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MEETING CALENDAR

Next General Meeting January 3, 2025

ELKS LODGE 1400 Elks View Lane, Fullerton 10:30 Social / 11:00 Meeting Luncheon Cost - \$24.00

MENU Meat Lasagna, with veggies, salad and dessert

RSVP with Reservation Chairman Ethel Lee Hainline 714.899.9382

Deadline to RSVP for the General Meeting Luncheon is the Friday before the meeting

Attention Members: If you have a lunch reservation, and do not cancel by the above deadline, you will be charged for the lunch

EVENING MEETING January 14 at 7:00 pm ELKS LODGE

President's Message: Mary Sprague

Hard to believe it is almost time to say "Happy New Year". The holidays have really gone by quickly.

Thank you to Loretta Wetzel for opening her home for our Club Christmas Party. What more could we have wanted than all of the wonderful food, fun games, great gifts and a different way of exchanging them, and the chance for ALL OF THE MEMBERS to meet and have a chance to get to know each other. Thank you to Loretta and JoAnne for planning the party.

Thank you also to Christine Truxaw for suggesting the Club's participation in the City of Fullerton Winter Fest. This is a first for our club and Christine did a wonderful job of planning and organizing our participation. Members Tina Forte, Suzie Beining, JoAnne Carmony, Suzanne Photakis, new member Roberta DeArman, along with Christine did a wonderful job of handing out Club Brochures and getting our club information out, thank you. We did have some prospective members talk with us.

Welcome to two members in the Evening Section: Maureen Hall-Katz and Melanie Bakken. Labels will be available at the meetings with their information, so bring your yearbooks so you can update with new member information.

I wish all of you a Happy Holiday Season and Happy New Year and look forward seeing everyone in 2025

Mary

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Ebell Members sharing a fun moment

THE PEAL

Happy New Year!



A MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN OF WOMEN'S HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER

Judy Wagner tweetywag@aol.com 714-308-7502 **CELBRATING OUR VETERANS**

We just celebrated Veterans Day and in honor of that I would like to honor one of our Veterans that has done so much for the State, District and her own Club. She has been a Women's Club member for 46 years. Held many positions within her Club and the State and District. In the TAWC; President twice, Parliamentarian, Amenities Chairman, Numerous Chairmanships, Press and Publicity, Bylaw and Nominating Committees.

In the District: President, Dean, Credential Chair, Art Chair, Amenities Chair, Nominating Committee, OC Emeritus President. Then we can't forget CFWC as recording secretary, Convention co/chair (3 or 4 terms), President's Page, Amenities 4 terms, Bylaw committee 2 or 3 terms.

Libby Buckley – Military Service With a college degree, two-year course in Medical Technology, and three years' experience, she applied to the USAF Surgeon General for a Direct Commission as a 2nd Lt in the Medical Corps. This was in 1960.



She was accepted and sworn in by her father, a retired Army Colonel, in July 1960. She entered active duty on Sep 3, 1960 and proceeded to Gunter AFB, Alabama, for a 30 day indoctrination. They received uniforms and learned about the USAF and how to march!

Her next assignment was the USAF Hospital at Plattsburgh AFB, Plattsburgh, NY. The duties were the same and the size was the same.

During her days in Savannah, she met a pilot and in 1968 they were married. Due to his retirement, she separated from active duty in July 1968 with a rank of Captain.

According to her the 8 years spent were absolutely wonderful. She worked hard and played hard now and then. She traveled to Europe, Newfoundland and Puerto Rico at no expense. She bummed rides on USAF Air Craft with no ladies rooms, carried her own luggage, sat in bucket seats, and ordered box meals before they took off.



Christine & Matt Truxaw in Newport Beach



Suzanne Photakis at St. Lucia on Thanksgiving



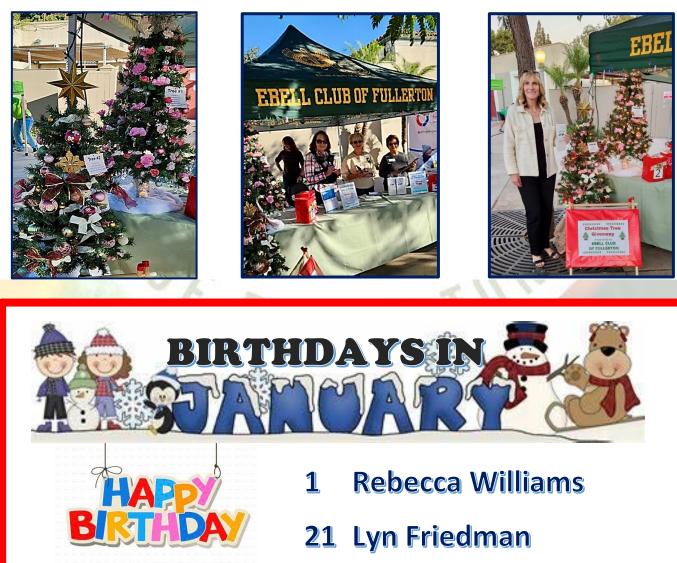
Hannah Sprague visiting Carnton house in Franklin, TN

Photos and other contributions to the Echo are gladly accepted. Email EbellEchoNewsletter@gmail.com – and please - include details about the photo!

December 7: Fullerton Winter Market



On Saturday, December 7, our club attended the Fullerton Winter Market. We had a drawing for three small, decorated Christmas Trees, where the proceeds went to raise money for the Hope Center of Fullerton and get the club's name out in the community. Thank you to the members for helping Christine with the set up and attending the booth.



Ebell 2024 Christmas Party

On Sunday, December 8th, Loretta Wetzel hosted the Ebell Christmas Party. We had members from the General (Day) and Evening group, plenty of good food, games and a hilarious gift exchange.



Share your favorite recipe with the group! Charcuterie Tree Tower Charcuterie Tree Tower

Submitted by Michelle Reynoso

- 1 large Styrofoam cone (I got the 24X5.75 from Michael's)
- Fresh, bagged spinach
- Decorative dinner size plate (I picked up mine at Dollar Tree)
- 150- 200 Toothpicks I used 4" decorative ones (from Amazon)

and also, smaller, common sized 2.5" ones for the top of the cone

• Plastic Wrap (I used Press and Seal)

You can use just about any foods on this charcuterie tree that you would normally use on a board. Just make sure they can hold up on a toothpick.

Here's suggestions on tree ingredients. For the picture, I used

- Cherry tomatoes
- Cheese to be made into cubes.

Get something hearty like cheddar, pepper jack, etc.

- Seedless grapes
- Blueberries (or your favorite berries)

Other suggestions: Meats like summer sausage or salami, Olives, English Cucumbers

- Cover the entire cone in plastic wrap.
- Prepare your ingredients. Wash and dry the vegetables and fruits.

You can add the ingredients any way you want. I've seen pictures of the ingredients spiraling, or layered horizontally and vertically.

I decided to start with the cherry tomatoes and spiraled them, assembling the spinach leaf, then the tomato before pinning it into the cone. The spinach not only covers the cone, it'll make it look like a tree. I followed the spiral with blueberries, also using spinach as the base.

Then I decided to go horizontal with the rest of the ingredients. I added 2 rows of grapes at the base, then cheese cubes, grapes, tomatoes, cheese, grapes, tomatoes and finished the top with the blueberries, (using smaller toothpicks as the 4' ones were too long).

It's "supposed to" take an hour, but being my first time, it took about 3 hours to assemble everything. Most of it was making sure the food was evenly distributed, and then I found out going horizontal was much easier to build than spiral.

It's suggested to anchor the cone onto the plate with cream cheese or something gooey. I tried using cupcake frosting and it made a mess. So, perhaps refrigerate it beforehand to make it hard? I ended up using Velcro since our Ebell party was a few hours away.



1st Vice President & Dean: Christine Truxaw

Wow! The first few weeks of December were busy for the Ebell Club Ladies. On December 6th the at the Day meeting had enjoyed the Christmas Carols sung by the Fullerton Choir and the stories from Kendra Tankersley-Davis from Crittenton. She had a car full of Angel gifts when she drove away. What a nice way to start the Holiday season!

The following Saturday the club had a booth at the Fullerton Winter Market. Thank you to those who came and helped with Tree Giveaway Booth. The ladies gave out 35 brochures and gathered \$205.00 in donations. There were three trees available to win that afternoon. The three excited winners received their trees that weekend.

On Sunday, there was a fun Holiday party at Loretta's home. It was nice to have a chance to socialize, play games and eat yummy snacks with all who attended. Thank you, Loretta and JoAnne for a nice afternoon. The following Tuesday, the Evening section put together 70 tray favors for Meals on Wheels, and we shared about some of our Christmas traditions. The bags included a washcloth, a bar of soap and Kleenex. I delivered them to the Meals on Wheels office in Fullerton the next day. The ladies at the office were excited to receive them.

Thank you to all of you and let's keep up the good work in 2025.

PLEASE COLLECT PULL TABS

The Ronald McDonald Pull Tabs Program is a recycling program that helps raise funds for Ronald McDonald House Charities. To participate in the program, we need to:

- Collect aluminum pull tabs from containers like soda, soup, pet food cans, etc.
- It takes approximately 1,128 pop tabs to equal one pound.

The program brings in an average of \$6,000 each year.

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GENERAL MEETING RECAP...

At the December General Meeting, Kendra Tankersley from Crittenton stopped by to say "thank you" as we presented her with the gifts from the Angel Tree.





We also had the Fullerton High School Choir sing a medley of Christmas songs for us. They also gave us a "thank you" card to show their appreciation for our support.













The Evening Group made care packets for "Meals on Wheels"

On December 10th, the Evening Group made care packets to be given to "Meals on Wheels" recipients. The members were so efficient, we had time to share our favorite Christmas traditions. Christine presented the gifts to Meals on Wheels Fullerton on December 11.



Middle: Pam Tice, office manager. They have a website if people want to volunteer

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Maureen Hall-Katz Melanie Bakken Roberta DeArman

EBELL CLUB OF FULLERTON 2025 Meeting Schedule

	General Meeting / Lunch	Evening Meeting	Board Meeting
	${f 1}^{ m st}$ Friday of the month	2 nd Tuesday of the month	4 th Wednesday of the month
	January 3	January 14	January 22
	February 7	February 11	February 26
	March 7	March 11	March 26
-	April 4	April 8	April 22
	May 2	May 13	May 28
	June 6	June 17	June 25

3rd Vice President: Tina Forte

At our next general meeting on January 3rd, there will not be a guest speaker; Instead, we will play games of Bingo.

OTHER UPCOMING GROUP EVENTS....

January 14 – Bingo Out February 8 – Valentines for Veterans in Brea February 11 – Club Birthday

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	as many questions as you like, and email	
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Name Libby Buckley	I don't cook	
When did you join Ebell? 2024	What is your favorite dish to cook or eat?	
What city or country where you were born? Burlington,Vermont	What are your favorite tv show(s) that you can watch over and over again? Masterpiece Theater, Jeopardy, Midsommer Murders, Death in Paradise	
Besides your current city, where else have you lived?		
Vermont, New York, Charleston, S.C and Savannah, Gerogia	What is a tv show you have heard people talk about, but you have never seen? Lots of them	
How many children or grandchildren do you		
have? 2 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren	What is a book you would recommend? Lessons in Chemistry	
Did or do you have pet(s)? Xes If so, what were some of the pet names? Lady, Rusty, Ming	What kind or type of music do you enjoy? Classical	
Are you a morning person or night owl? Yes (both)	What are your favorite band or group you would (or have) seen live?	
What's your current or past occupation(s)? Medical Technologist in hospitals, Avacado Grower	If you could meet someone (alive or dead), who would it be? No explanation needed.	
/hat was your favorite job?	What's the best gift someone has given you' Champange	
Do you travel? X Yes If so, where have you been?		
75 countries and 50 states	What are some of your hobbies?	
Which place was your favorite? Hard to say!	golf, bowling - in the past- Name something you collect?	
	Pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald Home	
Where have you always wanted to travel that is still on your bucket list?	Who was the last person you spoke to before starting this list?	
What is your favorite type of food to eat?	my sister	
What is your favorite type of food to cook?		

NEW EBELL SHIRTS!

Various sizes and styles to choose from, or bring your own* and In Bin T Shirts LLC will add the logo.

An email was sent with design and pricing. Contact Danielle Martin or In Bin for more information.

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