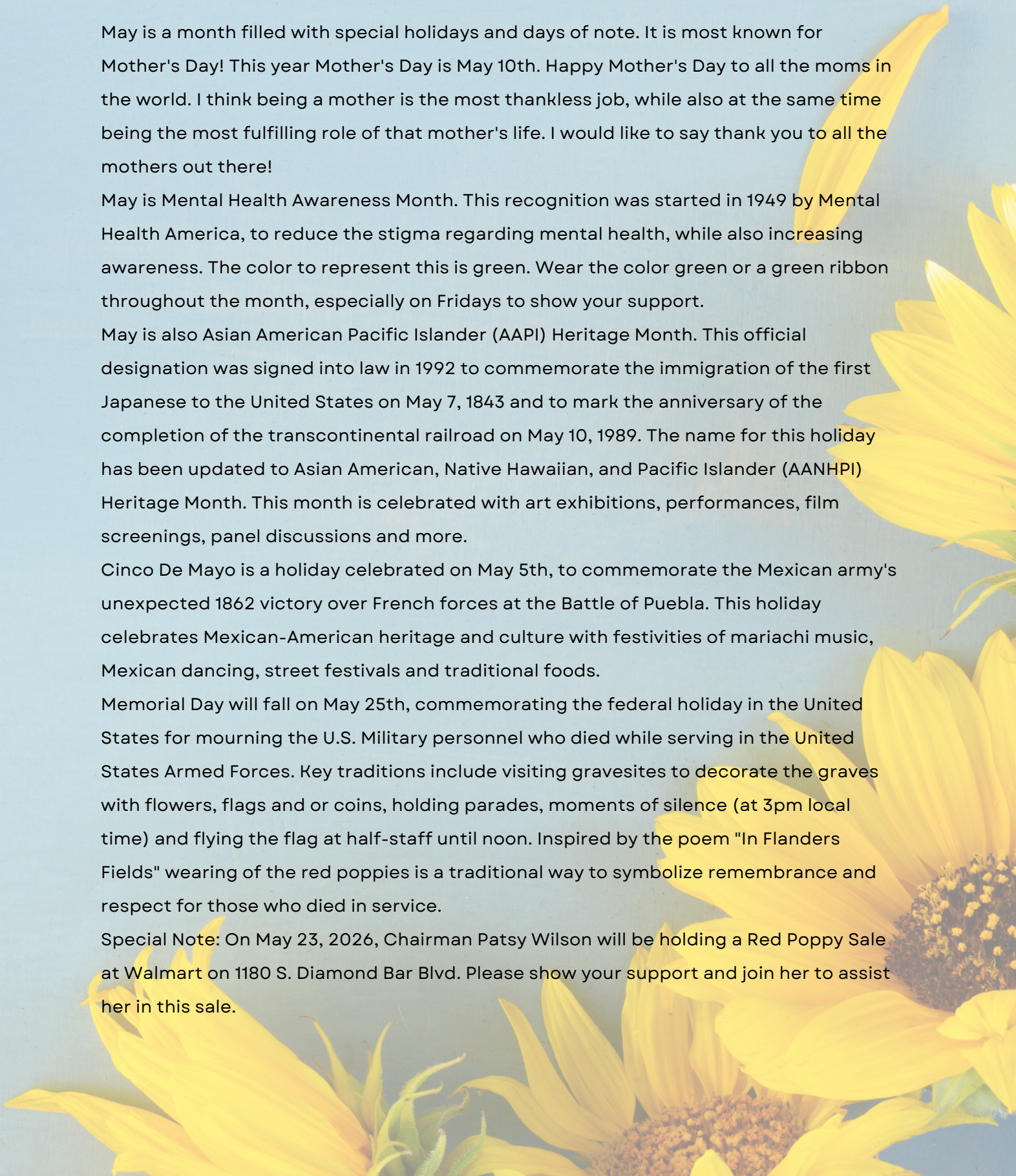
May is Mental Health Awareness Month. This recognition was started in 1949 by Mental Health America, to reduce the stigma regarding mental health, while also increasing awareness. The color to represent this is green. Wear the color green or a green ribbon throughout the month, especially on Fridays to show your support.

May is also Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month. This official designation was signed into law in 1992 to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843 and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The name for this holiday has been updated to Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month. This month is celebrated with art exhibitions, performances, film screenings, panel discussions and more.

Cinco De Mayo is a holiday celebrated on May 5th, to commemorate the Mexican army's unexpected 1862 victory over French forces at the Battle of Puebla. This holiday celebrates Mexican-American heritage and culture with festivities of mariachi music, Mexican dancing, street festivals and traditional foods.

Memorial Day will fall on May 25th, commemorating the federal holiday in the United States for mourning the U.S. Military personnel who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Key traditions include visiting gravesites to decorate the graves with flowers, flags and or coins, holding parades, moments of silence (at 3pm local time) and flying the flag at half-staff until noon. Inspired by the poem "In Flanders Fields" wearing of the red poppies is a traditional way to symbolize remembrance and respect for those who died in service.

Special Note: On May 23, 2026, Chairman Patsy Wilson will be holding a Red Poppy Sale at Walmart on 1180 S. Diamond Bar Blvd. Please show your support and join her to assist her in this sale.



Other days of note are:

- 1 - International Worker's Day
- 4 - Star Wars Day ... May the Fourth be with you
- 6 - National Teacher's Day / National Nurses Day
- 8 - World Red Cross Day
- 16 - Armed Forces Day
- 21 - International Tea Day

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; held on a selected Thursday every month. This month it will be held on the fourth Thursday, 5/28/2026. The doors will open at 6:30, with performances beginning at 7pm. 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 am proud to announce this month will be the 2 Year Anniversary of hosting the open mic!

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

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

**The Diamond Bar
Renaissance
OPEN MIC**

**EVERY 3RD
SATURDAY**

**NEW
LOCATION**

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

**HOSTED BY: MARRIYAN HILL
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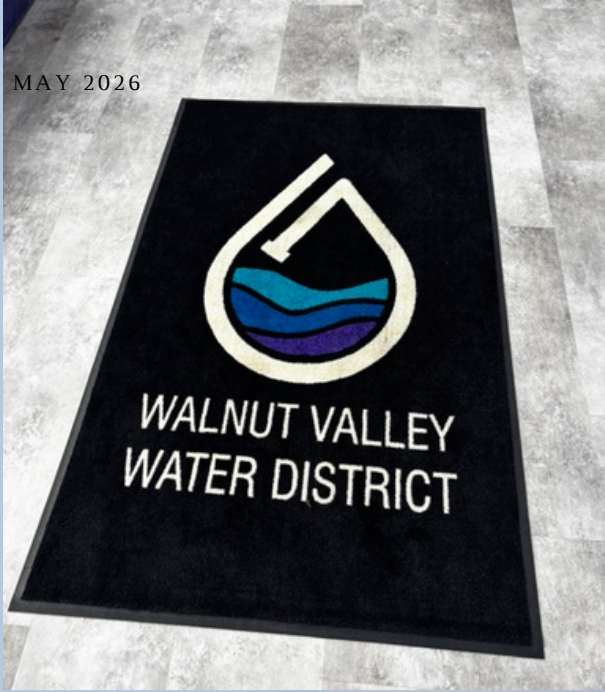
Workshop Highlights

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

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

"Let's Talk, Heal & Grow Together"

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



WVWD WATER
 FESTIVAL/OPEN HOUSE
 AND DBWC BOOK
 DONATIONS
 EDUCATION
 BY RAPHAEL H. PLUNKETT

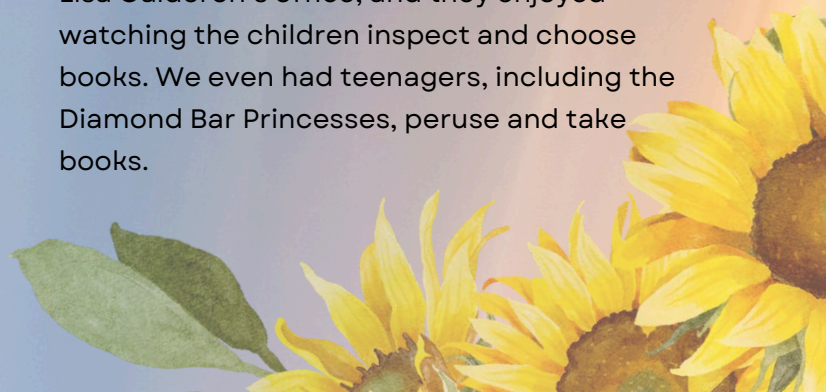


The Walnut Valley Water District hosted a Water Festival and Open House at their new facility on 4-18-26, and we were invited to participate. There were food trucks, succulent pot painting, games and bubble play for kids, and water resource education for adults. It's a lovely new facility.

Two WVWD employees praised our efforts, thanked us for making the events so fun with book giveaways, remarked that's how they remember meeting us an organization, commented on seeing attendees stopping to read their newly acquired books, and at least one employee said that they still have the book that they got from us at a previous Earth Day event years ago.



One neighbor said she has seen us gifting books, many times, and thanked us for promoting literacy and encouraging children to read actual books. A father took four books for his children and thanked us for the alternative to electronic devices. I spoke with two homeschool parents who were grateful for our generous persistence. Councilman Teng visited our table along with Stephen Coronel of Rep. Lisa Calderon's office, and they enjoyed watching the children inspect and choose books. We even had teenagers, including the Diamond Bar Princesses, peruse and take books.



We had printed signs, 3 boxes of 140 books, for our table to give away. The books were from donations made by our generous DBWC members. We also gathered and secured books from teachers, librarians, used book stores, garage sales, and neighbors. Donated books are inspected, organized and labeled for DBWC, to share literacy with others. Having books at our table makes for lovely conversation with community, while sharing our work as a group. We had one book remaining, and we had a new member sign up. It was a successful and enjoyable day.



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WHAT HAVE WOMEN DONE TO BECOME GREAT LEADERS?

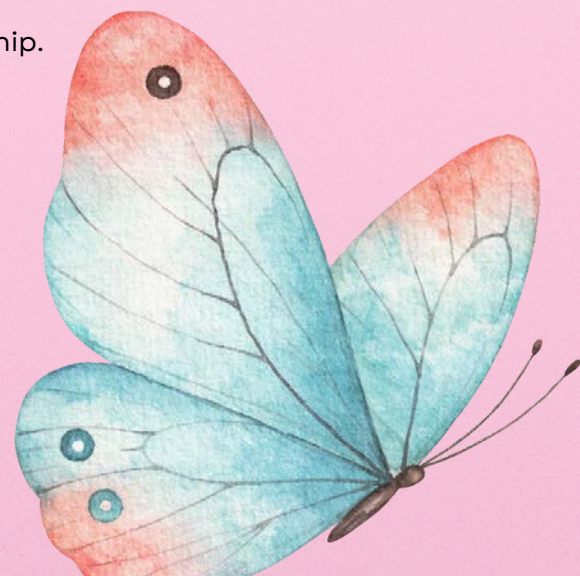
By Claudia Maidenbreg



Did you know that women constitute more than half of the United State Population? Did you know that women are now earning the majority of undergraduate and master's degrees and 52% of all management and profession jobs? Even with these wonderful numbers of women still lag men especially in attaining top leadership roles.

Those great accomplishments of the 20th century are now stalling. In the beginning of this monumental improvement many women promoted to management positions relied on soft power and the good graces of a few men in leadership that supported and promoted women because the man believed it was the "right" thing or at least the "legally required" thing to do. Then reality set in and women began to exercise power just like men do with toughness and self-owned expressions of competence. This equal competitor was not so well liked. Backlash started when women abandoned traditional soft power and behaved like the men. That still happens today even in all female groups.

New strategies that grow out of the traditional way women have wheeled power are needed. It is interesting that current leadership training often focuses on the importance of using those typically female skills as what is now considered the best tools for successful leadership.



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WHAT HAVE WOMEN DONE TO BECOME GREAT LEADERS?

By Claudia Maidenbreg

What do these “new” skills look like?

- The first step in any plan a leader creates to accomplish anything is establishing a foundation of trust and rapport. Once trust is established then advocacy for the goal can begin. Without trust there is a natural backlash be it direct or behind your back. In fact, developing that trusting environment leads to members of the group thinking the leader is more competent. Isn't that how moms make families work?
- Women in leadership roles must manage the conflicting expectations of niceness and toughness. That means success is built on finding a win-win by clearly understanding the goals and values of the members of the group and blending them with the outcome wanted by the leader. Using a win-win approach has led women to be seen as demonstrating more transformational leadership. Isn't that how moms make families work?
- No one gets ahead or moves into higher leadership positions without doing more than is expected of them. Isn't that how moms make families work?

We are a part of the history of women that is being created right now. Reread those “new” skills. Think about how you or your mom or grandmother made the family work. Embrace building trust, developing win-win solutions and step up to new leadership roles. You too will be a valuable contributor to the list of great women in history.







May 10-16, 2026



Every May, beginning on Mother's Day, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office on Women's Health (OWH) leads National Women's Health Week (NWHW). This year, NWHW takes place from **May 10-16**. This observance highlights women's health conditions and priorities and encourages women of all ages to prioritize their physical, mental, and emotional well-being.

National Women's Health Week (NWHW) is a time to focus on the health needs of women and girls at every stage of life. Each year, the observance highlights key topics and encourages women to take steps to protect and improve their health.

This year's theme is "**Prevention, Innovation, and Impact: A New Era in Women's Health.**" The theme reflects an ongoing commitment to proactive, science-based, and coordinated care and highlights the importance of moving beyond fragmented care to focus on prevention, early detection, and better health outcomes. It also emphasizes translating new scientific discoveries into practical steps that women and health care providers can use every day.

This year's theme:

-  Highlights emerging areas of science, such as vaginal estrogen, the microbiome, environmental exposures, and Alzheimer's
-  Emphasizes the importance of early detection and prevention

-  Recognizes the role of hormones in overall health across the lifespan, including menopause, hormone therapy, heart health, bone and muscle health, and maternal health
-  Ensures information is based on current research and reflects the future of women's health

This theme supports federal approaches to ensure that all Americans live longer, healthier lives, supported by systems that prioritize prevention, well-being, resilience, and a whole-person approach to women's health. It also reflects priorities from the [Inaugural HHS National Conference on Women's Health](#) by advancing research on sex-specific differences and supporting the use of scientific progress in health care and public health.

Learn more about the recommended health screenings for women across the lifespan with the HHS Office on Women's Health [Screenings and Discussions for Every Stage of Life fact sheet](#).

View [Recipes of the Month](#) from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to get started on building healthy, delicious meals for you and your family.



SGVD 2026 Convention Awards Diamond Bar Woman's Club

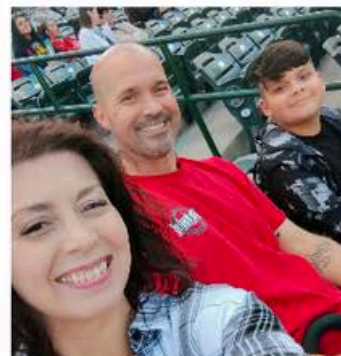
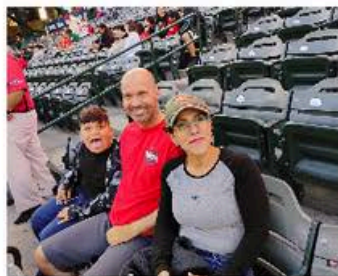
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MEMBERSHIP	1 ST PLACE
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT	1 ST PLACE
WOMAN'S HISTORY & RESOURCES	1 ST PLACE
COMMUNICATIONS	2 ND PLACE
LEGISLATION	2 ND PLACE
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	3 RD PLACE
ENVIRONMENT	3 RD PLACE
LEADERSHIP	3 RD PLACE
FUNDRAISING	3 RD PLACE
HEALTH & WELLNESS	3 RD PLACE
NEWSLETTER	3 RD PLACE
ARTS & CULTURE	HONORABLE MENTION
ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN	HONORABLE MENTION
WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP ACCOMPLISHMENT	CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION



Diamond Bar Women's Club Baseball Game Night Out

On April 21st, 2026- A few Diamond Bar Women's Club members along with their families attended an Angels Game. Thanks to Angel Stadium for the tickets as part of their Community Ticket Donation Program for non-profits. We all had a great night watching the Angels play against the Toronto Blue Jays. Though the Angels lost, we still had fun.

Thank you everyone that came out and had some fun - Jennifer



Take me out to the Ballgame, Take me out to the crowd. Buy me some peanuts and crackers jacks. I don't care if I ever come back.



Oh let's root, root root for the Angels, If they don't win it a shame, for its 1-2-3 strikes you're out, at the 'old ballgame.

Mother Daughter Day Fashion Show Brunch



San Gabriel Valley District Convention



MAY 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2 DBWC MOTHERS DAY BRUNCH & FASHION SHOW - MOUNTAIN MEADOWS

6 DBWC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - 5:30 PM IN PERSON

15-16 CFWC CONVENTION - ONTARIO AIRPORT HOTEL

15 SGVD GENERAL MEETING - 9:00AM -12NOON
EL MONTE COMMUNITY CENTER

20 DBWC GENERAL MEETING - 3:00PM WALNUTVALLEY WATER DISTRICT
DBWC SCHOLARSHIPS AWARD CEREMONY 4:00PM- WALNUT VALLEY WATER
DISTRICT

BIRTHDAYS

JODY ROBERTO - MAY 15