

Newsletter

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President's Message

Bev Webb
"Endeavor"



**"It is never too late to reinvent yourself.
Start a new career at 40.
Fall in love at 50.
Learn to dance at 60.
Start a whole new life at 70.
You can and you should.
Dreams don't have an expiration date."**

Our club is in the process of filling the Board for next year. Please consider stepping up. Ask questions, seek out someone who has held one of the position and get to know what is required. You can and you should.

In May, members of the environment committee visited Temecula Valley High School to tour their green house and hillside project. We had the opportunity to talk with the students who are part of the classes offered at the school. What an exciting and dynamic course of study! President Bev Webb presented a check to Meagan Mahon, one of the teachers involved with the project, on behalf of the Environment Committee.

The guest speaker at our June meeting is Roger Fitness. He is the chair of the Rose Haven Committee that oversees all day-to-day operation within the 3.4-acre garden. He has years of experience gardening.



Last month, Kim and I attended the State of Temecula Meeting at Pachanga. Over forty non-profit members of the Chamber attended. Each setting up a table to display their organization and share ideas. Many of the non-profits we support were there. We also met some new prospects. The Temecula Mayor, Mr. Stewart, addressed the audience of

a thousand. His presentation was marked with several creative videos to match his topics.



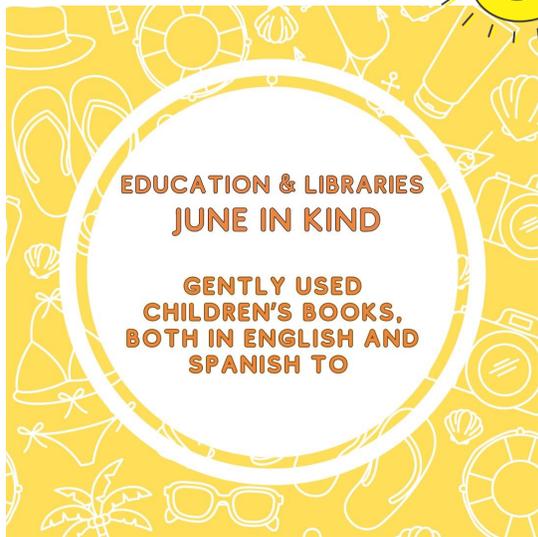
*** Please note General meeting location and time ***

General Meeting

Thursday, June 27, 2024
Assistance League
28720 Via Montezuma
Check in: 9:30 AM
Meeting Starts: 10:00AM
Light Refreshments
Meeting Fee = \$10
Cash, Check, or Credit Card

RSVP by Tuesday, June 25th

RSVP by responding to the eBlast or by calling the club phone
(951)-302-1370



Meeting ID: 874 2407 2594

Passcode: 740726

General Information

Motion Deadline

The Monday prior to the board meeting.
Mail or email to
Kim O'Brien
P.O. Box 1056,
Temecula, CA 92593 or
obrienkim@gmail.com

Executive Board Meetings

Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 AM.

Newsletter Deadline

The second Friday of the month.
Email your article to:
plhcastillo@gmail.com

General Meetings

Fourth Thursday of the month.

Meeting Minutes & Newsletters

Available on the TVWC website under the "Members" tab.

Report Hours

Report hours at your committee meetings. The Chair or Project leader will collect your hours and in-kind amounts. If you cannot attend a meeting, report your hours when you decline the invitation to attend the meeting.

The happy sun indicates in-kind and/or volunteer and social opportunities listed in the Newsletter.





First Vice President/ Dean of Chairs

Pat Nelson

“Take the first step in faith. You don’t have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.” – Martin Luther King Jr.

SOOOO.... Which stonemason are you? (Mentioned in the May Newsletter!) I hope everyone is looking deep within themselves to find that “Oh yeah, I CAN do that” attitude! Positions still need to be filled. Of the year 2025 committees, we now have filled chairs for Education (Katie Burnham), Advocates for Children (Cindy Nolan and Claudia Thunnell), Health and Wellness (Kim O’Brien), and the ESO part of Education (Gloria Bockrath). We’re still canvassing for Education and Environment chairs.

Most non-profit boards start with only three positions: President, Secretary, and Treasurer. As time goes by and members of the organization set goals, this board expands. A Vice President is added (to fill in for the absenteeism of the president), and the Treasurer’s position may be split in two - one for receiving funds, the other to dispense those funds. As the growing continues, whether in membership or needs, the Vice Presidency is split again into fields of necessity - Head of Committees (for guidance on commitments), Membership (to keep members active and to add to the membership roll) and Fund Raising (to establish goals with the Board and membership to support common goals within the community).

“I was thinking one day, and I realized that if I just had somebody behind me all the way to motivate me I could make a big difference. Nobody came along like that so I just became that person for myself.” - Unknown



driven by individuals willing to contribute their time and skills to sustain our community and give resources to support the causes they believe in. You are the link with the kindness you impart. However, always remember - you and you family are always first - with care of yourselves, you can better care for relatives, friends, and your community.

Visit our website, TVWC.com/members/forms for the positions. Or if interested in filling a chair position let me know (chatty99patty@gmail.com or text 858-395-6171) or a board position let Evie Dial (my16915@gmail.com or text 951-317-8649).

On a lighter note - our committees are really having fun. Two husbands were able to join the Environment committee when we made our tour of the Temecula Valley High School Hydroponics greenhouse and cultivating gardens. We do have fun and learn in the process of our giving. Thank you (if Kudo bars were still made, I would make sure you all received one!)



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2nd Vice President/Membership Marva Murray

"If you have kindness in your heart, you offer acts of kindness to touch the Hearts of others wherever you go ~ whether they are random or planned. Kindness becomes a way of life." (Roy T. Bennett)



We are a club of **extreme kindness**, and every-time I am around our members, I feel that we personify these words in everything we do. It is no wonder that our guests and potential members are impressed by what they hear us accomplishing as they listen at our meetings. Yes, TVWC members are truly a very fine group of women and we should be patting ourselves on the back for what *acts of kindness* we perform for our community and the world around us. I thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for your commitment. Don't be afraid to brag about us to anyone you meet! Yes, they can 'handle the truth'!! Lol

We have had many inquiries on our website for information about joining our club. When we get these, I reply to the ladies and give them a lovely explanation about our club and its accomplishments and goals. They, of course, are invited to attend a meeting and "try us on for size". We do have two member orientations per year, one in spring and another in fall.

As these new gals enter our committees, make certain that you welcome them and fill them in on the details of projects. Also, don't forget that these new ladies come in with new and wonderful ideas. Keep your ears open with a listening heart. Thanks.

Our birthday gals for June and July are: June ~ Sally Cole, Marci Hadjis, Bonnie Morris, and Debi Stoffel. July ~ Sandie Foreman, Bonnie Derleth, Barb Purdy, and Marva Murray. Congrats on another year, ladies!



??? WHO DUNNIT ???

1. I almost landed on the roof of the *Sheraton* in Mexico while Parasailing!!!
2. While working at a large department store at age 19 in Personnel, I was required to be interviewed by police! A woman had dropped dead in the jewelry department and I had to make my first report on the job after only a few days of employment.
3. On my honeymoon, I had a private tour of the **San Francisco UC Medical School**, including "George" the cadaver!!

I hope you all have a wonderful summer, and let's keep that heat down!

Marva





Health & Wellness

Kim O'Brien

Wildomar Senior Lunches. Another fun lunch with the seniors at the Wildomar Senior Center. Remember the club is dark in July and August, but we still visit the center and provide lunches.



Brunch and Walk.

We're planning a "*Walk, Potluck, and Swim*" event. Save the date for FRIDAY, July 12 at 10:00 AM. Don't worry if you're not up for walking or swimming; feel free to just come for the potluck. We will be walking at Abelia Sports Park (corner of Winchester and Pourroy). There are various paths, so you can make the walk your own. Then potluck at Kim O'Brien's home and a dip in the pool to cool off. Please contact Haydee Schaefer at haydee-schaefer@gmail.com for details and to RSVP.



Wildfires are coming! Are you ready?

Get ready Being Ready starts with hardening your home and maintaining adequate Defensible Space around your home and property. Home Hardening means using ignition-resistant materials on and around your home to help it withstand flying embers and radiant heat. Defensible Space is the buffer created by removing dead plants, grass and weeds to help keep wildfire away from your home. It takes a combination of Home Hardening and Defensible Space to give your house the best chance of surviving a wildfire.

Get Set. Before wildfire strikes, it is important that you get Set. Prepare yourself and your home for the possibility of having to evacuate. Getting set requires three main preparation actions that should be completed and familiar to all members of your household long in advance of a wildfire.

Create a Wildfire Action Plan that includes evacuation planning for your home, family, and pets.

Assemble an Emergency Supply Link for each person in your household.

Fill-out a Family Communication Link that includes important evacuation and contact information.

Be Ready to GO! Give your household the best chance of surviving a wildfire by being ready to go and evacuating early. Being ready to go also means knowing when to evacuate and what to do if you become trapped.

BEFORE EVACUATION IS NECESSARY, FOLLOW THESE STEPS BEFORE IT'S TIME TO GO!

1. Create a Wildfire Action Plan for your family. Being ready to go also means knowing when to evacuate and what to do if you become trapped
2. Complete the pre-evacuation preparation steps (only if time allows) to increase your home's defense. Make sure you sign up for text alerts about wildfires in your area, and know your community's emergency response plan, evacuation orders and evacuation centers.

WHEN IMMEDIATE EVACUATION IS NECESSARY, FOLLOW THESE STEPS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO GET READY TO GO!

1. Review your Evacuation Plan Checklist
2. Ensure your Emergency Supply Kit/Evacuation Bag is in your vehicle.
3. Cover-up to protect against heat and flying embers. Wear long pants, long sleeve shirt, heavy shoes/boots, cap, dry bandanna for face cover, goggles or glasses. 100% cotton is preferable. Locate your pets and take them with you.

For more information, <https://www.fire.ca.gov/> and <https://readyforwildfire.org/> including the checklists referenced in this article. Follow *Cal Fire* on Facebook or Instagram. Download this app to your phone. *Watch Duty: Wildfire Maps*.

Have a Safe Summer! See you in September!



Federation Chair—Claudia Thunell

“A NEW POWER”

In 1889 Woman’s Clubs began making their influence in history. “Is it possible that women may have a life of their own, may learn to now and honor each other, may find solace in companionship, and lose sight of small troubles in larger aims?”

“That question was asked by Jane Cunningham Croly, who wrote under the name Jennie June. It actually a rhetorical question, for Jennie June had answered it years before the 1889 issue of *The Woman’s Cycle*” magazine in which it was printed.

It had been 21 years earlier that Jennie June, a pioneer journalist and syndicated columnist attempted to attend a dinner given by the Press Club of New York at Delmonico’s to honor Charles Dickens at the close of a “reading tour” of America. But she was discouraged from attending ---because she was a woman.

Horace Greeley, editor of the *New York Times*, did his best to see that and other women were welcomed at the meeting, even refusing to preside unless the women “had a chance.” It was finally agreed that a group of women might attend if, to avoid embarrassment, they sit behind a curtain or out of sight. Jennie June declined the “conditional invitation” replying “the ladies had not been treated as gentlemen.” She did not stop there. Maintaining that women deserved an “extension of the same privilege upon the terms as men. Jennie June organized a club for women that would provide opportunities for women to become acquainted, to work and learn together, and to reach out to “larger aims.” The club was called Sorosis. The club, in turn, would be responsible for formation of the largest organization of women volunteers in the world.

I want to wish each and every one a wonderful summer. Many Blessings!!!





Education and Libraries Katie Burnham & Susan Nielson

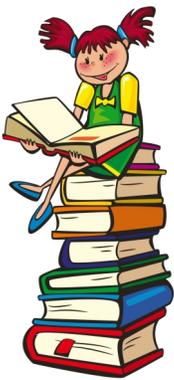


The education and libraries committee met at the home of Brenda Jahanbani on June 6. All scholarship work by the committee has been completed with scholarships being distributed to high school seniors, as well as Mount San Jacinto College for a student who is studying to become a physician's assistant.



So far there are four students signed up for the Hugh O'Brien leadership weekend representing four different high schools. No students had applied for the Career Pathways Scholarship, and therefore one was not awarded this year.

The committee voted to submit a grant proposal to the Federated Education Fund to purchase books for families connected to the SAFE organization. The proposal will request \$1500 toward the purchase of age appropriate books for children, teens, young adults and adults. Pat Farmer is the lead for this project. The due date for the proposal is September 1.

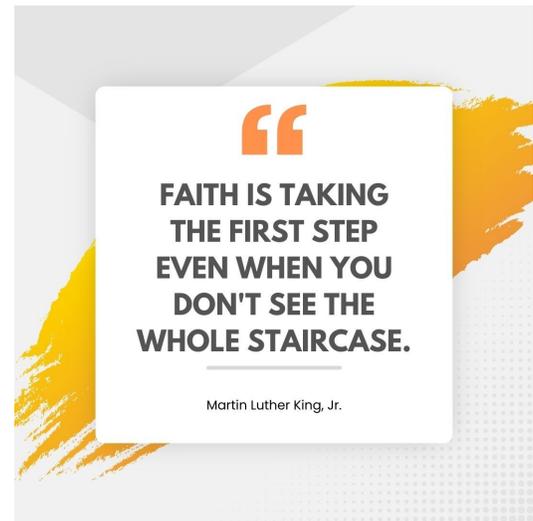


The transmittal forms for the checks for the libraries in Murrieta and Temecula were submitted and we hope to have the check soon and present them in the weeks ahead. Education and libraries have the in-kind for June and we are requesting that members bring gently used

children's books, both in English and Spanish to the meeting on June 27th. These books will be given to the Western Eagle Foundation to be distributed to the families who come to their food pantry and store.



The committee's next meeting will be September 5, at Evelyn Dial's home with co-hosts Barb Purdy and Gloria Bockrath.





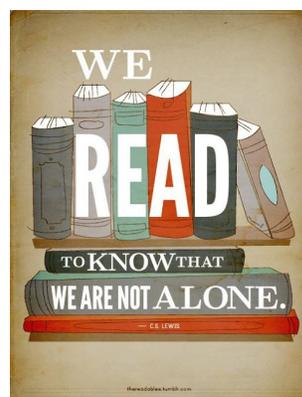
Books for Lunch By Shelby Price

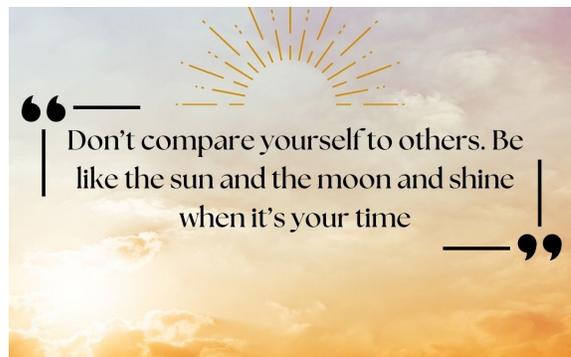
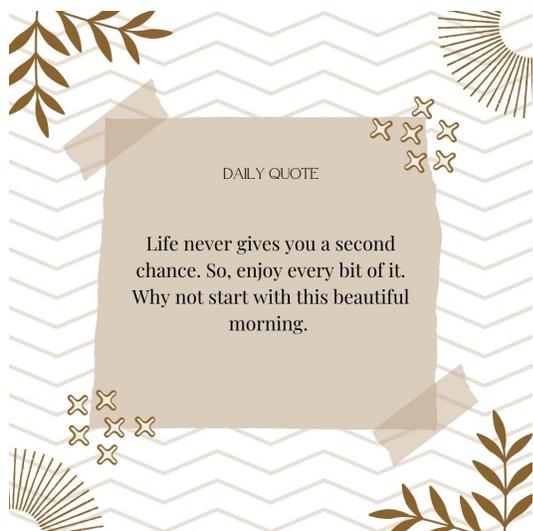
Patriarchy has everything to do with men, but at the same time nothing at all. In a male centered society where maleness is associated with power, what's really being centered is power itself. What is suppressed is mutual relationality. Patriarchy is intertwined with colonialism, racism, and other oppressive social structures based on hierarchy. It is a fundamental fracturing of our human wholeness. [Bikepacking.com](https://www.bikepacking.com)

In the book, *Lessons in Chemistry*, by Bonnie Garmus, the central character, Elizabeth, is an advocate of cause or idea, so chemistry seemed to be the right career choice for her. Which might mean she would agree with the statement above when she tried to work in her field of choice. Chemistry was a male dominated field, and it was a constant uphill battle & she lost her job. When Calvin died, she had to make a very important decision. Elizabeth never planned to become a mother, and now she's all alone to raise their child. Among the several jobs she tried to support her family of two, Elizabeth accepted the offer to host a cooking show. What made this unusual was she used chemical terms instead of the commonly used terms of flour and sugar, etc. Her viewers loved her show. If you read this book, you are certain to enjoy it as did the majority of readers at Books for Lunch. A wonderful Luncheon was hosted by Brenda Johanbani.

And we had another beautiful day for discussion of this enlightening book, suggested by a member of the book club. *Remember, July and August are dark*, but also remember the books you read this summer so you can nominate the ones you really enjoyed when we resume in September.

- Sept. 3rd The Last Thing He Told Me
 Laura Dave 320 pgs
- Oct. 3rd A Long Petal of the Sea
 Isabelle Allende 324 pgs
- Nov. 4th Her Hidden Genius
 Marie Benedict 284 pgs
- Dec. 5th Evicted: Poverty & Profit in the
 American City
 Matthew Desmond 434 pgs





SCHOLARSHIPS



Dear Temecula Valley Woman's Club,

I sincerely thank you from the bottom of my heart. Coming from an underprivileged background, I have always had worries about the cost of higher education. Such a scholarship, relieves immense stress, and so again I must thank you all!

I assure to all involved in the selecting of the scholarship that the money spent will be well worth it. In the future, when I can support my family, when I can finally earn the stability to stand on my own two feet, I will give back to the community tenfold.

In the near future, I am going to be attending UCLA under the premed track, and so I hope to become a doctor. With this occupation and continued devotion to servicing the community, I hope to become a figure people can depend on.

Finally, I must again thank all that have bestowed such a generous gift upon myself. Thank you all! Love and much appreciation

Johnny Pham

DEAR TEMECULA VALLEY WOMAN'S CLUB,

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SUPPORTING THE DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS PROGRAM AND SELECTING ME AS A RECIPIENT OF YOUR SCHOLARSHIP. IT MEANS A LOT TO MEAN AND I WILL ASSURE YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT DOES NOT GO TO WASTE. TRULY, THANK YOU AGAIN FOR HELPING ME ACHIEVE MY DREAMS AT UCLA!

BEST WISHES,
GINA NAMKING

Dear Temecula Valley Woman's Club,

I want to sincerely thank you for choosing me as a recipient of the Help Them Dream Big scholarship. Your interest and contribution to my future is greatly appreciated. This scholarship will go towards my bachelor's degree at UCLA and further my journey in becoming a criminal defense attorney in the long run. I will continue to advocate for women in college and as an adult.

Thank you so much for this award.
Isabella Arrieta

DEAR TEMECULA VALLEY WOMAN'S CLUB,

THANK YOU FOR AIDING ME ON MY JOURNEY TO HIGHER EDUCATION. IT MEANS A LOT TO ME THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE CONNECTED WITH MY ESSAYS AND SELECTED ME FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP.

I WILL BE ATTENDING UCLA FOR STATS AND DATA SCIENCE, WHICH IS GOING TO BE QUITE \$\$\$, SO I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT FROM YOU.

TESSA HOA

thank you

Dear TWVC,

It is a great honor to be selected for the Help Them Dream Big Scholarship award. I am headed to the University of Mississippi next year. I will be triple majoring in Business Management, Marketing, and Hospitality. The support of this scholarship will empower my dreams by providing financial support for me to achieve my academic goals. I intend to continue my leadership and philanthropic spirit in college and in my new community.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart,

Olivia Nay

Thank you so much for the scholarship that you guys offered me. Although I am not going to an uber expensive school, it will still help immensely! This will help me while I am in college. I am excited to come to your ceremony!

Thank you again,
Conner Sybrandy

SCHOLARSHIPS

Dear Temecula Valley Woman's Club,

I just want to share my gratitude for your complete and utter generosity for granting me this scholarship. I am heading to San Diego State University next semester and the upcoming expenses have been stressing me out to say the least. But your blessing is relieving that stress to say the least. Anyways I am beyond thankful.

Thank you,
Gavin Lane

Dear Temecula Valley Woman's Club, I am writing in appreciation of your generosity to the Help Them Dream Big Scholarships. Your donation has changed my life of being an autistic student, present and future. It will give me the motivation to continue to learn and help others as you do. Thank you again for your generosity and support.

Sincerely,
Ethan Li

THANK YOU!

Dear Temecula Valley Woman's Club,

My name is Dezirae Gines & I am honored to be selected as this year's recipient for the Help Them Dream Big scholarship. Thanks to this scholarship, I am able to continue my education in hopes of becoming a registered nurse.

Sincerely,
Dezirae Gines

Thank you so much for the scholarship, it means so much to be supported by the Temecula Valley Woman's Club. I promise to put the money to good use in my future endeavors as a college student.

-Riley Miner

Thank you again for this honor!

THANK YOU!

Dear Temecula Valley Woman's Club,

I am honored to be selected as a recipient for the Help Them Dream Big 2024 scholarship. Thank you so much for your generosity, and for supporting my college education financially.

As I start my undergrad education at UCSB, I am extremely grateful for your confidence and willingness to help me achieve my goals. Receiving this scholarship motivates me to continue working hard, maintaining my GPA, and earning my degree.

Kindest regards . . .
Julia Hwang

Dear Temecula Valley Woman's Club,

Thank you so much for awarding me with the "Help Them Dream Big" Scholarship. This scholarship from the Temecula Valley Woman's Club is greatly appreciated & will support my academic journey at the University of California Irvine. Not only the financial award, but being recognized by the Temecula Valley Woman's Club for my academic performance & community service is a great honor. I hope to graduate with a bachelor's degree in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology in the next 4 years and will keep you updated on my progress.

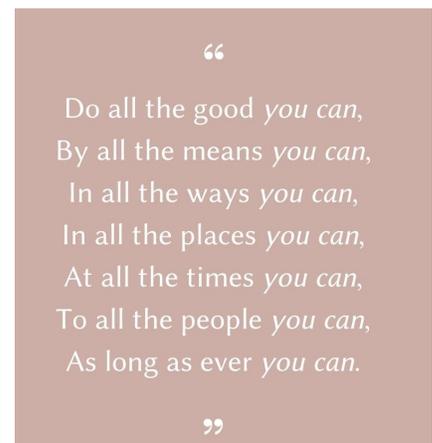
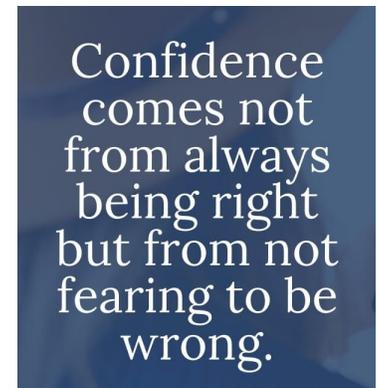
Thank you so much Temecula Valley Woman's Club, I am so grateful!

Sincerely,
Avery McCreary

FILLING THE JAR



Working together is how
we get the job done.





Advocates for Children

Co-shiars Claudia Thunnell & Pat Nelson



Since our last committee meeting, we have been very quiet as a committee, but are still keeping in contact with the organizations we support. The backpacks and supplies will have been ordered.

Hoping that the newsletter reaches the membership before we next meet, we would like to extend to all wishing to help with putting the backpacks together can join us on June 24th, at Claudia Thunnell's - 25260 Via Pera, Murrieta .



The backpacks will be assembled and delivered the same day. Maybe lunch out? This will be the last meeting before we start again in the fall. Last year, assembly took less than one hour! But more important - we had fun and will again this June. Hope to see you there. And, we would like to extend our thanks to those of you who donated in-kind items at last month's meeting.

"No person was ever honored for what he received. He was honored for what he gave." - Calvin Coolidge.

Success in life comes not from what we have, but from what we give. Giving someone a present is one type of generosity. But, giving your time, your talents or your friendship can make an even bigger difference. You can give to a friend in need, someone who is struggling or to your community. The great thing about giving is that you can do it anytime and anywhere.

"Happiness doesn't result from what we get, but from what we give." - Ben Carson

If we can all give a little more to others, we will not only be better people ourselves, but the world will be a better place.

"Sometimes when we are generous in small, barely detectable ways, it can change someone else's life forever." - Margaret Cho

"The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away." - Pablo Picasso.

Again, we would like to thank one of our newer members - Cindy Nolan has agreed to give herself to being the 2025 Chair of Advocates for Children with the guidance of Claudia Thunnell as co-chair.

Lastly, we have been invited by SAFE Family Justice Centers to their Open House on Wednesday, July 10th at 28910 Pujol Street, Temecula, 5-7PM. For those who do not know about SAFE, it's a great opportunity to see first hand an organization that grew out of one of the TVWC's Club Projects - now in the hands of the Riverside justice department. Flyers will be made available to members at the June general meeting.



**THIS TOO SHALL PASS.
IT MIGHT PASS LIKE A KIDNEY STONE.
BUT IT WILL PASS.**

Environment

Chair Barb Purdy



Temecula Valley High School Greenhouse and Hillside Tour

TVWC's Environment Committee toured the greenhouse and hillside at Temecula Valley High School.



Students constructed the hydroponics greenhouse and are planting a variety of vegetables to be shared with the school's culinary program. By definition, hydroponics is the process of growing plants without soil. Necessary nutrients are provided in fish waste. The fish, housed in tanks, provide nitrogen for the plants as water containing this product circulates through pipes and is distributed to the many planters.

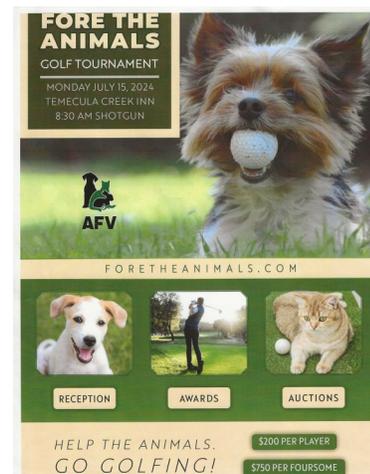


This year, TVHS offered its first Regenerative Agriculture course. On the hillside at the back of their campus, students will be growing olives, grapes and a variety of fruit trees using methods that save water and nourish soil. They already broke ground with some fruit trees in place and the beginnings of the irrigation system laid out. In addition to agriculture, the school hopes to construct an outdoor classroom available to all classes on campus.

A check for \$1,000.00 was presented to Temecula Valley High School from our Education Grant Fund to help them continue their successful program. Please Support the Santa Rosa Plateau by attending one of their summer concerts! The concerts are every Saturday starting June 29th until August 3rd. Get your tickets now! www.the-nef.org



Please support Animal Friends of the Valleys by signing up to golf on Monday, July 15th at Temecula Creek Inn. www.foretheanimals.com





Parliamentarian Evelyn Dial

We have one motion to put before the General Membership this month.

24-06-01

I move that the Temecula Valley Woman's Club approve the Advocates for Children Committee "Angel Tree" project at Christmas, 2024. The tree would contain the 30 names of homeless children in the Project Touch program and 30 foster children through Oak Grove. All members of TVWC would have the opportunity to choose a child for which to purchase a specified gift. This information will be presented to members through an eblast, newsletter, and meeting. Gifts are wrapped by members and delivered to the committee chairs or at the December meeting. Committee chairs will disperse the gifts to the proper site.

COST: No cost to the club. Names are chosen and gifts are to be donated by members.

SUBMITTED BY: Pat Nelson and Claudia Thunnell

REASON FOR MOTION: The Advocates for Children committee has been doing this project for several years. These charities are extremely grateful that the children in their care can have a special gift at Christmas. The children are so happy to receive this gift of love.



2024 TVWC Board Elected & Appointed Positions Form

*Please enter your name for any positions in which you have an interest and submit to Parliamentarian, **Evelyn Dial**, by e-mail to my16915@gmail.com by the June 30, 2024. If you would like to nominate a person, you must have that persons approval to do so, and submit along with it written acceptance to be nominated.*

Executive Board Elected Positions

- President: To hold this office, a member shall have served as First Vice President/Dean of Chairs, or serve two years on the Executive Board.
 - First Vice President/Dean of Chairs: To hold this office, a member shall have serve one year on the Executive Board and/or as Federated Committee Chair.
- Other Elected Officer: To hold any of these offices, a member shall be in good standing fro at least one year from Joining the TVWC.

Position Name

President _____
 First VP/Dean of Chairs _____
 Second VP/Membership _____
 Third VP/ Fundraising and Development _____
 Secretary _____

Historian Claudia Thunnell



IN MEMORY OF: Merlene Sutalo 5/29/40 – 5/15/24



Merlene, (right) and sister Bunny (left)



Frank and Merlene Sutalo

Back in 2004, two TVWC Home Tour Chairs were searching Temecula's Wine Country for houses for that year's Holiday Home Tour. They saw a beautiful house on a hill off De Portola. Proceeding up the driveway they passed horse stables and corrals. When they knocked on the door to the house no one answered. Disappointed, they started to walk back to their car, passing by way of the kitchen window. Inside they caught sight of a couple putting things away in the cabinets. The woman waved and headed toward her front door. As the door swung open our two Chairs were greeted by the most gracious woman, Merlene Sutalo. She and her husband Frank, had just moved into their new home and were busy unpacking the moving boxes.

Even though she had her hands full, Merlene stopped what she was doing and patiently listened to the same spiel. When our TVWC story was told, Merlene gave the two Chairs an on-the-spot tour of her new home. It was beautiful, unique and had the horses too! Our TVWC Chairs loved it and immediately asked if she would place her home on Tour. We all know how stressful and exhausting moving can be. Despite this situation, Merlene said, "Yes"! Not only did Merlene put her home on tour that year, but later, as she settled into her new community, she became a member of TVWC. Even though her sister,

Bunny Amendola, lived in San Diego, Merlene encouraged her to join too. We soon grew to know Merlene as a very sweet, quiet, kind woman.

Merlene had a deep love of horses. She bought her 1st horse as a teenager in 1953 for \$50. It was sold to her by a Domenigoni, one of the oldest pioneering families in our area. As she met Frank, together they turned their mutual passion for horses into their lifelong work. They extensively bred and showed their favorite breed, the Peruvian Paso horses. Over the years they won many prestigious awards.

At Merlene's memorial service, many attendees stood up and gave heartfelt stories, not only about her deep passion for horses, but also the extensive knowledge Merlene had in the equestrian world.

Merlene last volunteered at the 2023 Holiday Home Tour, along side her sister Bunny. The attached picture of the two of them was taken that day. Looking so lovely, it would have been hard to imagine that cancer would take her within 6 short months of that photograph. The world lost a beautiful soul on May 15, 2024, as heaven received a very sweet angel.

In Lieu of flowers, the family requested donations be sent in Merlene's name to Animal Friends of the Valley, Attn: Beth Soltysiak – beth@afv.org.

Written by: Past President 2004, Vickie Hackworth
Thank you for this beautiful Memorial.



PR & Communications Sandie Foreman

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

JUNE 2024 MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Please email me with a TVWC Member that you know of that has gone the extra mile in volunteering or even the longest member of TVWC that is still with the club.

SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

Thanks everyone for sending in all the photos and articles of your events, it is greatly appreciated. Looks like everyone was busy and having fun!

Weekly social media posts continue Facebook and Instagram. TVWC Talks is a private Facebook page

just for TVWC members to view, not the public. If you would like to sign up, please contact me at sandie.foreman@yahoo.com Not sure how to log into Facebook? Here is the link, <https://www.facebook.com/TemeculaValleyWomansClub>



TVWC BROCHURES ARE NOW AVAILABLE!!!

Brochures have been updated and available. Just ask Sandie if you need some.

HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

Save the Date cards are available

The excitement is buzzing for the upcoming 38th Annual Holiday Home Tour! Sponsors have been contacted and so far, we have received Sponsorship from Gosch Ford \$500 Temecula Toyota \$1000 and soon to arrive is Abbott \$2,500 Vendors will be contacted within the next couple of weeks. Spread the word by handing out the Save The Date cards, and advertise on your Personal Facebook pages.



MURRIETA/WILDOMAR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

A TVWC Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is being planned with More information coming soon!



Treasurer's Report-
Lorri Cerwin



Financial Report
June, 2024

Checking Account as of
5/31/2024

Income	\$9,979.79
Expenditures	\$6,453.59
Account Balance	\$76,760.62
GOF Balance	\$13,789.41



This report will be filed for Audit





Arts & Culture Co-Chairs Debi Stoffel & Denise Miller



Arts & Culture Committee

The Arts & Culture Committee has been busy volunteering at the Temecula Valley Museum, celebrating Thailand for Cultural Days. It's nice meeting families in our community. The kids enjoy the scavenger hunt, photo opportunities, art projects, and just being exposed to a taste of a different country.



Debi Stoffel & Linda Matthews celebrating Thailand for Temecula Valley Museum's Cultural Days

Several of our committee enjoyed the performance of Oklahoma, at the Temecula Community Theater. It's just a magical play with some great music!



Luane Barnes, Bev Webb, Linda Matthews, Debi Stoffel, Denise Miller & Marie Mahon enjoy an outing to see Oklahoma!

Our next meeting is Thursday, June 20th, at 10:00 AM at the Assistance League of Temecula.

Did you know?

You automatically lose the chances you don't take. Trust yourself. You can do this.



WHEN SOMEONE SAYS YOU CAN'T DO IT, DO IT TWICE AND TAKE PHOTOS



If you can't remember my name, just say "chocolate"...I'll turn around

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Yearbook	Kim O'Brien & Marva Murray

Mark Your Calendar



6/20/2024	Arts & Culture
6/24/2024	Advocates for Children
6/25/2024	RSVP Deadline for GM
6/27/2024	General Meeting
7/3/2024	Lunch for Seniors
7/12/2024	Health & Wellness Walk & Brunch
9/5/2024	Books 4 Lunch/Education
9/11/2024	Environment Committee
9/12/2024	Board Meeting
9/19/2024	Arts & Culture
9/23/2024	Advocates for Children
9/24/2024	Health & Wellness Meeting



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