



The De Anza District Roadrunner

Proud Members of CFWC and GFWC

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A Message From De Anza District President, Mickie Reed

Hello De Anza District Members,

I just returned from the California Federation of Women's Club's Convention in San Jose. It was a fun, three-day event with workshops and wonderful opportunities to network with other districts and clubs. I always meet new friends and come home with valuable information.

Not only did I come home with valuable information, but I also brought back award certificates for our clubs and district. It was quite a workout to run up and accept all these awards and I was so proud of the hard work our clubs and district have done to make our communities better.

The District Club Participation Project will be returning next year, so don't forget to get your points in! I cannot wait to announce the winner in September.

So now it is time to recharge, spend some time at the beach, go to all the District clubs' Summer socials and



plan for next year. It is hard to believe that this term is already half over, and I have truly enjoyed representing this dynamic De Anza District!

I will see you in September or perhaps sooner at some event or other. Peace, love and happiness to you all.

Connecting the Dots,

Mickie Reed

CFWC De Anza District President

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ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTION – NATIVE PLANTS!

by Margaret Meyncke, De Anza District Environment Committee Chair

Taking care of our environment is a joy! We can all benefit from clean air, clean water, and a healthy ecosystem. But some of you might be asking, "What can I do?" Each of us is responsible for our own backyard. In the book "*Nature's Best Hope*," Professor Doug Tallamy explains the connection between native plants, native insects, and native birds. By planting native plants, you support the local native insect community. By supporting the local native insects, you help the local native birds. The birds need lots of fat juicy caterpillars to feed their babies. So, what can you do? You can plant native plants!

My favorite organizations that will help you with plant selection and landscape design are:

[Homegrown National Parks](#)

This is Professor Tallamy's website, where he has launched the largest conservation project ever conceived. Plant a native plant garden in your front yard, back yard, side yard, or balcony. Then put yourself on the map. You will be added to the growing number of people across the nation who are shifting from lawns to meadows to save our birds and biodiversity.

[National Wildlife Federation](#)

Professor Tallamy is also helping the National Wildlife Federation develop a system to identify local plants that are the biggest help to birds. This organization also sponsors a wonderful garden certification process called "Certified Wildlife Habitat." You can put in your zip code and find keystone plants and local natives. In addition, they offer the Monarch Mayor advocacy program to get your city involved!

[California Native Plant Society](#)

This organization is the premier source in California for all things related to native plants. They offer local chapters with educational programs, field trips, and expert citizen involvement.

[Calscape | California's Native Plant Gardening Destination](#)

The information website to locate native plants in your area is called "Calscape."

We have an opportunity in our De Anza District to become a part of Professor Tallamy's conservation project. Let me know if you are "ON THE MAP" and I will add you to my list of Environmental Stewards. Thank you for being part of the solution.

Margaret Meyncke
951-551-6231 or m.meyncke@gmail.com

ATTENTION: If you are considering removing your lawn and starting a turf removal project ... **STOP!** Don't start until you contact your local water district and understand the rules and procedure. If you begin the process before your project is approved, you will be disqualified. Once you are approved, the grant from the water district will pay for most of the expense.



Communications and Public Relations

- First place for Intermediate Clubs - Temecula Valley Woman's Club

Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention:

- First place for Large Clubs – GFWC Woman's Club of Indio

Creativity Award – Riverside Woman's Club:

- First place for Medium District – De Anza District

ESO (Epsilon Sigma Omicron):

- First place for Medium Clubs – Hemet Woman's Club
- First place for Large Clubs – GFWC Woman's Club of Indio
- First place for Medium District – De Anza District

*****The De Anza District was recognized for bringing in 55% of all new ESO members in the state and having 75% of our clubs report reading levels.*****

Leadership:

- First place for Large Clubs – GFWC Woman's Club of Indio

Legislation and Public Policy:

- Creativity Award – Elsinore Woman's Club

Membership (Area D):

- Medium Club – Hemet Woman's Club
- Large Club – GFWC Woman's Club of Indio

Recognition:

- De Anza District was recognized for increasing our membership by 10%
- GFWC Woman's Club of Indio was recognized for increasing membership by 25 members in a 5-month period.

Woman's History & Resource Center:

- Creativity Award – GFWC Woman's Club of Indio
- First place in Medium District – De Anza District

Poetry Contest:

- Category 2 – "Changing our World" by Namuulan Sukhbayar, Woman's Improvement Club of Corona
- Category 3 – "Western Snowy Plover" by Cyree Granville, Hemet Woman's Club
- Category 4: "The Pencil, the Rocket and the Sky" by Parshv Patel, Hemet Woman's Club

Short Story:

- Student Category 2 – "Help Us Save the Ocean" by Sofia Gonzalez, Hemet Woman's Club
- Student Category 3 – "Toxins and Scales" by Mia Hernandez, Hemet Woman's Club
- Student Category 4 – "Never Lose Hope" by Kaylanie Montoya, Hemet Woman's Club

Photography:

- Living the Volunteer Spirit: "Sewing for Children in Distress" by Tammy Gonzalez, Riverside Woman's Club

Domestic Violence Against Women Stops Here!

By Barbara Fairbairn, De Anza Domestic Violence Prevention Chair

Republished from GWFC Woman's Club of Indio WCI Delivers Newsletter

As we wrap up the second year of our committee's work, I want to thank everyone for your continued support. While this marks our final project for the year, it's important to note that GFWC has selected Domestic Violence Prevention as the focus for the **International** Day of Service in September. Stay tuned—more information will be shared in next month's newsletter.

Do you remember when I asked each of you for just \$5.00? Thanks to your generosity, we were able to purchase blue pinwheels and a garden flag in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month this past April. Photos of our display—placed at Hoover Elementary School on Monroe Street—were featured in last month's newsletter.

With the remaining donations, we purchased over 200 "Birdie Whistles," each tagged with our logo and a business card that includes the national 800-number for those experiencing abuse. We packaged these in mesh gift bags and distributed them to graduating senior girls at Indio High School and Shadow Hills High School. The schools and students were incredibly appreciative.

Nice work, ladies—and thank you for helping make a difference.

With gratitude,

Barbara

None of us knows when someone can enter our lives with abuse issues. It could be a neighbor, work mate, or family member. We all need to remain aware and don't ever forget,



"If You See Something, Say Something"



2025-2026 District & CFWC Calendar

2025



9/15/25: (Monday) September Conference
Elsinore Woman's Club
Advocates for Children

10/18/25: Area D Convention

11/09/25: (Sunday) November Conference
Riverside Woman's Club
Environment

2026

1/19/26: (Monday) January Conference
Woman's Improvement Club of
Corona
Legislation & Public Policy

3/14/26: (Saturday) March Conference
Beaumont Woman's Club
Domestic Violence

April '26: Area D Convention - Temecula

Women in History Letters

To read the letters that Peg Boortz reads at conferences and conventions please click on the link below. They are about members in our District as well as other women in history who made a difference in the world.

[WOMEN IN HISTORY LETTERS](#)

Advertise in The Roadrunner!

Get the word out about your business by advertising in *The Roadrunner*. We publish five times per year, with direct emails sent to over 500 contacts from Temecula & Hemet to Holtville, Calexico & Indio and several communities in between.

- \$50 - business card; 5 issues/year
- \$75 - half page; 5 issues per year
- \$100-full-page; 5 issues per year

For more information, please contact:
Info.DeAnzaDistrict@gmail.com

Avoid Getting Scammed: Know the Warning Signs

We often hear about a neighbor or friend who has fallen victim to a scam. While upsetting, many of these situations are preventable with the right knowledge. The first step is knowing how to recognize a scam and protect yourself. Another common scam, the romance scam, is especially active:

[Romance Scams](#)

[Click on Text for More Info](#)

Take a moment to learn more about scams and how to stay safe. If you are unsure about a phone call, email, or message, stop and pause before acting. Ask yourself:

- Can I verify this independently?
- Am I being pressured to act quickly?
- Am I being asked to share personal information or send money?

Don't send money or give out personal details unless you're absolutely certain it's safe. And remember: Sharing is caring. Spread the word to friends and neighbors—awareness is one of the best defenses against fraud.

CFWC Leadership

The LEADS program offers a fantastic opportunity to enhance your leadership skills. The California Federation of Women's Clubs has done an excellent job developing this program, which now includes Zoom classes and various ways for participants to engage. Each year, one candidate from every district is chosen to attend the Winter Board Meeting and engage in the complete LEADS training. From among the attendees, one individual is selected to represent California at the annual GFWC Convention.

If you are interested in learning more about LEADS, [click here](#).

Vicki Holden serves as our CFWC LEADS/Leadership Chair and is a valuable source of information, sharing her insights regularly. Her recent message is below,

A Message from Vicki Holden, CFWC Leadership Chair

From: Vicki Holden <cfwcleadership@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, May 24, 2025 at 3:10 PM
Subject: Leadership Convention Workshop Handouts

Hello,

Thanks for participating in our workshop. It was my pleasure to meet with you and to offer my assistance anytime. My email is cfwcleadership@gmail.com or you can either call or text me at 562-305-5759.

Attached at the end of this email are copies of 3 handouts. If you are interested, we will begin sending a Leadership Bulletin each month at no charge. It will include all sorts of Leadership information and resources.

If you wish to subscribe, just email cfwcleadership@gmail.com using subject line, "Bulletin Message" and type your name and the email address you wish to use.

Take care, Vicki

- [Communication Skills](#)
- [Followership: The Forgotten Side of Leadership](#)
- [How to be an Effective Leader](#)



Annual Club Reports & Youth Writing Awards Now on Website!

You asked for it, and so it is! The 2024 annual reports from all De Anza District clubs are now published on the De Anza District Website. [Click Here](#) or go to the website and view the drop-down menu under “De Anza District Clubs” and select Club Annual Reports. Similarly, the 2025 Youth Writing Awards are listed under the same drop down menu. [Click Here](#) to read the youth writing submissions.



A note from Kay Masonbrink:

Last week in San Jose ALL six youth writing entries from De Anza District won first place at the State conference. *(It was a good thing I was sitting down when the announcement was made, or I would have fainted dead-away!)* This includes five from Hemet and one from Corona. From Hemet, there is a high school poetry and a short story winner; from grades 6-8 there is the poetry and a short story winner; and then from grade 3-5 there is the short story winner. From Corona WC there is the grade 3-5 poetry winner.

Do you still want these for website or newsletter?

Kay

Why, yes! Yes we do!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

(For more info, click on photo for website or email address.)

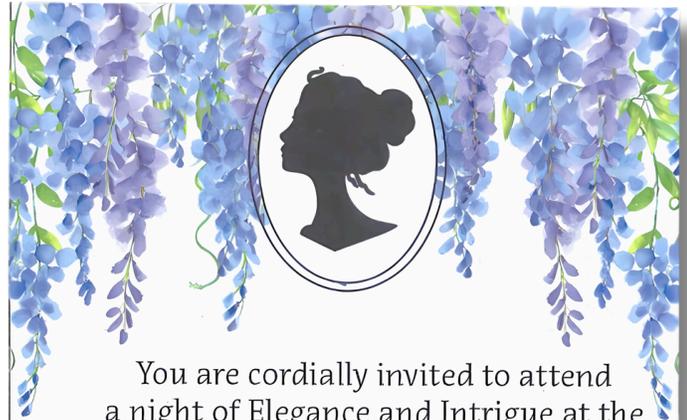


Membership Speed Dating
Beaumont Woman's Club

Have you ever wondered if the Beaumont Woman's Club is a good fit for you? Come and find out who we are! Let's get to know each other!

Saturday, June 14, 2025
2:00 pm
Beaumont Woman's Clubhouse
306 E. 6th Street, Beaumont, CA
For more info: 760.668.7018 or gfwcbeaumont@gmail.com

June 2025 Events



You are cordially invited to attend a night of Elegance and Intrigue at the

Bridgerton Inspired Ball

Saturday June 21, 2025

Riverside Woman's Club
4092 10th Street
Riverside, CA 92501

Stay tuned to our website and social media for updates and ticket sales

Website: <https://riversidewc.wixsite.com/bridgerton>

IG:rwomansclub

FB:RiversideWomansClub



Join GFWC Woman's Club of Indio for a ...

Super Social Summer 2025!

Christmas in July!

It's true! Christmas in July! Learn Mandala dot painting to decorate an ornament. No experience necessary! It's super fun and you'll love the results of your your efforts.



When: July 19, 2025
Where: Heritage Palms, Indio
Time: 1 pm to 3 pm
Cost: \$45 per person

Tea Party Redux

It's that time again! Let's have a tea party "throw-down," decorate your table and see who does it best. Come for the contest, stay for the fun & games!



When: August 2, 2025
Where: Heritage Palms, Indio
Time: 11 am to 2 pm
Cost: \$35 per person

**Funds benefit our September Kick-Off and Member Recognition Brunch!



July & August 2025 Events

Explore a Country through
ESO Subject Categories

Accept this De Anza District Reading Challenge and explore your favorite country OR one you have always wanted to explore.

At the same time, explore the ESO Subject Categories which could include Biography, Fiction, Poetry, Travel & Geography, World History or more. (SEE the CFWC website, ESO tab for a complete list.)



Guidelines:

- **READ** four books in four **DIFFERENT** Categories from your selected country between April 6 and August 15 **A TOTAL OF 4 BOOKS!**
- **LIST** your country, four Categories, book & author
- **SEND** your list when complete to Marlon Carrier, De Anza ESO Chair
 - o Email: mjcarrier22@gmail.com (preferred) or
 - o 47690 Dancing Butterfly, La Quinta, CA 92253
 - o **No later than August 15**
- Entries will be shared at the September 15, 2025, District Meeting in Lake Elsinore and entered in a drawing for a \$25.00 Amazon Gift Card

EARN 5 POINTS FOR YOUR CLUB BY COMPLETING THE CHALLENGE. SENT LIST TO DEANZACFWC@GMAIL.COM

August & October 2025 Events

BEAUMONT WOMAN'S CLUB
GOT TALENT? AUDITION! VARIETY SHOW
 OPEN CALL
 NO ENTRY FEE
 OPEN TO ALL INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS
 AGES:
 6 YRS. - 12 YRS
 13 YRS - 25 YRS
 26 YRS - 54 YRS
 55 YRS +
 \$300 GRAND PRIZE EVERY ONE WINS
 SPACE IS LIMITED
 SEND VIDEO OF YOUR ACT TO:
gfwcbeaumont@gmail.com
 BY 09-15-2025 NON-PROFESSIONAL VIDEOS WELCOME
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025
1:30 PM (DOORS OPEN 1 PM)

CFWC De Anza District
 presents
 the History and Celebration of
The Wedding Dress
February 7, 2026
 Don't we all love wedding gowns?
 Do you remember how you felt in yours?
 We will be working with a local bridal salon to present current styles, having our members' gowns modeled and our room will be decorated with our members' wedding photos
 • Enjoy a tasty lunch
 • Live fashion show
 • Vintage gowns
 • Games and Prizes
\$25 per person

February 2026 Event



16 YEARS
OF HAPPY
CLIENTS



NEED HELP CARING FOR YOUR LOVED ONE?

Let us help you find a solution!

Caring for a family member who has memory loss or health challenges and making the decision to place a loved one into care can be overwhelming. Families often have deep concerns. Whether you're looking for independent living, assisted living, memory care, or another form of senior care, we would be honored to help you find the right option for your loved one. With 16 years of experience, you can rely on us to help you make the best choice for your family.

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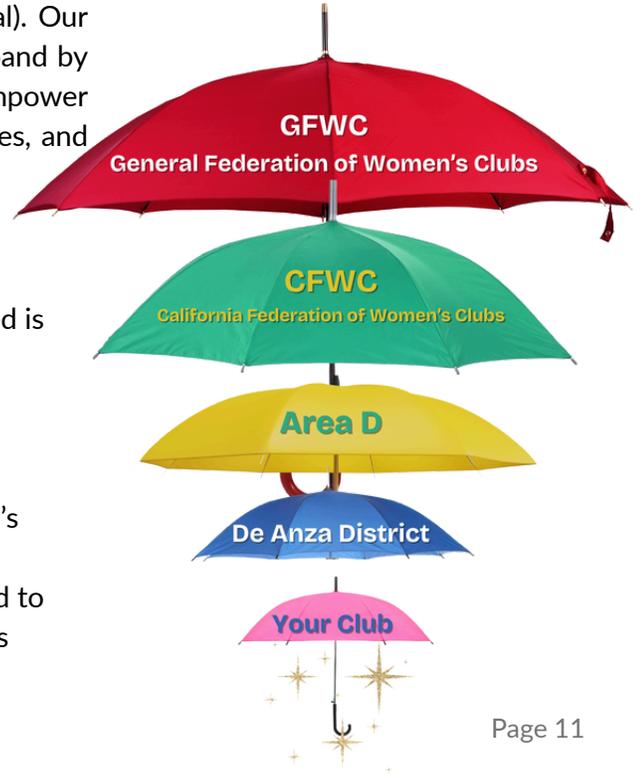
Sylvia Baran,
Family Advisor

How Your Club is Part of the De Anza District

The De Anza District is one of six districts in Area D (SoCal). Our District has 12 dynamic women's clubs, and we hope to expand by including more clubs in the future. We strive to unite and empower our club members to promote education, uphold moral values, and embrace club projects and initiatives.

Did you know...

- **Your Club** is part of the De Anza **District**, and Mickie Reed is our current President
- The District is part of the Southern California **Area D**
- Area D is one of 4 Areas in the California Federation of Women's Clubs (**CFWC**)
- CFWC is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (**GFWC**)
- GFWC is an *international* women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service



To submit articles, please contact Donna Allosada at beesum1@sbcglobal.net.

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Thank you for reading!

TO:

