



THE DE ANZA DISTRICT

OF THE CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT: LYNDA KRISKO

Moving Forward Together

Dear De Anza District Clubwomen,

What a wonderful beginning to our new club year!

Our September 21 District Conference at the Woman's Improvement Club of Corona gave us an opportunity to come together, reconnect, share information, and begin looking ahead at what we can accomplish throughout De Anza District during the 2026–2028 administration.

For those of you who were unable to attend, I want to share a little of what took place and, more importantly, why our District Conferences matter to every one of our clubs.

LEADERSHIP: OUR DISTRICT NEEDS YOU

One of the important conversations this year is leadership.

At the CFWC Fall/Summer Board Meeting, I learned that clubs throughout California are experiencing some of the same challenges when it comes to finding members willing to step into leadership positions. This is not something any one club is facing alone.

There are opportunities available to help our members develop the confidence and skills to lead. One of those is L.E.A.D.S., which focuses on strengthening leadership skills. Applications are expected to be due at the end of January.

Our September Conference continued that conversation with a Leadership Workshop. I encourage our clubs to begin identifying women who may be ready to take that next step. Sometimes leadership begins simply because someone says, **"I think you would be wonderful at this."**

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND OUR CLUBS

Communication was another important part of our conference.

Our District officers provided updates in Communications and Public Relations, finances, District leadership and other areas of District business.

But communication cannot stop at the conference.

The Black Box continues to be an important way for information from the District Board and District Program Chairmen to reach our individual clubs. Presidents and chairmen are asked to take that information back and share it with their members. When a club president cannot attend a District Conference, another member should be designated to bring that information home.

Going forward, we also want to strengthen how our clubs communicate with one another. When one club discovers a successful project, creates a wonderful event, develops a community partnership or finds a new way to attract members, there is an opportunity for all of us to learn from it.

LEARNING BEYOND OUR OWN CLUB

District Conferences are also about bringing useful information back into our communities.

Our afternoon program included Understanding Alzheimer's, presented by the Alzheimer's Society of Riverside. Programs such as this remind us that Federation is not only about conducting business. It is also about education and giving our members information they can take home and share.

SERVICE IN ACTION

Our host club, the Woman's Improvement Club of Corona, also gave us a wonderful example of service through its support of AngelHart, a nonprofit assisting underserved, homeless and needy students. Conference attendees were encouraged to contribute food and personal-care items to support the project.

We also continued our ESO tradition of "Bring a book, take a book, read that book," encouraging members to pass books along to other readers in their clubs.

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THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU AT DISTRICT

Perhaps the message I most want our members to take away from September is this:

District belongs to all of us.

You do not need to be a District officer to attend. You do not need years of Federation experience. In fact, at our September Conference we specifically welcomed first-time attendees, and both first-time attendees and the members who brought them were entered into a special drawing.

If you have never attended a De Anza District Conference, I hope you will make this the year you do.

Come meet women from our other clubs. Exchange ideas. Learn something new. Bring information home to your members. Discover another part of Federation.

Most importantly, come see what happens when we stop thinking only as individual clubs and begin thinking about what we can accomplish together as a District.

Our theme for 2026–2028 is **"Sparkle in Service."**

There is a tremendous amount of talent, experience, creativity and heart throughout De Anza District. My hope for the next two years is that we bring more of it together, support one another, strengthen our clubs, develop new leaders and make sure the work our members are doing throughout our communities continues to shine.

I look forward to seeing even more of you at our next District gathering.

In Federation and Friendship,
Lynda Krisko
De Anza District President
2026–2028

LET'S STAY CONNECTED

RIVERSIDE WOMAN'S CLUB
PRESENTS

MYSTERY at BLACKWOOD MANOR

A VICTORIAN MURDER MYSTERY

SAVE THE DATE

AN EVENING (OR AFTERNOON) OF INTRIGUE, SECRETS & SCANDAL.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 17	SUNDAY OCTOBER 18
DINNER SHOWING	LUNCH SHOWING
DOORS OPEN 5:30 PM	DOORS OPEN 12:30 PM
SHOW STARTS 6:00 PM	SHOW STARTS 1:00 PM
TICKETS \$50 PER PERSON	TICKETS \$50 PER PERSON

Step into a world of mystery where everyone has a secret and nothing is as it seems.

INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCE | LIVE PERFORMANCE | YOU BE THE DETECTIVE! | GREAT FOR GROUPS

riversidewomansclub2@gmail.com | 951-312-5862 | www.riversidewomansclub.com

SAVE THE DATE - TICKETS ON SALE SOON!

ELSINORE WOMAN'S CLUB
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO JOIN US IN CELEBRATING OUR

120TH Anniversary

Honoring 120 Years of Friendship, Service and Community in Lake Elsinore and Beyond

DATE
October 10, 2026

TIME
3:00 - 6:00 P.M.
Presentations at 4:00 P.M.

PLACE
Elsinore Woman's Club
710 W. Graham Ave.
Lake Elsinore, CA 92530

JOIN US FOR
An afternoon of celebration with proclamations, recognition and fellowship. Enjoy piano music, entertainment and delicious finger foods.

RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

THE HEMET WOMAN'S CLUB INVITES YOU

HALLOWEEN BUNCO

Saturday, October 17th

Reserve Your Seat!
Call or Text Susan
951-990-5680

\$15 PER PERSON

Doors Open at 12:30

Hemet Public Library - 2nd Floor
300 E Latham, Hemet

Event starts at 1:00 - Ends 4:30
Proceeds to T.H.E. Center

RAFFLES - PRIZES - SNACKS
FELLOWSHIP - FUN

RIVERSIDE WOMAN'S CLUB
GFWC-CFWC

BUNCO

October 23rd

Doors Open at 5:00 PM

\$20 to Play
Light Refreshments

VENDORS WANTED

RSVP to Marybeth
(951) 312-5862
riversidewomansclub2@gmail.com

4092 Tenth Street, Riverside

LET'S STAY CONNECTED



DINE OUT WITH A FRIEND

FOOD, FRIENDS, & FUNDRAISING
Help support the Elsinore Woman's Club by
dining at MAIN STREET KITCHEN AND TAP



11:00am - 8:00pm
OCTOBER 20th



Location
**157 N. Main Street
Lake Elsinore**



Visit our website
@Elsinorewomansclub.org

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Elsinore Woman's Club

LET'S STAY CONNECTED

Elsinore Woman's Club



NOVEMBER CRAFT FAIR

Celebrate the cozy season with local artisans, handmade goods, delicious chili cook-off contest, EWC Bake Sale treats, and family fun.

Elsinore Woman's Club
710 W Graham Avenue
Lake Elsinore

Contact: Sandy
(909) 730-0682

Date
November 14th 2026

Time
09:00 AM - 2:00 PM

We look forward to seeing you there to eat, shop, and support our community together!

ELSINORE WOMAN'S CLUB

CHILI COOK OFF

SATURDAY, NOV. 14TH, 2026

Bring the Heat & Show Off Your Best Chili!

9:00AM - 2:00PM

TASTY CHILI
Bring your best homemade chili to share & compete!

AWARDS
1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners!

HANDMADE CRAFT & GIFTS
Fun for the whole family!

EWC BAKE SALE!

REGISTER TODAY!
\$20 ENTRY FEE PER TEAM

SIGN UP OR LEARN MORE:
562-822-4465
KATHY HOCKENBERRY

710 W. GRAHAM AVENUE
LAKE ELSINORE
CA 92530

★ TASTING ADMISSION: ADULT \$10 & KIDS \$5 ★

HEMET WOMAN'S CLUB ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Holiday BAZAAR

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 14, 2026
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

HOLIDAY DÉCOR WOODWORK JEWELRY CLOTHING
FOOD ITEMS CRAFTS GIFT ITEMS ART AND MORE

OVER 30 VENDORS
FREE ADMISSION

GRAND PRIZE DRAWING WORTH \$1200
\$950 SOBORA RESORT PACKAGE PLUS
GIFT CARDS \$150 STATER BROS • \$100 TARGET
TICKETS \$5 EACH • DRAWING AT 1:45 PM

PLUS GIFT BASKET RAFFLES EVERY HOUR
GIFT BASKET RAFFLE TICKETS \$1 EACH / 6 FOR \$5
WINNERS DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN

SNACK BAR OPEN 8AM - 2PM
DONUTS AND COFFEE
HOFFY HOT DOGS, CHIPS & SODAS

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM OF THE HEMET WOMAN'S CLUB

HEMET WOMAN'S CLUB

COLONIAL COUNTRY CLUB 601 NORTH KIRBY AVE, HEMET

Save the Date

TEMECULA VALLEY WOMAN'S CLUB

40TH Annual MARKETPLACE

SATURDAY
11/14/26

WHERE:
TEMECULA COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER

LOCATED AT:
IN TEMECULA

TIME:
10:00AM - 4:00PM

Fun for all Ages

A New Chapter for De Anza District Communications

The De Anza District is more than a collection of individual Woman's Clubs. We are a network of women and clubs connected through service, leadership, friendship, and a shared commitment to strengthening our communities.

As part of the California Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs, De Anza District provides an important connection between our local clubs and the larger Federation. But just as importantly, the District gives our clubs an opportunity to support one another, learn from one another, celebrate one another, and grow together.

This year, we want to strengthen that connection even further.

WHO WE ARE

De Anza District represents Woman's Clubs throughout our region, each with its own history, personality, projects, traditions, and community impact.

Some of our clubs have served their communities for generations. Others are introducing new programs, developing new partnerships, and finding new ways to reach women in their communities.

Although every club is unique, we share something very important: a commitment to volunteer service and to making our communities better places to live.

When one of our clubs succeeds, our entire District becomes stronger.

SPREADING THE WORD THROUGH FACEBOOK

De Anza District will be expanding the use of our Facebook presence to help tell the stories of the clubs throughout our District.

We want to share your projects.

We want to celebrate your members.

We want people to see your fundraisers, community service, scholarships, partnerships, meetings, special events, and accomplishments.

And most importantly, when a woman sees something that inspires her, we want to help connect her with the club in her community.

This isn't about replacing your club's Facebook page or website. It is about giving your club another voice and another opportunity to be discovered.

Imagine the reach we can create when our clubs support and share one another's stories.

CLUBS: KEEP US CONNECTED

For this effort to work, we need your help.

When your club posts something you are proud of on Facebook, tag or mention De Anza District. This helps us discover your stories and gives us opportunities to share them with a larger audience.

Tell us what your members are doing. Send us photographs. Share your successes. Let us know about community projects and upcoming events.

The more our clubs communicate with the District, the more effectively we can help communicate for our clubs.

IS YOUR WEBSITE READY FOR A NEW MEMBER?

This is an important question for every club in our District.

If a woman discovers your club through a De Anza District Facebook post and clicks on your website, what will she find?

Your website is often your club's first introduction to a prospective member. Before we begin sending more people your way, we encourage every club to review its website and make sure it is current, welcoming, and easy to navigate.

At minimum, prospective members should be able to quickly find:

- Who your club is and the community you serve
- What your club does
- When and where you meet
- Examples of your projects and activities
- Current photographs
- Membership information
- A clear way to contact your club or request information about joining

Think of your website as your club's digital front door. When someone knocks, we want to make sure the door is open and that there is a warm welcome waiting on the other side.

FROM FOLLOWER TO FUTURE MEMBER

Our goal isn't simply to gain Facebook followers.

Our goal is to create connections.

A woman may first discover De Anza District because she sees a photograph from a community project. That post may lead her to one of our clubs. She may visit that club's website, attend a meeting, meet its members and eventually decide to join.

That is the connection we want to create.

Facebook → Club Website → Conversation → Meeting → Membership

Social media gets someone's attention. Your website provides the information. Your members create the relationship.

Together, those pieces can become a powerful membership tool.



LET'S TELL OUR STORY TOGETHER

There are incredible things happening throughout De Anza District, and those stories deserve to be seen.

Our clubs are volunteering, raising funds, supporting students, helping families, developing leaders, building friendships, and serving their communities. Our job is to make sure people know about it.

So when your club does something wonderful, don't keep it a secret.

Take the picture. Tell the story. Tag De Anza District. Keep your website current. Share the District's posts. Celebrate the work of our sister clubs.

The more connected we become, the more people we can reach.

And somewhere in our communities is a woman who has never heard of her local Woman's Club but is looking for exactly what we have to offer.

Let's help her find us.

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Show Your Support
WITH **DISTRICT PRIDE!**

Classic White *Sahara*

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- ✓ Comfortable & Stylish
- ✓ Perfect for Meetings, Events & Everyday Wear
- ✓ Show Your District Pride!

Together We Make a Difference!

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TWO BEAUTIFUL COLORS
WHITE | SAHARA

TO PLACE YOUR ORDER
Please contact your Club President or Membership Chairman.

Questions?
Contact us at info.deanzadistrict@gmail.com

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Stronger Together for a Brighter Tomorrow™

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— Ready —
FOR A NEW MEMBER?

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Make it welcoming, clear, and easy to find.

- ✓ Who we are & the community we serve
- ✓ What our club does
- ✓ When & where we meet
- ✓ Projects, activities & events
- ✓ Photos that show our impact
- ✓ Membership information
- ✓ Easy ways to contact or join

Open the door.
LET'S WELCOME HER IN!

WOMAN'S CLUB
Making a difference together

FRIENDSHIP. LEADERSHIP. SERVICE.
Stronger Together.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY

- VOLUNTEER SERVICE
- FRIENDSHIP & CONNECTION
- EDUCATION & SCHOLARSHIPS
- COMMUNITY IMPACT

JOIN US!
Find friendship. Make a difference. Belong.

CONTACT US

Stronger Together

A GREAT WEBSITE
Helps Her Find You.