



De Anza District

GF WC California Federation of Women's Clubs
Member General Federation of Women's Clubs International



DISTRICT CONFERENCE Saturday, March 14th, 2026



**Beaumont Woman's Club
306 East 6th Street
Beaumont, CA 92223**

Cost: \$30.00 (registration and lunch)

Registration: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Call to Order: 10:00 a.m.

Please print a paper copy if needed.

Dear District Members,

As I write this, I realize this will be my final President's Message for the Call to Conference. This term has truly flown by, and I am both grateful and reflective. Looking back, a two-year term feels just right, the first year devoted to innovation and updating, and the second year focused on follow-through and bringing plans to life. While reflection has its place, this Call to Conference is about the future. At this meeting, we will elect the next district president and executive board, entrusting the future of our district to capable and committed leaders.

Attached is Part 4 of my Connecting the Dots Strategic Plan entitled *Leaving a Connected Legacy*. This final section focuses on continuity of leadership, protecting our history, and making a lasting impact in our communities. A copy of the Part 4 checklist will also be available in the black box.

To support leadership continuity, I have asked each member of the District Executive Board to prepare a Term-at-a-Glance Guide, using the district bylaws as their foundation. These guides provide incoming leaders with a clear outline of required duties, helping ensure a confident and prepared transition. I encourage club leaders and chairs to consider doing the same.

Let us take the time to revel in the beautiful photography and art projects on display. Let us celebrate our talented artists and the creativity they bring to our organization.

Finally, please remember to submit your club scholarship applicants. We offer one scholarship for a high school student and one for a nursing student. We look forward to receiving strong applications.

Peace, Love and Happiness to all of you and may we all enjoy the luck of Irish!

Your President,

Mickie Reed

De Anza District President 2024-2026





Part 4: Leaving a Connected Legacy – Expanded Checklist

Leadership Continuity & Mentorship

- ☐ Create written descriptions and guides for officer roles
- ☐ Host a leadership panel with past presidents or officers
- ☐ Develop a mentor or buddy system for new or potential leaders
- ☐ Encourage shadowing of officers and board roles
- ☐ Host a training day or retreat for current and future leaders
- ☐ Create small leadership teams or committees to divide responsibilities
- ☐ Recognize and reward leadership at all levels, including first-time chairs

Preserving Club History & Traditions

- ☐ Establish a protected archives (not in a members home) in a local museum or library and store items such as minutes, flyers, newsletters, member applications and narrative reports designated by term year.
- ☐ Digitize documents and store electronically for future access
- ☐ Create a 'Club History Corner' display at meetings or events
- ☐ Record oral histories or interviews with long-standing members
- ☐ Celebrate key traditions annually and document their stories
- ☐ Develop a club timeline showing historical milestones
- ☐ Nominate historical members or projects for recognition at the Federation level

Building Long-Term Impact

- ☐ Establish a club scholarship or grant program with clear criteria
 - ☐ Develop a relationship with a local nonprofit as a long-term partner
 - ☐ Create or maintain a community project that is publicly visible (e.g., park bench, mural, garden)
 - ☐ Designate an annual 'Legacy Project' for outgoing presidents
 - ☐ Keep a written plan or calendar of annual projects for continuity
 - ☐ Participate in Federation programs that ensure long-term visibility
 - ☐ Nominate the club or members for awards to raise public awareness
 - ☐ Write press releases, articles or letters to the editor about the club's community impact
 - ☐ Write narrative reports
 - ☐ Present your reports to your city council
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AGENDA

REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

- Sign in at the Registration table & enjoy a continental breakfast.
- **Art Show & Photography Participants – Please check-in by 9:30 am.** All entries must be on display by 11:00 am. No voting until noon.
- First-time attendees and the person who brought them will both be entered into a drawing to win a wonderful prize.

CALL TO ORDER AT 10:00 am

Mickie Reed, District President

OPENING CEREMONIES

Flag Ceremony

American Legion

Pledge of Allegiance

Soukeyna Traore-Dia, Beaumont WC

Patriotic Song - God Bless America

Lois Bailey, Beaumont WC

Introductions

Mickie Reed, District President

Inspirational Message

Alison Eccleston, Beaumont WC

Greetings from the Hostess Club

Mickie Reed, Beaumont WC President

Response

Kim Ryan & Heidi Dodd, Convention Co-chairs

Honor First-time Attendees / Birthdays

Penny Ramirez, Amenities Chair

Special Drawing for First Time Attendees &
Member Bringing First-timer

A Moment in Women's History

Peg Boortz, WHRC Chair

ROLL CALL

Carol Soliday, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Carol Soliday, Recording Secretary

- January Conference Minutes

OFFICER REPORTS

Communications & PR's Report

Sylvia Baran, Communications & Public Relations

Financial Secretary's Report

Reggie Mattox, Financial Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Amelia Nieves, Treasurer

Auditor's Report

Deborah Thornburg, Auditor

Corresponding Secretary's Report

Lois Bailey, Corresponding Secretary

Parliamentarian's Report

Lee Hansen, Parliamentarian

3rd Vice President's Report

Darlene Wharton, 3rd Vice President

2nd Vice President's Report

Carol Conway, 2nd Vice President

1st Vice President's Report

Lynda Krisko, 1st Vice President

President's Report

Mickie Reed, District President

NEW BUSINESS

Teller Committee for Election

Mickie Reed, District President

DONE-IN-A-DAY PROJECT

Campus Safety Bags

Barbara Fairbairn, Domestic and Sexual
Violence Awareness and Prevention Chair

MEAL BLESSING

Theresa Schipske, Beaumont WC

LUNCH

Regular meal: Mostaccioli Penne, green salad, garlic bread & dessert

Vegetarian meal: Penne Alfredo, green salad, garlic bread & dessert

VOTING FOR PEOPLE'S CHOICE ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

Cast your votes between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. Voting closes at 1:00 p.m.

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

PRESENTATION OF SLATE

Amelia Nieves, Nominating Committee Chair

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mickie Reed, District President

Moment of Joy Dance-along

GFWC HOPE

Photography Contest Winners

Laureen Pedroza, Arts & Culture Chair

Art Show Contest Winners

Laureen Pedroza, Arts & Culture Chair

CHAIR REPORTS

Bylaws Committee - Proposed Changes

Lee Hansen, Bylaws Committee Chair

Scholarships - High School & Nursing
Applications Due!

Cindy Yaryan, Scholarship Chair

CLOSING ACTIVITIES

Announcements

Open to anyone

Credentials Report

Claire Whitney, Chair

Opportunity Drawing

Paula Munoz, Fundraising Chair

Collect for Clubwomen & Song “May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You”

Everyone

ADJOURNMENT

Mickie Reed, District President

De Anza District Photography Contest & the Arts and Crafts Show

The De Anza District Photography Contest and the Arts and Crafts Show will be held at the March Conference. District members are encouraged to submit their photos and/or their artwork to be displayed. To submit your entry, send the applicable paperwork to Laureen Pedroza at laureenartandphotography@gmail.com. You don't have to attend the conference to submit an entry but you do need to send it with someone who is attending.

The Photography contest will be judged by a professional photographer. Ribbons will be award to the first, second, and third place winners. Eligible photography category winners may be sent to compete at the state level.

Arts and Craft items will be judged by a professional artist. Ribbons will be award to the first, second, and third place winners. Arts and Craft items will not go on to state level.

SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION	
OFFICE	CANDIDATES
First Vice President	Carol Conway
Second Vice President	Darlene Wharton
Third Vice President	Sylvia Baran
Recording Secretary	Adriana Curiel
Treasurer	Jynna Chung
Financial Secretary	Lois Bailey

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

First Vice President Candidate Carol Conway

I am running for De Anza District's First Vice President. At the present time, I am the 2024-2026 President for Woman's Improvement Club of Corona and Second Vice President in charge of membership for the De Anza District. As President, my motto is S.O.A.R. (Service, Offer, Achieve, Renew). Just as an eagle soars, so do we. The eagle symbolizes vitality, power, honesty, truth, majesty, strength, courage, wisdom, power and freedom. I believe that all of our clubs are an asset to their communities. As our Federation mission states, Woman's Clubs are "dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service." As First Vice, I will support the President and step in as needed. I am also a support system for all clubs, gathering and reporting information that will show our commitment to our community and district (a voice within the community). And of course, I will be available to help with our yearly reports. One of my goals will be to look for ways to showcase our district in GFWC News & Notes. There is so much for us to be proud of within our clubs. I have many years as a leader in various community organizations such as American Legion, Elks, Corona Settlement House and I served 2 years as Lt. Governor for Kiwanis, plus more. Before retirement, I was in the education field as a teacher and vice-principal. I trained new teachers and wrote curriculum for the state of California and received many education awards. If elected, I will make our District more visible within our communities. I leave you with a C.S. Lewis quote - "Soar above the rest, not with pride, but with purpose."

Second Vice President Candidate Darlene Wharton

I have been a proud member of the Elsinore Woman's Club since 2013. My first board position was Ways and Means, where I created and led numerous successful fundraising events. I was honored to be elected Woman of the Year in 2018. I have served on the EWC Board as 3rd Vice President, 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President, and currently as President. At the De Anza District level, I have held the positions of Corresponding Secretary and Nominating Committee member. I was also a LEADS candidate. I currently serve as De Anza 3rd Vice President, and continuing to the next vice-presidential role would allow me to further contribute my experience, leadership, and dedication to De Anza.

Third Vice President Candidate Sylvia Baran

I have been a proud member of the GFWC Woman's Club of Indio for seven years and have served in multiple leadership roles, including four years as Third Vice President overseeing Programs and Fundraising and two years as Club President. I currently serve as the CFWC De Anza District Communications and Public Relations Chair, assisting with the District newsletter and serving as webmaster. As a LEADS candidate, I am inspired by the leadership and mentorship within our District and State and remain committed to continued learning and service in support of the GFWC mission. I hold a bachelor's degree in business management and certificates in project management, resource management, and business conflict resolution. Professionally, I worked as a

legal assistant and office manager and later served as a court executive from 2004 to 2018, managing more than 250 employees. I currently work as an administrative assistant for a property developer. A lifelong volunteer since age fifteen, I have mentored students, supported scholarships, assisted seniors, chaired the Walk to End Alzheimer's Committee for six years, and judged Odyssey of the Mind. I am grateful to continue this meaningful work through the De Anza District and my home club GFWC Woman's Club of Indio.

Recording Secretary Candidate Adriana Curiel

I am grateful to be considered for the position of De Anza District Recording Secretary. Service has been a central part of my life, and I bring over 15 years of experience supporting nonprofit organizations. I currently serve as Community Impact Chair for the De Anza District and previously served the district as Registrar. I have also served with the Riverside Woman's Club for 13 years, taking on roles such as Inspirations, Membership VP, Scholarship Chair, and as a motivated member of the Bylaws Committee. My position-relevant experience includes serving as Secretary many times for various organizations, most notably the Riverside Council and 23rd District PTAs, as well as having a genuine affinity for the "paper pushing" that many people find mundane. I have held additional leadership roles such as President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian across multiple organizations. I take pride in being organized and detail oriented and am committed to serving our district with professionalism and respect for the important work that our clubs do. It would be my honor to serve as your next De Anza District Recording Secretary.

Treasurer Candidate Jynna Chung

I have been a proud member of the Elsinore Woman's Club since 2021. During my time with the club, I have actively served in several roles supporting communication, organization, and operations. I have held positions in website design, social media management, and marketing to strengthen our club's digital presence and outreach. In August 2025, I assumed responsibility for our club bulletin, The Daisy, overseeing its content, organization, and publication. Most recently, as of January 2026, I began serving as Financial Secretary, where I support the club's financial processes with accuracy, accountability, and attention to detail.

Through these roles, I have gained hands-on experience in organization, reporting, communication, and responsible recordkeeping. I am committed to transparency, collaboration, and service. I would be honored to contribute at the district level.

Financial Secretary Candidate Lois Bailey

I am running for Financial Secretary because I want to support our district and clubs. Currently, I serve as the District Corresponding Secretary and prior to that, I was the District Amenities Chair. I also served as Riverside's Club President and First Vice President, Education and Libraries Chair, Scholarship Chair, and other positions over the past 28 years. I am currently Beaumont's First Vice President. I was also Treasurer for Riverside Juniors. Since my involvement in Girl Scouts as a child, I have been a lifelong community service volunteer. I am detail oriented and take pride in my work. I would be honored to serve as your next Financial Secretary.

Registration

Members: Please **pay your registration fee to your club**. Notify them which **lunch you want to eat**. There are two options for lunch – regular and vegetarian.

Regular meal: Mostaccioli Penne, green salad, garlic bread & dessert

Vegetarian meal: Penne Alfredo, green salad, garlic bread & dessert

Your club will provide additional details regarding registering with your club.

Clubs: Each club needs to register its participants by **Friday March 6, 2026** using the club registration form which was sent separately to the President and Treasurer.

Black Box

CLUB PRESIDENTS AND CHAIRMEN:

Important - please put one copy of any flyer(s) you put in Black Box folders in the President's folder.

*The **Black Box** at each District Conference is for the Club President and Chairmen to collect information to take back and **SHARE** with their club.*

- Please check the box after lunch to give everyone time to put their information in the box.
- The **Black Box** contains general information from your District Board for all clubs as well as information from your District Program Chairmen.

*The **Black Box** is a vital communication system. **Please check the box at each conference.***

IF you are unable to attend the conference, please delegate someone to bring the information to your club.

The Collect for Club Women

Mary Stewart, Colorado 1904

*Keep us, oh God, from Pettiness;
Let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.
Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off self seeking.
May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face,
without self-pity and without prejudice.
May we never be hasty in judgment and always generous.
Let us take the time for all things;
Make us to grow calm, serene, gentle.
Teach us to put into action our better impulses,
straightforward and unafraid.
Grant that we may realize
it is the little things that create differences,
that in the big things of life we are at one.
And may we strive to touch and to know the
great common human heart of us all.
And, O Lord God, let us forget not to be kind.*

May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You

Meredith Wilson

*May the good Lord bless and keep you,
whether here or far away.
May you find that long awaited golden day today.
May your troubles all be small ones
and our fortune ten times ten.
May the good Lord bless and keep you 'til we meet again.*