



The Ebell Echo

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Next General Meeting January 9, 2026

ELKS LODGE

1400 Elks View Lane, Fullerton
10:30 Social / 11:00 Meeting
Luncheon Cost - \$27

Meat Lasagna with veggies and salad

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 January 13 at 7:00 pm ELKS LODGE

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MARY SPRAGUE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope you all enjoyed a Happy Holiday Season. It is hard to believe that we are beginning 2026.

As we begin the New Year, we also begin a new year of Community Service. Our 2025 Reports are completed and thank you to all the Community Service Chairman for an outstanding job.

HOWEVER – our Club year is not complete so please keep finding new and interesting projects for our Club to do, and while we begin a new reporting cycle, we are still in the same Club year. It is a little confusing.

To realize the value of Time –
Treasure every moment that you Have!
Yesterday was history.
Tomorrow is a mystery.
Today is a gift.
That's why it's called the present!

REMINDER – Our January General Meeting is on **January 9th** due to New Years Day.

- Mary

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ORGANIZATION!

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

Ebell Members sharing a fun moment



On November 19, Lois, Suzi and Rebecca had fun on Bingo Night at Polly's Pie with guest Mickey.

Perhaps the next Bingo night will have a better turnout.

Happy Birthday

December
1 Hannah Sprague

1
21

January
Rebecca Williams
Lyn Friedman

Super Soft Molasses Cookies

Submitted by Kateri Luka



2 Cups All Purpose Flour	1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp Ground Cloves	3/4 cup Vegetable oil
1/2 tsp Ground Ginger	1 cup sugar plus some extra for rolling the dough balls
2 tsp Baking Soda	1/4 cup Molasses
1 tsp Cinnamon	1 egg

1. Whisk together all dry ingredients
2. In a stand mixer beat the vegetable oil and sugar until well blended. Add molasses and egg
3. Switch the mixer speed to low and gradually add the dry ingredients.
4. Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours
5. Preheat oven to 375
6. Form dough into 1-inch balls and roll in sugar
7. Bake on parchment paper for 8 to 10 minutes
8. Store in airtight container. These also freeze well. Enjoy 😊

December Meeting Recap

Our December General meeting is always the most festive one of the year. Everyone who participated in the Angel Tree for Crittenton kept their promise and we received all the gifts for the children. Thank you everyone for your generosity and commitment



Before lunch our Club presented a thank you gift to the staff at Elks Lodge.



Brayden Hall, the Visual Arts Department Chair, and Jon Caffrey, Principal from Fullerton High School said a few words to our Club, before the Fullerton Choir entertained us with holiday songs.



At the end of the program, our Club gave a check to their Director, Stacey Kikkawa.



Evening Group Recap

The Evening Group had a busy last meeting of the year. We had a surprise guest from retired K-9 Jax and his handler Scott from Fullerton Police. Jax is our first of three K-9's that we purchased for Fullerton. He is a Belgian Malinois and is approximately 12 years old. Now that he is retired, he is spending his golden years with Scott and his growing family.



After Jax and Scott left, we made 200 goodie bags for the Boys & Girls Club.



Then we ended our night with a cookie party. Each member was asked to bring cookies to share (and most were homemade!) and we each made our own box to take home.



HANNAH SPRAGUE 4th VICE PRESIDENT - EVENTS

January 17 at the Getty Villa

Join us for 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 opened on Saturday, December 6th. Please select 10:00 AM (or the earliest time available if 10 AM is taken).

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 is \$25 per car or motorcycle
Free Parking for U.S. Military Service Members and Veterans.

PLEASE NOTIFY HANNAH SPRAGUE if you will be attending. She will be coordinating information such as carpooling, and a meeting time and location closer to the event.



Due to scheduling conflicts, our Christmas party has been **POSTPONED** to the latter part of January or beginning of February.

An email will be sent out or posted in our next Echo issue

SUZANNE PHOTAKIS

3RD VICE PRESIDENT – PROGRAMS

JANUARY 9 – note the date change

Bingo (no program scheduled)



JANUARY 13

Julie Powers, personal trainer, will speak about Nutrition and Exercise, particularly for menopause women. She is a dedicated and passionate advocate for women navigating the transformative stages of perimenopause and menopause. With over 13 years of experience as a personal trainer, Julie has spent the past five years specializing in helping women in this pivotal life stage. Recognizing the unique challenges they face, she created an online 90-day program designed to help women balance their hormones, lose stubborn belly fat, and supercharge their energy, empowering them to step confidently into the next chapter of their lives.

FEBRUARY 6

Ryan Christopher is a multi-talented vocalist, recording artist, actor and entertainer specializing in the performance of songs from the Great American Songbook, as well as jazz, international cabaret, and blues.



After graduating with honors from Ocean View High School (Huntington Beach), Ryan had the calling to dedicate his career to preserving and performing the most elegant, refined, and sophisticated standards, specifically re-interpreting the styling of Frank Sinatra, Mel Tormé, Johnny Hartman and Chet Baker. Though the press and his international fans

have dubbed him "The Millennial Crooner," Ryan talents go far beyond the realms of just crooning. Ryan is sought after vocalist, arranger, musical theatre vocalist and actor

FEBRUARY 10

Joy LoDato is a professional organizer, a specialist in paperwork, space management, and a master of clutter control - both business and personal. Joy has been called a tiny firecracker regarding her organizational skills. She encourages when you feel discouraged. Joy's hands-on work can not only help you organize your home or workspace but can give you the tools to keep it that way.

MARCH 6 AND MARCH 10

Boys & Girls Club representative will speak about their organization

Bring a friend to any of these events!

OPERATION: MAKING SPRITS BRIGHT

Operation: Making Spirits Bright program is to help Support E6 and below military families this holiday season by providing a surprise gift card for each family. Our Club received a family of 3 (mother, father and 3-month-old son) and 4 soldiers.

Our budget was \$50 per person, and we went slightly over this year. We found some amazing deals at the Mattel Tent sale in El Segundo, got some great Black Friday deals, and had some hiccups with communication. However, overall, we had fun and look forward to doing this next year.



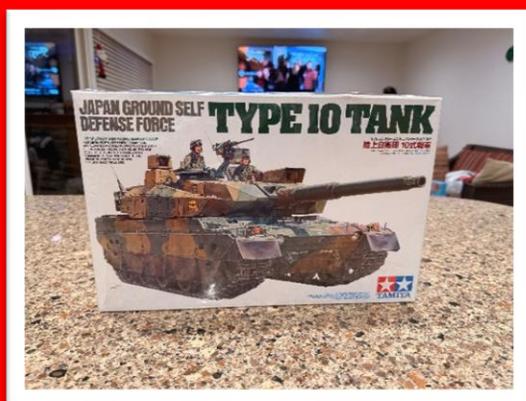
Here's what our Club purchased for the family:

- Mom- yoga / lounge wear set and blanket
- Dad – PS5 video game and Legos
- Son – 2 Interactive toys from Mattel and 2 outfits, 1 to use now, and another outfit to use in a few months.



Two soldiers received a K-Cup coffee maker and a box of coffee

Another soldier received a Ninja blender



This soldier wanted a model kit. Not shown: the glue that was not included with the kit.



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