

GFWC/CFWC De Anza District Convention
Woman's Improvement Club of Corona
April 6, 2024
Finding New Roads

OPENING CEREMONIES:

Call to Order by President, Alison Eccleston at 10:19 AM.

Inspiration: Connecting the Dots by Barb Fairbairn

Flag Salute: Marti Noyes

Welcome: Alison Eccleston welcomed 90 club women to the 67th De Anza Convention. Yea!

Introductions: President, Alison Eccleston, introduced the guests: CFWC President, Barbara Bailey-Beard; CFWC President elect, Sonya Mathies; CFWC Second Vice President, Wendy Curren; Area D First Vice President, Lynn Lindstrom.

Alison introduced the De Anza Board: Mickie Reed, First Vice President; Amelia Nieves, Second Vice President; Pat Miller, Third Vice President; Darlene Wharton, Corresponding Secretary; Jennifer Nickel, Parliamentarian; Jackie Lopez, Financial Secretary; Kay Masonbrink, Treasurer; Auditor, Deborah Thornburg; Lynda Krisko, Recording Secretary.

Past Presidents: Sonya Matthies, CFWC First Vice President and CFWC President Elect, and Jan Emde.

Honoring First Timers and Birthdays: Lois Bailey honored First Timers and Birthdays since the March Conference.

Roll Call was taken by Lynda Krisko, De Anza District Recording Secretary, who established a quorum of clubs were present. Eleven (11) of the thirteen (13) De Anza District clubs responded as established in Article VIII, Section 5, of the De Anza District Bylaws.

Preliminary Credentials Report was given by Carol Conway.

Adoption of Convention Rules: Jennifer Nickel, Parliamentarian, moved to adopt the Convention Rules. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

Adoption of the Convention Program: Heidi Dodd and Kimberly Ryan, Convention Chairwomen, moved to adopt the Convention Program. The motion was seconded, and carried.

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes of the March 18, 2024, were approved. Additional copies are available by contacting the De Anza Recording Secretary, Lynda Krisko via email: LyndaKris@aol.com.

Correspondence: Darlene Wharton, Corresponding Secretary, reported that Julie Hale, Director of Operations for Safe House, thanked De Anza for the \$100 donation to Safe House.

Financial Reports: Jackie Lopez, Financial Secretary, reported that De Anza had an income of \$2,285.10 for March. The income was for conference registration, conference fundraising, reception fundraising, and interest. She reminded clubs that dues are due by April 20, and member lists and information needs to be in Excel and sent by e-mail.

Treasurer: Kay Masonbrink reported that checks were written for raffle prizes, convention supplies, election supplies, Safe House donation, and the Riverside Woman's club conference luncheon to the amount of \$1,562. We have \$11,349.86 in the bank.

By-law changes:

Change 1

Parliamentarian Jennifer Nickel presented the proposed changes to the Bylaws that had been previously noticed at the March Conference and with the Call to Convention, and requested, if there was no objection, that they be considered in seriatim.

On behalf of the Bylaws Committee, she moved for adoption of the first proposed change to the Bylaws, to **AMEND** ARTICLE X, to ADD new language to create new Section 11 at the end, to state:

“Section 11. If the nominating committee does not present a full slate of board positions at the March conference and no candidate runs from the floor, and a subsequent election may be held for those offices remaining vacant which will allow the waiver of any prohibitions regarding qualification for office which might disqualify the candidate, including, but not limited to, qualifications for the First Vice President requiring prior De Anza District Board service, and/or membership in the same club as the District President, with the exception that the First Vice President must have served as President for her club.”

There was discussion of this by-law change. First Vice President, Mickie Reed, moved to add “and If there is no fully qualified candidate,” to the by-law-to read as follows:

“Section 11. If the nominating committee does not present a full slate of board positions at the March conference and no candidate runs from the floor, a subsequent election may be held for those offices remaining vacant **and If there is no fully qualified candidate** which will allow the waiver of any prohibitions regarding qualification for office which might disqualify the candidate, including, but not limited to, qualifications for the First Vice President requiring prior De Anza District Board service, and/or membership in the same club as the District President, with the exception that the First Vice President must have served as President for her club.”

It was ruled that the proposed amendment to the proposed Bylaw change exceeded the scope of the Notice sent to District members.

There was discussion of this.

First Vice President Mickie Reed appealed the ruling that the proposed Amendment exceeded the scope of the Notice sent to members regarding the proposed bylaw change, which was seconded. The ruling was not sustained by a majority vote of the Assembly. Therefore, the proposed Amendment was addressed after being seconded and was adopted by majority vote of the Assembly.

The proposed bylaw change, as amended, was adopted by a 2/3 vote with 47 in favor, and 10 opposed.

Change 2

On behalf of the Bylaws Committee, Parliamentarian, Jennifer Nickel, moved for adoption of the first proposed change to the Bylaws, to AMEND ARTICLE V to ADD new language to Section 2 at the end of section (e) at the end of the sentence, and creating new subsection (f), as follows:

“except for the office of President or First Vice President.

- (f) In event the of vacancies in the office of President or First Vice President, it is suggested that the District Board, with the approval of the membership:
1. If the vacancy occurs before or on June 1 in the non-election year,
 - A. The First Vice President shall remain in that office retaining the title and duties for the remainder of the term. In accordance with the duties of the First Vice President, she shall preside at District meetings in the absence of the President.
 - B. The District Board may at its discretion and approval of the First Vice President, appoint a District Past President to fulfill any necessary duties of the vacated office and provide assistance to the First Vice President in leading the District until the regularly scheduled District elections. Primary leadership decisions will be made by the First Vice President with the Past President taking on the role of a mentor to help guide and assist. The District Past President shall not be expected to pay registration fees or meal costs at District Conferences, District Conventions, or other District events while serving in this capacity in gratitude for her valuable service and experience

2. If the vacancy occurs after June 1 in the non-election year
 - A. The President-elect shall ascend to the office of President and be granted the title and rights of that office.

 - B. The District Board may at its discretion and approval of the new President, appoint a District Past President to fulfill any necessary duties of the vacated office and provide assistance to the new President in leading the District until the regularly scheduled District elections. Primary leadership decisions will be made by the new President with the Past President taking on the role of a mentor to help guide and assist The District Past President shall not be expected to pay registration fees or meal costs at District Conferences, District Conventions, or other District events while serving in this capacity in gratitude for her valuable service and experience.”

The proposed bylaw change was adopted by a 2/3 vote with 56 in favor, and 1 opposed.

Change 3

On behalf of the Bylaws Committee, Parliamentarian, Jennifer Nickel, moved for adoption of the first proposed change to the Bylaws, to AMEND ARTICLE VII, Section 2, to INSERT language:

1. Between “She shall assist Club Chairmen to follow report form properly.” and “She shall attend CFWC Executive Board meetings and the CFWC Convention”:
 - INSERT “She shall assist in the routine oversight of the Corresponding Secretary’s preparation of the District Yearbook.”

2. At end:
 - INSERT “Beginning June 1 of the nonelection year, she may begin preparation for her assumption of the office of President by making such preliminary appointments for her upcoming term as President as she chooses, subject to the approval of the newly elected District Board for her term as President.” ~~A.~~

The proposed bylaw change was adopted by a 2/3 vote with 56 in favor, and 0 opposed.

Change 4

On behalf of the Bylaws Committee, Parliamentarian, Jennifer Nickel, moved for adoption of the first proposed change to the Bylaws, to AMEND Article X, Section 1, to SUBSTITUTE for the second sentence language as follows:

“The Treasurer and/or Financial Secretary may serve two terms in either the Treasurer or Financial Secretary office but after 4 years total on the Financial Board, may only serve again after a one term sabbatical from the Board.”

The proposed bylaw change was lost, failing to obtain a 2/3 vote, with 11 in favor, and 41 opposed.

Change 5

On behalf of the Bylaws Committee, Parliamentarian, Jennifer Nickel, moved for adoption of the first proposed change to the Bylaws, to AMEND ARTICLE XI by SUBSTITUTING NEW ARTICLE XI and NEW ARTICLE XII in and renumbering subsequent Articles thereafter, as follows:

“ARTICLE XI Committees

11.1. There shall be the following Standing Committees:

- a) Bylaws Committee composed of the Parliamentarian as Chairman, the President, First Vice President, a Past President, and two general members from other clubs appointed by the President. Two alternatives shall be appointed to serve in absence of a committee member. A quorum of the Committee shall be 4 members.
- b) Finance Committee shall be composed of the Treasurer as Chairman, the President, First Vice President, Auditor, and Financial Secretary. The duties of the Finance Committee shall be:
 1. To submit the proposed annual budget to the Executive Committee for recommendation to the Membership for final action at the September Conference.
 2. To provide blanket position bonds as deemed necessary for Executive Officers and Convention Chairmen and committees. The amount of bonding shall be determined by the Finance Committee.
 3. To ensure a general liability policy or a directors or officers liability policy is always maintained by the District.
- c) Resolutions Committee composed of the Resolutions Chairman and 4 general members appointed by the President with consideration to diversity in club representation. The duties of the Resolutions Committee are to meet at least once per year to review Resolutions adopted by the District to determine whether they are active or should be rescinded, modified, or deemed accomplished. The Resolutions Committee shall also vet any Proposed Resolutions submitted by Clubs for factual accuracy in supporting research and make recommendations regarding adoption by the District to the Assembly at Convention.
- d) Communications Committee There shall be a Communications Team consisting of the District Third Vice President as Chairman, the President, First Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Webmaster, Social Media Chairman (if different), and Editor of the Newsletter. The duties of

the Communications Committee are to meet at the call of the Third Vice President to coordinate positive communications educating members and the public on the activities of the District.

e) Membership Committee shall be composed of the District Second Vice President as Chairman, the President, First Vice President, and each Membership Chairman serving District clubs. The duties of the Membership Committee are to meet at the call of the Second Vice President to plan and consider ways of growing.

f) Convention Committee. The Chairman and/or Co Chairman shall be appointed by the President. The Convention Committee shall be comprised of the President, First Vice President, the District Board, and by agreement of the Convention Chairmen (if applicable), may appoint such Committee members as they deem appropriate to carry out their duties.

g) Credentials. The President shall select the Credentials Chairman. The Credentials Chairman appoints additional members to the Committee as needed, none of whom may be a member of the District Board.

h) Other Standing Committees may be established for each administration as are deemed necessary to carry on the work of the District and upon recommendation of the President and ratification by the District Board.

11.2. Committees may be combined or permitted to remain vacant as the President deems the needs of the District require, and may be created at the discretion of the President subject to the approval of the District Board.

11.3 Any bills incurred by chairmen who are budgeted shall be submitted to the Treasurer within 30 days of expenditure.

11.4 A procedure book shall be kept, and passed on at the end of the term to the incoming Chairmen.

ARTICLE XII Programs

12.1 It is the goal that programs shall be in conformity with those established by the General Federation of Women's Clubs and/or the California Federation of Women's Clubs.

12.2 Programs. The Programs shall be those established upon recommendation of the President and ratified by the Executive Board.

12.3 Programs may be combined or permitted to remain vacant as the President deems the needs of CFWC require, subject to the approval of the Executive Board.

The proposed bylaw change was adopted by a 2/3 vote with 56 in favor, and 0 opposed.

Peg Boortz reminded members to vote on the Arts and Craft entries.

Wendy Curren, CFWC Second Vice President, gave the blessing.

Recess for Lunch

Reconvene at 1:28.

Elections were held for the nominees with completed paperwork—resume and 2 endorsement letters.

The nominations committee presented the slate of qualified candidates for the unfilled positions:

Amelia Nieves—Treasurer
Carol Soliday—Recording Secretary
Lynda Krisko—First Vice President

The members voted and approved the slate. The new board consists of the following:

President—Mickie Reed
First Vice—Lynda Krisko
Second Vice—Carol Conway
Third Vice—Deni Mazingo
Recording Secretary—Carol Soliday
Treasurer—Amelia Nieves
Financial Secretary—Reggie Mattox

Election of a member to represent our District at Area D Level for CFWC Resolutions Committee:

Resolutions are statements (researched and voted on at convention) about GFWC beliefs. One person and two alternates are needed.

Mary Witten of Corona is our representative to the Resolutions Committee.

Elect a member to the CFWC By-laws Committee: There were no nominations or volunteers.

Speaker: CFWC President, Barbara Bailey-Beard, spoke on leadership. There are 10,188 members of CFWC. She encouraged members to take on leadership roles. True leadership is making everyone you the best.

District Scholarship: Cynthia Yaryan announced the scholarship recipient, Quarina Khan from Corona. She also reported that there were three candidates this year.

Project in a Day: Kimberly Ryan and Heidi Dodd, Elsinore Woman's Club, led members in tying knots in flannel rectangles to make dog or cat blankets to be donated to Animal Friends of the Valleys.

District Presentation of Awards:

Writing:

Hemet awards for grades 9-12, 6-8, and 4-5.

Poetry: Carol Witten, Corona

Short story: Peg Boortz, Indio

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES:

LARGE CLUBS:

1st PLACE: Woman's Improvement Club of Corona

2nd PLACE: Riverside Woman's Club

3rd PLACE: Elsinore Woman's Club

INTERMEDIATE CLUBS:

1st PLACE: Temecula Valley Woman's Club

2nd PLACE: Woman's Club of Holtville

MEMBERSHIP:

LARGE CLUBS:

1st PLACE: Elsinore Woman's Club

2nd PLACE: Riverside Woman's Club

3rd PLACE: GFWC Woman's Club of Indio

INTERMEDIATE CLUBS:

1st PLACE: Temecula Valley Woman's Club

2nd PLACE: Hemet Woman's Club

SMALL CLUBS:

1st PLACE: Beaumont Woman's Club

2nd PLACE: GFWC HOPE

WOMAN'S HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER:

LARGE CLUBS:

1st PLACE: Riverside Woman's Club

2nd PLACE: GFWC Woman's Club of Indio

3rd PLACE: Woman's Improvement Club of Corona

INTERMEDIATE CLUBS:

1st PLACE: Woman's Club of Holtville

2nd PLACE: Hemet Woman's Club

3rd PLACE: Temecula Valley Woman's Club

SMALL CLUBS:

1st Place: Beaumont Woman's Club

ENVIRONMENT:

LARGE CLUBS:

1st PLACE: Elsinore Woman's Club

2nd PLACE: Riverside Woman's Club

3rd PLACE: Woman's Improvement Club of Corona

INTERMEDIATE CLUBS:

1ST PLACE: Temecula Valley Woman's Club

2nd PLACE: Hemet Woman's Club

HEALTH AND WELLNESS:

LARGE CLUBS:

1st PLACE: Riverside Woman's Club

2nd PLACE: Elsinore Woman's Club

3rd PLACE: Woman's Improvement Club of Corona

INTERMEDIATE CLUBS:

1st PLACE: Temecula Valley Woman's Club

2nd PLACE: Hemet Woman's Club

SMALL CLUBS:

1st PLACE: Beaumont Woman's Club

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

LARGE CLUBS:

1st PLACE: Elsinore Woman's Club

2nd PLACE: GFWC Woman's Club of Indio

3rd PLACE: Riverside Woman's Club

INTERMEDIATE CLUBS:

1st PLACE: Hemet Woman's Club

2nd PLACE: Temecula Valley Woman's Club

SMALL CLUBS:

1ST PLACE: GFWC HOPE

LEADERSHIP:

LARGE CLUBS:

1st PLACE: Elsinore Woman's Club

2nd PLACE: GFWC Woman's Club of Indio

3rd PLACE: Woman's Improvement Club of Corona

INTERMEDIATE CLUBS:

1st PLACE: Hemet Woman's Club

2nd PLACE: Temecula Valley Woman's Club

SMALL CLUBS:

1st PLACE: Beaumont Woman's Club

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS:

LARGE CLUBS:

1st PLACE: GFWC Woman's Club of Indio

2nd PLACE: Riverside Woman's Club

3rd PLACE: Woman's Improvement Club of Corona

INTERMEDIATE CLUBS:

1st PLACE: Temecula Valley Woman's Club

2nd PLACE: Hemet Woman's Club

SMALL CLUBS:

1st PLACE: Beaumont Woman's Club

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN:

LARGE CLUBS:

1st PLACE: Riverside Woman's Club

2nd PLACE: GFWC Woman's Club of Indio

3rd PLACE: Elsinore Woman's Club

INTERMEDIATE CLUBS:

1st PLACE: Temecula Valley Woman's Club

2nd PLACE: Hemet Woman's Club

SMALL CLUBS:

1st PLACE: GFWC HOPE

ARTS AND CULTURE:

LARGE CLUBS:

1st PLACE: Riverside Woman's Club

2nd PLACE: Woman's Improvement Club of Corona

3rd PLACE: GFWC Woman's Club of Indio

INTERMEDIATE CLUBS:

1st PLACE: Hemet Woman's Club

2nd PLACE: Temecula Valley Woman's Club

LEGISLATION:

LARGE CLUBS:

1st PLACE: Elsinore Woman's Club

2nd PLACE: Woman's Improvement Club of Corona

3rd PLACE: Riverside Woman's Club

CIVIC OUTREACH:

LARGE CLUBS:

1st PLACE: Woman's Improvement Club of Corona

2nd PLACE: Riverside Woman's Club

3rd PLACE: GFWC Woman's Club of Indio

INTERMEDIATE CLUBS:

1st PLACE: Hemet Woman's Club

2nd PLACE: Woman's Club of Holtville

SMALL CLUBS:

1st PLACE: Beaumont Woman's Club 24

FUNDRAISING AND DEVELOPMENT:

LARGE CLUBS:

1st PLACE: Elsinore Woman's Club

2nd PLACE: GFWC Woman's Club of Indio

3rd PLACE: Riverside Woman's Club

INTERMEDIATE CLUBS:

1st PLACE: Hemet Woman's Club

2nd PLACE: Temecula Valley Woman's Club

SMALL CLUBS:

1st PLACE: GFWC HOPE

2nd PLACE: Beaumont Woman's Club

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LARGE CLUBS:

1st PLACE: GFWC Woman's Club of Indio

2nd PLACE: Elsinore Woman's Club

INTERMEDIATE CLUBS:

1ST PLACE: Hemet Woman's Club

2nd PLACE: Temecula Valley Woman's Club

SMALL CLUBS:

1ST PLACE: Beaumont Woman's Club

Arts and Crafts Winners

Acrylic Painting: 1st Place - Carol Soliday (Corona), *Golden Lemon*

(Realistic lemon suspended from a branch)

Apparel: 1st Place - Barb Pendergast (Riverside), *1897 Costume Deception!* (dress sewn for a character in a play performed at Riverside Community Players)

Ceramics: 1st Place - Donna Allosada (Corona), *Ceramic Cat* (a cat with hand drawn designs of family & friends' names, stars, flowers, faces, hearts, etc. then fired in the kiln, glazed & fired again)

2nd Place - Carol Soliday (Corona), *Child's Tea Set* (cups, teapot, and tray in a cream color with pink polka dots)

Crochet: 1st Place - Jan Warner (Corona), *Snowball* (large, 2 ½ foot tall white rabbit)

2nd Place - Patricia Nelson (Temecula) *Spring Blooms for Baby*

(pastel baby blanket for her future grandchild)

Embroidery & Needlepoint: 1st Place - Jan Warner (Corona), *Fancy* (black purse embroidered in gold)

2nd Place - Bonnie Tucker (Indio), *Biff* (needlepoint taken from a photograph of the first dog owned in her marriage)

General Crafts: 1st Place - Peg Boortz (Indio), *Send in the Clowns* (whimsical fish painted on a gourd with metallic ink)

2nd Place - Ginger Johnson-Reyes (Corona), *Dreams from Heaven* (hand-painted wood with acrylic dream catcher cross and bronze embellishments)

3rd Place - Donna Allosada (Corona), *Vacation Journal* (hand-made folding book embellished with lace, ribbon, travel tickets, stickers, pictures, and more)

Glass: 1st Place - Carol Soliday (Corona), *Turkish lamp* (small genie lamp with multi-colored stained glass and beads globe)

Jewelry: 1st Place - Ginger Johnson-Reyes (Corona), *Pink Bliss* (beaded shell, glass, and crystal necklace, bracelet, and earrings set)

Mixed Media: 1st Place - Lorraine Velona (Indio), *The Roseanne Handbag* (sophisticated, large handbag crafted from cork fabric made from the bark of cork oak trees, cowhide, and lined with soft cotton fabric)

Oil Painting: 1st Place - Jan Warner (Corona), *A Country Retreat* (courtyard with an inviting table and chairs)

Quilting (tie): 1st Place - Patricia Nelson (Temecula), *For Good Times, Warm Memories, and Lasting Love* (embroidered Hummel figures quilted into blocks for her parents' anniversary)

Marian Taylor (Corona), *A Christmas Fantasy* (cheerful Christmas scenes moving from one square to the next)

Trash to Treasure: 1st Place - Ginger Johnson-Reyes (Corona), *Native Pride* (Native American breastplate made of hairpin horn beads, turquoise pony beads, leather, synthetic sinew, quail feathers, sea shells, and aluminum pipe)

Best in Show (tie): Barb Pendergast (Riverside), *1897 Costume Deception!* (dress sewn for a character in a play performed at Riverside Community Players)

Ginger Johnson-Reyes (Corona), *Dragon's Heat* (wreath made with mesh and a rubber dragon mask, wings, and tail)

Installation of 2024-2026 District Officers: Barbara Bailey-Beard, CFWC President, presided. The **theme** is **connecting** the dots.

Holtville Lady Singers

Final Credential Report: Carol Conway

Drawings

Announcements

President Elect: Mickie Reed spoke about leadership. "Pull up those behind you, push up not down." She shared her goals for the next two years: 800 De Anza members, a new club, reform closed club, every club leads, one member from every club at conferences, and project in a day at every conference.

Memorial Ceremony: Kimberly Ryan led a ceremony to remember those we lost this year.

The Collect

Song: "May the good Lord Bless and Keep You"

Convention adjourned at 4 PM

Champagne Celebration

Minutes submitted by

Lynda Krisko

President Elect Mickie Reed presenting outgoing President
Alison Eccleston with a gift.
Joan Thornton & Deborah Thornburg leading us in song and dance.

Fundraising Chairman's Report and Raffle: Jan Kriz

Closing Ceremonies

Collect for Club Women was read by Mickie Reed.

"May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You" led by De Anza Board Members

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00

Lynda Krisko
De Anza District Recording Secretary