



Woman's Civic Club of Garden Grove

Torch

Presidents' Message

Hello everyone,

A new year is here already, just doesn't seem like it.

I want to take the time to thank all of you for your support and help and generosity all throughout the year. What a blessing all of you have been to so many. It has been such an honor to have worked with all of you. Thank you so much for being who you are. God's angels.

The veterans are asking for throw blankets for this winter. If you would like to participate, please bring them to the January meeting. Thank you.

Sorry about the pot roast last month. The girl in charge didn't tell the diner in time. So we'll try again.

Ladies, please be sure to call in your reservations to me even if it's a little late it is so important.

Thank you, and God bless.

Trisha Brees

Meeting January 3 11 AM
Meal pot roast, and dessert
Set up Darrell, Warren and Trisha Brees

Note: I will be having a meeting for the dinner dance after the general meeting in the small room. Thank you.



JANUARY



**"With the new day
comes new
strength and new
thoughts."**

Eleanor Roosevelt

First Vice President Keeli Scott Lisack

VP REPORT:

Season's Greetings and Happy New Year!

I hope you all enjoyed your Christmas and had a fun, safe and healthy time with family and friends!

At our last meeting, the Rotary Club of Garden Grove, presented us with a AED Diffibulator Unit which is installed in the Lobby of our club. Later in January, we will be having a training session to learn how to use the machine in case of emergency. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the training. At our January Meeting I will have the date, time and information about the session.

Please remember that there is a Orange District Meeting on Friday, January 10th at the El Adobe Restaurant in San Juan Capistrano. The theme for the event is Disaster Preparedness and the Speaker is Christopher Barry from the OC Fire Authority. He will be presenting lots of important information about Earthquake, Wildfire, Flood and other disasters, and how to be prepared.

You are all invited to attend! Please notify me no later than our meeting on January 3rd. The cost is \$40, which includes a Mexican style buffet lunch. We will be carpooling to the meeting.

I'd like to thank everyone who has stepped up in 2024 to serve as Board and Committee Members as we work toward improving our fundraising and philanthropic efforts in support of our Veterans and Community. For 2025, we are on track with several exciting events - January 25th Dinner Concert, monthly Bunco and Card Bingo events and the June 28th Fabulous 50's Dinner Dance honoring our President, Trish Brees, and in support of our local Veterans.

If you have not signed up to help with these events, please contact me if you have an interest in participating. LET'S ALL GET INVOLVED!

We should have a very successful year and I am so proud of all that

Rental Chairman Keeli Scott Lisack

I'm happy to report that we continue to move forward with additional event rentals and toward a positive cash flow for the building. We still have dates available for weekend events, especially in the Summer Months. Please spread the word that the Woman's Civic Club is a great place for a special event.

Timeless Treasures had another successful boutique in December and I was happy to see some of you shopping and dining at the event. They appreciate your support.

We continue renting to 2 churches, a Square Dancing group, OC Prospectors, OC 49'ers, Italian Club, Organic Gardening Club and more on a regular basis. We have dates available if you know of a church or club looking for meeting space.....SPREAD THE WORD!

Even though we have increased on rental rates, we are still the best price in town! Call me anytime for more information. 714-846-7533.

We will continue to upgrade and improve the building as time and funds permit. If you have any suggestions, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,

Keeli Scott Lisack (714) 846-7533



HERE ARE SOME FUN FACTS ABOUT JANUARY:

BIRTHSTONES

January has two birthstones: garnet and red zircon. Garnet is named after the pomegranate, a fruit that was sacred in ancient times. The rounded crystals of a garnet are similar to the seeds of a pomegranate. Garnet symbolizes protection, friendship, trust, commitment, and love.

HISTORICAL EVENTS

- ◆ Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863.
- ◆ The first New Year's ball drop in New York City took place in 1908.
- ◆ The first United States Computer was built in Pennsylvania in 1946.
- ◆ The History Channel launched in 1995.



BOARD REPORTS

Second Vice President Nicole James

Happy New Year Ladies! Can you believe its already 2025

At our January meeting, we will have a presentation from Garden Grove Cert on Emergency Preparedness, not only for ourselves, but also for our building.

If there is a topic you would like covered at one of our meetings, please reach out to me at 714-404-4976

Third Vice President Linda Wochner Merry Christmas to All. I wanted to remind everyone that we will be having our 1st Card Bingo on January 18th. If you wish to buy tickets please contact me at 714 235-3334 or Sylvia O'Neill at 714 319-1084. Yes, we will be raffling or silent auctioning a 32" TV for our first Bingo. Flyers will be available at the January 2025 meeting. We will also be reviewing the results of your votes for trips planned for the new year. A Rummage Sale is also in the works for Spring 2025. HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Linda Ways and Means (I will try not to hurt or break anything so i can attend the January meeting :)

Financial Secretary—To be announced at next meeting

Busy Bodies - Jackie Walker—Busy Bodies: Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 28th at 3:00pm in the fireside room. New members are welcome to attend. Jackie Walker 714-469-8185

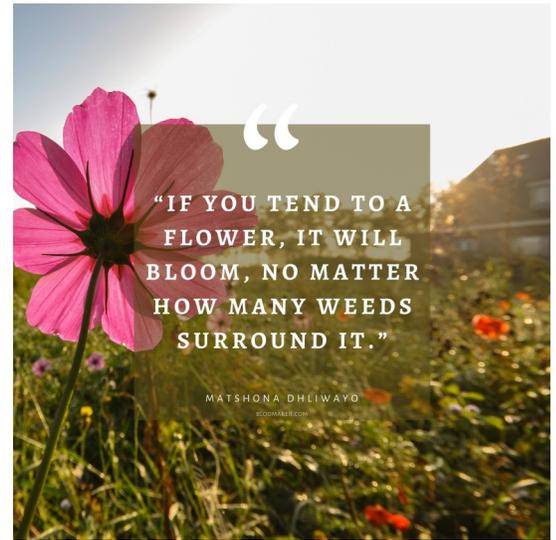
Friendship—Evelyn Carpenter—Friendship: To be announced at the general meeting. 714-535-3751

Craft Chair—Maria (Pinkie) Ortiz—Hello everybody, today we had our meeting Nov . 12th at 1pm. Vera wrote the mins. In attendance was also Craft: I wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Next meeting Tuesday, January 14th at 11:00 am in the fireside room. God bless. Pinkie 562-325-4571

Membership Chair—Vera Ramirez—Hope all had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Looking forward to a wonderful New Year with all of you. Stay healthy and happy. We have a contest! bring a guest to a meeting, if they join your name will be put in a raffle to win a \$25.00 gift card in June. Let me know if you need a membership application. Any questions or ideas, call me. Vera Ramirez 714-615-4626

Sunshine Chairman Beverly Savage. If you know of anyone who needs a get well card or cheering up, please let me know. Beverly Savage 714-971-3656

Torch: Thank You again to Majeda for all your work on our newsletter each month you are greatly appreciated! Please submit all your information for the February Torch by Friday, January 24, 2025. I pray you all have a blessed New Year! Blessings. Sylvia O'Neill 714- 319-1084



IMPORTANT DATES

- ◆ General Federation of Women's Club Western States Regional Conf 9/11-14, 2025.
 - ◆ Next Meeting January 3 11 AM
 - ◆ June 28th Fabulous 50's Dinner Dance
 - ◆ Orange District Meeting will be on January 10th
- ◆ Golden Age of Vegas Dinner Concert on Saturday, January 25

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Amish Beef & Noodles

4 Tbsp. vegetable oil, divided

2 lb. beef rump roast, cut into 2" cubes

2 Tbsp. all-purpose flour

4 tsp. kosher salt, divided

1/2 tsp. freshly ground black pepper,

2 large yellow onions, finely chopped (about 3 c.)

8 c. low-sodium beef broth, divided

12 oz. wide egg noodles

Step 1 In a large pot over medium-high heat, heat 2 tablespoons of oil. Place beef in a large bowl and toss with flour, 2 teaspoons salt, and 1/2 teaspoon pepper.

Step 2 Add half of beef to pot and cook, turning occasionally, until browned on 2 sides, 4 to 5 minutes. Transfer beef to a plate; repeat with the remaining 2 tablespoons oil and beef.

Step 3 Reduce heat to medium. Cook onion and 1/2 teaspoon salt, stirring occasionally, until just tender, 5 to 7 minutes. Return beef to pot and add 6 cups broth. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover, and simmer until beef is tender enough to shred with a fork, 2 to 2 1/2 hours.

Step 4 Transfer beef to a large plate and shred with 2 forks into bite-size pieces.

Step 5 Pour the remaining 2 cups broth into the same pot and bring to a boil. Add noodles and cook, stirring occasionally, until tender. Return beef to pot, toss to combine, and season with remaining 1 1/2 teaspoons salt as needed.

Step 6 Divide beef and noodles among bowls.



A Winter Solstice Prayer

– Edward Hayes

The dark shadow of space leans over us.
We are mindful that the darkness of greed, exploitation, and hatred
also lengthens its shadow over our small planet Earth.

As our ancestors feared death and evil and all the dark powers of winter,
we fear that the darkness of war, discrimination, and selfishness
may doom us and our planet to an eternal winter.

May we find hope in the lights we have kindled on
this sacred night,
hope in one another and in all who form the web-work of peace and justice
that spans the world.

In the heart of every person on this Earth
burns the spark of luminous goodness;
in no heart is there total darkness.
May we who have celebrated this winter solstice,
by our lives and service, by our prayers and love,
call forth from one another the light and the love
that is hidden in every heart.

Amen.





WORD SEARCH

C F W E G I C I C L E L A W X N R A	BOOTS
L R S C E T A R B E L E C S C A R F	CELEBRATE
C O B S M C Y Y D R C C Q R E M M R	CHILLY
C S R R G W I I E J K L A Y H W H O	COLD
T T A A C I R G O O F R W D L O C Z	EARMUFFS
V Y R A U N A J N W A E K X T N A E	FREEZE
B O B T E T S P M R N N E C B S Y N	FROSTY
O T R S L E D D I N G N O F I N K E	FROZEN
O E M A I R T E Y P R C X J O O F Y	GLOVES
T G L O V E S G G W O F D R E W M P	HAT
S W X H G I P B N A R E H E N F L E	HOT COCOA
G R E K L A F X S N O W B A L L S C	ICE
D J T E D R K A O S F F U M R A E S	ICICLE
Y D R C E Q R S U M I C E L C K R R	JANUARY
I E J E L A S N O I T U L O S E R G	NEW YEAR
H E Z C I R R O Q L I E J K L A N H	RESOLUTIONS
E E I U D S T W A A C A S G O I F R	SCARF
I T Y R E P P I L S W T A P I Q J N	SKIING
W A E K X V E N C S G E L K B T E R	SLEDDING
C H I L L Y E G B O Y K S N O O T R	SLIPPERY
	SNOWBALL
	SNOWFLAKE
	SNOWING
	SNOWMAN
	WINTER

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