

The Ebell Echo



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MEETING CALENDAR

Next General Meeting September 5, 2025

ELKS LODGE

1400 Elks View Lane, Fullerton

10:30 Social / 11:00 Meeting

Luncheon Cost - **\$27.00** *new price!*

RSVP with Reservation Chairman
Mercedes Szarka

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

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

EVENING MEETING September 9 at 7:00 pm ELKS LODGE

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President's Message: Mary Sprague

September is almost here and hard to believe that it is time to get "back into action". I know many of you have spent the summer traveling and some of us have spent the summer relaxing and trying to "catch up". Thank you to many of the Ebell Club's officers and chairmen who have also spent time preparing for the upcoming administration.

Christine Truxaw, 1st Vice President and I have met with the Community Service Program chairmen and planning ways for the Ebell Club to become involved is underway.

Ebell is fortunate to have all of the positions for the Community Service Chairmanships filled this year and they include:

- Advocates for Children, Kateri Luka
- Arts & Culture, Joanne Carmony
- Civic Engagement & Outreach, Cynthia, Gil-Santillan
- Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention, Roberta DeArman
- Education & Libraries, Ethel Hainline, Linda Baumann, Barbara Quintana
- Environment, Christine Truxaw and
- Health & Wellness, Suzie Bening.

Suzanne Photakis, 3rd Vice President has been busy planning the programs for the meetings; Hannah Sprague, 4th Vice President-Events has been looking into fun activities for all of us to enjoy, and Mercedes Szarka, Luncheon Chairman and I have met with the new chef to plan all of our lunches.

Thank you to all of these officers and chairmen for giving up part of their "off" time to making the coming year productive and enjoyable.

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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

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Luncheon – The cost for the lunches will be **\$27.00**. While this is an increase of \$3.00 the lunches will be prepared by the new chef, will include a planned and prepared DESSERT and we will only pay for the number attending. This will be a benefit to our Club, and I hope you will all attend.

Yearbook – Our new yearbooks will be available at the meetings in September. Hopefully all the information is correct but please double-check your personal information and let me know of any corrections.

Membership – I hope each of you have remembered the challenge of brining ONE new prospective member to a meeting. Our Club can only survive by continuing to grow and membership is every member's responsibility.

Thank you also to Michelle Reynoso for continuing to keep all the members informed and enlightened by the use of our wonderful Echo newsletter.

Look forward to seeing all of you in September.

- Mary

1st Vice President & Dean: Christine Truxaw

Hope you all had a good summer! I am looking forward to seeing all of you soon.

Thank you to all the members that are taking on a new position as a Community Service Chairman and to those members who are doing it again. I am excited to see the new events and community service projects that the Club will be doing this year.

As the Environmental Community Service Chairman, I am going to start off this year with a suggestion on a volunteer event of the **Coastal Cleanup Day** on Saturday, **September 20, 2025**. The location that I have chosen for our Club is the **Brea Creek Channel**. The meeting place is at **175 S Madrona Ave, Brea** from **9am-12pm**.

To sign up, go to the Orange County Coastkeeper website <https://www.coastkeeper.org/cleanup-day>. Note: there is a waiver that you will need to sign. If you do choose to participate in this event, be sure to wear clothes and shoes that can get very dirty.

Please let me know if you signed up!



Ebell Members sharing a fun moment



Suzie Beining with her family in Hong Kong



Christine Truxaw with her image she submitted to the OC Fair

EBELL CLUB OF FULLERTON 2025- 26 BOARD OFFICERS



President
Mary Sprague



1st VP – Dean
Christine Truxaw



2nd VP- Membership
Ethel Hainline &
Barbara Quintana



3rd VP – Programs
Suzanne Photakis



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Hannah Sprague



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GREAT MEMBERS MAKE A GREAT CLUB

Share Ebell with someone who would be a great addition to our Club!



Upcoming Events

Federation Activities – There are several upcoming events. If you would like to attend any or all of them, please let Mary know before the deadline.

- **Orange District Council Meeting** – will be held on Friday, September 19, from 9:30 am-2:00pm. It will be held at the Ebell Club of Anaheim and the cost is \$40. The speaker will be Orange District 1st Vice President, Linda Queen reporting on GFWC Affiliate Organizations. Deadline September 6.
- **Orange District Fundraiser** – ECOS Manufacturing Tour in Cypress. October 23rd, 11am-2pm, cost \$25.00; Deadline Sept. 15.
- **Area C Conference** – will be held on October 25th at The Grand in Long Beach. The cost is \$45.00 and there will be three speakers. Deadline October 1.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS & PREVENTION – Roberta DeArman

In conjunction with the GFWC Day of Service on September 27th, we will be filling laundry baskets with (new) household items for Families being moved into their own apartments from Crittenton Services for Children and Families.

We are asking for the members of Ebell to purchase these items on a voluntary basis and bring them to the **September meetings**.

Some suggested items are

- towels, kitchen and bath,
- small utensils, can opener, coffee cups, etc.
- brooms, mops, cleaning products
- and hygiene items.



It might be nice to include some things for children (crayons, coloring books, etc.) Basically, anything you might purchase if you were moving into your own apartment. Perhaps, a small decorative item? Use your Imagination! Thank you in any way you can help.

For more information, please contact Roberta DeArman

3rd Vice President – Programs: Suzanne Photakis

SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKERS

September 5 & 9: B.A.C.A – Bikers Against Child Abuse

Bikers Against Child Abuse, Inc. (B.A.C.A.) exists with the intent to create a safer environment for abused children. They have chapters all over the world in 20 countries and in the United States. The Orange County chapter is located in Brea.

<https://bacaworld.org/california/orange-county-chapter/>



October 3, Peggie Perkins will be performing for our General Meeting group. She performs to audiences of all ages, including Jazz, Rhythm and Blues, Country, Rock and more. Peggie has been singing for a number of years, performing all over the country and says she has “always dreamed of recording a special selection of songs, to make people stop, listen and feel whatever it is they need to feel at the time.” <http://www.peggieperkins.com/>



October 14, our Evening group guest speaker will be Jon Radus, the Chief of Police from Fullerton Police. In 2021, Jon promoted to Police Captain, and was assigned as the Operations Division Commander, overseeing the Patrol Bureau, Traffic Bureau, Communications, Homeless Liaison Officers, K9 Unit, North County SWAT Team, and the Department's Type 1 Jail Facility.

Jon was appointed Interim Chief of Police by the Fullerton City Council in September 2023, and permanent Chief of Police in February 2024, overseeing 220 employees with a \$62 million budget





A little bit about me

Tell Us A Little Bit About Yourself! You Can Answer As Many Questions As You Like. There Are No Right Or Wrong Answers.

Your Name

Who introduced you to Ebell?

YOU JUST WON YOUR DREAM VACATION!

What city or country are you going?
 One person you will take on the trip?
 What's the hotel? (ie: Four Season)
 Pick one: Ocean view or city view?
 Pick one: Pool, Shop, Eat, Museum
 Pick one: Take a Tour or DIY?
 Pick one: Hotel food or Street food?
 Your vacation drink (booze is ok!)
 Pick your favorite dinner entrée (ie: steak)
 Pick one side dish for your entree
 Pick one dessert for your meal

One Favorite TV Show of all time
 One favorite Movie you love to watch
 Favorite type of Movie? (ie: RomCom, Horror)
 Last movie you watched?
 Real book or Ebook (ie: iPad, Nook)
 What is your favorite book?
 Who is your favorite author?
 Last book you read?
 Do you still have a newspaper delivered?
 Do you have a Dog, Cat, both or neither?
 # of pets have you have since childhood
 Pick one: Morning or evening?

What were you doing before this survey?

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EBELL CLUB OF FULLERTON

2025 Meeting Schedule

General Meeting / Lunch

1st Friday of the month

September 5
October 3
November 7
December 5

Evening Meeting

2nd Tuesday of the month

September 9
October 14
November 11
December 9

Board Meeting

4th Wednesday of the month

September 24
October 22
November 26



August Birthdays

9 Libby Buckley
12 Cynthia Gil-Santillan
20 JoAnne Carmony

No September birthdays

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Without your help, the Echo may become a brochure instead of a newsletter :)



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