

Women's Club of Hollister

Member Newsletter

President's Message

Greetings!

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer break and managed to find ways to keep cool on those hot days!

Now we are getting ready to come together again to provide service toward our purpose and connect with old and new friends.

Our first event will be Talking Taco Tuesday on August 15th. Please read the more in depth article and RSVP! I look forward to seeing you there and eating tacos (breaking-bread) together.

I'd also like to ask you to give some thought to a project we can do for the National Day of Service on Saturday September 30th. Clubs all over the country have committed their participation through the General Federation of Women's Clubs. This is an inaugural event focused on Ending Hunger in the U.S. by volunteering, donating, or organizing a community service project. We have some planning to do.

Again, I hope to see you soon, if not at Talking Taco Tuesday, then at our first luncheon on September 13th!

Warmly,
Laura Lee

Upcoming Events

Next Luncheon - September 13th

Paine's Restaurant - 421 East St., Hollister

11:00am: Social

11:30am: Meeting

12:00pm: Lunch

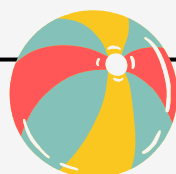
Cost: \$25

Please make reservations with Beryl Kurgan at berdonny@yahoo.com or (831)628-3028 by Monday September 11th at 11am. If you need to cancel, please let Beryl know by Tuesday September 12th at the latest.

Board Meeting - August 29th

Epicenter - San Benito Board Room

11:30pm - 1:00pm



Committee News

Flamingo Flocking Update

A special thank you to Ruth Aguirre! She has taken some of the crooked bird legs and is having them redone. They are getting their plastic “metal” surgery done for their Flamingo Flocking 2024 season!



Newsletter

Content submissions for the newsletter are due by the 1st of each month. Send writeups and any photos or graphics to aubrey@womensclubofhollister.org.



Committee Chairs

- Arts** - Nancy Bailey & Nicki Phillips
- Comfort Care Bundles** - Denise Cauthen-Wright, Ellen Fisher, & Nicki Phillips
- Donation Match** - Brenda Weatherly
- Fashion Show 2024** - Awaiting Volunteer
- Flamingo Flocking** - Jeanne Liem & Jill Martin
- Fundraising** - Awaiting Volunteer
- Laundry 2 Literacy** - Connie Linton
- Membership** - Suzie Stalder & Renee Raitz
- Scholarship** - Katherine Casey & Krystal Lomanto
- Social Media** - Kathy Kessler & Laura Lee
- Women's Fund Advisory** - Kathy Kessler & Awaiting Volunteer

2022-23 Board Members

- President** - Laura Lee
- 1st VPs** - Renee Raitz & Colleen Rayas
- 2nd VP** - Denise Cauthen-Wright
- 3rd VP** - Aubrey Norton
- Recording Secretary** - Nancy Bailey
- Corresponding Secretary** - Audrey Prairo
- Treasurer** - Beryl Kurgan
- Bookkeeper** - Ellen Fisher
- Parliamentarian** - Erin Loza
- Trustees** - Jill Martin, Suzie Stalder, & Jeanne Liem

Committee News

Comfort & Care Bundles

It's almost time for our annual Comfort and Care project to start ramping up! At the September meeting, we'll be asking for prepacking and packing volunteers which will occur around the end of October.

For those that are new to the club, first off- welcome to a great group of women making a difference in our community! Secondly, our C&C project is in its 13th year! Adopted from the SBC 2010 Leadership class, C&C provides filled backpacks to children in need ages infant to 18 years. They are distributed to approximately 150 children in need at Emmaus House, Seneca (formally Kinship), CPS and Sun Street Centers in late October.

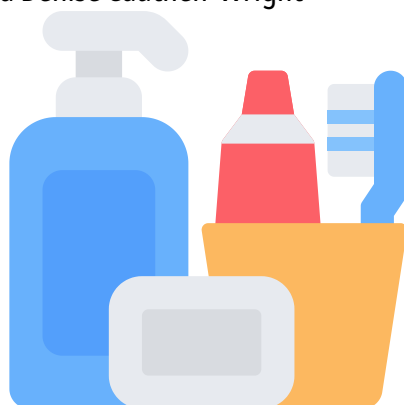
We ask our members for donations of the following items to bring to the September meeting September 13th:

- Amazon, Target, or Walmart gift cards- any amount
- Hotel Sized Soap, Body Wash, Shampoo, Conditioner and Lotion
- Small Blankets/Quilts/Afghans
- Small Toothpaste and individually packaged Toothbrushes
- Bath Towels and Washcloths NOTE: Target Room Essential brand only, preferably neutral colors
- Basic school supplies such as small coloring/activity books, drawing pads, small packages of markers, crayons, colored pencils, etc.

If you would like to consider a cash donation, please give it to Beryl during check-in or mail a check to WCH, PO Box 818, Hollister, CA 95024 and ask her to earmark it for the C&C project.

Thank you for considering a donation! We look forward to seeing you in September.

Co-chairs Nicki Phillips, Ellen Fisher, and Denise Cauthen-Wright





Other News

Talking Taco Tuesday

- Cindy Gillen - August 1st
- Kimberly Kimber - August 1st
- Denise Cauthen-Wright - August 11th
- Ellen Fisher - August 16th
- Dorothy Cauthen - August 24th

Volunteer Needed

Do you want to enhance your role in WCH? Would you like to be involved in planning, implementing, and voting on important decisions, fundraising, and volunteer opportunities? Well, you are in luck! The 3rd Vice President position is open for the taking! Responsibilities include attending BOD meetings, brainstorming, being a team player, and writing the monthly newsletter. Benefits include a deeper connection to, and understanding of, the club and its inner workings, and getting to know your fellow club members better!

No really, have really enjoyed my time in this position. It has enhanced my life so much, and the ladies on the BOD are fantastic. The only reason I am giving it up is because I moved seven hours away. Please consider stepping up, I will gladly help you with anything you need.

Aubrey

There are two purposes for Talking Taco Tuesday. One, every time we get together all y'all love to chat. I love to stand and listen to the roar of so many women talking at the same time. It's music to my ears. I know that life changes for the better when women talk to one another.

The second purpose is for us to talk about the things within our community that move us. The evolutionary purpose of the WCH is *To Improve the Lives of Women and Children in SBC*. That purpose is open to infinite possibilities for service projects. But how do we figure out which ideas or focus areas have the most interest within our membership to warrant forming a committee and possibly committing funds towards? We talk about what we are passionate or interested in, in a structured way that supports us in organizing our efforts. My fellow board members and I, as hosts, want to hear what you are passionate about. Please **RSVP by Saturday August 12th** that you will be joining us.

So far, we have a handful of members who are bringing a friend along. If you have a friend or two that you think would be interested in joining the WCH, invite them along and remember to RSVP for them.

When: Tuesday August 15th 5:30 to 7:00 pm

Where: Community Foundation Epicenter Building - 440 San Benito St.

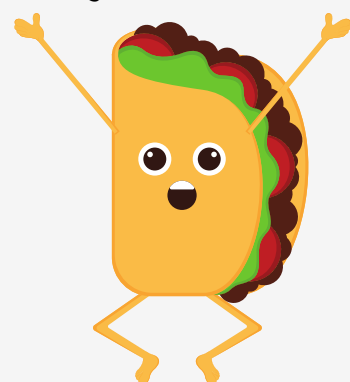
RSVP by calling or texting:

Renee Raitz (831) 801-0987 or

Denise Cauthen Wright (831) 245-5488

I look forward to seeing you there!

Laura





Other News

The 110th Anniversary WCN Celebration Continues!

To continue our commemoration of our special anniversary, we entered in the ever-popular Saddle Horse Show Parade and won FIRST Place in the "Float" category with our ever-popular flamingo theme! Thank you to everyone that was able to participate, either in float building, parade riding, or clean up! Our colorful entry was well received by the hundreds of parade viewers.

Visit <https://womensclubofhollister.org/projects> to watch a short video designed by member Kathy Kessler (Thanks, Kathy!) that highlights our entry from beginning to end and the members and friends that made this goal possible.

Special appreciation goes to Art Parra for providing us with a great trailer to decorate and to Strada Verde for providing us with warehouse space to build our float, and protecting it from our local winds and morning dew. Thanks also to Kayla Raitz and Justin Boyles for helping with the various tasks that go with parade entries. Lastly thanks to Curt Raitz for the truck and being our excellent driver!

We are hoping to be a part of the Lights On! Holiday Parade Saturday, November 25th. If interested in helping, please contact one of the co-chairs.

Co-chairs Colleen Rayas, Renee Raitz and Denise Cauthen-Wright



August Meeting Raffle

Did you clean out your garage this summer? Awesome! Bring your stuff to the August meeting for the return of the raffle!

Oh, you didn't? That's okay, buy a raffle ticket, we all win!

May Meeting Recap

The May meeting marked the official induction of our new members, Sonya Chavez, Peggy Casey, and Kathleen Graves. Candles were lit in honor of accepting membership as they were pinned and welcomed.

Jeanne Liem and Jill Martin recognized and thanked all the participating members. The Flamingo Flocking fundraiser earned \$15,029.49!

"The Jackie Raymer Legacy Scholarship" was introduced. Jackie was a member of the Women's Club for 50 years. The scholarship was presented to Jackie's granddaughter, Darby Connelly.

The club said goodbye to Kimberly Kimber and Aubrey Norton (almost), who have moved away to their next adventures.



May Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 11:30 am by Laura Lee.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Margo Tankersley.

Laura thanked the Table decorators, Suzie Stalder, Denise Cauthen-Wright, and her mother. Also thank you to the greeter, Ruth Aguirre.

Treasurer's Report:

Foundation Fund of 157,715.08 (Outstanding Scholarships: \$7000; 2022, \$7000; 2023.

Venmo: \$3,167.07, PayPal Balance \$0.00. Penny Pines Fund \$298.49.

Introduction of Guests: Sheila DeLuca, Darby Connelly, Maureen Haro, Carina Martin.

Maureen Haro received a \$10 gift certificate in guest drawing.

Suzie Stalder provided Birthday wishes to the following; May Birthdays: Ruth Aguirre, Anne Veen Sitter, Kathleen Graves, Vicki Dunn, Barbara Mumm.

June Birthdays: Nasrin Mohammadi, Jeanne Liem, Margot Tankersley, Glenda Goldstone, Laura Lee, Jennifer Ippolito. July birthdays: Josie Gallegos, Sonia Chavez, Audrey Prairo, Vivian Stubblefield.

New member initiation by Suzie Stalder: Sonya Chavez (not present), Peggy Casey, (Katherine Casey, Sponser), Kathleen Graves, (Martha Blaser, Sponser). Candles Service were lit in honor of accepting membership as they were pinned and welcomed.

Jeanne Liem and Jill Martin reported the results of the Flaming Flocking and recognized and thanked all the participating members. Flamingo Flocking collected \$15,029.49 for their efforts.

The Board has voted to present Legacy Scholarship: "The Jackie Raymer Legacy Scholarship". Jackie was a member of the Women's Club for 50 years. The scholarship was presented to Coleen's daughter, Jackie's granddaughter, Darby Connelly.

Service Recognition: Kim Kimber member since 2009 will be moving to Seattle at the end of this month. Laura Lee thanked her for all of her club participation and accomplishments. Aubrey Norton, 3rd VP will also be moving at the end of this month, she has served on many committees throughout her membership. Laura Lee congratulated all on the many great accomplishments, multiple generations in the club, 110 year history, and the value of each and every member.

Next Luncheon will be held September 13, 2023. Meeting closed at 1:06pm.

Submitted by Audrey Prairo

**THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING IS
September 13th, 2023**

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