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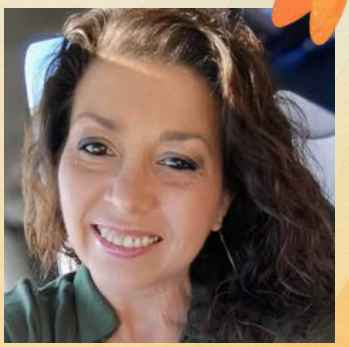
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DIAMOND BAR WOMAN'S CLUB

President's Message

By Marriyan Hill

Let Love Lead You, In Service

Dear Members,

As we welcome October, I am filled with appreciation for the enthusiasm, dedication, and spirit of service that each of you brings to the Diamond Bar Woman's Club. The strength of our Club is found not only in the work we accomplish, but also in the relationships we build and the many ways we encourage and support one another.

October promises to be an exciting and active month, beginning with the Area B Conference on October 10. This conference provides a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow clubwomen, exchange ideas, learn more about the work taking place throughout our area, and celebrate our shared commitment to community service. I encourage our members to attend and represent the Diamond Bar Woman's Club with pride.

We are also preparing for our signature fundraising event, Casino Night, on October 24. Casino Night is one of our most important events of the year, and its success depends upon the participation, creativity, and teamwork of our members. The funds raised through this event allow us to continue supporting scholarships, community programs, and other meaningful service projects.

There is still plenty of time to become involved in the planning and preparation for Casino Night. Whether you can assist with decorations, donations, sponsorships, ticket sales, setup, or another area, your contribution will be valued and appreciated. Members who would like to help are encouraged to contact our Casino Night Chair, Abbey Howell. Every helping hand brings us one step closer to a successful and memorable evening.

As we move through this busy month, let us remember that unity does not require uniformity. Each member brings her own talents, experiences, perspectives, and ideas to our Club. When we combine those individual strengths with mutual respect and a shared commitment to service, we strengthen the heart of the Diamond Bar Woman's Club.The future of our Club will be shaped by what we are willing to build together. Let us continue strengthening our fellowship, welcoming every member, supporting one another, and directing our talents, energy, and hearts toward making a lasting difference.

Let us move forward together as one Club, with one shared purpose: a commitment to serving our community. And as we do, let love lead us, in service.

With Appreciation,

Marriyan Hill

President

Diamond Bar Woman's Club



DIAMOND BAR WOMAN'S CLUB

Recording Secretary

By Tracy Evanson

October: Awareness, Courage & Community

October brings our attention to two important causes: Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

For me, Domestic Violence Awareness Month is deeply personal. As a survivor of domestic violence and an advocate for individuals and families impacted by abuse, October reminds me not only of what I survived, but of the importance of creating communities where people feel safe enough to speak, supported enough to seek help, and empowered enough to choose themselves.

Both awareness campaigns remind us of something important: pay attention to the signs.

When it comes to our physical health, that means knowing our bodies, performing recommended self-checks, keeping up with appropriate screenings, and talking with our healthcare providers when something doesn't feel right.

But I believe we should be just as intentional about checking the health of our relationships.

Who is in your life right now? How do you feel when you are around them? Do your relationships provide safety, respect, encouragement, honesty, and reciprocity; or do they consistently leave you depleted, diminished, afraid, or questioning your worth?

Sometimes self-care means leaning more deeply into the relationships that nourish us. Sometimes it means establishing stronger boundaries. And sometimes being loyal to ourselves means recognizing that a relationship no longer belongs in the life we are creating.

Self-loyalty is not selfishness. It is the decision not to abandon yourself to maintain a relationship with someone else.

And awareness isn't only about looking inward. It is also about noticing the people around us.

If you see someone you care about becoming isolated, fearful, controlled, diminished, or simply no longer seeming like herself, don't look away. You don't have to have all the answers, and you cannot make someone leave a relationship before she is ready. But you can listen without judgment. You can remind her that she matters. You can help her identify resources and safe support. Most importantly, you can make sure she knows she does not have to suffer in silence.

That is what community is about.

This October, I encourage each of us to do a whole-person check-in: check your body, check your relationships, check on the women you love, and check in with yourself. Celebrate the relationships that are healthy and life-giving. Address the ones that need boundaries. Be willing to release what is harmful. Schedule the health screenings you've been putting off. And if someone around you needs a safe person, be willing to be one. Awareness can save lives. Community can change lives. And every woman deserves the opportunity to live hers safely, fully, and authentically.

With love and in service,

Tracy Evanson

Recording Secretary

Diamond Bar Woman's Club

DIAMOND BAR WOMAN'S CLUB

2nd Vice President

By Joy Juarez

A Message from Your 2nd Vice - President

Over the Summer we had seven new Members join Diamond Bar Woman's Club. These seven ladies were welcomed and recognized during our September meeting. If you know anyone that would be interested in joining Diamond Bar Woman's Club please let me know and I'd be more than happy to reach out to them and to get them signed up. Again let's welcome our newest Club Members ~ Jewel, Debra, Rebecca, Kim, Marjorie, Dr. Rhonda and Willie Mae.

Warmly,

Joy Juarez

2nd Vice President

Diamond Bar Woman's Club



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WOMEN'S HISTORY

By Lydia Narcisse

Women Who Changed Our World

Celebrating Heritage, Courage & Service This October

October is a wonderful time to celebrate the rich cultural heritage and contributions of **Filipino Americans, Italian Americans, and Polish Americans.** As members of the Diamond Bar Women's Club, we understand the importance of service and the difference one person can make. This month, let's celebrate three remarkable women whose courage, perseverance, and dedication continue to inspire us.

Cecilia "Cissy" Suyat Marshall

Filipino American History Month

Born in Hawaii to Filipino immigrant parents, Cecilia "Cissy" Suyat moved to New York City and began working for the NAACP in 1948. She supported the organization's legal work during the landmark **Brown v. Board of Education** case, which challenged racial segregation in public schools.

Although much of her work was done behind the scenes, Cissy played a meaningful role in the civil rights movement. Her story reminds us that **not all heroes seek recognition–many make their greatest contributions through quiet dedication and service.**





PHOTO CAPTION: CECILIA "CISSY" SUYAT MARSHALL, FILIPINO AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS ADVOCATE AND LONGTIME SUPPORTER OF THE NAACP.

Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini

Italian American Heritage Month

Born in Italy in 1850, Mother Cabrini came to New York in 1889 to serve Italian immigrants facing poverty, discrimination, and difficult living conditions. With six companion sisters and limited resources, she established schools, orphanages, hospitals, and other institutions serving people in need.

Canonized in 1946, she became the **first naturalized U.S. citizen to be canonized** and is recognized as the **Patron Saint of Immigrants.**

Her life demonstrates how **compassion, determination, and strong leadership can transform a vision into lasting service.**





PHOTO CAPTION: MOTHER FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI, MISSIONARY, EDUCATOR, HUMANITARIAN, AND ADVOCATE FOR IMMIGRANTS.

Marie Curie

National Polish American Heritage Month

Born Maria Salomea Skłodowska in Warsaw, Poland, in 1867, Marie Curie overcame significant barriers to pursue her education and scientific career. Her groundbreaking research led to the discovery of polonium, named for **Poland**, and **radium.**

Marie Curie was the **first woman to win a Nobel Prize**, the **first person to win two Nobel Prizes**, and remains the **only person to receive Nobel Prizes in two different scientific fields.** During World War I, she also helped bring mobile X-ray units to wounded soldiers.

Her remarkable life reminds us that **education, perseverance, and a commitment to helping others can change the world.**



BE THE CHANGE

PHOTO CAPTION: MARIE CURIE, POLISH-BORN SCIENTIST AND TWO-TIME NOBEL PRIZE RECIPIENT.

Carrying Their Legacy Forward

These three women lived very different lives, yet each demonstrated courage, perseverance, and a commitment to something greater than herself. Their stories remind us that leadership can take many forms–advocacy, education, compassion, discovery, and service.

As we celebrate these cultural heritages this October, may their examples inspire us to look for opportunities to make a difference in our own community.

Let us celebrate their heritage, honor their accomplishments, and carry their spirit of service forward in all that we do as members of the Diamond Bar Women's Club.

Warmly,

Lydia Narcisse

Corresponding Secretary

Diamond Bar Woman's Club

DIAMOND BAR WOMAN'S CLUB

Treasurer

By Abbey Howell

Treasurer's Message ..... October 2026 Article "Tell A Woman'

Hello Club Members,

This is one of my favorite times of the year, I just simply love the Fall Season. I am very excited and looking forward to our signature event: Casino Night Masquerade Fundraising Ball. This marks the 11th year of the Diamond Bar Woman's Club hosting this community event. Each year we have been very fortunate to have showed growth in all areas of this event. That would not be possible without the club committee working together.
Our community service and interactions has certainly paid off. The development of our relationships throughout the city of Diamond Bar has open doors of generosity, respect, leadership and a wonderful understanding our Club Programs. Proceeds from this event will help our Educational Program/Scholarships along with our Charities of Choice.
Reminder: Tuesday – October 13th @ 10:30 AM – Casino Wrap Party will be held at the home of Abbey location: 20308 Julliard Dr. Walnut, CA. – Lunch will be served. Please mail and/or bring your donations, gift cards, wrapping items to the party. If you're unable to make the party, the donations can be drop off at any time, just give me a call (909) 348-3779 – Ticket sales will also be collected that day. Once again all members are encouraged to support this club signature event.

Looking forward to enjoying the evening and having fun!

Thank you,
Abbey Howell
Treasurer
Diamond Bar Woman's Club

ARTS & CULTURE – OCTOBER 2026

Celebrating the Many Expressions of Culture

By Marriyan Hill

October offers us a wonderful opportunity to recognize the art, history, traditions, causes, and cultural contributions that enrich our communities. Through music, literature, visual art, food, storytelling, dance, and other creative expressions, we learn more about one another and strengthen the connections that bring us together.

Several important cultural, heritage, and awareness observances take place during October:

- **Breast Cancer Awareness Month** promotes education, early detection, screening, research, and support for individuals and families affected by breast cancer.
- **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** honors survivors, remembers those whose lives have been lost, and raises awareness about prevention, available resources, and the importance of creating safe and healthy communities.
- **National Arts and Humanities Month** celebrates the importance of arts and culture in our communities.
- **Heritage and History month for multiple ethnicities: Filipino American, National Hispanic Heritage Month, Italian American Heritage and Culture Month, German American Heritage Month and Polish American Heritage Month** recognizing the rich history, experiences, and contributions of many Americans.
- **LGBTQ+ History Month** highlights the history and contributions of members of the LGBTQ+ community.
- **National Disability Employment Awareness Month** recognizes the contributions of people with disabilities in the workplace and promotes inclusive employment practices.

October Days of Note

- **October 1 … International Coffee Day**
- **October 2 … World Smile Day (First Friday of October)**
- **October 5 … World Teachers' Day**
- **October 6 … German American Day**
- **October 10 … World Mental Health Day**
- **October 11 … National Coming Out Day**
- **October 12 … Indigenous Peoples' Day**
- **October 16 … World Food Day**
- **October 24 … United Nations Day**
- **October 31 … Halloween and the beginning of Día de los Muertos observances,** which continue through November 2

These observances remind us that culture is expressed in many ways and that every community has stories, traditions, challenges, and creative contributions worthy of recognition. Members are encouraged to use October as an opportunity to visit a museum, attend a cultural event, read the work of an author from another background, listen to unfamiliar music, support a local artist, or learn about a tradition that is new to them. October is also a time to show compassion and solidarity. Wearing pink in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month and purple in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month are visible ways to support survivors, honor those we have lost, and encourage education, prevention, early detection, and access to resources.

ARTS & CULTURE

The Diamond Bar Renaissance Open Mic

By Marriyan Hill

Please join us for the next **Diamond Bar Renaissance Open Mic on Thursday, October 22, 2026,** at the **South Coast Air Quality Management District Building, 21865 Copley Drive, Room CC6, Diamond Bar, California 91765.**
Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and performances begin at 7:00 p.m.

This free community event is open to artists and audience members of all ages. Singers, musicians, poets, writers, dancers, visual artists, photographers, and other creative performers are invited to share their artistry. Those who prefer to enjoy the evening from the audience are equally welcome.

Please help us continue building a supportive space for local creativity by attending, inviting an artist, and sharing the event with your family, friends, and neighbors. The arts bring people together, encourage understanding, and remind us of the beauty that can be created when every voice is welcomed.

We look forward to celebrating another inspiring evening of artistry and community!

Marriyan Hill
Chair, Arts & Culture
Diamond Bar Woman's Club




DIAMOND BAR RENAISSANCE
OPEN MIC
THURSDAY
OCTOBER 22, 2026
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM
PERFORMANCES BEGIN AT 7:00 PM
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FREE • ALL AGES • OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY
SINGERS • MUSICIANS • POETS • WRITERS
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AND ALL CREATIVE PERFORMERS
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OR JOIN US IN THE AUDIENCE!
Hosted by Marriyan Hill
Chairman, Arts & Culture
DIAMOND BAR WOMAN'S CLUB
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GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

The Diamond Bar Woman's Club participated in the General Federation of Women's Clubs International Day of Service (GFWC IDS) on September 26, 2026, for Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention. We hosted a donation drive for new or gently used purses and filled them with toiletries. We partnered with Healed Women Heal and its founder Tracy Evanson. Together we gifted these items to women from her organization. It's was truly special to spend the afternoon with these remarkable women and have conversations with them. I was able to present a proclamation from the city of Diamond Bar declaring it GFWC IDS Day. We were honored to let these women know how special they are, that they are seen, heard and valued.



















Healed Women Heal

EDUCATE • EMPOWER • HEAL

Thank You

DIAMOND BAR Women's Club

for generously donating purses filled with hygiene and personal care items to our survivors and moms!

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!









Your generosity helps remind the women we serve that they are seen, supported, loved, and not alone. ♡

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DIAMOND BAR WOMAN'S CLUB

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SUPPORT • CONNECT • CREATE OPPORTUNITIES • MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Dear Members,

It was great seeing so many returning members and welcoming our new members as we kicked off another year together!

Our Welcome Back Bingo was a fun and successful way to start the year, and it was just the beginning of the many fundraising events we have planned.

I'm looking forward to a wonderful year filled with supporting our club, creating memorable events, and making a positive impact in our community.

Thank you to everyone who continues to volunteer, participate, and bring such great energy to our club. It truly makes a difference!

> *"Small acts, when multiplied by many, can make a big difference."*
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> – UNKNOWN

Friendsgiving Sip & Paint

I'm really looking forward to our club's first Friendsgiving Sip & Paint on **Sunday, November 22.** We're planning a fun afternoon with wine tasting, other beverages and mocktails, great food, music, conversation, a pie raffle, and much more!

I'm currently looking for two members to join the Friendsgiving Sip & Paint Committee. If you would like to help with this event, please contact me. I would love to have you join us!

2nd Annual Brunch & Fashion Show

Our 2nd Annual Brunch & Fashion Show will be held on **Sunday, April 11th** at **Diamond Bar Golf Course.** More information will be shared over the upcoming months. I will also be forming a committee to help bring this event together.

DBWC Night Out

We will also be planning **DBWC Night Out** fundraising events by partnering with local restaurants. I would love your suggestions and ideas for restaurants, coffee shops, or other local establishments in Diamond Bar or our surrounding neighborhoods and communities.

Building Our DBWC Vendor Catalog

I will also start establishing a vendor catalog that we can use as a resource for our upcoming events. A vendor flyer will be circulating on social media, and if you know anyone who would be interested, please send them my way!

We're looking for all types of vendors—crafters, small businesses, DJs, entertainment, food vendors, rentals, event services, and more. This will help us promote local businesses and build a strong list of vendors to support our future events.

Thank you for being part of something special!

Jennifer Guzman
Ways & Means Chairman
Diamond Bar Woman's Club

TOGETHER
WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

DIAMOND BAR WOMAN'S CLUB

SERVICE • COMMUNITY • SCHOLARSHIPS

Shop Local Support Local Make a Difference! ♡

CALLING ALL VENDORS!

Year-Round Events & Fundraisers

The Diamond Bar Woman's Club (DBWC) is building an ongoing vendor list and invites local vendors, artisans, small businesses, food vendors, craft makers, and community partners to participate in our events throughout the year!



SUPPORT • CONNECT • GROW • GIVE BACK

VENDOR OPPORTUNITIES MAY INCLUDE:

- Fundraising events
- Community fairs & pop-ups
- Seasonal markets
- Member socials & themed events
- Special club functions & outreach programs

WHO SHOULD APPLY:

- Small business owners
- Handmade & craft vendors
- Food & specialty vendors
- Entrepreneurs & service providers
- Local community partners

WHY JOIN DBWC EVENTS:

- Promote your business locally
- Connect with the Diamond Bar community
- Build ongoing vendor relationships
- Support scholarships and community programs through DBWC fundraisers

Interested? CONTACT:

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Ways & Means Chairman
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jennmguzman@gmail.com

Let's Support Our Community Together! ♡

DIAMOND BAR WOMAN'S CLUB

PEOPLE • PURPOSE • COMMUNITY



GotSneakers?™

Recycle ○ Reuse ○ Raise Funds

Give Sneakers a Second Life! ♡

Our Sneaker Collection is Ongoing!

The Diamond Bar Woman's Club continues to collect athletic sneakers through the GotSneakers reuse and recycling program. Clean out your closets and help us make a difference while supporting our club!

WHAT IS GotSneakers?™

GotSneakers is a national sneaker reuse and recycling program that gives athletic shoes a second life. Collected sneakers are either resold for reuse or responsibly recycled, helping to keep them out of landfills while supporting organizations like ours.

More than just shoes... a cleaner, brighter tomorrow!

THE ONGOING IMPACT

Every pair of sneakers you donate helps reduce waste, conserve natural resources, and lower carbon emissions. GotSneakers works with a global network to ensure sneakers are reused whenever possible and recycled when they're not. This program turns your gently worn sneakers into opportunities — for a cleaner environment and for funding our club's programs and projects.

REDUCES LANDFILL WASTE	CONSERVES NATURAL RESOURCES	LOWERS CARBON EMISSIONS	SUPPORTS OUR CLUB
Keeps sneakers out of landfills	Helps save water and other valuable resources	Reduces greenhouse gases	Generates funds for our programs and projects

A small act can make a big impact! ♡

OUR IMPACT SO FAR

January 2026 – Present (And We're Still Collecting!)

107 Pairs Diverted from Landfills

3,210 lbs. of CO_2e Averted

241,499 Gallons of Water Saved

Every Pair Counts! ♡

WHAT WE'RE COLLECTING

Gently worn, used, and new athletic sneakers

- Running shoes
- Walking shoes
- Training shoes
- Basketball shoes
- Athletic/lifestyle sneakers
- Sports cleats



Please keep shoes together as a pair.

WHAT WE DO NOT ACCEPT

- Heels
- Dress shoes
- Sandals
- Boots
- Slippers
- Any non-athletic shoes

Only athletic sneakers, please!

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Bring sneakers to our next meeting or contact me to arrange a collection.
- Ask family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers to donate.
- Keep collecting throughout the year — this project is ongoing!

Together We Can Make a Difference! ♡

Thank You for your support! ♡

Jennifer Guzman | 909-344-0693 | jennmguzman@gmail.com

GotSneakers Chairman | Diamond Bar Woman's Club

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A FUN AFTERNOON OF CREATIVITY AND CONNECTION!

FOOD ♥ DRINKS ♥ PAINTING ♥ PIE ♥ RAFFLES ♥ GREAT COMPANY

SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 22, 2026
12:30 PM Check-In
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

DIAMOND POINT CLUB
(Pool House)
21400 Golden Springs Dr.
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

$45
PER PERSON
Includes all supplies, food, drinks & fun!







Reserve Your Spot Today!

Zelle: dbwc.volunteers@yahoo.com

Questions? Contact Jennifer
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Diamond Bar Woman's Club

Annual Casino Night

Masquerade Ball

Location
DOUBLE TREE BY HILTON
3101 W. TEMPLE AVE
POMONA, CA 91768

Time
6:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Cost
$125.00

Saturday
OCTOBER 24TH, 2026

FUN • FRIENDS • COMMUNITY • IMPACT
Together, we make a difference.

Zelle
Note: Please open your Bank App on your phone to scan QR code above or enter Diamond Bar Woman's Club.

Proceeds will benefit the Diamond Bar Woman's Club charities of choice and educational programs of the Diamond Bar Woman's Club.
We are a nonprofit group and a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Happy BIRTHDAY

LIZ SWENSON | **OCT 4**



OCTOBER CLUB PHOTOS











OCTOBER 2026
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 7 | ZOOM MEETING 11:00 A.M.
DBWC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 9 | 9:30AM
SGVD DISTRICT MEETING AT PIO PICO WOMAN'S CLUB
9214 MINES AVENUE, PIO PICO, CA 90660

OCTOBER 10 | 10:00AM - 2:00PM
CFWC AREA B CONFERENCE AT NORTHMINSITER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
400 RANCHERIA ROAD, DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765

OCTOBER 19 | 11:30AM
DVAC MEETING
128 S. SAN JOSE, COVINA

OCTOBER 21 | 9:00AM
DBWC BUSINESS MEETING AT WALNUT VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
235 S. BREA CANYON ROAD WALNUT, CA 91789

OCTOBER 24 | 6:00PM- 11:00PM
CASNIO NIGHT MASQUERADE BALL AT DOUBLE TREE
3101 W. TEMPLE AVE. POMONA, CA 91789