

The Ebell Echo



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MARCH / APRIL 2025

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MEETING CALENDAR

Next General Meeting
APRIL 4, 2025

ELKS LODGE

1400 Elks View Lane, Fullerton
10:30 Social / 11:00 Meeting

LUNCH MENU \$24

Vegetarian Lasagna, Salad
and of course, Dessert

Please RSVP for lunch with
Chairman Ethel Lee Hainline at
714.899.9382.

Please leave a message by the
Friday before the General Meeting

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

EVENING MEETING
APRIL 8 at 7:00 pm

President's Message: Mary Sprague

At the April General Meeting, we will be electing new officers for the 2025-26 year.

Time has really passed quickly since this time last year. I want to thank all of the members for all of their dedication to the Ebell Club of Fullerton. Thank you to all of the officers and chairmen for going the "extra mile" by serving on the board and donating the extra time. We have done a lot, grown a lot, and hopefully had a lot of fun along the way.

With Spring comes our annual Spring Tea. Thank you to JoAnne Carmony and Loretta Wetzel and all of their helpers for planning our afternoon out. Please bring your friends and family and enjoy the time together.

April 24th is known as "Federation Day". The General Federation of Woman's Clubs (GFWC) encourages all clubs to think about the organization we belong to and perhaps do a project on the same day to demonstrate what a large and giving organization all the members of GFWC are. We will be discussing Federation Day at our next meeting but wanted to include the following....

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LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR ORGANIZATION!

Orange District > cfwcorangedistrict.com
California Federation of Women's Clubs > www.cfwc.org
General Federation of Women's Clubs > www.gfwc.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued)**OUR COMMITMENT**

This is our Federation. It is composed of women like us. We make it what it is. We want it to be a Federation that is a path leading to growth and achievement. It will be, if we are.

It will be friendly, if we are.

Its meetings will be filled with members, if we help to fill them.

It will do great works, if we work.

It will make generous gifts to many causes, if we are generous givers.

It will bring many women into its fellowship, if we bring them.

It will be a Federation of loyalty and love, of concern and courage, with a noble spirit,

If we who make it are filled with these.

- Mary



**WELCOME NEW MEMBER
MELANIE BAKKEN!**

**APRIL BIRTHDAY
27-Annika Rohrabacher**



Ebell Members sharing a fun moment

MEMBERS CORNER



Michelle Reynoso & Rebecca Williams enjoyed Galentine's Day by shopping at the Desert Hills Premium Outlets and dinner at Morongo Casino



Hannah Sprague's daughter (and Mary Sprague's great-granddaughter) Kayden reached her goal and sold 630 boxes of Girl Scout cookies- Congratulations!!



The Ebell Club of Anaheim had a Paint and Sip Fundraiser on March 8th. Christine Truxaw created a masterpiece.



Mary and Beverly celebrating their March Birthdays!

1ST VICE PRESIDENT & DEAN - CHRISTINE TRUXAW

In the month of March, Ebell had three interesting speakers at our meetings.

The speaker for the General Meeting was Kimberly Kosaki from Aspire Creative Arts located in Anaheim. Aspire is an arts and music adult day program for challenged individuals.

The primary idea of the program is encouraged and develop the skills and talents of the students. The classes include art, dance, drama music and singing. Aspire tries to let the community know about them through public performances. They have an annual Christmas event and boutique. Kimberly brought art items to show the club made by the students. One of the items was a painted scarf that Libby Buckley purchased on the spot (see photo in the recap section).

Find out more about Aspire at www.aspirearts.org

The Evening section program was a speaker, Anthony Trejo, form Homeless Intervention Services of OC. There are two programs, local homes in Placentia and one in Orange.

He is the program manager for the three homes in Placentia. The homes include one for families, one for single 18- 24-year-olds and a Senior home. There are 255 families waiting to get in the program. There is a maximum stay for all the tenants in the homes. There are many reasons why people find themselves homeless. Because it is a privately funded program, he is able to institute many rules that the tenants have to follow. All of the tenants must have or find a job. The program will also help people outside the program with monetary support.

Anthony invited the group to take a tour of the homes in Placentia. HIS OC is having a party on April 11th, called Dia De Los Ninos Ebell Members were invited to the party. The information is also located in this newsletter.

At both meetings, Jay form OC United spoke about **Love Fullerton on April 26th**. There are projects all over the city of Fullerton. Love Fullerton group will provide breakfast and lunch. Robin Fichtelberg was in contact with Jay and he has set aside the sign in table for our group. We will be meeting at Fullerton College at 7:30 am on Saturday morning. There are 15 slots. There was a sign-up sheet sent around at both meetings. There are still some openings. Please let Robin know if you are interested in helping. You do not need to sign up on the website, unless there is another project you would like to do that day. Information is also in the newsletter.

TWO FUNDRAISER EVENTS

Crittenton Sock Hop on March 29, 2025 from 6:00-10:00 pm Tickets cost \$100. Call Kendra at 714-680-9000 ext, 9033 or at www.crittentonsocal.org (ticket sales end 3/20/2025)

Message in a Bottle A Journey Through Time hosted by Homeless Intervention Services of OC. May 2,2025, 5-9 pm City of Fullerton Grand Hall \$100 entry. For more ticket information go to their website: www.HISOC.org.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING RECAP

Aspire Creative Arts

On March 7th the General meeting group had Kimberly Kosaki as the speaker from Aspire Creative Arts Program.

Aspire offers a variety of classes in the visual and performing arts, as well as pre-vocational and life enrichment classes for adults with intellectual disabilities.



Libby Buckley is wearing a scarf created by one of the students from Aspire Create Arts.



love fullerton

— APRIL 26, 2025 —

Jay from OC United spoke to both the General and Evening group about Love Fullerton. Our Club has signed up as a Sponsor and also to help with Hospitality on April 26.

Thanks to all who have committed to volunteering for Love Fullerton on **Saturday, April 26 from 7am to 9:30am** at Fullerton college quad for assisting with check in and T-shirt handouts. **There are two additional slots available if anyone is interested.**

It should be a lot of fun! Feel free to sign up for additional volunteer opportunities in the afternoon, from 9:30am to noon. Here is the link for more information. <https://lovefullerton.org/Volunteer>



For more information or to help out with the Hospitality Shift, please contact Robin Fichtelberg at robinfich@gmail.com or 714-222-4701.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING RECAP

HIS-OC is a Homeless Intervention Services located in Placentia and Orange. This program helps transitions people out of homelessness and assists people from the youth to the elderly, teaching them about financial responsibility, accountability and working in a communal environment.

Anthony spoke to our Evening group about this program and encouraged us to visit one of their locations for a tour and to volunteer our time. Our club provided HIS-OC with a check. Thank you, Suzanne for discovering this program.

They're asking for volunteers for their April 11th event. See next page.

For more information about HIS-OC, or how to volunteer, go to <https://his-oc.org/volunteers/>



UPCOMING EBELL EVENTS

EVERYONE IS WELCOME... BRING A FRIEND!



LEARN HOW TO CROCHET

At the next Evening meeting, we will be learning how to crochet. Participants should bring a Crochet Hook Size G, and Knitted Worsted Yarn (#4)

(Michaels, Walmart, Joanne & Hobby Lobby sells them)



FILLING EASTER EGGS

The Evening Group will also be filling plastic Easter eggs to donate to the HIS-OC Ninos Party (see informational flyer below). Please bring candy that can fill the plastic eggs. We will have the plastic eggs.

Volunteer Opportunities for Día de Los Niños/Spring Event (in Placentia)

Volunteers are needed to support the HIS-OC event/celebration for children with fun activities and community engagement on **Friday, April 11**, from 3:00 -6:30 p.m.

PRE-EVENT

Schedule a time to come to The Family Care Center in Orange to help pack goodie bags and stuff plastic Easter Eggs (we have 1,000 eggs to pack)

DAY OF EVENT

Help set up for the event from 2:00 -3:00 p.m.
 Volunteer at the event from 3:00 -6:30 p.m.
 Helping at the Arts & Crafts table
 Helping to provide face painting
 Helping to serve food, pass out snacks like chips and water
 Volunteers to help kids find hidden eggs for the egg hunt



DIA DE LOS NINOS

Celebrating in honor of Children Day
 This event will be first come first serve

FRIDAY APRIL 11, 2025
3:30PM-7:00PM

Location: 907 N. Bradford
 St. Placentia Ca 92870



- Food and Snacks will be provided
- Toys to the first 50 kids
- Arts & crafts and more!

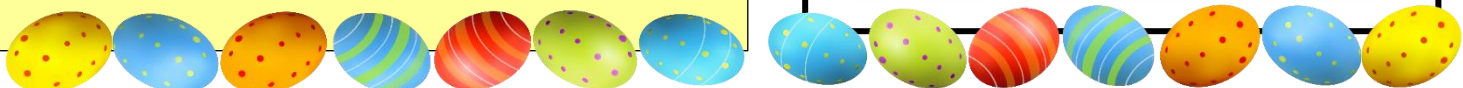


MORE INFO

RSVP (714)316-0602
 isabel@his-oc.org

1st Egg hunt 4:30pm

2nd Egg hunt 6:30pm



Ebell Club of Fullerton Donates \$4,500 to Calvary Disaster Relief for Eaton Fire Victims

Submitted by Cynthia Gil-Santillan

The Ebell Club of Fullerton recently made a generous contribution of \$4,500 to Calvary Disaster Relief (CDR) to support the victims of the devastating Eaton Fire that swept through Altadena and surrounding areas. The check was presented to Pastor Lance Cook and Mike Nelson on February 23rd, a gift that Pastor Lance called a direct answer to prayer.



As a non-profit, CDR relies heavily on donations to respond to disasters across the country, and this donation comes at a critical time when many organizations are seeing a decline in philanthropy. The funds from the Ebell Club provided much-needed aid to those impacted by the fire, including families, first responders, and utility workers in the affected areas of Altadena, Pasadena, and Sierra Madre.



CDR was the first organization to respond to the fire, arriving just a day after the blaze broke out. They brought food and essential supplies to first responders and families who had stayed behind to protect their homes. With special access to the burn area, CDR delivered meals and support to those who were trapped in their neighborhoods after the National Guard imposed strict curfews.



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(Calvary Disaster Relief for Eaton Fire Victims continued)

The Ebell Club's donation directly covered CDR's operational costs, enabling them to send out four vans filled with volunteers, delivering 400 hot meals daily. According to Mike Nelson, the director of the relief effort, it costs around \$2,000 per day for food and \$200 for gasoline to run the operation. In partnership with Calvary Chapel Monrovia, CDR was able to receive and distribute donations from the public, corporations, and other organizations to provide aid to those in need.



Volunteers, including my husband and I, joined the relief effort on January 12th. We helped load vans with food, water, toiletries, diapers, and household goods, which were then delivered to the burn areas by a caravan of volunteers led by two LA County Sheriff Chaplains. We witnessed firsthand the hardships faced by the brave families who stayed behind to fight the fires. These families, often without power or resources, relied on CDR for essentials, such as food and water, while navigating the chaos of a closed-off area.

The donation from the Ebell Club truly made a difference in the lives of those impacted by the worst fires in LA County history. We are grateful for the club's support and for the work of Calvary Disaster Relief, who continue to bring hope and relief in the wake of such a tragedy.

3rd VICE PRESIDENT – TINA FORTE



The guest speaker for the April 4th meeting will be Martha Wade, the Executive Director and Founder of A Quarter Blue.

A Quarter Blue is a charitable organization located in Orange, California, offering therapy and support to crime victims, focusing on childhood sexual abuse through education and encouragement

Website <https://aquarterblue.org/>

SAVE THE DATE! *Sunday, April 27*



EBELL CLUB
OF FULLERTON

Spring Tea

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF CELEBRATION
AUCTION | ENTERTAINMENT

TICKETS \$35

SUNDAY | APRIL
27 | AT 2 PM
2025

EBELL CLUB OF ANAHEIM
226 N. HELENA ST
ANAHEIM, CA 92805

RSVP BY APRIL 16
JOANNE 714·906·4842
LORETTA 714·526·2085

Volunteers are needed for setting up. Contact JoAnne or Loretta if you can help. Donations for the Opportunity Drawings are needed as well.



Tell us a little about yourself... answer as many questions as you like, and email this back to EbellEchoNewsletter@gmail.com.

Name Christine Truxaw

When did you join Ebell? 2017

What city or country where you were born?
Southern California

Besides your current city, where else have you lived?
Claremont, Long Beach, Laguna Beach, Anaheim

How many children or grandchildren do you have?
1 child

Did or do you have pet(s)? Yes
If so, what were some of the pet names?
Cats: Bounce, Kojo and Painted Stick

Are you a morning person or night owl?
Morning person

What's your current or past occupation(s)?
Digital Retoucher of Photos. Real Estate agent

What was your favorite job?

Do you travel? Yes
If so, where have you been?
Europe, Mexico, Canada, 25 of the 50 states

Which place was your favorite?

Where have you always wanted to travel that is still on your bucket list?
Iceland

What is your favorite type of food to eat?
Pasteries

What is your favorite type of food to cook?
New recipies

What is your favorite dish to cook or eat?
Whatever I am in the mood for

What are your favorite tv show(s) that you can watch over and over again?
A good comdeian

What is a tv show you have heard people talk about, but you have never seen?

What is a book you would recommend?

What kind or type of music do you enjoy?
80s music

What are your favorite band or group you would (or have) seen live?

If you could meet someone (alive or dead), who would it be? No explanation needed.
Jamie Lee Curtis

What's the best gift someone has given you?

What are some of your hobbies?
Photograpy, cooking new recipies

Name something you collect?
Games (board games, card games)

Who was the last person you spoke to before starting this list?
My husband Matt

EBELL CLUB OF FULLERTON

Dues Statement 2025-26

PLEASE RETURN THIS ENTIRE FORM TO THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Name _____

Address _____

City/ State/ Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____

This is your annual dues statement. Article IV, Section 1 – The Annual dues shall be \$60.00 and shall be due and payable April 1. Dues statements will be delivered at the March General Meeting or mailed in March. Members who are delinquent in the payment of dues April 1 shall be notified by the Membership Chairman. If a member is still in arrears at the time of the April Executive Board Meeting (4th Wednesday of the month) she shall be suspended from membership and so notified. The Membership Chairman shall report names of suspended members to the Executive Board (See Article VI, Section 3).

Article III, Section 6 - Any active member or former member who resigned in good standing, moving out of the immediate area (minimum 50 miles) may make application for non-resident membership as follows:

- (1) Application to be submitted and approved by the Executive Board
- (2) Membership dues of \$25.00 to cover cost of yearbook and club bulletin, and mailing must be submitted with application.
- (3) Upon request may be reinstated into active membership by paying current dues
- (4) Non-resident members may attend all Club functions without the privilege of voting, holding office or entering into discussions at Club Meetings
- (5) Listed in club yearbook separately and be exempt from federation dues.

RETURN STATEMENT AND DUES BY APRIL 1 TO:

Ethel Hainline, Barbara Quintana Or Mary Sprague

Or mail to Ebell Club of Fullerton
PO Box 10145
Fullerton, CA 92838

DEADLINE APRIL 1

Ebell Club of Fullerton: Interest Sheet

THE CLUB NEEDS YOU! Please indicate below what you would be willing to do during the 2025-26 Administration. **THIS IS NOT A COMMITMENT!**

Please Indicate everything you might be interested in doing. We need everyone to be involved and help.

OFFICES

- President
- 1st VP-Dean
- 2nd VP-Membership
- Daytime
- Evening
- 3rd VP-Programs
- Daytime
- Evening
- 4th VP-Events
- Secretary
- Treasurer

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

- Amenities
- Echo Editor
- Echo Printing/mailing
- Evening Hospitality
- Luncheon Coordinator
- Personal Interest
- Inspiration

SPECIAL APPOINTMENT CHAIRMAN

- Memorial Day Service
- Reservations
- Yearbook
- Webmaster

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

- Arts and Culture
- Civic Engagement
- & Outreach
- Communications & PR
- Education & Libraries
- Environment
- Health & Wellness
- Legislation

What projects would you like our Club to do?

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Return this form to Mary Sprague

EBELL CLUB OF FULLERTON 2025 Meeting Schedule

General Meeting / Lunch

1st Friday of the month

April 4
May 2
June 6

Evening Meeting

2nd Tuesday of the month

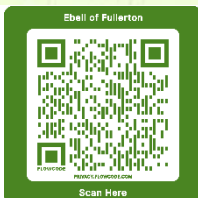
April 8
May 13
June 17

Board Meeting

4th Wednesday of the month

April 22
May 28
June 25

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