

# The Ebell Echo



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## FEB / MARCH 2026

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## MEETING CALENDAR

### Next General Meeting MARCH 6, 2025

#### ELKS LODGE

1400 Elks View Lane, Fullerton  
10:30 Social / 11:00 Meeting

#### LUNCH MENU \$27

Fish, Roast Potatoes, Vegetables,  
Salad & of course, Dessert

Please RSVP for lunch with  
Mary Sprague at  
[mlsprague@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mlsprague@sbcglobal.net)

Please leave a message by the  
Friday before the General Meeting

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

### EVENING MEETING MARCH 10 at 7:00 pm

## President's Message: Mary Sprague

*Thank you to Rebecca Williams and Leslie from the Elks Club for helping us celebrate Ebell's 109th Birthday with 2 beautiful cakes: one with our CFWC Logo and one with our Club flower, the orange blossom. It is wonderful that our Club has continued to provide service to others for so long.*

*The Orange District Convention will be held on April 10th at the Santa Ana Elks Club. This is an opportunity to meet members from all the other Clubs in the District, celebrating the accomplishments; It is also the Annual meeting where new officers for the next 2 years will also be installed.*

*If you would like to attend (and forgot to fill out the sign-up sheet at the meeting) please contact me by March 15th. Cost is \$45 which includes your lunch.*

*Attached to the Echo you will find the **Annual Dues Statement** as it is once again that time of year. Please attach your check to the statement and mail it to our club at **P.O. Box 10145, Fullerton 92838** or bring to the March meetings. **Deadline for the Dues is April 1.***

## WELCOME TO OUR 2 NEW MEMBERS:

*Mary Jacobson and Denise Hawkins*

*Remember every prospective member you bring to a meeting you receive a chance for a special drawing at the end of the administration.*

*St. Patrick's day will soon be here –  
"Wherever you go, whatever you do, may the luck of the Irish be there with you!"*

- Mary

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR ORGANIZATION!

Orange District > [cfwcorangedistrict.com](http://cfwcorangedistrict.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)

# HAPPY 109<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY, EBELL!



*The General Meeting Group (above) and Evening Group celebrating our Club's 109 years*



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Pictured Suzanne & Roberta

- 21** Suzanne Photakis
- 24** Bill Acalin
- 25** Roberta DeArman
- 26** Sharon Hollon

## 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President & Dean: Christine Truxaw

### New project for Education and Libraries; Library Donations

For this project, the Club is supporting the Fullerton Library through donations of used items. We are asking that the Club members donate used books (hardback or paperback), audiobooks, magazines, vinyl records, CDs and DVDs, etc. from your home that you no longer want to own. No need to purchase anything new to donate.

Bring the items to the March meeting. I will gather them together and take them to the library. If you are unable to get them to either meeting, Christine is willing to come by your home and pick them up from you. Please give her a call at 714-595-0948.



### Save the Date! Upcoming Club Events

Contact Hannah Sprague for information



#### March 25: Bingo at Polly's Pie in Fullerton

Address: 136 North Raymond in Fullerton.

Time: 6:00 pm

The event is free, but the restaurant asks we buy something to eat.



#### April 24: The Old Spaghetti Factory

Address: 110 E Santa Fe Ave, Fullerton, CA 92832

Time: 12:00 noon

GFWC Federation Day is celebrated annually on April 24th to commemorate the founding of the [General Federation of Women's Clubs](#) in 1890. Please RSVP if you are going to attend.



#### May 3: Ebell's Annual Spring Tea

Address: Elks Club of Fullerton

1400 Elks View Ln, Fullerton, CA 92835

More information will be available in the upcoming Echo

# Ebell Members sharing a fun moment



## MEMBERS



Rebecca Williams & Michelle Reynoso enjoying their annual Gallentine's Getaway  
Submitted by Michelle Reynoso



Kaylin Fichtelberg, Jennifer (friend) , Suzanne Photakis, Kylie Photakis, and Robin Fichtelberg enjoying Santa Barbara.  
Submitted by Suzanne Photakis



From Left to Right: Christine at the Southernmost Point located in Key West, at the Muckenthaler with her husband to see the art from the local high schools (Fullerton High was represented too), and with Suzanne taking a class on how to play the Chinese game Mahjong  
Submitted by Christine Truxaw



Please submit your fun photo to  
EbellEchoNewsletter@Gmail.com



*3rd Vice President: Programs*  
*Suzanne Photakis*

**Boys and Girls Club of Fullerton**  
**March 6 General meeting and March 10 Evening meeting**



The Boys & Girls Clubs of Fullerton will speak to us about their organization.

The Boys & Girls Club provides a fun, safe and constructive environment for kids and teens during out-of-school hours. Community-based and led by professional staff, Clubs across America serve small towns, large metropolitan areas, public housing communities, and Native populations, as well as those who live on U.S. military installations worldwide. We offer programs and services to help young people succeed in school, develop leadership skills, and maintain healthy lifestyles.

***Health & Wellness Chair: Suzie Beining***

Save the Date! On Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, Beatriz Tranaglia from NOCE (North Orange Continuing Education) will be our speaker for the General Meeting. Beatriz is the Program Manager for the Emeritus Classes designed for people over 50, but open to anyone over 18. These classes are meant to empower independence, advocacy, physical and cognitive health, economic self-sufficiency, and community engagement.

Beatriz will take us through a mind game activity from the Staying Mentally Sharp for Older Adults Class. This activity will be a small sample of what is done in class to help keep our brains in shape.

She will also show us a chair exercise video. This video will be a demonstration from the Health and Wellness for Older Adults: Adapted Mobility.

Dress comfortably so that you can do the chair exercises with the video. Beatriz will also spend a little time telling us about other classes offered and how to sign up.

Hope to see you all there in comfy clothes! :)

Suzie



## Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at Fullerton High School

**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE COMMUNITY GRAND OPENING OF**

**OAK COMMONS**

**March 11th - 4:00**

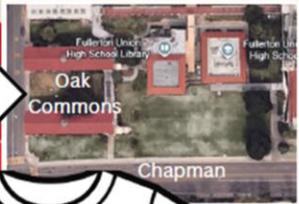
Oak Commons is Fullerton High School's new outdoor classroom and California native garden located near the corner of Chapman and Pomona.

RSVP here for the ribbon cutting ceremony and to explore our new space.

Interested in ordering an Oak Commons shirt for pick up at the event? Click here.

Special thanks to the Keller family, KM Legacy, and Ebell Club of Fullerton, along with everyone who purchased legacy bricks and donated their time.



*Our Club made a donation to this project.*

*If you wish to RSVP*  
*[click this link](#)*

*or contact*  
*Sharon Hollon at*  
*[shollon@fjuhsd.org](mailto:shollon@fjuhsd.org)*

### *Ebell's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scholarship Update*

The flyer promoting the Ebell Scholarship has been sent out to the local high schools. The students need to return the applications by March 13, and the goal is to complete the process by the end of March.

Sharon Hollon needs members to read through the applications (she can provide an online link) and need members to help present the \$1000 Scholarship in May.

Please contact Sharon if you can help.

## Meeting Recaps



In the February General Meeting, past presidents received a rose in honor of the 109<sup>th</sup> birthday of our Ebell Club of Fullerton



Singer Ryan Christopher entertained our General group with old crooner classics



Joy LoDato spoke to our Evening Group about organizational skills. She is a professional organizer, a specialist in paperwork, space management, and a master of clutter control – helping in both business and personal situations. To be organized, remember the 3 C's: Commitment, Consistency & Completion. After the meeting Joy gave away some prizes, including a ring that she personally made. Our lucky winners were Cynthia, Nicola, and guest visitor Mary.

# DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

**Deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup> – no late entries will be accepted**

## 2025 DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST ENTRIES DUE BY MARCH 1<sup>st</sup> (DIGITAL ONLY)

There are two main contest categories:

**I. THE WORLD IN PICTURES** Photographs that showcase people, places and things, as expressed in three sub-categories:

- 1. Our World Up Close:** Photographs that offer a unique or macro perspective to the viewer. Macro photography creates images of small things that appear to be larger than life-size.
- 2. Natural Wonders:** Wide angle shots, panoramic vistas, or landscape images that showcase mountains, meadows, waterfalls, deserts, or other naturally magnificent scenes.
- 3. Reflections:** Photos featuring an object, setting, situation, or landmark that is reflected in glass, water, or another mirrored surface.

**II. GFWC LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT:** These entries capture the active, special moments or experiences of club members as they participate in and celebrate "living the volunteer spirit" through club activities and volunteer work, either as a group or individually.

### CONTEST RULES

- o Contestant must be dues-paying member of an active GFWC club **AND** considered an amateur photographer (e.g., pursuing photography for pleasure not financial profit)
- o Photographs must be the original work of the member and taken in calendar year 2025
- o Members are limited to 1 entry per category or sub-category. Total possible entries is 4.
- o Only digital entries accepted. Submit photos separately via email (see below). Include:
  - Contest name: 1) *The World in Pictures* + sub-category; or 2) *Living the Volunteer Spirit*
  - Photographer's name, email address, phone # Name of sponsoring club and district
  - Title and brief caption with location, date taken, and other pertinent info about the photo

### PHOTOGRAPHY GUIDELINES

- o Photographs may be vertical/portrait or horizontal/landscape.
- o Photographs may be taken using film or by digital camera and may be color or black/white.
- o Qualified judges will consider the overall creativity of the subject matter, including composition, originality, visual impact, and the skill involved.
- o A signed **GFWC Creative Arts Waiver** is required for each submission. Send with entry email.

**IMPORTANT!** All entries will be displayed at the **March 13** Orange District council meeting. Contestants are to bring one (1) 8x10", high-res print of each photograph entered. Affix print to an 8x10" semi-rigid board. No mattes or frames. Label back with contest name, member's name and a brief caption.

EMAIL ENTRIES BY MARCH 1 to Chair Marilyn Reames ( [sewnqlt21842@gmail.com](mailto:sewnqlt21842@gmail.com))  
and District Dean Linda Queen ( [lindaqueen@roadrunner.com](mailto:lindaqueen@roadrunner.com))  
*Late entries not accepted*



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OF WOMEN'S CLUBS**

## CREATIVE ARTS WAIVER

2024-2026 GFWC ADMINISTRATION

With my signature I declare that:

- I have created the submitted work, entitled \_\_\_\_\_ and I own the full copyright. The work has not been published before.
- With my work, including pictures, tables, or additional media, I do not violate or infringe on the copyright of other persons or entities.

The work in question is (please check one):  Photography  Poetry  Short Story

- I grant the General Federation of Women's Clubs a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell, license, or sublicense the work in any media now known or later invented, without limitation, for commercial or noncommercial purposes.

This agreement shall become effective and binding on the date of formal acceptance of the work for publication by the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Full Name		
Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Phone	Email	

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature (if submitter is under 18 years of age)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## EBELL CLUB OF FULLERTON Dues Statement 2026-27

PLEASE RETURN THIS ENTIRE FORM TO THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/ State/ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

This is your annual dues statement. Article IV, Section 1 – The Annual dues shall be \$60.00 and shall be due and payable April 1. Dues statements will be delivered at the March General Meeting or mailed in March. Members who are delinquent in the payment of dues April 1 shall be notified by the Membership Chairman. If a member is still in arrears at the time of the April Executive Board Meeting (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month) she shall be suspended from membership and so notified. The Membership Chairman shall report names of suspended members to the Executive Board (See Article VI, Section 3).

Section 2: New members whose applications are approved at the Executive Board meeting in January or after shall pay only annual dues for the upcoming club year.

Article III, Section 6 - Any active member or former member who resigned in good standing, moving out of the immediate area (minimum 50 miles) may make application for non-resident membership as follows:

- (1) Application to be submitted and approved by the Executive Board
- (2) Membership dues of \$25.00 to cover cost of yearbook and club bulletin, and mailings must be submitted with application.
- (3) Upon request may be reinstated into active membership by paying current dues
- (4) Non-resident members may attend all Club functions without the privilege of voting, Holding office or entering into discussions at Club Meetings
- (5) Listed in club yearbook separately and be exempt from federation dues.

**RETURN STATEMENT AND DUES BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1**

Bring this form with payment to March Meeting and give to  
Barbara Quintana or Mary Sprague

Or mail to Ebell Club of Fullerton  
PO Box 10145  
Fullerton, CA 92838

# Ebell Members: Use this card to receive discounts on printing and some supplies at Office Depot/Office Max

## General Federation Womens Club, get Contract pricing with the Store Discount Program (SDP)

Shop at any Office Depot® or OfficeMax® store with the new SDP card.

### What's new?

We're excited to announce that with the updated Store Discount Program (SDP), you regain access to your discounted contract pricing across an extensive array of product categories. Simply present your Store Discount Program card (SDP), Store Purchasing Card (SPD), or QR code through your ODP Business app at any Office Depot® or OfficeMax® store to enjoy your contract pricing on:

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<https://www.cfwcorangedistrict.com/member-resources>



## Orange District Convention

Friday, April 10 at the Santa Ana Elks Club

*Please consider attending and Represent Our Club!*

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