



THE ANCHOR CHAIN NEWSLETTER

LAGUNA NIGUEL WOMAN'S CLUB - FEDERATED



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

January 2024

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had very enjoyable and healthy holidays surrounded by loved ones. As your new President I look forward to us making 2024 a great year for our club as we move into planning social activities, CSP projects and fundraisers. We had a month off in December so it is time to get back to work and Share The Joy of Helping Others.

Thank you to the members who agreed to chair Community Service Programs in 2024. We are still in need of a chairperson for Health and Wellness. I encourage each of you to give some thought to stepping forward and leading this CSP.

We are honored to be the Host Club for the Orange District Meeting on Friday, January 12, at El Adobe Restaurant in San Juan Capistrano. The District 1st VP/Dean, Colleen Janssen, asked that one of our board members participate on a panel called Successful Strategies by Clubs for Clubs. I am so pleased that LNWC is becoming more involved with our District. The meeting starts at 10:00 am. Those of you who signed to help with decorating, greeting and ticket sales please arrive by 9:00 am. Each of you who plans to attend must send Mary Wright your \$40 check (includes lunch) payable to LNWC by January 2nd.

"A Little Winter Sparkle" is the theme of our annual winter party this year. As always it promises to be a fun and lovely party with a delicious lunch and entertainment. The party is at 11:30 on Saturday, January 20, and once again will be at beautiful El Niguel Country Club. Please send your checks of \$60 per person to Mary by January 11th .

See you all at our General Meeting on January 11th!!



SHARE THE
JOY OF
HELPING
OTHERS

2024 Elected Officers:

President

Theresa Mays

Dean

Rosemarie Fernandez

Ways and Means

Sherri Sales &
Cynde Lee

Membership

Diane Groh &
Kathleen Reedy

Secretary

Karin Davies

Treasurer

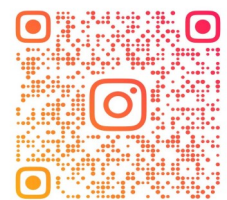
Mary Wright

Parliamentarian

Carolyn Lehmann

Editor

Janet Riordan



LNWOMANSCLUB

JANUARY CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES & BIRTHDAYS

- January 1, 2024— **WELCOME 2024!!**
- January 2— Janet Riordan's Birthday
- January 2— Stitching for Charity 1:PM/Elaine Davis
- January 4— Women's History Group 2PM-Taylor Swift/Bonnie Schulkin
- January 9— Military Support Fundraiser/CPK 2nd Tuesday, mention Fundraiser
- January 11 — ****GENERAL MEETING****
3:00—Social Time
3:30 –IN PERSON Meeting
- January 12— **Orange District Meeting-EI Adobe Restaurant/Rosemarie Fernandez**
- January 13— Linda Downey's Birthday
- January 14— Nancy Goldman's Birthday
- January 15— **Martin Luther King Day**
- January 16— Gadabouts-Moulton History Museum/Joy Andre
- January 17— Kerri Harris's Birthday
- January 17— Out To The Movies
- January 19— Bunco/Kerri Harris & Kathy Beaufort
- January 20— **WINTER PARTY-EI Niguel CC 11:30AM**
- January 22— Arlene Smethurst's Birthday
- January 25— Girls Night Out-Opah's/Joy Andre
- January 26— Dana Burding's Birthday
- January 29— Theresa Mays Birthday
- January 30— HAPPY HOUR To be announced/Jane Hamel



FUTURE EVENTS:

- February 8—GENERAL MEETING
- February 21—Gadabouts California Science Center/Joy Andre
- February 22— Girls Night Out-Brio's/Joy Andre
- March 20—Gadabouts Academy Museum of Motion Pictures/Joy Andre
- March 28—Girls Night Out-Muldoon's/Joy Andre
- April — 9th Annual Student Art Contest



When: General Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month (no meetings in July, August and December).
Where: Crown Valley Community Center., 29751 Crown Valley Parkway, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677
Directions: Crown Valley Parkway between La Paz Road and Niguel Road, behind the soccer field and community pool.
****MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL WHO ARE INTERESTED. THERE IS NO RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT.**



January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Happy New Year 2024	2 Janet Riordan's B'day Stitching for Charity 1PM	3	4 Woman's History Group 2PM	5	6
7	8	9 Military Support Fundraiser California Pizza Kitchen	10	11 GENERAL MEETING 3:PM	12 Orange District Council Meeting El Adobe	13 Linda Downey's B'day
14 Nancy Goldman's B'day	15 Martin Luther King Day 	16 Gadabouts Moulton History Museum	17 Kerri Harris's B'day Out To The Movies	18	19 Bunco	20 A LITTLE WINTER SPARKLE PARTY 11:30am
21	22 Arlene Smethurst's B'day	23	24	25 Girls Night Out—Opah's Aliso Viejo	26 Dana Burdling's B'day	27
28	29 Theresa May's B'day	30	31			



A Little Winter Sparkle

Saturday, January 20, 2024

11:30 AM—2:00 PM

El Niguel Country Club

23700 Club House Drive

Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

COST: \$60.00 per person. Guests are welcome.

Entertainment by Tony Odell Rogers

Tony has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Visual Arts from the University of South Florida, where he also studied Voice, Dance and Theater. After moving to California, he was the lead singer for several oldies rock and roll bands, and later performed in six musical productions at Chapman University with credits as musician, vocalist and actor. He was also Vocal Director for four Chapman University musical productions. A few years ago he performed for eight months at the Orange County Pavilion Theater in Santa Ana in a show called "50 Years of Rock and Roll" that was produced by Bill Medley of the Righteous Brothers. For the past fourteen years he has performed for thousands of people at numerous events and for a variety of clubs and organizations throughout Orange County.

RSVP by January 11 with check payable to LNWC along with the form below , and send to:

Laguna Niguel Woman's Club, PO Box 7112, Laguna Niguel, CA 92607-7112

(No refunds can be given for cancellations after January 11.)



This event is open seating. Menu choices:

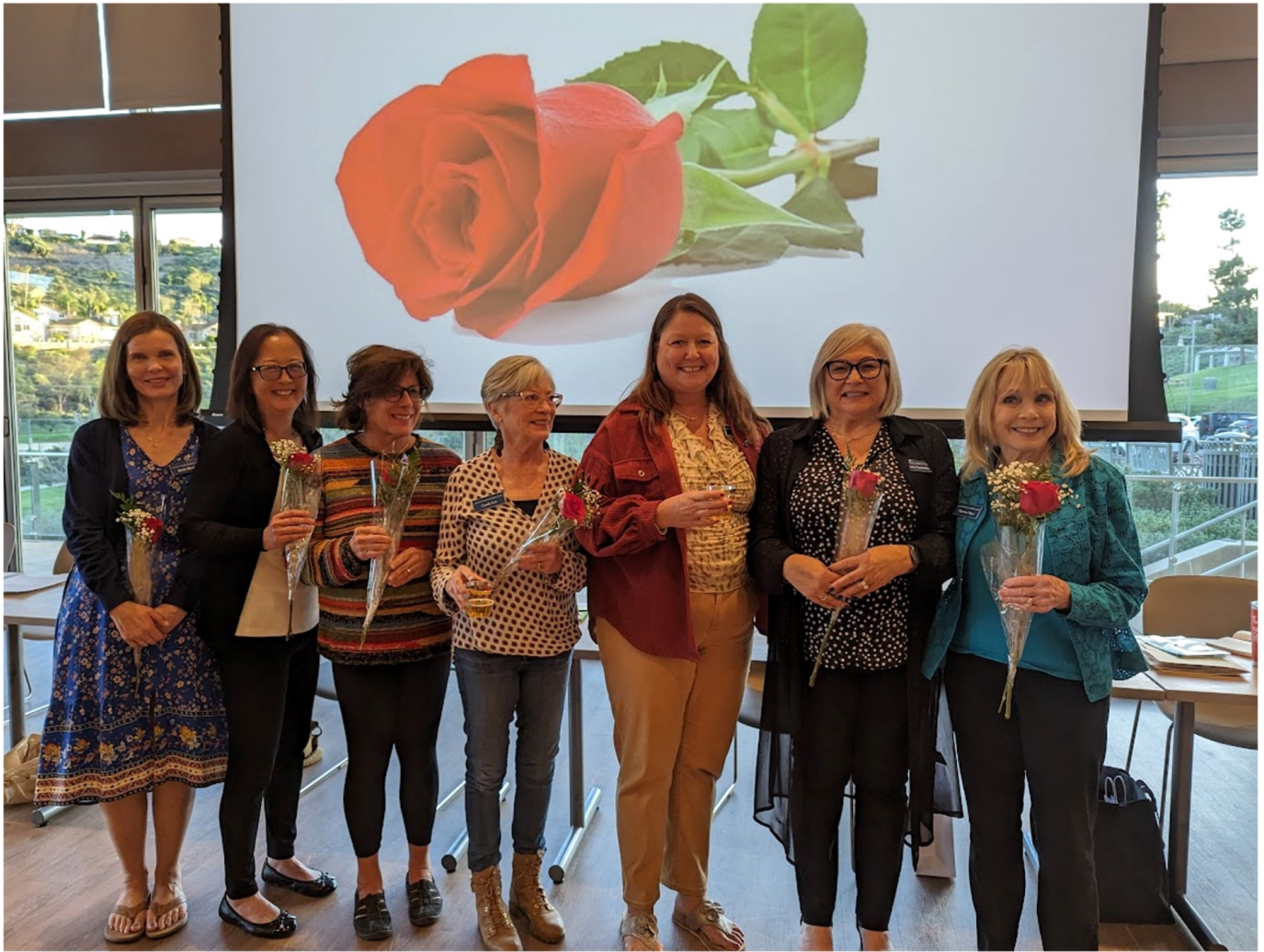
- * Pan-seared salmon, cranberry risotto, vegetable of the day with chardonnay beurre blanc
- * Jidori chicken, jasmine rice, vegetable of the day
- * Vegetarian option (chef's choice)

All meals include a house salad with vinaigrette, and cookies and brownies for dessert.

	Salmon	Chicken	Vegetarian
Name _____	_____	_____	_____

Name _____	_____	_____	_____
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*If you have additional guests, please include their names and menus choices on the back of this form.



Carolyn Lehmann presented the 2024 slate of offices for the 2024 Board. There was a unanimous YES to welcome the 2024 Board.

- President—Theresa Mays
- 1st VP/Dean— Rosemarie Fernandez
- 2nd VP/Ways & Means— Sherri Sales/Cynde Lee, Co-Chairs
- 3rd VP/Membership— Diane Groh/Kathleen Reedy, Co-Chairs
- Treasurer— Mary Wright
- Secretary— Karin Davies

Thank you Elaine Gennaway for leading the installation of the new Board. She introduced each board member, described the duties for each position and gave each new board member a red rose.



2024 LNWC Proposed Budget

Club Funds Income	Budget
Membership	\$5820.00
Delight Dollars	\$176.00
Coins for Club Funds	\$125.00
Hostess Raffle	\$400.00
Newsletter Ads	\$260.00
Koger Community Program	\$5.00
Misc	\$150.00
Total Club Funds Income	\$6936.00
Club Funds Expenses	
Board	
President	\$100.00
Dean	\$50.00
Ways & Means	\$50.00
Membership	\$200.00
Treasurer	\$50.00
Secretary	\$50.00
District	
District Dues	\$2000.00
Convention (National, Orange & CFWC)	\$75.00
District Lunches	\$50.00
Member Activities	
Board Installation	\$75.00
Hospitality	\$75.00
President's Gift	\$100.00
Summer Party	\$175.00
Sunshine	\$125.00
Winter Party	\$175.00
Wreath's Across America	\$85.00
Operating Costs	
Rent	\$1470.00
Chamber of Commerce	\$210.00
Financial Review	\$200.00
Insurance	\$450.00
PO Box	\$166.00
Publicity (Sea Country Festival)	\$250.00
Charity of Trust	\$25.00
Registration for Raffles	\$30.00
Website	\$300.00
Misc	\$400.00
Total Expenses	\$6936.00

The Budget Committee met on Thursday, December 28th. In attendance were Rosemarie Fernandez (outgoing President), Theresa Mays (current President), Cynde Lee (Ways & Means), Mary Wright (Treasurer), Carolyn Lehmann (Parliamentarian) and Dana Burding (Member at Large).

This is the proposed budget for 2024. It's hard to predict what this year will be like, but the budget is based on money raised and spent in 2023 and then adjusted according to the current membership. We can always make additional adjustments as we see how the year plays out. We will be voting on this budget at the January 11th meeting.



Miscellaneous Notes:



The students at Hidden Hills School launched a Halloween costume drive when they learned some of their friends were having trouble paying for Halloween costumes. A teacher made a Facebook post that member and Mayor Pro Tem Stephanie Oddo saw online. She decided to enlist both the LNWC and St. Tim's Knights of Columbus for help. Both organizations jumped at the chance to help local kids. Thank you to so many club members who participated in the drive - you answered the call in a short amount of time and the club was able to donate 36 costumes to the school! Hidden Hills School is a Title 1 School that will continue to need our support. Mayor Pro Tem Oddo is making it her mission to make sure those needs are met with your continued help!



Barbara Psome, 2024 President Theresa Mays, 2023 Past President Rosemarie Fernandez and Joanne Fisher, keeping informed on what is happening on the District level.



Rosemarie presented Jane Hamel with a special heart as an outstanding member of our club this month. Jane has been integral in bringing fellowship to our club by organizing the fun monthly luncheons and helping with many other activities through out the year

THE CALL

Orange District September IN-PERSON Council Meeting January 12, 2024

At El Adobe Restaurant
31891 Camino Capistrano
San Juan Capistrano

The deadline to RSVP is Friday, January 5, 2024

Cost \$40 per person
Lunch is Mexican Buffett

For any special dietary request, please submit with reservations as no changes may be made on the day of the meeting.

Each club is responsible for making reservations by the deadline and submitting one club check for payment at the council meeting.

Please RSVP by emailing your club name, and list of attendees to

Pam Pearson, Meeting Planner, p.pearson@earthlink.net

714-717-1803 by Friday, January 5, 2024.

The meeting starts promptly at 10 a.m. and goes until about 2 p.m. (lunch included)

The cost is \$40, and a check payable to LNWC must be mailed/received to our PO Box no later than January 4th as we must submit all names to Orange District on January 5th.

CLUB DONATION



The Mission of Wreaths across America—Remember the fallen. Honor those who serve. Teach the next generation the value of freedom.

**This years' theme for Wreaths Across America 2023 was:
“SERVE AND SUCCEED”.**

The Laguna Niguel Women’s Club made a 2023 contribution to this worthy cause.

ARTS and CULTURE:

Stitching For Charity - Knitting Classes—Elaine Davis

For January 2024 Only – We will meet on Tuesday, January 2nd (rather than New Years Day), at 1 PM (rather than 2 PM). If you cannot make it until 2 PM, that is fine, as we have been knitting for at least 2 1/2 hours. Mary Ann, our teacher, will be there and will review purl stitch and start on chemo caps with those who want to give it a try (bring size 8 knitting in the round needles). I have the appropriate yarn for purchase. If you want to continue with scarves, you can use the knit and purl stitches to design your scarf. I have more yarn for purchase.

As usual, bring your leftover yarn and scarves you are working on or have finished. At our December meeting, a few of our knitters who know much more than the rest of us, gave of their time helping us determine what we have done wrong and how to fix it. For me, it was a valuable class.

A few of our new members have contacts that hopefully will result in a place to donate the scarves to that serves veterans appropriate for our stated goal.



Soups and salad were the call at the recent Culinary Adventures dinner at Barbara Eisenman's home. Hostess duties were shared with Mary Wright. The next gathering of this group will be in March.

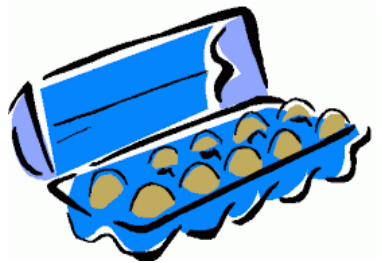


H&W CSP: Laguna Beach Behavioral Health Center Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone for your generosity and support of the work Mission Hospitals' behavioral health center is doing to help people in our community. During our Fall fundraiser we collected over \$400 in monetary donations and over \$1000 of in kind donations. This is amazing!

On Saturday November 18th, Ann Mudry and Karin Davies delivered the donations to Jeff and Sydney who work at the center. They are over joyed with all the donated items which will enrich the time the patients spend at the in-patient Center. The Center has 26 beds for adults ages 18 to 65 who may spend up to 3 weeks there. Jeff is one of the case managers at the center and he will be speaking at one of our LNWC meetings in the New Year and sharing more about the center, work it does and how our donations are helping the lives of its patients.

Delivering the Donations



We are still collecting 6 & 12 size clean egg cartons



The Donations



WOMEN OF THE MONTH:

Our October 2023 WOTM was born in Arkansas but her family moved to California when she was a young girl and she considers herself to be a native Californian.

She began her career in the women's apparel industry starting at Catalina swimwear and Sportswear. There she was involved in the installation of a new computer software system designed specifically for apparel manufacturing. She took this knowledge and installed the system in other apparel manufacturing companies.

This led her to a company called Ditto of California, a jean manufacturer, who offered her a permanent position. After many years with Ditto she retired as the Senior Vice President. Ditto was later sold to Jordache.

Upon retirement our WOTM enjoyed traveling with her late husband Michael, who was a retired Los Angeles County Fire Department Engineer.

She loves to crochet and makes gifts for family and friends. She also enjoys gardening, movies, games and sports. She doesn't participate in sports anymore, like she did while growing up, but loves watching them, particularly tennis. She misses watching Seinfeld for its absurd take on life in NY and The World According to Garp stands out in her mind as a great movie about a 1940's nurse and feminist.

Most of all she loves spending time with her family and friends. Her daughter Donna, lives nearby and so does her 22 year old grandson Michael, who is a graduate student at the University of California, Irvine majoring in criminal justice.

One thing that will surprise people about our Women Of The Month is that even though she once was instrumental in installing software systems, she finds today's technology challenging.

Our WOTM is a fairly new member, Phyllis Martin.



MEMBERSHIP:



Happy Birthday JANUARY

Janet Riordan—2nd
Linda Downey—13th
Nancy Goldman—14th
Kerri Harris—17th
Arlene Smethurst—22nd
Dana Burding—26th
Theresa Mays—29th



Celebration time for our
November/December
birthdays!!

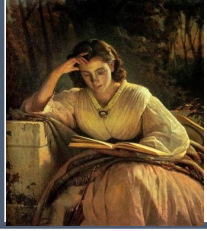


The LN Historical Society is looking for women (and men) who spent some or all of their careers working at the Ziggurat. They hope to have a public discussion regarding the pros and cons of working in that building in an effort to preserve all or part of it. Please contact **Bonnie Schulkin** if you can contribute to this discussion.

Our ladies do know how to 'do lunch'.
A recent Out To Lunch Bunch at BJ's
in Lake Forest.



ACTIVITIES:



WOMEN'S HISTORY GROUP— Bonnie Schulkin

The next meeting of the Woman's History Group will be on Thursday, January 4th at 2:PM at Bonnie Schulkin's home. The topic for discussion will be Taylor Swift, recently named the Person of the Year. Kindly bring treats and Bonnie will provide water and soft drinks.

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH—Jane Hamel

The Out to Lunch Bunch will kick off the New Year with a HAPPY HOUR on January 30th. Time and Location will be announced at the January 11th meeting and by E-Blast.

When: Tuesday, January 30th

BUNCO—Kathy Beaufort/Kerri Harris



We meet once a month on the third Friday at 1:00pm for snacks, drinks, fellowship, and several rounds of Bunco.

If you would like to join us as a regular or a sub, contact co-chairs, Kathy Beaufort or Kerri Harris.

MEXICAN TRAIN—Joanne Fisher

This group meets at Joanne Fisher's home at 6PM on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Contact Joanne if you would like to join as a regular or substitute



OUT TO THE MOVIES— Marilyn Teitelbaum



This group meets on the third Wednesday of the month at the Regency Theatres Directors Cut Cinema— 25471 Rancho Niguel Road, Laguna Niguel

COASTAL WALKING GROUP—Diane Groh

Walks are the last Thursday of each month. If you are interested and not yet signed up, please let Diane know so you can be added to the email list for future walks.



ACTIVITIES:

Girls' Night Out—Joy Andre

Girls' Night Out -

Thursday, January 25th

Opah Seafood Grill

26851 Aliso Creek Road, Aliso Viejo



Girls' Night Out -

Thursday, February 22nd

Brio Tuscany Grille

24050 Camino Del Avion, Dana Point



RESERVE THE DATES EARLY

Please RSVP to Joy Andre

GADABOUTS—Joy Andre

January 16th, Tuesday:

Moulton History Museum

Historical Artifacts from the Moulton Sheep Ranch and farmlands, which were located in present day Laguna Niguel and Laguna Hills, are on display . The grandson of the Moulton Family, often is available, to share interesting family stories., Lunch at “Outback”.



February 21st, Wednesday:

California Science Center and the Space shuttle.

Lunch at “McKay’s”



ACTIVITIES:



So many scary characters came out for the Halloween themed lunch at Taste of Greece.



MEMBER ADVERTISING

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Executive Committee*

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