



# De Anza District Newsletter

Member of GFWC and CFWC

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Dear Members,

We are happy to welcome a new editor for our newsletter. Her name is Donna Allosada - she is from The Woman's Improvement Club of Corona.

While a District Newsletter is a welcomed addition to improving our communications, remember your club can use it to promote itself as well. Write up a project you are working on, send it to Donna, then when the newsletter comes out, you can print it out and give it to prospective members or partners. This is our first one, Donna is working on getting dates for the next year.

A newsletter can be a useful tool but only if you contribute stories, projects, and pictures. I look forward to reading all about you.

President Elect,  
Alison Eccleston

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**Thank you to everyone who contributed to the District's first edition of the newsletter. I couldn't have done it without all of you. I especially want to thank you for meeting the deadline! Together we can accomplish anything.**

**Donna Allosada  
District Newsletter Editor**

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At the Riverside Woman's Club, we celebrated our 125+1 birthday and woman's heart health.



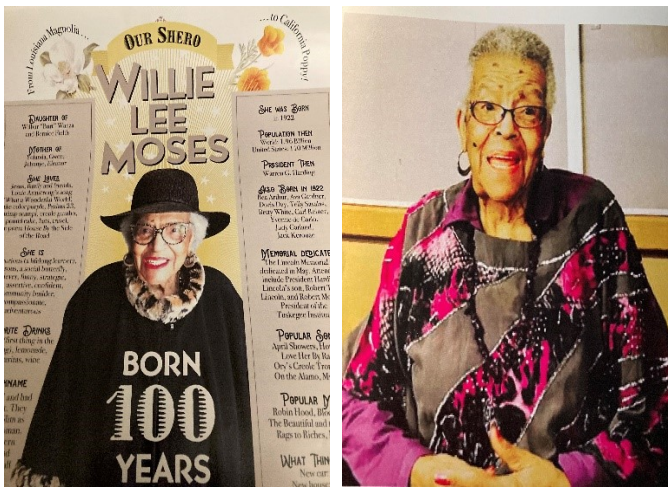
Our member, Cyndi Nolasco, who is a heart attack survivor, told us her story. Cyndi emphasized how important it is to listen to your body.

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Jan Barmaksezian is the President of Perris Valley Woman's Club; this photo was taken at their February meeting celebrating Valentine's Day and Helen Bedford's 100 birthday. Unfortunately, Helen couldn't attend.



The Ladies of Perris Woman's Club joined the Moses family to celebrate Willie Lee Moses' 100 birthday. The party was held at the Riverside County Moses Schaffer Community Center named after Willie Moses for all she has done for the people of Perris and Good Hope. Many plaques and awards were given including a message and a congressional mention in the minutes from Representative Mark Takano.



## Past President's Luncheon



The Woman's Improvement Club of Corona celebrated our past Presidents on February 22, 2022. We were honored to have as our luncheon guests five former Presidents of WICC. The honorees were: From left front: Lee Hansen (2007-2009), Nancy Fay (2011-2013). From right front: Maureen Macomber (2009-2011), Judy Porter (2018-2020), and Doris Osko (2005-2007). President Amelia Nieves shared thoughts and events of each honored president's term.

## Hand-made decorations



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**GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF INDIO'S**

## ANNUAL

## BINGO BASH!



**Wednesday, April 6, 2022, 5 pm**  
**Dinner and Bingo Card - \$33**  
**4 games - \$50 prize for each game**

**Heritage Palms Country Club**  
**Indio, CA**

**RSVP by April 3<sup>rd</sup> to 760-668-7018 or**  
**[indioclubwoman@gmail.com](mailto:indioclubwoman@gmail.com)**

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## “Keep It Clean Indio”

Our City of Indio just did a five-neighborhood clean-up and they asked us to help. We knocked on doors to let residents know about the program and distributed flyers. We had a great time walking out in the beautiful weather, seeing different neighborhoods, and we helped our City too.



Mickie Reed, WCI President, Juan Rodriguez



Front l-r) Juan Rodriguez, Bernadette Subia-Martinez, Shelly Diemer  
(Back l-r) Mickie Reed, Christina Martinez, Nan Martinez, Natalie Keller

At our last meeting, the project coordinator from the City presented us with a certificate AND joined our club. Welcome new GFWC Woman's Club of Indio member Juan Rodriguez!

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## MIGHTY MASON BEES



Did you know?

- Mason Bees pollinate six time more than honeybees?
- Mason Bees have a 95% pollination rate?
- Mason Bees do not live in colonies or produce honey?
- Mason Bees rarely sting?



Front l-r Marlon Carrier, Lana Bathen, Joan Helms

**On February 5, 2022 GFWC Woman's Club of Indio held a Mason Bee House Workshop. Using common throw-away items, such as tin cans, straws, rolled up scrap paper we made charming homes for our bee friends.**

**So, do a project, have some fun, and Save the World!**

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## One Sign

Katherine Williams, a member of the Riverside Woman's Club, got the idea for a "Done-in-a-Day" project that benefited several community organizations from a sign in a local pet shop that asked customers to bring their own boxes to carry their small animal purchases home. She thought many people are ordering items from Amazon. Collecting small boxes shouldn't be hard.

Then she read an article in Hints from Heloise about a woman who donated vases to a florist shop that was having difficulty receiving its vase order. She thought maybe the club could do the same for a local high school with a floral design program.

At this time, the citrus trees of Riverside are producing abundantly. People are giving fruits to friends and family and still have more than enough. She thought why not donate some fruit to the home with special needs boys that we gave Christmas presents to previously.

Riverside Woman's Club supports The Pink Ribbon Place, a local resource center for cancer patients in our community. They provide free products, counseling, and education to support cancer awareness. They operate a thrift shop with the profits going to their cause. She thought what if our club gives them items to sell in their thrift shop. Members could clean out unwanted useful items and clothes to give to the thrift shop.

With all these ideas in mind, she proposed a "Drive-by Drop-off" project that could be done in a day. She asked our RWC members to drop off small boxes, vases, fruits, and unwanted useful items and clothes on a Saturday. The Exec Board approved the project as a one-day two-hour drive-by drop-off event. Emails informed members. Items were picked up from members who could not deliver their items.

On the event day, signs designated an area for each collection. At the end of the event, the collected items were delivered to each group.

The Pink Ribbon Place received 29 bags of useful items and clothes.

Norte Vista High School's floral department received 130 vases that the students could use to make new arrangements.

Twelve puzzles will help entertain residents of an assisted-living home.

163 pounds of citrus were given to the special needs boys' home we helped previously. They shared the fruit with 5 other boys' home. Four boys live in each house so 24 boys enjoyed the fresh picked fruit. One boy called a club member he knows and said he did not know how to peel the small fruit that he was trying to eat. He was probably surprised when she told him to pop it whole into his mouth. It was a kumquat.

All organizations genuinely thanked us for the donations.

When Katherine walked into the pet store, the clerk's eyes lit up when she answered "yes" to his question, "All of those are for us?"

When we left the store a woman carrying a small critter in a plastic container called to us, "Thank you ladies for what you did. I sometimes forget my container." The value of 36 containers is the thanks of 36 others who forgot their container.

A total of 22 hours was happily spent to give others a tasty snack, entertainment, encouragement, a vase for beautiful flowers, or a container when one is forgotten. Four club members ran the event and 1/3 of the members donated items.

An unexpected bonus was a new member - she heard about the event and came by to drop off some fruit. We showed her our clubhouse and

told her about our club. Then she decided to join our club!

Marti Noyes, co-president



Katherine Williams, left Paige Polcene, right

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Seven members of Riverside Woman's Club participated in their first Women Out Walking (WOW) walk for 2022. We did an easy walk around a local city park to kick off our walking. More WOW walks are planned for March and April to encourage our members to get out and get fresh air, sunshine, and some exercise to support our health and wellness.

Left to right: Lois Bailey, Marti Noyes, Clara Yarbro, Tinka Friend, Judith Glenn, Katherine Williams, and Georgia Anders-Kutch



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**Planting Your Spring Garden**

**For The Garden of Your Daily Living**

**Plant Three Rows of peas**

1. Peace of Mind
2. Peace of Heart
3. Peace of Soul

**Plant Four Rows of Squash**

1. Squash Gossip
2. Squash Indifference
3. Squash Grumbling
4. Squash Selfishness

**Plant Four Rows of Lettuce**

1. Lettuce Be Faithful
2. Lettuce Be Kind
3. Lettuce Be Patient
4. Lettuce Really Love One Another

**No Garden is Complete Without Turnips**

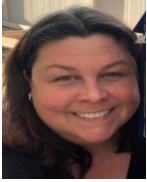
1. Turnip For Meetings
2. Turnip For Service
3. Turnip To Help One Another

**To Conclude Our Garden We Must Have Thyme**

1. Thyme For Each Other
2. Thyme For Family
3. Thyme For Friends

**Water Freely With Patience And Cultivate With Love.  
There Is Much Fruit In Your Garden Because You Reap  
What You Sow. Pass It On!!!**

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## Woman's Improvement Club of Corona Arts and Culture

At our February Arts and Culture meeting, we got ready for Valentine's Day by learning a little bit about the cultural history of chocolate from the Aztecs to Cadbury. Then, we made molded chocolates for our loved ones, and ourselves, in many adorable designs including hearts, kisses, and cupids. And of course, shared a delicious potluck lunch. It was a fun, informative, and tasty activity!

Becky Floyd, Pres. Amelia Nieves, Karen Owens, Pat Smith, Doris Osko, Jackie Lopez, Paula Munoz



Shirley Clark



Pat Smith, Doris Osko



Paula Munoz



Laura Seltzer



Jackie Lopez



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