



# The De Anza District Roadrunner

Proud Members of CFWC and GFWC

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## A Message From De Anza District President, Mickie Reed

Dear District Members,

Just a week away from our last conference of this term, and I am happy to report that the transfer of Leadership has begun. Procedural manuals are being prepared; the new Executive Board Slate will be presented and the search for Committee Chairs is underway.

Our President-Elect Lynda Krisko is excited to take over the De Anza helm and from all appearances, will be a very competent President. We attended CFWC Winter Boards last weekend, and Lynda gave an impressive First Vice President's Report. Lynda is looking to fill all her Committee Chair positions, so please consider a District Chairmanship. If you have a particular passion, let Lynda know.

As for me, I was nominated at the CFWC Winter Boards for the position of Second Vice-President. Alison Eccleston was nominated as the Area D Vice President candidate. Both of us are committed to our Federation and are proud to have the opportunity to move up to higher leadership positions.

I am looking forward to seeing all our lovely photography and art at our next conference. The Beaumont Woman's Club is working hard to provide a wonderful venue and meal. One last conference to do a Moment of Joy Dance along. Please come and bring all your club sisters along.

Our April 18 th Convention, the last Hurrah of this term, is right around the corner, and we have a fun party and new Board Installation planned.



Our theme is Let Your Dots Sparkle, so bling it up and come ready to have fun.

The CFWC Convention is scheduled for May 15th and 16th and will be held in Ontario, CA, which is very close by. Please come and see all your friends from all over the State. Even if you drive in just for the day, it will be a fun and informative event, with workshops and fellowship.

The last phase of my Connecting the Dots Strategic Plan is Leaving a Connected Legacy, which focuses on the successful transfer of leadership and preserving our history. The worksheet is attached. I hope that some of you have used the strategic plan and have realized some positive changes.

My De Anza sisters and brothers, it has been a pleasure to represent you. I love you all and hope to see you soon.

Until then, Peace, Love and Happiness to you all,

*Mickie Reed*

Mickie Reed  
De Anza District President 2024-2026

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## **Strategic Plan Part 4: Leaving a Connected Legacy – Expanded Checklist**

### **Leadership Continuity & Mentorship**

- Create written descriptions and guides for officer roles
- Host a leadership panel with past presidents or officers
- Develop a mentor or buddy system for new or potential leaders
- Encourage shadowing of officers and board roles
- Host a training day or retreat for current and future leaders
- Create small leadership teams or committees to divide responsibilities
- Recognize and reward leadership at all levels, including first-time chairs

### **Preserving Club History & Traditions**

- Keep a club scrapbook with photos, programs, and clippings
- Digitize documents and store electronically for future access
- Create a 'Club History Corner' display at meetings or events
- Record oral histories or interviews with long-standing members
- Celebrate key traditions annually and document their stories
- Develop a club timeline showing historical milestones
- Nominate historical members or projects for recognition at the Federation level

### **Building Long-Term Impact**

- Establish a club scholarship or grant program with clear criteria
- Develop a relationship with a local nonprofit as a long-term partner
- Create or maintain a community project that is publicly visible (e.g., park bench, mural, garden)
- Designate an annual 'Legacy Project' for outgoing presidents
- Keep a written plan or calendar of annual projects for continuity
- Participate in Federation programs that ensure long-term visibility
- Nominate the club or members for awards to raise public awareness
- Write articles or letters to the editor about the club's community impact



## 2026 District & CFWC Calendar

# 2026

**March 14, 2026 (Saturday)**  
*March Conference*  
Beaumont Woman's Club  
*Domestic Violence*



**4/18/26: (Saturday)**  
*Annual Convention*  
Palm Valley Country Club  
39205 Palm Valley Drive  
Palm Desert

## We Need to Know What's on Your Club's Calendar!

We need to know what events your club has planned so that we can include them on the District calendar. Yep! All of them! Having this information will make it much easier for the District to schedule events on days not set aside for local club events. It will also create a space for other clubs to consider scheduling events on days when others can join in the fun! Please note that by "all of them," that means all monthly meetings and special events.



Please send your current club calendar to [Info.DeAnzaDistrict@gmail.com](mailto:Info.DeAnzaDistrict@gmail.com) so all of your meetings and events can be included.

## Call to the November De Anza District Conference

Hi De Anza District Members,

Connect with your Federation Community at the De Anza District Conference in Beaumont on Saturday, March 14th. Meet members from other clubs. Help with the "done-in-a-day" project: Campus Safety Bags. Enjoy the Photography Contest entries and the Arts and Crafts Show, and elect the officers who will serve in the next administration.

The Call for the De Anza District Conference with all of the details is attached to this email. Print out a paper copy to bring with you if needed.

If you want to go, the cost is \$30 for registration and lunch. Your club will register you and provide additional details about paying the club and their deadline for registration. Please let them know which meal you want - regular or vegetarian. See the menu below:

Regular meal: Mostaccioli Penne, green salad, garlic bread & dessert  
Vegetarian meal: Penne Alfredo, green salad, garlic bread & dessert

See you in Beaumont!

Lois Bailey  
Corresponding Secretary  
De Anza District



# ESO - Epsilon Sigma Omicron Reading

Marlon Carrier, De Anza District, Epsilon Sigma Omicron Chair

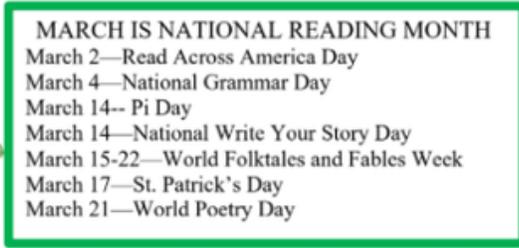
Please SHARE with your Club Members interested in ESO and promote via your Newsletter and/or social media.

Club ESO Chairs & Presidents, [CLICK HERE FOR NEWSLETTER!](#)

Attached is Reggie's CFWC ESO Newsletter for March along with her message below.

Wishing you a Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Marlon Carrier  
GFWC Woman's Club of Indio, Past President #76  
De Anza District, Epsilon Sigma Omicron Chair  
C - 678-656-2511  
[www.wcindio.org](http://www.wcindio.org)



## MARCH IS NATIONAL READING MONTH

March is National Reading Month, a nationwide initiative aimed at fostering a love for reading among children and adults through daily reading, school events, and library activities. Often kicking off on Read Across America Day (March 2), it promotes literacy, improves vocabulary, and enhances cognitive skills, with many schools adopting themed activities.

### Key Aspects of National Reading Month:

- Significance: It serves to motivate all age groups to make reading a daily habit, enhancing imagination, memory, and empathy.
- History & Focus: The month aligns with the National Education Association (NEA)'s Read Across America initiative, encouraging diverse, inclusive reading choices.
- Celebration Ideas:
  - Schools: Organize read-a-thons, guest reader events, and character dress-up days.
  - Families: Create a cozy reading corner, visit local libraries, and read aloud for 15-20 minutes daily.
  - Adults: Start a book club, try a new genre, or read short stories.

National Reading Month is crucial for promoting literacy as a lifelong skill rather than just a school activity. (Citing [GFWC.org](http://GFWC.org))

### Skybrary: Free Books for Kids

Skybrary is [Reading Is Fundamental's](#) (RIF) interactive, ad-free kids' reading app, which inspires the joy of reading by providing access to endless literary adventures.

Skybrary includes virtual field trips, standards-aligned content, offline access, and 100 free books for kids, including the option to upgrade to over 1,000 expert-selected titles. Children can enjoy a diverse collection of stories, islands, and fun with RIF's refreshed reading app, designed specifically for young users.

[Visit the Skybrary website](#) and have plenty of books to read during National Reading Month and beyond.

### OpenLibrary.org: Free Books for Adults

[OpenLibrary.org](#) has millions of free books online. It is an open, editable library catalog, building towards a web page for every book ever published.

Amazingly, the ultimate goal of the Open Library is to make all the published works of humankind available to everyone worldwide. While large in scope and ambition, they believe this goal is within their grasp.

Achieving it will require the participation of librarians, authors, government officials, and technologists. (Citing [openlibrary.org](http://openlibrary.org))

# The De Anza District Times

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2026

## BREAKING NEWS



130 years  
A Legacy of  
Service  
Since 1896

Riverside Woman's Club  
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Riversidewomansclub2@gmail.com



### Riverside Woman's Club Celebrates 130 Years!



### Beaumont Woman's Club Celebrates 118 Years!

### Hemet Woman's Club Celebrates 120 Years!





## LEARNING ACADEMY

### Learning, Anytime, Anywhere

When Jane Cunningham Croly formed the General Federation of Women's Clubs in 1890, it was to support women's clubs nationwide and further their efforts at providing education, improved working conditions, health care, scholarships, and other reforms for women and children. Through her dedication to women's clubs, she committed herself to helping other women obtain the education that society had failed to support.

The Learning Academy serves as GFWC's online training site, offering a diverse range of courses designed to meet our members' needs. Members seeking insights and training to enhance their skills and knowledge will find our training videos beneficial as they progress in their club membership journey. The GFWC Learning Academy matches requested educational topics with GFWC club members/leaders who possess the expertise and knowledge in those areas and who are willing to serve as online trainers.

The GFWC Learning Academy offers free courses on essential tools and resources related to leadership, membership, technology, club resources, and financial/budget basics. In the future, fee-based Masterclass recordings will be available for members seeking more advanced training beyond basic training for success as club and state leaders.

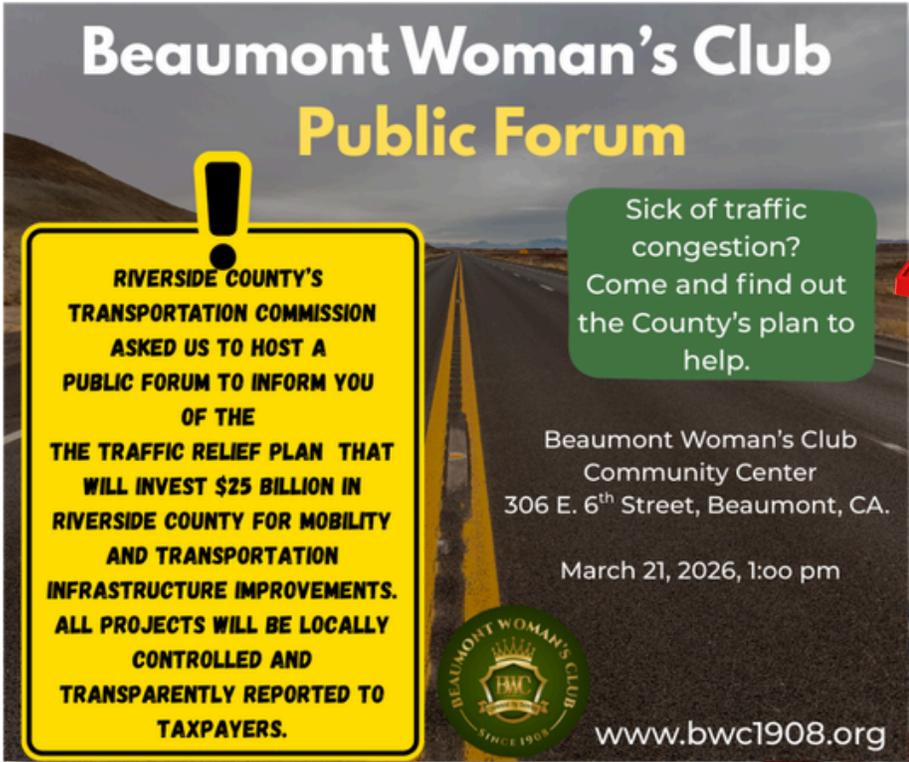
To access the videos, go to [gfwc.org](https://gfwc.org), login to the membership portal, or create an account, then go to the Membership Academy. Thirty hours of amazing videos to help you take your club and your own skills to the next level.

[Click Here for the Learning Academy Course Directory](#)

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

(Get your event in *The Roadrunner* - send your PDF flyer to [info.deanzadistrict@gmail.com](mailto:info.deanzadistrict@gmail.com).)

## March 2026 Events



**Beaumont Woman's Club  
Public Forum**

Sick of traffic congestion?  
Come and find out the County's plan to help.

Beaumont Woman's Club  
Community Center  
306 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Beaumont, CA.

March 21, 2026, 1:00 pm

[www.bwc1908.org](http://www.bwc1908.org)

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY'S TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION ASKED US TO HOST A PUBLIC FORUM TO INFORM YOU OF THE TRAFFIC RELIEF PLAN THAT WILL INVEST \$25 BILLION IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY FOR MOBILITY AND TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS. ALL PROJECTS WILL BE LOCALLY CONTROLLED AND TRANSPARENTLY REPORTED TO TAXPAYERS.**



Same date;  
different times

Get Informed With the Beaumont Woman's Club

Plan well, and you  
can make it to  
both events!



**15<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Veteran's  
Military Gala**

**"Generations of Honor"**

Saturday, March 21, 2026  
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
Woman's Improvement Club of Corona  
1101 South Main Street  
Corona, CA 92878

Tickets ~ \$50/Person  
Send payments by check made out to WICC directly to Donna Allosada - 612 Lanecer Lane, Corona, CA 92879. Also accepted are credit cards, PayPal, or Zelle payments can be made at [web.wicc@gmail.com](mailto:web.wicc@gmail.com)

No - Host **\*\*Tickets will not be sold at the door\*\***

Bar! **Party Wagon Drawing - \$20/ticket**  
**Basket Raffle - \$30/26 Tickets**

Live Music!  
**DJ Jake**

All proceeds will benefit: Local Military Organizations, Community Approved Programs/Projects, and WICC.

**Thank you for supporting our veterans!**

We are a non-profit, non-sectarian 501(c) 3-based organization.  
Donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. Tax ID #05-1486046

# April 2026 Events



The poster features a decorative border of various flowers in shades of purple, yellow, and blue. At the top right is a bright sun with rays. The central text is framed by a green background. At the bottom, there are illustrations of a brown pot with a plant, a blue wheelbarrow, a purple rake, and a green watering can.

**WICC** Woman's Improvement Club of Corona  
**Garden Tour & Vendor Event**

April 11, 2026, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Start point at 2678 Harvest Crest Lane, Corona

All proceeds will benefit: WICC, and  
Community Approved Programs/Projects

**Tickets \$30/person** For advanced sales  
call Paula Munoz @ 951-256-7923  
or purchase at the starting point with  
Checks to WICC, or cash

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## May 2026 Events



### Rubber Ducky Regatta

The Woman's Club of Holtville is having a Rubber Ducky Regatta on May 20 in the Lazy River at El Centro Aquatics Center. The race begins at 9:30.

There will be only 200 duckies sold and there will be 10 cash prizes awarded!  
You have a 1 in 20 chance to win!  
**FIRST DUCK ACROSS WINS \$5,000!**

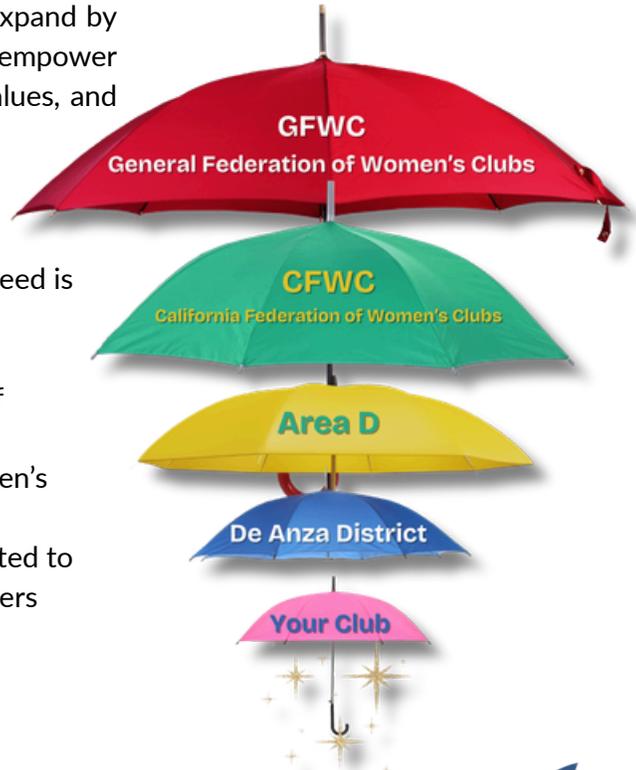
The ladies from Holtville will have duck tickets available at the Beaumont Conference. \$100 per duck.

## 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



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*Thank you for reading!*

TO:

