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Tracy Wonder Women

The *Official* Newsletter of the GFWC TRACY WOMAN'S CLUB

President's Message

"As we embrace the vibrant energy of Spring, I wish you and your families a season filled with joy, growth and renewal! Let's make the most of this beautiful time together."

Thank you all for your continued support.

**-Karina Ramos
President**

1st Vice President's Message

I want to thank members for submitting report forms. In February we received 24 reports, which was an increase from the 15 reports received in January. I want to remind members that they can still complete February reports and submit them at the next GFWC TWC meeting. Members can also submit

reports for March. I'm sure members have been busy during the month and have lots to report. For January and February Total Attendance reported 118.5, Total Hospitality Committee hrs reported: 136. Total Random Readers hrs reported: 123. Looking forward to seeing everyone in April!

**-Debbie Griffin
1st Vice President**

2nd Vice President's Message

"I always wondered why somebody doesn't do something about that. Then I realized I was somebody."

-Lily Tomlin

I love this quote because it reminds us that building our Club membership is up to all of us.

Our last meeting of this term will be May 2, so before summer break that gives us one more opportunity to invite friends, family, and neighbors to see what TWC is all about. So...let's invite!

**-Jan McDonnal
2nd Vice President
"Membership Matters"**





NEW MEMBERS

Welcome Back Returning
Member

Janet O'Brien

Please take a moment to
introduce yourself and
welcome our returning
member to our Club!



4/5 TCCA Taps on Tenth

**4/11-4/12 A Journey Down Broadway -
At the Grand Theatre**

4/25 Caroline Rhea—At the Grand Theatre

4/26 Earth Day

-- - Living the Volunteer Spirit -- -



The Penny Pines Program began in California in 1941. The basic contribution to Penny Pines is \$68. Why this amount? Back in 1941, seedlings cost about 1 cent each and 680 seedlings were used to plant a typical acre. Site preparation and planting costs were met through regular Forest Service appropriations.

Funds contributed under the Penny Pines Program are to be used for reforestation. Weighing heavily in past decisions not to raise the minimum donation were comments received from the California Federation of Women's Clubs and the California Garden Clubs, Inc. They felt that increasing the minimum donation would have a more adverse effect on fundraising than the fact that the \$68 minimal donation would plant somewhat less than one acre.

To date, those pennies have amounted to well over 1 million dollars and the program is a statewide conservation project.



Forest Service

Caring For the Land and Serving People



APRIL

Barbara Pombo
Dianna Sucrese
Julia Conover
Rowena Donaldson
Mary Grove
Cassandra Alfaro
Marlene Reeves

Days and Dates

APRIL

- 4/4 GFWC Tracy Woman's Club Meeting
- 4/12 Convention! Alamo Women's Club
- 4/17 9am-12noon Crafts Committee
- 4/17 1pm ESO Book Club
- 4/18 GFWC Tracy Woman's Club Board Meeting
- 4/24 GFWC Federation Day

Here's the Skinny...on Membership Dues

Club renewal dues of \$55 are payable February 1st and become delinquent April 10th.

Dues paid by April 10th are applied to the Club year beginning June 1st.

After April 10th a rejoining and processing fee of \$10.00 will be applied.

CRAFTS CORNER

**Happy Spring
and Happy
Easter
from the
Crafts section!**

We welcome you to come early (doors open at 10am) and shop our items for the season at our April 4th meeting.

Lots of Easter and Spring decorations and household items to sell. We can also take orders on items that are in short supply or that you might like custom colors on...talk to Anne or Amy.

Proceeds from crafts sales benefit our Club and the charities that we support.

HAPPY
Easter



Did You Know...?

Laura Perrott Mahan, a member of the Eureka Women's Club, knew that bringing the California Federation of Women's Clubs yearly conference to Eureka may be just what was needed to protect a marvelous threatened grove alongside the Eel River and the mouth of Bull Creek.

Laura led the charge to bring the Federation yearly meeting to the Eureka Inn in 1923 and won the bid. Part of the conference included taking participants on a trip to the Eel River, where Eureka club women announced their plans to save the very grove they



were standing in. A dollar from each member in the state would raise enough to be matched by the state and save the grove. The campaign worked, \$45,000 was raised, the grove was saved, and Julia Morgan was chosen to design the Hearthstone monument commemorating the women's work, located within the new grove, widely known nowadays as Women's Fed.

What's for LUNCH?

At our April Club Meeting...



AND SALAD!

Do you have an event you'd like to publicize in
Tracy Wonder Women?

Deadline for the May edition is
Monday, April 21, 2025.

Email:

JanMcDonnal@yahoo.com

CUT IT OUT!

Bonnie Harrington is willing to hold a training session on how to make fleece blankets for the "Stand Down" Veteran Convention this September.

Bonnie plans to schedule the training session at the Tracy Chamber on the same day as our April Meet & Greet lunch.

More details to follow!

APRIL Program



Guest Speaker: Connie Lopes

City of Tracy Recycle Management Analyst

April's Guest Speaker is Connie Lopes, the City of Tracy's Recycling Management Analyst, who will present on Recycling and Sustainability. She will cover Senate Bill 1383 requirements and key points from Tracy's Ultimate Guide to Solid Waste and Recycling. "Simple actions can help create a healthier planet for future generations."

In the meantime, here is some info on the **3Rs: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle**

Reduce: means purchasing durable long-lasting goods and seeking products and packaging that can be used again and again.

Reuse: the act of using a product multiple times, donating, or selling your used items. Some suggestions: using coffee mugs vs. disposable cups, using refillable bottles, reusing boxes, turning empty jars into containers.

Recycle: turns materials that would become waste into valuable resources. Materials like glass, metal, plastics and paper are collected, separated, and sent to facilities that can process them into new products.

Our Club's meeting callers are dedicated members who are excited to share upcoming meeting details with you!

It's important to respond whether or not you will be attending so we have an accurate lunch count for our food providers.

Reminder: A reservation made is a reservation paid, unless cancelled before the Wednesday preceding the Club meeting.



Bringing a friend? GREAT!

Please let your caller know your guest's name. **Note:** it is not the Club's responsibility to pay for guests invited by members.

If a guest is a "no show" the member is responsible for the guest's meal.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY



Want to place YOUR business card in the Business Directory?
Contact **Jan McDonnal** for details!

Adorable Adoptable!



PEOPLE FOR PETS 209.933.6274
inquiries@PeopleForPets.com

Meet **RUSTY!** Approximately 2 years old, this dynamite little boy will bounce up and down with joy and waggle his little tail excitedly when he sees you.

Rusty is neutered, current on vaccines and microchipped. He is also crate trained and house trained. This handsome little fella is looking for his loving fur-ever home—maybe yours?



- Answers to Last Month's "Guess Who?"**
- Burnell Shull**—As a child during winter, walked to the school bus in 60 degrees below weather!
- Barbara Dalsis**—spent one summer working for a traveling carnival!
- Sherry White**—Placed in the Top 2 in a cruise ship's "Voice of the Ocean" singing competition!
- Stella Lakey**—She and her husband were selected and featured as alternates on Food Network's "NFL Tailgate Takedown"!
- Karen Colatrella**—Went to the same high school as Bruce Springsteen!

GUESS WHO??

Learn a little bit more about your fellow GFWC Tracy Woman's Club members!
See if you can match the member with a special tidbit about them...
(Answers in the next newsletter.)

Jane Connor	In the late 90s, I spent part of summer doing geologic research on Mount Nanga Parbat in the Himalayas.
Deborah Latasa	My first trip out of the country was when I was 5 years old. I traveled to Nassau in the Bahamas!
Sherri Wood	A few years ago I had the privilege of spending time in Sabi Sabi's magical bush lodge in South Africa. I totally fell in love with the beautiful, graceful giraffes roaming free on the Savannah.
Rebecca King	Earned a State of California Mobile Home Sales License and sold mobile homes.
Gerilyn Martin-Featherson	Had the pleasure of going on 4 cruises with her husband