



# The Ebell Echo



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## MEETING CALENDAR

### Next General Meeting NOVEMBER 7, 2025

#### ELKS LODGE

1400 Elks View Lane, Fullerton

10:30 Social / 11:00 Meeting

Luncheon Cost - \$27

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  
standing reservation, and do not  
cancel by the above deadline,  
you will be charged for the lunch

### EVENING MEETING NOVEMBER 11 at 7:00 pm ELKS LODGE

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## MARY SPRAGUE

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Holidays are approaching, and everyone seems to get busier this time of year. Halloween is about to happen, then Thanksgiving slides in there and then we have the official Holiday Season.

Many times, we get so busy that we sometimes forget what the meaning of some of the holidays and I think Thanksgiving is one slightly forgotten. We get so busy thinking about Halloween and then busy with the holidays getting presents, cards sent out and decorating that Thanksgiving "just happens".

Thanksgiving is far more than just a holiday centered around food—it's a celebration of gratitude, togetherness, and community. Its roots have evolved into a tradition that emphasizes the values of thankfulness, generosity, and connection much like the meaning of our organization. We are generous, we are thankful that we can assist those who need our help, and we connect with each other to make our own lives happier. This is the time to be thankful for those who have brightened our lives and to help brighten others' lives. Bring a friend to a meeting and share these values with others.

Thank you to all of the members and chairmen that have suggested community services projects for our club. We want and need to keep involved within the community.

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**LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR  
ORGANIZATION!**

Orange District > [cfworangedistrict.com](http://cfworangedistrict.com)  
California Federation of Women's Clubs > [www.cfwc.org](http://www.cfwc.org)  
General Federation of Women's Clubs > [www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org)

### President's Message (Continued)

Thank you to those members who have attended the social events as this helps build friendships and make volunteering more enjoyable.

It is never too late in life to have a little fun or as Erma Bombeck says

*What we're really talking about is a wonderful day set aside on the fourth Thursday of November when no one diets. I mean, why else would they call it Thanksgiving?"*

- Mary



### **EVENING SECTION NOVEMBER MEETING DATE – IMPORTANT CHANGE**

In the yearbook the Evening Section Meeting Date is listed as November 18<sup>th</sup>. This was selected since the second Tuesday is a holiday. At the October meeting it was decided to NOT change and our meeting will remain on the second Tuesday – **November 11<sup>th</sup>**.

The Program for the Evening will be a Charcuterie and Cheese presentation by “Let it Brie”.





## Birthdays

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|---|----------------|
| 2 | Linda Baumann  |
| 3 | Ethel Hainline |
| 9 | Loretta Wetzel |

### SUZANNE PHOTAKIS

3<sup>RD</sup> VICE PRESIDENT – PROGRAMS

#### FRIDAY NOVEMBER 7

There will be a speaker on Elder abuse and how to prevent it.

- The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention defines elder abuse as “an intentional act or failure to act that causes or creates a risk of harm to an older adult” (age 60 or older). Elder abuse includes physical abuse, emotional/psychological abuse, sexual abuse, financial exploitation, neglect, and abandonment. Perpetrators include children, other family members, and spouses—as well as staff at nursing homes, assisted living, and other facilities.

#### TUESDAY NOVEMBER 11

LET IT BRIE - Let It Brie is an artisan cheese shop specializing in hand-crafted charcuterie boards, both dairy and vegan. You can enjoy our boards in the restaurant or on our patio with perfectly paired wine, panini or salad. If you are hosting a party or just looking for the perfect board to share, you can order a board to go.

Hoss Tabrizi, the owner / manager will bring a charcuterie board for us and give a presentation on cheese and making a great charcuterie board.

#### FRIDAY DECEMBER 5

The Fullerton High School Choir will perform holiday songs for our enjoyment.

#### TUESDAY DECEMBER 9

Cookie Exchange. **Please bring 2 dozen homemade cookies to the meeting.** We will enjoy them for a snack, take some home and deliver several dozen to the Fire Department.

- We will also assemble goodie bags for the Boys and Girls club of Fullerton. They are a sponsor of the annual toy drive for Fullerton, and we will be donating the bags with candy, stickers, coloring sheets, etc.

## Update From Suzie Beining

Thank you, Ladies, for all your effort and time spent writing cards for women newly diagnosed with breast cancer. Our cards will be sent to Girls Love Mail in Folsom, CA where 15 volunteers will read them and put the cards into their own Girls Love Mail envelopes. From there, the letters will be delivered to doctors and hospitals to be passed along to their patients.

This year Girls Love Mail has delivered 15,227 letters and since 2011, 288,122 women have been encouraged during their breast cancer treatment. Girls Love Mail won an Omaze Outstanding O Award and received a monetary prize, which was a tremendous help. They are a volunteer-based organization where their only expenses are envelopes & postage.

In the US over 250,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer every year. Check out **girlslovemail.com** to watch videos of women receiving the cards and to learn more about the organization.

*Girls Love Mail™*

## HANNAH SPRAGUE 4<sup>th</sup> VICE PRESIDENT - EVENTS



### FLOAT BUILDING - ROSE PARADE:

On **Saturday, November 8** from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm there will be an opportunity to decorate a parade float that will appear in the Rose parade. For the event, we will be using dried nuts, seeds, and flowers to create a base layer.

The waivers and directions will be available at the next meeting or check online for FAQ's and the waiver at <https://www.aescreative.com/blank-7-1-1>.

There is a list of items they recommend we bring, such as gloves and **our own scissors**.

Please RSVP with Hannah, or use the sign-up sheet, so we can get a headcount with the anticipation of carpooling up to Pasadena.

## Event Recaps

Our September guest speaker for both groups was Fullerton Police Chief Jon Radus. He started his career with Fullerton PD in October 2002, assigned to the Operations Division in Patrol. From patrol, he was promoted to Lieutenant in 2018 to the traffic unit, then gang unit, narcotics, watch commander until September 2023, he became the interim Chief of Police, and permanent Chief in 2024.

Fullerton officers have a unique program "Behavioral Health Clinicians" Its a 2-year pilot program with (2) Social Workers classified as Social Worker II.



In addition, the Fullerton Fire Department came and spoke about donations called "Fill the Boot".

"Fullerton fill the boot" refers to the Fullerton Fire Department's annual fundraising campaign for cancer awareness and treatment, a tradition that has been ongoing for years. During October, known as Pinktober, firefighters collect donations at busy intersections to support the Providence St. Jude Memorial Foundation and its Crosson Cancer Institute. The event also honors local firefighters, like retired Assistant Chief Larry Greene, who have battled cancer.

Our Club donated the money so the truck could be wrapped for Pinktober and was mentioned in the social media page.



## Beach Clean Up Day

Coastal Cleanup Day was on Saturday, September 20, 2025, at the Brea Creek Channel. JoAnne Carmony and Christine Truxaw represented Ebell in the clean up effort. Thank you, ladies, for a great job!



Peggy Perkins was the entertainer for the General Meeting and was a lot of fun. She has been friends with Suzanne for 20 years



The Ebell Echo won the 2024 CFWC Newsletter Contest for a medium size club. Thank you, Libby for representing!

## Bingo Night at Polly Pies, Fullerton

Polly Pies has “Bingo Night” every Wednesday at various locations. Our Club went to the Fullerton location on September 24<sup>th</sup>. We had a great turn out, and everyone seemed to have a good time. Unfortunately, no one won a prize, but it was a nice way for our Club to enjoy an evening out.





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