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Next General Meeting DECEMBER 5, 2025

ELKS LODGE

1400 Elks View Lane, Fullerton

10:30 Social / 11:00 Meeting

Luncheon Cost - \$27

Baked ham w pineapple glaze,
roasted potatoes, salad, yule log &
Christmas cookies

Deadline to RSVP for lunch is the
Friday before the meeting

**Please RSVP with Mary Sprague
At mlsprague@sbcglobal.net**

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 DECEMBER 9 at 7:00 pm ELKS LODGE

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MARY SPRAGUE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Holiday are upon us. Hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving, I will be having two, one with my grandson's family and one with my son's family. Time with family is always welcome and enjoyable and I hope you had a chance to be with your family or friends also.

Thank you to all the members who are finding time for Club activities even with all the Holiday plans. Thank you to Ebell's "Professional Shoppers", Rebecca Williams and Michelle Reynoso for once again shopping for "Making Spirits Bright". This year we will be shopping for 10 people who come from different military families in Fort Irwin. Thank you to Suzanne Prhotaks for shopping and putting together goody bags for the Boys and Girls Clubs. Thank you to all the members who took Angel Tree Cards to shop for children at Christmas. Ebell Club is definitely spreading The Christmas Spirit.

Unfortunately, this is also the time of year that we must prepare the Club's Annual Reports and thank you to all the Community Service Chairmen for chairing the many projects that we will be reporting. The GOOD part of the report is that it gives us an opportunity to realize what an impact the Club makes. The reports will be available at the January Meetings for everyone to see.

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ORGANIZATION!**

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California Federation of Women's Clubs > www.cfwc.org
General Federation of Women's Clubs > www.gfwc.org

President's Message Continued

Just to add a little humor to the season:

All I Need to Know about Life I Learned from a Snowman

*It's okay if you're a little bottom heavy,
Hold your ground even when the heat is on.
Wearing white is always appropriate.
Winter is the best of the four seasons.
It takes a few extra rolls to make a good midsection.
There's nothing better than a foul weather friends.
The key to life is to be a jolly, happy soul.
It's not the size of the carrot, but the placement that counts.
We're all made up of mostly water.
You know you've made it when they write a song about you.
Accessorize! Accessorize! Accessorize
Avoid yellow snow. Don't get too much sun.
It's embarrassing when you can't look down and see your feet.
It's fun to hang out in your front yard.
Always put your best foot forward because there is no stopping you once you're on a roll.*

Happy Holidays.

- Mary



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**November
Birthdays**
22 Charysse Sweet
27 Danielle Martin

CHRISTINE TRUXAW

1ST VICE PRESIDENT & DEAN

Over the past two months, the Club has been active in supporting our community.

October Activities

As highlighted in The Echo, the Club had a visit from the fire fighters who brought over the Fullerton Pink Fire Truck, along with the Fullerton chief of police Jon Radus.

Members also wrote encouraging notes for Girls Love Mail, supporting women undergoing breast cancer treatment. Each member received a pink ribbon pin in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Additionally, the Club donated candy, Halloween costumes, and decorations to the Homeless Intervention Society. Thank you to all members who contributed to these donations.

November Activities

In November, the Club donated \$500 to the Bichon Dog Rescue. As well has a \$2000 donation in the form of a gift card to Walmart to the Fullerton District Recourses Network. Barbara Quntana's son generously donated several cases Maruchan Ramen Noodles. Stephanie from the Fullerton district was very excited to receive the Ramen Noodles and gift card.

The Evening Section enjoyed the large Charcuterie Fruit, Nut and Cheese Board from Let it Brie. The owner talked about the quality of the fruit and cheeses that placed on their boards. He taught the group how to put together their own boards. The members enjoyed all the different flavors and textures on the provided board. There was enough for some of the members to take some home.

Six members of the Club went to Pasadena to help decorate the Rose Parade floats. We were assigned a variety of projects. The first project was cutting flower petals from the stems. Hannah was asked to climb onto one of the floats and glue red seeds onto a figure. Christine and Suzanne worked on ironing silver leaves to make them flat. During the second half of the day, we glued seeds to the backs of the signs that attach to the floats.

Angel Tree Program

The Club is participating once again in the Angel Tree Program for Crittendon. Thanks to Mercedes, we received 25 Angel cards—all of which have already been selected by our members. ***Please remember that all gifts are due at the General Meeting on December 5th at the Elks Lodge.*** If you cannot bring your gift to the meeting, arrangements can be made to collect it from you.

Upcoming Event

At the Evening Section meeting on December 9th, the ladies will assemble 200 goodie bags for Boys and Girls Club of Fullerton. The Club will be purchasing the items for the goodie bags.

Libby Buckley turned in 16lbs of pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House fundraiser. The Club is still collecting pull tabs.

Thank you, ladies, for putting together these different programs and donations for our Club. Looking forward to what we can do in 2026.

Ebell Members having FUN!



Michelle Reynoso and Stephen at the Sphere in Las Vegas to see the Wizard of Oz

Libby Buckley in Portugal



EBELL CANASTA GROUP

1st and 3rd Wednesday at 11:15 am

Next game is December 3rd at
Loretta Wetzel's home.



SUZANNE PHOTAKIS

3RD VICE PRESIDENT – PROGRAMS



FRIDAY DECEMBER 5

The Fullerton High School Choir will perform holiday songs for our enjoyment.
Bring your Angel Tree donation to this meeting.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 9

The Evening Group will 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.

Cookie Exchange. **Please bring 2 dozen (preferably homemade) cookies to the meeting.** We will enjoy them for a snack, as we make the goodie bags, take some home to our families, and deliver several dozen to the Fullerton Fire Department.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

Bingo

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

Julie Powers, personal trainer, will speak about Nutrition and Exercise

Bring a friend to this event!



If you picked up an Angel Card for Crittenton, please wrap the gift and attach the entire Angel tag on the package. Do not detach the tag.

Bring the wrapped and tagged gift to **the December 5th meeting** so we can give the donations directly to Crittenton.

If you are unable to attend the December 5th meeting, please contact Christine Truxaw for any assistance.



HANNAH SPRAGUE

4th VICE PRESIDENT - EVENTS



Bingo Night at Polly's Pies, Fullerton

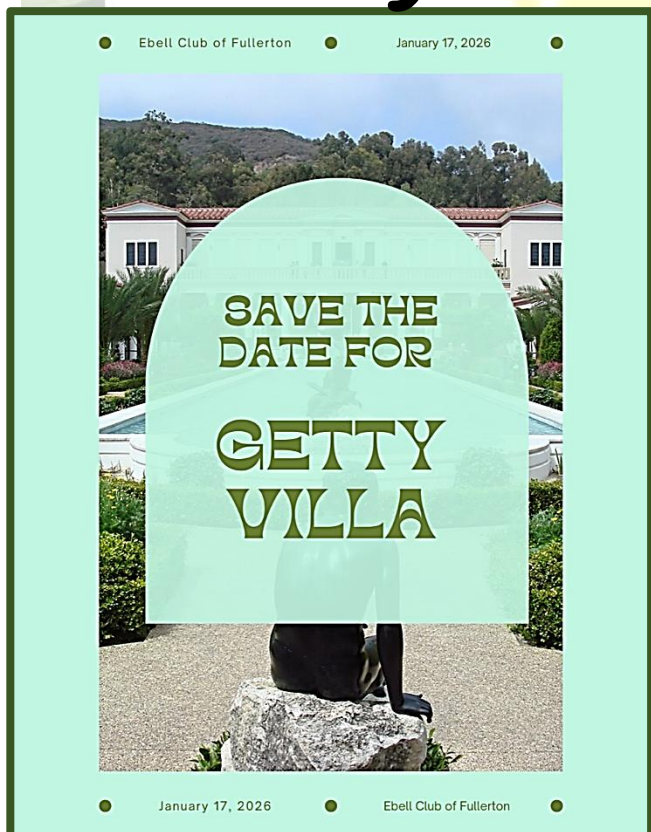
Join us this **Wednesday, November 19 at 6:00 pm** at Polly's Pies in Fullerton for a fun night of socializing.

Our group will be attending the 7:00-8:30 PM Bingo session. There's no cost to play, however, the restaurant asks that we purchase something to eat and drink.

Bring a friend to this event.

Polly's Pie is located at 136 North Raymond in Fullerton.

January 17 at the Getty Villa



Save the date for a fun and inspiring trip to the Getty Villa on Saturday, **January 17!** The museum is free to visit, but parking is not. **Also, timed reservations are required.** The online calendar for January will be open starting on Saturday, December 6th.

The Villa, designed to look like an ancient Roman seaside home, even features a stunning 17,000-square-foot central garden pool modeled after one found in the ruins of Pompeii. We hope you'll join us for a wonderful day of art, history, and exploration!

The Villa is open from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Make your timed reservations online

<https://www.getty.edu/visit/villa/>

Parking Information

Parking is \$25 per car or motorcycle

Free Parking for U.S. Military Service Members and Veterans.

Contact Hannah for more information



You're invited to our Annual Christmas Party! Join us for a fun, festive, and laughter-filled evening you won't want to miss. Come dressed casually and **don't forget to bring an apron**, we're planning some messy holiday activities!

Please also **bring a new, wrapped gift valued at \$25 for our gift exchange, along with an appetizer or dessert to share**. Get ready for great company, holiday cheer, and plenty of merry memories. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Meeting Recap

Let it Brie in Fullerton

LET IT BRIE is an artisan cheese shop specializing in hand-crafted charcuterie boards, both dairy and vegan. Hoss Tabrizi, the owner / manager, was at the Evening Meeting and brought a charcuterie board for us to try and gave a presentation on cheese and tips on making a great charcuterie board. In addition to making charcuterie boards, his shop is a restaurant and has a patio to enjoy food and wine.



His shop will be offering a Charcuterie Class on November 23rd at 5:30 pm. The class will include a wood board, ingredients to create a charcuterie board, and instructions. The cost is \$75, and it will be filled quickly, so call the shop at 714.519.3014. Let it Brie is located at 117 E Commonwealth Ave, Fullerton, CA 92833

Let it Brie also has private classes on charcuterie making for 15 or more participants.



Elder Abuse Prevention

Christina Mainsi (left in the photo) from the Orange County Social Service Agency spoke to the General Meeting group on the topic of Elder Abuse, and how to spot signs of it.

Rose Parade Float Building

On Saturday, November 8, our Club helped kick off the first day to the Rose Parade float building. Our shift was from 8:00 to 3:30 pm, and our tasks included cutting flowers, ironing leaves, and gluing seeds onto the float and on signage. We had to provide our own scissors, gloves and lunch. We took breaks whenever we wanted, and had our lunch break outside, with a view of the Rose Bowl in the distance. Even though it was a long day, we said we'd do it again.



Volunteer opportunities are still available every Saturday until December 26, then it will switch to daily participation until the parade date. If you are interested in volunteering, visit AES website at https://aes.ivolunteer.com/teamwork_2026

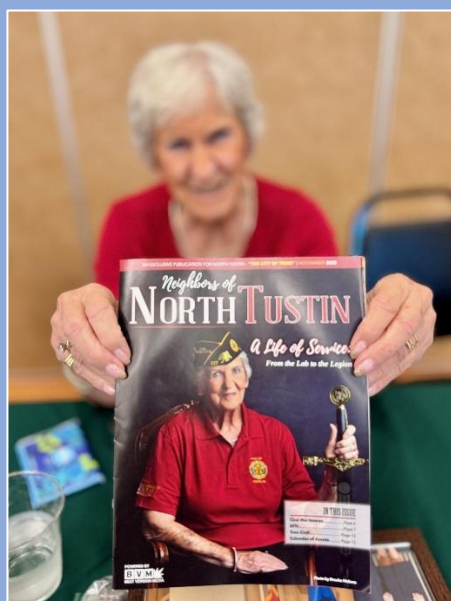
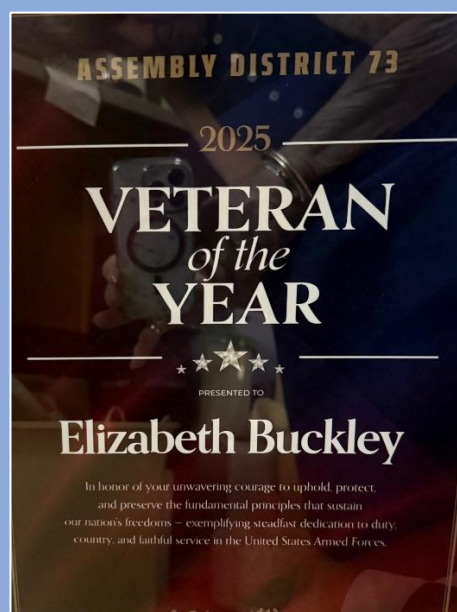
Congratulations, Libby Buckley

Libby Buckley was named 2025 Veteran of the Year.

In honor of Veterans Day, Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris hosted the seventh annual Veterans of the Year Ceremony at Irvine Valley College, where three distinguished veterans were recognized for their exemplary military service and enduring contributions to fellow veterans and the Orange County community.

Eligible nominees must:

- Reside or work in Costa Mesa, Irvine and Tustin
- Served on active duty in the U.S. military
- Discharged under honorable conditions.



ON GOING PROGRAMS

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.



Contact Libby Buckley for more information

got books?



If you have books that could use a new home, please bring them to a meeting to donate to Friends of the Library.

For more information contact Christine Truxaw

FULLERTON HIGH SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Ebell Club of Fullerton is in the process of creating scholarships for the local public high schools. Candidates will be a graduate from one of the local district high schools (Buena Park, Fullerton, La Habra, La Vista/La Sierra, Sonora, Sunny Hills, or Troy) with plans to continue their education after graduation.

The scholarship application focuses on recognizing students who work to improve their communities in some way. In the Spring, the committee will select, interview, and award \$1,000 to a student at each of the seven schools.

Contact Sharon Hollon for more information.



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