



# The Ebell Echo



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## Next General Meeting February 6, 2026

### ELKS LODGE

1400 Elks View Lane, Fullerton

10:30 Social / 11:00 Meeting

Luncheon Cost - \$27

Roast Pork with Potatoes, Vegetables,  
Salad and Dessert

Deadline to RSVP for lunch is the  
Friday before the meeting

Please RSVP with Mary Sprague  
[at mlsprague@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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 February 10 at 7:00 pm ELKS LODGE

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LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR  
ORGANIZATION!

## MARY SPRAGUE

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At the February meetings the Ebell Club of Fullerton will be celebrating 109 years of community service. The Club was first organized in February of 1917 and became a "Federated" club by joining the General Federation of Women's Clubs in May 1917. The Club has a long history of support, not only to Fullerton, but to meet the needs of many different organizations and individuals.

During its history the Ebell Club of Fullerton has owned two clubhouses and, at present, is financially strong. It is known for providing strong leadership and has 6 members who have served as Orange District President and one as the California Federation of Women's Club President. Many of the members serve the District, State and National Executive Boards. Congratulations to all the members throughout the years for being part of this wonderful Club.

The Orange District Annual Convention will be held on Friday, April 10th at the Santa Ana Elks Club. The luncheon cost is \$45 and the Club will pay the \$5 registration fee for all members.

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## President's Message Continued

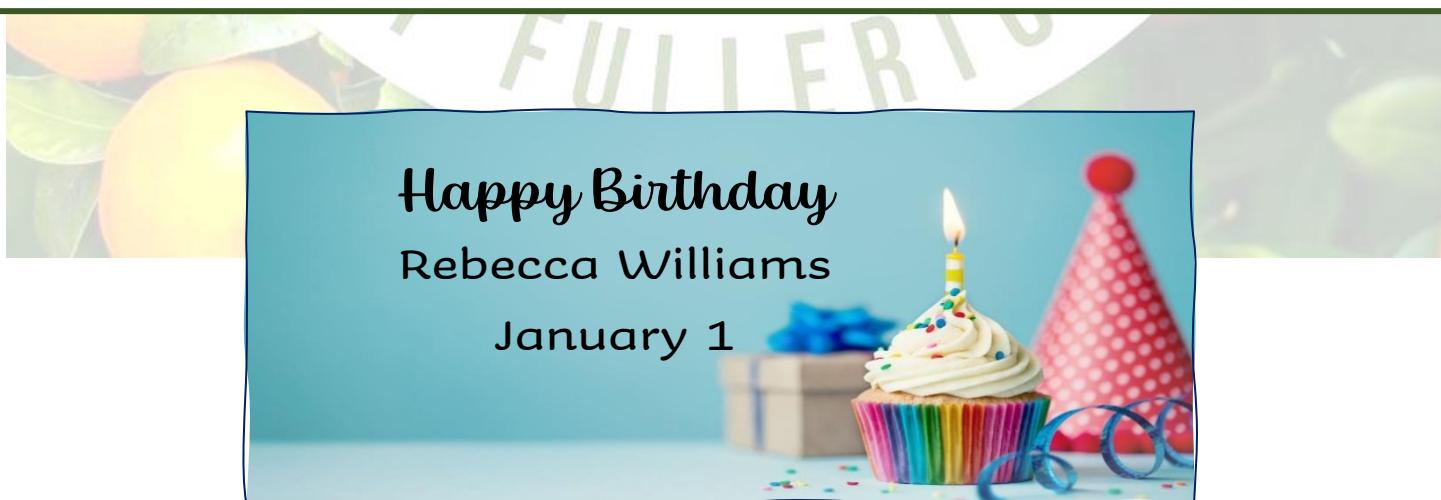
This is an opportunity to join with the members of the other clubs within Orange District to celebrate the achievements of this past year, conduct necessary business, elect the officers for the upcoming administration and celebrate the installation of the new officers. Sign-up sheets will be available at the February meetings. Let's have a big turn out from the Ebell Club.

It is also the time to consider the leadership of the Club for the upcoming administration.

Ebell has been fortunate to continue for 109 years but only because the members continue to volunteer to assist with the leadership of the Club. We have all heard "it takes a village" and that is true in the case regarding our Club. Within the newsletter there is a "Preference Sheet" for each member to consider volunteering their time and talent.

The Preference Sheet is not a commitment; it is only to assist the Nominating Committee in selection of the club officers and to assist the incoming President in selecting the many chairmen that are needed. Many members may have a talent or interest that is not known and this allows YOU, THE MEMBER, to let us know. If you would like to know about the responsibilities of the position they are listed in the bylaws, pages 22-26 in the yearbook, or give me a call and I will be happy to explain the position. These Preference Sheets will be collected at the February meetings, please take the time to consider how you can help the club continue for another 109 years.

- Mary



# EBELL CLUB OF FULLERTON

## INTEREST SHEET

### OUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

**Please indicate below what you would be willing to do during the 2026-27 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 1<sup>st</sup> VP-Dean \_\_\_\_\_  
 2<sup>nd</sup> VP-Membership \_\_\_\_\_  
     Daytime \_\_\_\_\_  
     Evening \_\_\_\_\_  
 3<sup>rd</sup> VP-Programs \_\_\_\_\_  
     Daytime \_\_\_\_\_  
     Evening \_\_\_\_\_  
 4<sup>th</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Domestic Violence \_\_\_\_\_  
 Education & Libraries \_\_\_\_\_  
 Environment \_\_\_\_\_  
 Health & Wellness \_\_\_\_\_  
 Legislation \_\_\_\_\_

**What projects would you like the Club to do?** \_\_\_\_\_

**What event or social would you suggest?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

## Ebell Members sharing something FUN!



Suzanne Photakis at Newport Back Bay



Rebecca Williams with Michelle Reynoso and Rebecca's family, celebrating New Year's Eve and her birthday at Bari Bari Restaurant in Yorba Linda



### Seven Layer Bars - Submitted by Suzanne Photakis

Ingredients: Butter, Graham Cracker Crumbs, Semi Sweet Chocolate Chips, Butterscotch Chips, Flaked Coconut, Chopped Walnuts, Condensed milk

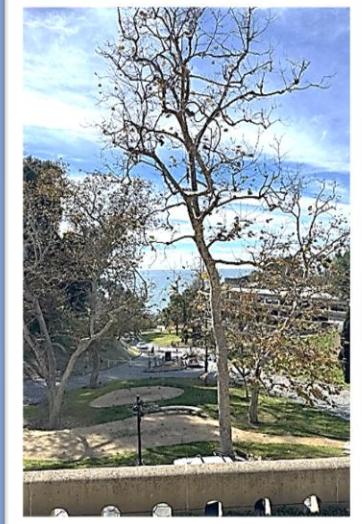


1/4 cup butter, melted and spread in a 9 x 13 pan  
 Sprinkle over pan 1 1/4 cup graham cracker crumbs, pat down  
 Add layer 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips  
 Add layer 1 cup butterscotch chips  
 Add layer 1 cup flaked coconut  
 Add layer 1/2 cup chopped walnuts  
 Drizzle 1 can Eagle Brand sweetened condensed milk over the top  
 Bake 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes

Cookies are done when the top is just starting to turn golden brown  
 Cool, cut in bars. Makes about 20 squares.

# Having Fun at the Getty!

Members of our Club went to the Getty Villa on Saturday, January 17.



## Mosaic with Achilles and Briseis

Roman, AD 100–300

Stone and glass

Enough remains of this scene to identify it as an episode from Homer's *Iliad*: the moment when Briseis—a royal woman captured by the Greek hero Achilles as a war prize—is taken from him to be given to Agamemnon, king of Mycenae. Briseis, in the center, is led away by two heralds, Talthybius and Eurybates, who wear traveler's hats and carry staffs at far right. Achilles, resting his arm on a lyre and seated next to his companion Patroclus, watches from the left. The older, bearded man beside Briseis may be Achilles's tutor, Phoenix, or King Nestor of Pylos.



## Evening Group Recap

*Julie Powers: Certified Perimenopause and Menopause Coach*

Julie Powers spoke to our evening group about going through Perimenopause and Menopause. She provided helpful tips in conquering common symptoms we encounter as we go through “the change” and categorized them into 4 groups.

For more information about Julie's work, and if you are interested in a 90-day customized program, visit <https://themomentummakerinc.com/>

## Bring a friend to any of these events!

### SUZANNE PHOTAKIS 3<sup>RD</sup> VICE PRESIDENT – PROGRAMS

#### 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



Ryan  
Christopher

#### 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

### OPERATION: MAKING SPRITS BRIGHT UPDATE!



The Ft. Irwin "Making Spirits Bright" team holding a banner of thanks from those who received gifts donated by people and organizations like ours.

## Ebell 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scholarship



Our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Ebell Scholarship is in the organizational phase, and soon we will need Club members to review the applications.

Please contact Mary Sprague if you are interested in participating as a reviewer or a presenter of the scholarship to the recipient(s).

**The Orange District Annual Convention will be held on Friday, April 10th at the Santa Ana Elks Club. The luncheon cost is \$45.**

If you have never been, please consider attending. Not only will our Club be well represented, but you'll also understand why Clubs like Ebell exist in Orange County. There's a lot of great women to meet and last year we took home a lot of awards (and swag too!).

Check out the April 2025 Echo for last year's photos!





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