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*"Friends together working, caring and sharing. . .*

*Meeting the challenge of change"*

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## DECEMBER UPDATE

Welcome to December and another glitch in how we will be celebrating. This holiday season will be like none other we have ever celebrated.

Family gatherings will be different for many of us. Trips to visit will be placed on hold in order to protect each other.

I have a friend who closes his emails with . "Stay Safe, Stay Healthy, Stay Connected while Staying Home! You are Safe at Home...Not Stuck at Home!" It is a great reminder.



As usual all meetings in Old Poway Park are canceled. I had hoped that we might get together outdoors at the Hamburger Factory but that too is a "no go."

Remember to turn in any volunteer hours you have by the January 5. That will give us time to get reports done. We have little to report but we should be proud of what we did accomplish.

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## FRIENDS OF THE POWAY LIBRARY

As of Monday, December 7, the library has gone back to door-side service only. The service hours are 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM each day. You can check [sdcl.org](http://sdcl.org) for updated information.

The book store is closed but donations are being accepted. Email [powaylibrarydonations@gmail.com](mailto:powaylibrarydonations@gmail.com) to make arrangements for pick-up.

## CHRISTMAS TIME

Its Christmas time again  
The season of renewal  
Love, faith, charity  
And all that is beautiful  
Chimes greatly in to every heart  
Beating in celebrations  
Of Spirit, togetherness, and affirmation.

*Blessed by the Christmas sunshine,  
our natures, perhaps long leafless,  
bring forth new love, new kindness,  
new mercy new compassion.*

Helen Keller



## WHY DO WE REPORT?

It seems enough to get out there and volunteer, to contribute, to make a difference. But for the new members and a refresher for the established members we will provide a mini review.

GFWC uses the information provided by the clubs to seek financial support from major contributors. The number of members, projects and money in any given area reinforces the Federation's request for that continued support.

Those major donations enable GFWC to provide materials and financial awards in a given area be it Art and Culture, Civic Engagement and Outreach, Environment, Education and Libraries and Health and Wellness.

What we do in the Poway Woman's Club does make a difference. Added to what is accomplished throughout our district, state and internationally amounts to a large amount of "making a difference." GFWC is about "Unity in Diversity," CFWC is "Strength United is Stronger," those signify what our organization is about. We're each individuals but together we can make a difference.

## MEMBER NEWS

**Sue Sheldon** is out of the hospital, walking every day to build her strength. She is living in an apartment in Duarte and will be there into January.

Congratulations to **Sherrie** and her husband. They are the grandparents of a darling baby girl born December 3rd.



November 8                      Suzanna Earwicker

December 9                      Margaret Yorio  
December 27                      Diane Lightbown

The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree: the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other.

...Burton Hillis



## REDUCE THE STUFF

1. Being organized is being able to find something in 30 seconds.
2. Look at what you have before going shopping.
3. We only use 10 % of what we have.
4. Why do we have so much stuff? Advertising, like to go shopping and we're real good at the "Product In" process, not good with "Product Out."
5. If there's "Negative Energy," give it away!
6. Things given to you that you don't need/want? It's okay to give it away.
7. Memories? Take a picture, put it in a scrapbook.
8. "I might need it." When did you last use it? Over a year, give it away.
9. You spent a lot on it. The money's gone.
10. 3 ways to tell if you SHOULD KEEP something
  - a. It's beautiful, it's intrinsic value
  - b. It's useful, functional AND you use it
  - c. It's truly sentimental

## How do you start?

1. Start small, one drawer at a time. Dump it on a towel/sheet, clean drawer, put dividers in, get rid of stuff that's not valuable/useful
2. Closet – take it all out, have a friend help, if she laughs at it, get rid of it
3. Hold off on buying organizing aids until you've gone through it all

## What you'll gain:

1. Money – You won't be buying things you already have
2. Time – Because you can find "it" easily
3. Frustration

With all of time we are spending at home this information from Jan Behrhorst given years ago at a District Board of Directors meeting seems to be worth repeating. Jan is a former teacher and owner of At Last, You're Organized!

Wouldn't life be worth the living  
Wouldn't dreams be coming true  
If we kept the Christmas spirit  
All the whole year through?

...Author Unknown

## FROM THE DESK OF YOUR DEAN

Hello, everybody!

Here we are already in December 2020! Can you believe that this year will soon be past history? I hope you are all staying well and getting ready to celebrate the blessed season of Christmas with all its traditions with your family!

This will be such a different Christmas season! We will not be able to have our Annual Teddy Bear Holiday Tea or our booth at Christmas in the Park. I will surely miss having our Poway Woman's Club's December meeting at my home. It has been such a fun event to have had our members here for a pot luck meal and gift exchange for the last several years. It has also been an annual event for many of us to attend together the Winter Choral Concert at Poway High School. Hopefully, next year we will be able to return to normal!

We were not able to do a trail walk in November, but I probably will be able to check on our adopted "The Pond Trail" sometime in December. Thanks to all of you who have contributed to this fun project, which is helpful to our city and its residents!



Since December 31 is the end of our club reporting year, it very important for you to report to me or to Joye all of the items that you have collected to contribute for our ongoing projects, such as shoes for the BLAST Program, items for Fisher House, school supplies for Boys and Girls Club, baby items for Gently Hugged, donations for Project Wildlife, coupons for military families, cancelled postage stamps and Box Tops for Education. Since we have not met in person since March, I have only a very few volunteer hours sheets listing your donations and hours spent. Please make it a priority to list all or your hours and specific items donated and send your list to me or to Joye as soon as possible. Our yearly reports are due to be turned in to Palomar District by January 20, 2021. We need your input to compile and file these reports! Thank You!

Please remember in this busy season to drive safely and to take care of yourself too!

Merry Christmas to you and your families!

Rachelle

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we reach the end of 2020 this is a good time to let you know how much you are appreciated. We have not had a meeting since our March 10 meeting but I feel close to each and every one of you.

We sponsored a successful fundraiser for PowPAC that was held on March 1<sup>st</sup>. We sure lucked out on the timing for that event.

Sadly we were unable to celebrate our club's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary at our Old-Fashioned Friendship Tea. Tickets were printed and plans underway. Events also canceled were Old-Fashioned Fourth of July, Once Upon a Hallowe'en, Teddy Bear Holiday Tea and Christmas in the Park. What fun we missed! But we were safe and that is what is important.



"May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace,  
The gladness of Christmas give you hope,  
The warmth of Christmas grant you love."

. . Author Unknown

I wish you and yours a very happy holiday season. Remember: : "You are safe at home...not stuck at home."

*Joye*

## HANUKKAH

We cannot hold a torch to light another's  
path without brightening our own.

en Sweetland

There are two ways of spreading  
light, to be the candle or the mirror that  
reflects it.

Edith Wharton



We light candles in testament that faith  
makes miracles possible.

Nacho Braverman

Wherever you go, no matter what the  
weather, always bring your own sunshine.

Anthony J D'Angelo

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### A POLITICALLY CORRECT CHRISTMAS STORY

'Twas the night before Christmas and Santa's a  
wreck...  
How to live in a world that's politically correct?  
His workers no longer would answer to "Elves".  
"Vertically Challenged" they were calling themselves.  
And labour conditions at the North Pole  
were alleged by the union to stifle the soul.

Four reindeer had vanished, without much propriety,  
Released to the wilds by the Humane Society.  
And equal employment had made it quite clear  
That Santa had better not use just reindeer.  
So Dancer and Donner, Comet and Cupid  
Were replaced with 4 pigs, and you know that looked  
stupid!

The runners had been removed from his sleigh;  
The ruts were termed dangerous by the E.P.A.  
And people had started to call for the cops  
When they heard sled noises on their rooftops.  
Second-hand smoke from his pipe had his workers  
quite frightened.  
His fur trimmed red suit was called "Unenlightened."

And to show you the strangeness of life's ebbs and  
flows,  
Rudolf was suing over unauthorized use of his nose  
And had gone on Geraldo, in front of the nation,  
Demanding millions in over-due compensation.  
So, half of the reindeer were gone; and his wife,  
Who suddenly said she'd enough of this life,

Joined a self-help group, packed, and left in a whiz,  
Demanding from now on her title was Ms.  
And as for the gifts, why, he'd never had a notion  
That making a choice could cause so much  
commotion.

Nothing of leather, nothing of fur,  
Which meant nothing for him. And nothing for her.

Nothing that might be construed to pollute.  
Nothing to aim, Nothing to shoot.  
Nothing that clamoured or made lots of noise.  
Nothing for just girls, or just for the boys.  
Nothing that claimed to be gender specific.  
Nothing that's warlike or non-pacifistic.

No candy or sweets...they were bad for the tooth.  
Nothing that seemed to embellish a truth.  
And fairy tales, while not yet forbidden,  
Were like Ken and Barbie, better off hidden.  
For they raised the hackles of those psychological  
Who claimed the only good gift was one ecological.

No baseball, no football...someone could get hurt;  
Besides, playing sports exposed kids to dirt.  
Dolls were said to be sexist, and should be passe;  
And Nintendo would rot your entire brain away.  
So Santa just stood there, disheveled, perplexed;  
He just could not figure out what to do next.

He tried to be merry, tried to be gay,  
But you've got to be careful with that word today.  
His sack was quite empty, limp to the ground;  
Nothing fully acceptable was to be found.  
Something special was needed, a gift that he might  
Give to all without angering the left or the right.

A gift that would satisfy, with no indecision,  
Each group of people, every religion;  
Every ethnicity, every hue,  
Everyone, everywhere...even you.  
So here is that gift, it's price beyond worth...  
May you and your loved ones, enjoy peace on Earth.