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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Sharon K. Miller

Here we are in the month of "wearing of the green" which is one of our Ebell club's colors. We will honor at our General Meeting in March **the service of our past presidents** who have kept our doors open for 94 years (the birthday we celebrated in February). We have many past presidents who have stayed as members of our club. Join us and express your appreciation.



In some ways we are holding on by a thread. Mary Sprague has shown us how to hold on by negotiating with our caterer, dealing with rentals, one of which has come through a past member for a bridge group, others who have lost their meeting place and a church which uses our building for Sunday services. Not only is she serving as Rental Chairman, House Chairman and Membership Chairman, she has her husband, Stan, right there pitching on her team to keep the clubhouse in good working order so prospective renters will consider using our clubhouse for an event.

The ants who reside on our property tried to throw Mary a curve after heavy rains. They took up residence in the office answering machine which had a few years on it and was causing a busy signal. The answering machine was sprayed, but Mary decided a new answering machine was in order so those rental calls could get through. Yeah Mary!

The end of February **the Orange District Showcase of the Arts** was held at the Yorba Linda Community Center. We will hear in March if our member, Norma Spinney, won an award for her photography. I took some pictures but they weren't worthy of entering.

The **Nominating Committee** has been selected: Marcia Willett, Chairman; Mary Sprague and Patricia Bright, alternates, all from the Executive Board. Hazel Morgan, Joan North and Carolyn Sandy are serving from the general membership. A special-interest sheet was included in your February Echo – please fill it out and give to Marcia Willett so the Nominating Committee knows what you are interested in doing for next year – **you are needed.**



GENERAL MEETING

11 AM, March 4

Social Hour: 10:15 AM

Greeter: Bettigene Wiley

Program: Ruthann Simmons and Yvonne Dowd, "A Celebration of Easter with Spiritual and Gospel Music"

General Chairman
Marcia Willett

Decorations:
Bettigene Wiley

Luncheon Committee
Irene Kauppi, Mary Savage

Reservation Committee
Mary Savage 993-9234
Joan Jones 879-8528

If a member cannot work on her assigned day, she is obligated to get a substitute and notify the chairman.

Deadline for reservations or cancellations is 5 PM Tuesday, March 1. All members with reservations who do not cancel by the above date will be charged for the lunch. The caterer charges the club for meals ordered and it is not fair for the club to pay the cost. Standing Rule #4 applies.



DEAN OF CHAIRMEN – Marcia Willett, 1st Vice President

Spring is just around the corner according to the trees in my yard that have started to get buds and flower. It is a time for us to think about new projects to supplement the wonderful ones we are currently doing. Projects don't necessarily have to do with money or fundraising; sometimes they use a commodity more valuable... that being time. Some projects just need a leader to show us the way. I'm always looking for things we can do. For instance, I am going to a conference on human trafficking, especially of women and girls. I have no idea if we can do something, but I'm willing to listen and see if we could participate in some way to stop this horrible situation. I've received feedback about doing more with MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) and someone has stepped forward to look into that project. What have you heard recently we could help with? Send your suggestions even if you think they're farfetched. Who knows – it may be just the thing we're looking for!



PROGRAM – Michele Macnamara, 3rd Vice President

Hi everyone. Spring is almost here and I'm sure we're all looking forward to warmer days. This month we are fortunate to have Ruthann Simmons and Yvonne Dowd with us. They will be singing a medley of Frank Lloyd Webber songs and I know we'll enjoy them very much.

Happy Musings by Sally Huss

Love often.
Love life.
It is yoga for the heart.



MEMBERSHIP – Mary Sprague, 2nd Vice President

We're fortunate to have begun the new year with the same number of members as last January. **BUT** that is only because we gained seven new members this year. In order to **MAINTAIN** we must continually add new members, **SO** it's important we continue to look for new members. **PLEASE** ask your friends, neighbors, etc. to think about joining. We'll be having major fund raisers and that is an excellent time to encourage friends to visit us.

Also it is that time again when we are thinking about the next administration. Think about the following:

THE SKELETON CREW

Where are you on the skeleton crew??? The body of an organization has five (5) types of bones.

The **WISHBONES** who spend all of their time saying they will do all the work but never do it.

The **JAWBONES** who do all the talking and nothing else.

The **KNUCKLEBONES** who knock everything everybody else tries to do.

The **LAZYBONES** who contribute absolutely nothing.

Finally, there are the **BACKBONES** who get under the load and do the work.

Which are you??? Remember the club belongs to each and every member. It is the members' responsibility to step forward and **volunteer** to carry the load of leadership. We need everyone to make our club an organization others would want to belong to.



RENTALS

Just a quick word about clubhouse rentals. We have gained a bridge group that will be renting the clubhouse every Monday evening and also a possible Tai Chi group who will be using the clubhouse almost every day. With the addition of these two groups plus our church group our **guaranteed** monthly income could be about \$2,800/month. The weekend rentals are slowly returning and I am happy to report September is completely booked. Things are beginning to look up! Mary

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – Shirl Slavens, Chairman

Community service is the reason most of us joined our club. Simple projects such as bringing toilet tissues for WTLC was a community service which made a difference. They were delighted to receive the 173 rolls of tissue. The money donated bought 90 rolls!

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WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT A LINGERIE PARTY?

For women and girls sizes 4 to 8... and similar necessities for men and boys?? PLEASE BRING THESE NECESSITIES TO THE MARCH GENERAL MEETING. MAYBE YOU COULD ASK A SHOP NEAR YOU FOR A DONATION!!

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When domestic violence rears its ugly head there isn't much we can do... but we **can** make these women, girls, men and boys more comfortable – and they'll know someone cares.

EDUCATION – Barbara Willeford, Chairman

As we get older we need to maintain and improve health. Our brains have the ability to change and grow throughout life. Each time you **learn** a new skill **new pathways** are formed and may continue to grow as we age into later years.



Physical and mental exercises can alter specific regions improving cognitive growth. Mental activities and social contacts are important!

SECTIONS

Canasta – LaVerne Holmes

March 2 (1st Wednesday)
11:30 a.m., Clubhouse
Bring finger-food for our buffet.



Gourmet – Kathleen Pritchard

March 8 (2nd Tuesday), 11:30 a.m. The Whitehouse – 887 S. Anaheim Blvd, Anaheim. Please call Kathleen by March 4 if you plan to come.

Bridge & Canasta – Grace Zerger

March 14 (2nd Monday)
11:30 a.m. Clubhouse, bring a sandwich.

Crafts – Bev Nihei

9:30 a.m. Clubhouse Apartment
March 9 (2nd Wednesday)
March 23 (4th Wednesday)

Quilts.....Pillows.....Bags

A great community service and then we go to lunch. Lovely morning!!

Friday Bookworms – Sue Miller

March 18 (3rd Friday). We are going to the Garden Grove Woman's Club. A carpool will leave our Fullerton clubhouse at 11 a.m.

INSPIRATION

Alma Hall Bean, Chairman

"May your entire month of March be as bright as the morning light that shines on the Emerald Isle."



TREASURER'S REPORT - Susan Hillman

Thanks to Mary Sprague rounding up some ongoing rentals we have beaten the wolf from the door for the moment. We will need to be thinking of budget-cutting measures as we still have property taxes to pay before our two fund raisers in April and May.

We must remember we still owe over \$18,000 on the loan and God forbid anything else major needing repair. I hate to be the bearer of sad tidings but we do need to look to the future of the clubhouse and its costs. Even without a clubhouse we would still be a club!!



PERSONAL INTEREST - Lynn Winkler, Chairman

I don't have too much to say this month. Because of a sinus infection I missed the last meeting, so my ears weren't there to get news. I have called some of our members, but get answering machines. I hope next month's column will be loaded with news.

Bea Gregg is still not feeling too well, a little shaky on her feet. **La Verne Holmes** has a horrible cold! She had to miss Canasta because she wasn't feeling well. **Norma Spinney** has bad back spasms and is taking water exercise classes to help and keep her fit.

Louise has two inoperable cancers. She is currently taking many treatments and pain medicines which make her feel lousy. The doctors tell her when the treatments have been settled, she should have two comfortable years. When she stops feeling lousy she will like some visits and will resume some activities. Louise thanks all of you for the beautiful, wonderful cards.

Did you know that **Sue Miller's** great grandfather, Garrett Clay Selvy, died the day after Gettysburg? He was born around the time of Henry Clay and Sue thinks that is why his middle name was Clay.

Let us all remember birthdays (dates are in the book). Send remembrance, or "just because your special" cards. All of us love to hear from our friends. By the way, Janet Walker's birthday is 12-7 and Marcia Willett's birthday is 6-10.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS - Mary Savage, Chairman

"... No matter how honest and decent we are in our private lives, if we do not have the right kind of law... and administration... we cannot go forward as a nation. We must have the right kind of character that makes a man. First of all, a good man at home, a good father, a good husband..."

Theodore Roosevelt

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Michele Macnamara
- 12 Sharon K. Miller
- 14 Evelyn Braune
- 15 Mary Sprague
- 28 Bev Nihei



MARCH CALENDAR

- 2 Canasta
- 4 General Meeting
- 8 Gourmet
- 9 Crafts
- 11 Orange District Council Meeting
- 14 Bridge & Canasta
- 18 Bookworms
- 23 Crafts
- 23 Executive Board Meeting

FROM YOUR EDITOR

Health issues are keeping me from working on the Echo right now. I want to thank Mary Sprague and Pat Bright for handling all the newsletter info for us. They will need your submissions at the March meeting for the April Echo.

Louise Moothart

Happy
St. Patrick's
Day!



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Ebell Echo

**Be a part of the bouquet,
Use your talents,
And keep on blooming.**

