

Yorba Linda Woman's Club
December, 2023
Newsletter

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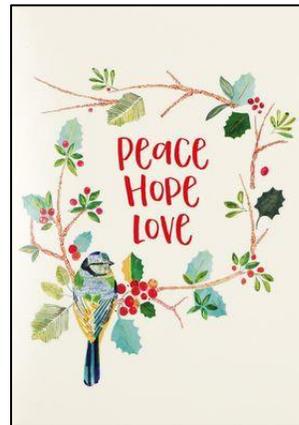
Kaycee Stack – President

“Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.” – WILLIAM ARTHUR WARD

Happy holidays and Merry Christmas to all of you! I would like to express my gratitude and thanks to our members who step up each month to volunteer. Without your help, none of the activities, Craft Fairs, or meetings would happen. Your support helped our club have a successful Fall Craft Fair. Your support helped organizations like VetNet, Giving Children Hope, and SmileMakers.

I wish each and everyone a very happy holiday season and all my thanks for making our club successful!

Kaycee Stack
President



Dottie Jensen – 1st VP/Dean

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving.

YLWC has purchased 6 wreaths and members purchased 16 wreaths for the Wreaths Across America Ceremony on Saturday December 16th at Memory Garden Memorial Park in Brea. I hope you can join us at 8:30 when the old flags will be replaced with YLWC's new flags. At 9 am the Wreaths Across Ceremony will begin.

Please let me know if you can join us and if you would like to carpool. The Memorial Park is located at 455 W. Central Ave., Brea, CA.

The Gala for Best of Yorba Linda Awards is Thursday December 7, from 5:30 to 8:30 at Yorba Linda County Club. Let me know if you have signed up so I can get us at the same table. If you have not signed up and want to go, you can still purchase a ticket. Voting is closed so I hope you got your vote in for YLWC as Best Non-Profit. I have been notified that we are in the top 3.

December 4th is the deadline for signing up for YLWC Holiday Party. The party is Tuesday December 12 and will begin at 6 pm in the Imperial Room of the Yorba Linda Community Center. Dinner will begin at 6:30. We will have entertainment, games, prizes, dancing, and a special musical program by Heather Laporte's granddaughter, Brylee Hicks.

Please let me know asap if you want to attend.

Dottie Jensen
1st VP/Dean



Carrie Knipfer – 2nd VP/Membership

Happy Holidays!

As the year comes to a close, it's always nice to reflect on all the great things that happened over the year. It has been a great year getting to know everyone more and working together to improve the club.

Seeing so many new and seasoned members volunteering at the Craft Fair was great. I hope you gained a new friend and a sense of purpose in the club.

I am always excited and open to new ideas and ways to get our members more involved in YLWC. Reach out to me and let's chat.

I'm looking forward to a great 2024!

Carrie Knipfer
2nd VP/Membership



Debbi Purpura – Director of Finance

Financial Statement

October 2023

Beginning Register Balance	30,800.88
Deposits	2,602.11
Checks	(2,334.79)
Vendor cancellation	(165.00)
Register Balance 10/31/2023	<u>30,903.20</u>
Uncleared items	<u>1,326.00</u>
Bank Balance 10/31/2023	<u><u>32,229.20</u></u>

Caroline Wahlstrom – 3rd VP/Ways & Means

Dear Ladies,

In this time of Thanksgiving, I would like to express my gratitude to all who help make the Fall Craft Fair a success. Thank you, thank you, thank you...

Thank you to those of you who carpooled, got dropped off or parked far away to keep our parking spots for our customers. We truly appreciate you...

Thank you to all of you who gave your time, those who came even though they were not scheduled “just to see if you could use me”, those who worked a double shift, those who worked the whole weekend...

I am so thankful for you.

Thank you to the craft fair committee for their numerous hours dedicated to the success of the fair:

- Nikki Ware for the beautiful baskets. Laura Metsker for selling the tickets.
- Lorrie Fennell, Pam Kibby, Lucy Huerta who managed the kitchen beautifully. Do you know that we sold over 400 potatoes during the fair?
- Loui Cronholm and her team of liaison who were helping and servicing the vendors throughout the weekend.
- Louise Hernandez and her team checked in the vendors in their respective spots.
- Dottie Jensen, who put vendor bags together and with her team, checked in vendors in the parking lot.
- Heather Laporte managed and oversaw the layout of the craft fair.
- Linda Queen oversaw the installation of banners throughout Yorba Linda.
- Debbi Purpura, Denise Mitchell and Sondia Buscaino for counting and depositing the money.
- Carrie Knipfer for being the MailChimp guru.
- Robin Solomon for being the vendor chair and the best email writer... and my right-hand woman.

Finally, I want to share with you some of the pictures taken at the Fair and captured by the drone that flew over the Community Center late Sunday afternoon.

Enjoy!

Caroline Wahlstrom

3rd VP, Ways and Means (Fundraising)



Arial Views of Fall Craft Fair



PROJECTS

Crystal Gates – Advocates for Children

Bikers Against Child Abuse:



To learn more about B.A.C.A check out this website: california.bacaworld.org

First and foremost, I would like to express my deepest appreciation and gratitude for all your help to support Bikers Against Child Abuse. I'm grateful for your kindness and generosity. I really appreciate your assistance and I couldn't have done it without all of you."

For this month's newsletter I would like to share with you what is the significance of the patch.

- * Red represents the "blood shed by wounded children."
- * White represents the "innocence of the children."
- * Black represents the "dark times the child goes through."
- * The fist represents B.A.C.A. "commitment to stop child abuse."
- * The skull and crossbones are the symbol to the "death of child abuse."
- * The chains represent "B.A.C.A.'s united organization."

As we end this year keep in mind as you shop through the holidays that we will continue to need your support collecting standard size teddy bears and any size denim jackets or vests, (preferably not decorated) to fit male or female children ages 5 to 18 years of age.

One again I like to express my special "thank you" from my heart to you all ... Happy Holidays!

Crystal Gates
B.A.C.A Chairperson



Karlene Ballard– Civic Engagement and Outreach

On November 10, 2023, 11 of our members attended the Orange District Council meeting at the Los Alamitos Joint Training Base in Los Alamitos, California. With Veteran Day's being on November 11, 2023, it was the perfect location for this council meeting to honor our active military and veterans. The speaker for the day was Captain Jessica O'Brien, the current Commander of the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station. She is the **first** woman to be Commander since the base opened in 1942. In 1993, Captain O'Brien entered the U.S. Naval Academy. A year later in 1994, Congress repealed the combat exclusion laws that had prevented women from serving on combat ships and fly aircrafts. She was on the warship USS Anchorage in the year 2000. The USS Anchorage was the first U.S. ship to arrive to give aid to the USS Cole when it was bombed in a suicide attack in Adem, Yemen. She has served our country for 26 years.



Attending the meeting was a WWII Veteran, Mary Ann Rogers. She served in the U.S. Marine corps. Mrs. Rogers is 99 years young! She attended boot camp at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. While she was at Camp Lejeune, she was present when President Roosevelt visited the base. She met her husband while in the service and they had eleven children. Mrs. Rogers is currently a member of the Orange Woman's Club that is a club within our Orange District.

What made this meeting very memorable was that we were honored to be in the presence of a W.O.M.A.N that is a WWII Veteran and a W.O.M.A.N. that is an Active Military Commander. At the meeting, there were two representatives from the **Quilts of Valor** that makes quality-quilts that are "awarded" to Active Military and Veterans. Both of our Service Women were awarded their "**QUILTS OF VALOR**". Part of the ceremony when the quilts are awarded, is to wrap the service persons in their awarded quilts. On each quilt it says, "**Thank you for your service, sacrifice and valor in serving our nation.**" It was an honor to see this ceremony and it was a heart-felt moment for all that attended.



Kathy Angus– Civic Engagement and Outreach

Working Wardrobe Project

Working Wardrobes is a great program for helping Vets transition to a civilian workforce. Ann Test introduced this program to our club a few years ago and we have made multiple donations. Last spring, as a new member, I had the pleasure of assisting Ann in the delivery.

Donations made by our members go to the Career Success Center where Veterans can receive clothing and assistance that help them move past barriers to employment. High quality donated items may go to Hanger Boutiques and Outlets. Income from these shops further supports job seekers. No donations go to landfills, all are allocated purposefully. Last year over 1,100 clients benefitted from this terrific program that help both men and women achieve the skills and confidence needed to build lasting economic stability.

This is an ongoing club project, so please remember to continue to save appropriate items when those closets get cleaned! We are looking for men's and women's business clothes, men's and women's shoes, belts and handbags, and costume jewelry.

Many thanks to all those who have contributed thus far!

Kathy Angus
Working Wardrobe Chairman



Dinah O'Brien – Domestic Violence Awareness

What is domestic violence and abuse?

When people think of domestic abuse, they often focus on domestic violence. But domestic abuse includes any attempt by one person in a marriage or intimate relationship to dominate and control the other. Domestic violence and abuse are used for one purpose, and one purpose only: to gain and maintain total control over you. An abuser doesn't "play fair." An abuser uses fear, guilt, shame, and intimidation to wear you down and keep you under their thumb.

Domestic violence and abuse can happen to anyone; it does not discriminate. Abuse happens within heterosexual relationships, and in same-sex partnerships. It occurs within all age ranges, ethnic backgrounds, and economic levels. And while women are more often victimized, men also experience abuse – especially verbal and emotional. The bottom line is that abusive behavior is never acceptable, whether from a man, woman, teenager, or an older adult. You deserve to feel valued, respected, and safe.

Dinah O'Brien
Domestic Violence Awareness Program Chairman

Linda Queen – Education and Libraries

DON'T FORGET! WE'RE COLLECTING COMICS

This year, YLWC is contributing to the Cypress Woman's Club's "Comics for Troops" project. They are collecting and mailing Sunday newspaper comics to numerous U.S. military bases.

If you subscribe to any Sunday newspapers, please bring the weekly "Sunday Funnies" section to our general meeting each month. Drop 'em in the labeled container...job done!
[Sunday comics only, please -- they are in color and more fun to read!]

Linda Queen
Education & Libraries Program Chair



Cathy Aiken – Environment

John Heywood stated that many hands make light work. We proved that at our October club meeting when we tied the ten dog beds for Canine Companions in record time. Thank you to everyone who participated and made this activity a success.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you to those who generously gave dog toys for Canine Companions. We collected 22 toys! The toys and the beds are on their way to Oceanside.

Fall is here! According to the Audubon Society, here are some tasks to keep our birds healthy in winter.

1. Get planting: choose plants native to our area.
2. Provide water: a plastic birdbath on a pedestal is best. Clean with a stiff brush. Refill as Out with the old: clear out nest boxes in the fall and a second time in early spring.
3. Make mulch: rake fallen leaves under shrubs to create mulch and to protect natural ground feeding areas. Earthworms, pill bugs, and insects and spiders will thrive as the mulch decomposes.
4. Discard old seed: especially if it was kept in a hot humid place like in a metal can in the garage during the summer as mold can grow on it.
5. Grab a brush: clean feeders with a bottlebrush and 10% solution of non-chlorine bleach. Rinse thoroughly and dry in the sun. Rake up any soggy seed from under feeders. Scrub and store hummingbird feeders so they will be ready for spring.

Happy holidays everyone and wherever they take you, safe travels!

Cathy Aiken
Environment Program Chair



Aileen Baker – Health & Wellness



Sew Kind:

The Sewing groups made many organizations thankful for all the items they have sewn and donated this year.

The Sew Kind ladies have been working on the Christmas stocking to be donated to Crittenton - Services for Children and Families. This year they have donated 400 stockings, which will make many children happy this Christmas.

Threads of Love:

Threads of Love is a National Organization that began in 1993, by Sissy Davis, who began it all by raising her hand in a bible study and agreed to “help”. It is a 501(c)(3) organization and is governed by a Board of Directors who serve freely and receive no salary. There are many volunteer participants in chapters across the country that provide many handmade articles for tiny premature babies and sick infants. The Yorba Linda Womans Club sewers donate many of the Lovey Dolls, Isolette covers, and Burial Gowns for several local hospitals; the need is always there for the babies and provides peace and serenity to the parents of the babies.

For the month of December, the 2 sewing groups will meet together and enjoy a potluck lunch in the Clubroom on December 14 at 1:00 pm. It will just be relaxing and enjoying a little break from sewing.

Next Workshops will be:

Sew Kind – January 4, 2024, 1:00-3:00 pm in the Clubroom

Threads of Love – January 11, 2024, 1:00-3:00 pm in the Clubroom



Aileen Baker & Andrea Hagen - Sew Kind Co-Chairmen

Jackie McPheeters – Threads of Love Chairman

Louise Hernandez – Health & Wellness

SmileMakers Project

Our annual request went out to assist in creating smiles for seniors who may not receive gifts during the holidays. Without hesitation, over 70 club members rose to the fun challenge of choosing an Angel and purchasing the requested gift(s). This was made possible because Nicole Leyva created the SignUp Genius to facilitate the process. I can't thank her enough and all of you for participating.

The Council on Aging recently sent an email, which included the paragraph below. If you click on the link, you will be able to see the bigger picture of this project and how beneficial it is. Keep this in mind for 2024, especially if you would like to be the project chairperson.

“Our **SmileMakers Workshop** opens on Tuesday, November 28th, with volunteers wrapping holiday gifts that have been donated to brighten the lives of over **6,000 seniors** living in long-term care facilities. Sadly, these seniors have no family or friends actively involved in their care and, without your support, they would be forgotten. So, when they receive a SmileMakers gift with their name on it, and the handwritten holiday card inside, they get to experience again the joy, love and caring of the holiday season. We are grateful and thankful for your generous support. We will continue to serve you and the vulnerable older adults in our community with compassion and dedication.”

Louise Hernandez
Health & Wellness Chair

SOCIAL

Terry Kuester – Amenities

Happy Holidays! I hope everyone's Thanksgiving was a joyful day spent with your favorite people!

Thank you for making the special effort to bring your beverage to the General Meetings in a reusable container! You're awesome! We are making a difference, however small, to keeping those plastic single-use water bottles out of landfill.

I am making one last pitch for additional Hostesses at our February 15 General Meeting. As you know, YLWC will be celebrating our 112th Birthday that evening and it is always a fun meeting. Please contact me if you are willing to participate - only one time a Club Year - super easy to fulfill your membership requirement!

Looking forward to seeing many of you at our Holiday Party on December 12 and/or the Wreaths Across America event on December 16 at Brea's Memorial Park. It is a busy and festive time, and if you are unable to attend, hopefully we will all gather again in January.

Wishing every single one of you peace and love this Christmas season!

Thank you so much!
Terry Kuester
Amenities

Heather Laporte – WOW (Women Out Walking)

Come join the W.O.W. ladies on Tuesdays and Fridays at 8:30am. We meet at the west side of the Community Center near the trail head. We walk a little over 2 miles, on a flat/easy surface, in about an hour. Looking forward to having some new faces enjoy the trail with us.

Heather Laporte
WOW Chairman



Nancy Capel – December Luncheon

December's luncheon will be on December 13th, 11:30 am at Rodrigos Mexican Restaurant, 5665 E Santa Ana Canyon Rd, Anaheim, CA 92807, next to the 91 freeway on Imperial Hwy.

It is getting a little colder outside, so it is time to go inside where it is warm and cozy. They have a nice lunch menu selection at \$11.99 and great margaritas. If we ask when we order, they should write us up in twos. That would make things easier. Please sign up at the meeting or text me before the luncheon, thanks.

Nancy Capel
Socialite Co-Chair

Happy December Birthdays



4-Dec	Angie	Cohen
8-Dec	Donna	Watkins
15-Dec	Kaycee	Stack
19-Dec	Diane	Watson-Beal
21-Dec	Caroline	Wahlstrom
22-Dec	Carol	Davis

December Calendar of Events

Tuesday 5	Book Club - Sandy Weinrich
Thursday 7	Sew Kind - Aileen Baker/Hagen
Tuesday 12	Club Room/Party Prep - Dottie Jensen
Tuesday 12	YLWC Holiday Party - Dottie Jensen
Thursday 14	Threads - Jackie McPheeters
Thursday 14	Board Meeting- Kaycee Stack

NOTE: NO General Meeting, Bunco or Socialite *Dinner* this month.

Arts & Cultural Events

YORBA LINDA

RICHARD NIXON PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

18001 YORBA LINDA BLVD

NOTE: Concerts are generally held Sundays and are free and open to the public. Doors open at 1:30 pm, and the music begins at 2:00 pm unless otherwise noted. The schedule is subject to change. **No concerts on December 24 or December 30**

December 3

Placentia Community Chorus

The Placentia Community Chorus is an adult volunteer organization, comprised of men and women who assemble to rehearse and perform a variety of choral music, including popular, traditional and seasonal songs.

December 10

KidSingers

As a response to musical programs being cut from Santa Ana Unified School District, KidSingers was founded in 1997 by Paul McNeff. KidSingers is for the underserved youth of Santa Ana and the surrounding community. Not only does KidSingers teach kids how to sing and perform, but it also engenders confidence and self-esteem, and provides a safe haven by keeping kids off the streets, away from gangs, drugs and destructive behavior.

December 17

Golden State British Brass Band

The Golden State British Brass Band, a non-profit, community organization, was founded in 1996; and endeavors to rehearse, perform and record music written and arranged in the traditional British Brass Band style. The band attracts its membership from all over the greater Los Angeles region.

Arts & Cultural Events (continued)

ANAHEIM

CHANCE THEATER 5522 E. LA PALMA AVE.

November 24 – December 23, 2023

The Sacred Garden, The Musical

Based on the popular children's book, the Sacred Garden follows the story of Mary Lennox, a young British girl born and raised in Colonial India. When the 11-year-old's parents die in a cholera outbreak, she is sent to Yorkshire to live with a reclusive uncle, his invalid son – and a host of ghosts, spirits, and lost souls inhabiting Mary's new home. With the help of the spirits, Mary and a young gardener uncover the mystery of the manor's magical garden, bringing life to the neglected estate as Mary's own personality blossoms alongside the flowers. Filled with amazing music, elegant choreography, it is a quintessential holiday musical for all ages.

www.chancetheater.com

December 1 – 23, 2023

Fancy Nancy's Splendiferous Christmas

Presents with elegant wrapping paper, festive decorations, Christmas cookies with sprinkles – and who could forget the tree? After all there is no such thing as too much tinsel. Ooh-la-la! This year, Nancy is especially excited. After selling some of her old gowns and accessories, she has enough money to buy a brand-new sparkly tree topper. She simply cannot wait to decorate the Christmas tree. But when things don't turn out the way Nancy planned, does Christmas still stand a chance of being splendiferous?

www.chancetheater.com

THE COLONY HOUSE 401 N. ANAHEIM BLVD.

CANDLELIGHT CONCERTS

NOTE: Age Requirement: 8 years and older. Anyone under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

December 6 – 6:30pm

A Tribute to Coldplay – Performed by Range Ensemble

Program: Clocks, My Universe, Speed of Sound, Trouble, Fix You, Paradise, Shiver, Yellow, Something Just Like This, The Scientist, A Sky Full of Stars

December 7 – 6:30pm

Holiday Special Featuring “The Nutcracker” and More – Performed by Orchid Quartet

Program: Symphony #9 in D Minor: Ode to Joy by Beethoven, Overture and Selections from The Nutcracker, December from The Seasons, Have Yourself a Very Merry Christmas, White Christmas, Ma'oz Tzur, Greensleaves, Dick the Halls, We Wish You a Merry Christmas, Silent Night

December 21 – 6:30pm

The Best of Joe Hisaishi

Program: Nausicaa of the Valley of the Wind, Castle in the Sky, My Neighbour Totoro, Kiki's Delivery Service, Princess Mononoke, Spirited Away, Ponyo, Kikujiro, Howl's Moving Castle

BREA

CURTIS THEATRE 1 CIVIC CENTER DR.

December 15 – 17, 2023, Thurs. 8:00pm, Fri. 8:00pm, Sat. 1:00, 4:00 and 8:00pm, Sun. 3:00pm

Joe Landry's It's a Wonderful Life, A Live Radio Play

This beloved American holiday classic comes to captivating life as a live 1940s radio broadcast. With the help of an ensemble that brings a few dozen characters to the stage, the story of idealistic George Bailey unfolds as he considers ending his life one fateful Christmas Eve.

Tickets: \$30, Seniors \$27

www.curtistheatre.com

SANTA ANA

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Current and Ongoing Exhibitions

MIAO: Masters of Silver

Ceramics of Western Mexico

Gemstone Carvings (Masterworks of Harold Van Pelt)

California Bounty (1850-1930)

Spirits and Headhunters, Art of the Pacific Islands

Ancient Arts of China

California Legacies, Missions and Ranchos (1768-1848)