

De Anza Trails



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Theme

*Dare to dream, then take it over the
rainbow with Federation*

Symbol

A rainbow

President's Project

*Heifer International - WILD
(Women in Livestock Development)*

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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT PAULA

Hello everyone; hope you all had a good summer. Welcome to a new club year – it should be a great one! We will be busy the next little while getting back in the swing of things. Several people have graciously stepped up to fill chairmanships that were vacant. I'm proud to present your new chairmen: Emily Gerstbacher will serve as Leadership Chairman; Jennifer Nickels will serve as Domestic Violence Awareness Chairman; Louise Wood will serve as Beautification Chairman; and Helen Bedford is officially the Fundraising Chairman. The only open one is Focus On Financial Issues; anyone interested?? Let me know. Thanks to all these wonderful women – plan to see them at our first District Conference (in Perris at Camper Resorts of America on September 21). Please try to come, with as many members from each club as possible.

Before this first conference some of us will be attending the CFWC Board Meeting in Eureka. This is when the state chairmen usually have all sorts of information for us to bring back to our district people at the September conference. Start filling your piggy banks, saving for our district conference in April, Area D Conference in October, and Western States Region Conference in September.

It would be nice if some of you new club officers would write about yourselves and submit it to Pat for an issue of Trails. Also write about your events and projects and turn it in to share with all of us.

I'm really looking forward to seeing you in September; to working with you this coming year. Let me know if I can help in any way. My new e-mail address is paula.ruscigno@att.net)

Yoursin Federation,

PaulaRuscigno

DISTRICT NEWS

ACT FOR OCT

"Five more would be DIVINE in October '09"

Each club should be developing their Fall recruiting projects. A flyer will be distributed at the September 21 Conference.

The names of all new, dues-paying members that join in the Fall will be sent to GFWC, Chris Hertzog, Area D Vice President, and to me by December 1. Their dues must be sent to Barbara McRae, District Financial Secretary, as soon as they join so the records are complete to GFWC by December 1.

Reggie Mattox, Membership Chairman

DE ANZA CONFERENCE-SEPT 21

Valerie Barnes, CFWC 2nd Vice President, will hold a workshop on membership at the first conference of the 2009-2010 De Anza year. The Conference will be hosted by Perris Valley Woman's Club and will be held at Camper's Resort of America, 375 E. Ramona Expressway, Perris. Registration starts at 9 am; meeting starts at 10 am.

To get this fun-filled year off to a great start, everyone is invited to wear a crazy/silly hat. We will also be celebrating World Food Day and each club/member is asked to bring packaged/canned food items for Harry's Pantry, a new food pantry serving Nuevo and Perris area.

Let's amaze Valerie by how much fun we can have while remaining true to the spirit of Federation.

TREASURERS-ARE YOU FILLING OUT YOUR TAX FORMS?

The Department of the Treasury requires each 501(c)(3) club to file an electronic notice when you normally have gross

receipts of \$25,000 or less. If your gross receipts are over \$25,000, you are required to file Form 990 (or 990-EZ).

These electronic notices are due by the 15th day of the fifth month after the close of your tax period. For example, if your tax period ends on December 31, the annual electronic notice is due May 15. If your tax period ends May 31, the notice is due October 15.

If you fail to file the annual electronic notice or Form 990 or Form 990-EZ for three consecutive years beginning after December 31, 2006, your tax-exempt status is revoked as of the filing due date of the third year. If your tax-exempt status is revoked for failing to file the annual electronic notice or information return, such as Form 990, 990-EX, or 990-PF for three consecutive years, you must reapply for exemption, Application for Recognition of Exemption or Application for Exemption Under Section 501(a), and pay the appropriate user fee. Reinstatement of tax-exempt status may be retroactive if you can show that you had reasonable cause for not filing the annual electronic notices or information returns.

For additional information, call 1-877-829-5500 or visit the IRS website www.irs.gov/ea and sign up for the Exempt Organization's EO Update, a regular email newsletter that highlights new information posted on charities.

Each club must also file an Annual Registration Renewal Fee Report to the Attorney General of California (Form RRF-1) no later than four months and 15 days after the end of the your club's accounting period. Failure to do so may result in the loss of tax exemption and the assessment of a minimum tax of \$800, plus interest and /or fines or filing penalties.

For additional information, visit their web site - www://ag.ca.gov/charities or phone (916) 445-2021. I also am available to help in any way I can - phone (951) 928-0867 or cell (951) 378-3750 or email nuevopat@dlsextreme.com.

Pat Kelley, De Anza District Treasurer

CHAIRMANSHIPS

CITIZENSHIP

Just a reminder ladies about the "Black Box" where we place information for all club Presidents and club chairmen. Please pay special attention to the project that I am asking all clubs to participate in. If you do not have a Citizenship In Action chairman, then please ask a capable member to complete it for me. I will need these back by the District Conference on January 17, 2010. Also please find a list of the many areas one can work on for this chairmanship. I so hope this is helpful to you. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to email me or call me at 951-652-8263. As I have said before, if I do not have the answer, I will try hard to find it for you.

Ellie Pledger, Citizenship in Action Chair

FOCUS ON HEALTH

Ladies, I hope you have all had a great summer. I am looking forward to a great year as "Chairman" for ""Focus on Health". I hope that each club centers a project around "Women's Health".

Second, Fall is just around the corner and that means it it time to think about getting a flu and pneumonia shot when they are available. It is not too early to get a pneumonia shot. The Center for Disease Control is urging people to have diabetes, cardiac, weakened immune diseases to get both the flu shot and the "swine flu" shot this fall. You should check with your doctor as to when you should get these very important shots.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the Conference in Perris,

Venetia Fisher, Focus on Health Chair

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

We are in our last fundraising year for WILD (Women in Livestock Development) and to increase your understanding of how this projects affect women and their lives, I'll introduce you to Nguyen Thi Len, Vietnam, a 2008 WILD Grassroots winner.

Nguyen Thi Len joined the Log Hoa dairy cooperative in 2004 and has since found a new direction for her boundless energy. What began as a way to earn income to supplement her husband's day wages as a hired laborer, has grown into a full-time enterprise for them both. An initial gift of two cows from Heifer quickly transformed her family. Previously, her husband would spend his time off work at the local pub, but with new dairy cows to care for and the potential for extra income, he started spending more time at home working with his family. Nguyen has been the motivating force. She has become an active member of dairy co-op and is its vice-president. Because of her hard work, her family now has eight dairy cows!

Pat Kelley, International Affairs Chair

SCHOLARSHIPS

Welcome back everybody from your summer vacation! Starting with this issue I will provide FYI articles regarding Scholarships. Today's article is about the Gates Millennium Scholarship.

The Gates Millennium Scholarship helps underwrite the education of promising minority students, who in many cases have overcome significant obstacles. The GMS is a full ride scholarship renewable each year as long as the student is academically in good standing.

The GMS, established in 1999, was initially funded by a \$1 billion grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

The goal is to provide an opportunity for outstanding minority students with significant financial need to reach their highest potential by:

- Reducing financial barriers for African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American and Hispanic American students with high academic and leadership promise who have significant financial need;
- Increasing the representation of these target groups in the disciplines of computer science, engineering, education, library science, mathematics, public health and the sciences, -- groups that are severely underrepresented
- Leadership development programs with distinctive personal, academic and professional growth opportunities.

The GMS program is more than just a scholarship. The GMS program offers Gates Millennium Scholars with Academic Empowerment (ACE) services to encourage academic excellence; mentoring services for academic and personal development; and an online resource center that provides internship, fellowship and scholarship information.

If you have any questions or are interested in the Gates Scholarship please go to: gmsp.org.

Judy Ewert, District Scholarship Chair

CLUB NEWS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept 15 - De Anza Bd Mtg

Sept 21 - De Anza Conference, 375 E. Ramona Expressway, 9 am Registration

Sept 21 - 2009 GFWC Western Region Convention, Idaho

Oct 24 - Area D Conference, Goldy S. Lewis Community Center, 11200 Base

Line Rd, Rancho Cucamonga

Nov 5 - Hemet WC's Reciprocity Tea, Connie Biggers, CFWC Photography, Short Story & Poetry, Chair, speaker

Nov 14 - Hemet WC's Craft Fair, Colonial Country Club Estates

CFWC NEWS

GFWC CONVENTION

By CFWC'S (and De Anza District)
LEADS - Reggie Mattox

GFWC Convention in Cleveland, Ohio was great. The theme of this year's convention was "A Vision of Possibilities"

I arrived Wednesday evening and on Thursday morning joined a tour of the Amish area which was a LONG bus ride. About 100 of us went in two buses and first visited the memorial built by the Ohio Federation for veterans. We had been on the bus for 2 hours so we were anxious to get off and move, but with the rain that was not really a possibility. We then traveled more than a hour to get to the Amish area. Had a wonderful family-style lunch and shopped a little in Danville and then back on the bus for about 20 minutes to the farm where we took a buggy ride, a tour of the house and barn, and some more shopping. Then a 2 hour ride back to Cleveland.

On Thursday evening a reception was held for all of the LEADS representatives hosted by International President Rose M. Ditto, Ph. D. I met the incoming International President, Carlen Garner from Washington state, Her aunt Ruth Bailey lives in Hemet so we had that in common.

Friday was the LEADS workshop and that was wonderful. Forty-six LEADS candidates entered the seminar room and started off the day with a greeting

from International President Rose M. Ditto. The speakers were really good, mostly GFWC staff. Chris Sienkielewski, Chairman of the Leadership Committee spoke on "Nurturing the Leader in You." She started out with a personal style inventory to help us decide what kind of a leader we were. We were then given a problem to solve using a specific type of leadership--not always easier if it wasn't our particular personality type. Another excellent presentation was given by Patty Whitehouse from the new Jersey State Federation and she spoke on conflict Resolution. She divided people into four generations--WWII-ers; Baby Boomers; Gen Xers; and Millennials and give ideas on what each group would expect from a club. How to give a good presentation, Leadership Tips, and Know Your Federation were other topics covered during the day. The hand outs were excellent. We were done just in time to get dressed and down stairs for the banquet. The Ohio State Banquet was really nice, cute centerpieces and favors. The buckeye, being the state nickname, was used extensively in the decorations and even chocolates made up to look like buckeyes! The entertainment was fun. I was so impressed by the opening ceremony and the procession of flags--it was beautiful.

Saturday I attended the meetings, went to the exhibits, and the luncheon and banquet at night. The speaker that talked about Girls Town Missouri (a Missouri Federation project) was great. The luncheon speaker was not up to par. The Junior night banquet was fun with good entertainment. The winning project for the Junior's Child Advocacy Program was a club from Maine and they set up a "shop" for poor children to come and get Christmas gifts for their parents. The club helped wrap, etc. I guess about 40 children took advantage of the project. One child was really excited about finding a toaster for his parents as their toaster

had just burned out. I guess members purchased items or donated "slightly used" things. I thought it was a great idea and something I had not heard about recently. The juniors donated \$3,000,000 and 700,000 hours of service!

GFWC NEWS

New GFWC Brochures and Mini Trifolds!

Just in time for the new club year and our ACT in OCT outreach, GFWC has released new versions of the general membership brochure and the ever-popular mini trifold. Get these items from the GFWC Marketplace.

Tell GFWC How You'll ACT in OCT

Most of you are already planning your club's activities for the annual ACT in OCT membership recruiting event and GFWC wants to know what you plan to do -- from done-in-a-day projects to volunteer swapping with another local group. They will publicize the best ideas throughout October so every club can benefit! E-mail your ideas to Membership @GFWC.org

GFWC's Calendar

The official 2010 GFWC Year in Pictures Calendar, featuring the award-winning photographs taken by GFWC clubwomen is now on sale in the GFWC Marketplace.

Previous editions of this annual keepsake were available only by direct mail, but now all club members and friends can purchase copies to keep themselves and their clubs on track!

GFWC's 2008 in Review Video

In a few weeks, GFWC will release its official annual report for the fiscal year 2008, outlining the programs, projects,

and activities of clubwomen as reported by individual clubs and states. We are excited that this expanded report will provide a more complete picture of how GFWC clubs are improving their communities daily, and hope that it will inspire even more women to improve themselves through GFWC.

In advance of that annual report, we wanted to give you a sense of how we're acknowledging and promoting the work of GFWC clubwomen, so we are proud to present our Year in Review video. We encourage you to send the link to every clubwoman, friend, or contact you know to help share the power of GFWC's vision of possibilities.

Cancer Only Women Can Get

September is National Ovarian Cancer Awareness month. The National Ovarian Cancer Coalition's "Break the Silence" campaign helps increase awareness and encourages public dialogue about the symptoms and risk factors of ovarian cancer.

"Break the Silence" enlists local volunteers committed to providing support for women and their families to launch ovarian cancer educational initiatives throughout the year. By arming women with the tools they need to begin a dialogue with their physicians, NOCC is striving to facilitate earlier diagnosis and to ultimately improve survival rates of this disease.

NOCC has developed a downloadable Conversation Starter to help women effectively ask questions and to seek out information from their doctors. These resources, as well as information about ongoing research and how to find a local specialist, cancer center and/or local NOCC chapter, are available at the NOCC website www.Ovarian.org.

Take Action to Support I-VAWA

GFWC has identified VAWA and I-VAWA as priority issues for our legislative advocacy in 2009. In recent weeks, supporters has drafted the International Violence Against Women Act and sent it to the Chair and Ranking Member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senators John Kerry and Richard Lugar. Now, it's up to them to say yes to ending violence against women.

One out of every three women worldwide will be physically or sexually abused during her lifetime. Violence against women and girls is a violation of human rights. Violence and abuse devastates the lives of millions of women, knows no national or cultural barriers, and most importantly, it must be stopped.

The International Violence Against Women Act (I-VAWA) represents an commitment by the U.S. government to address and ultimately end violence against women and girls globally. It would create a comprehensive approach by the United States to fight violence against women and girls internationally.

Specifically, the I-VAWA directs the U.S. government to create a comprehensive, 5-year strategy to reduce violence in 10-20 diverse countries that have severe levels of violence against women and girls. To achieve this goal, the bill supports programs that have been proven to reduce violence and makes ending violence against women and girls a U.S. diplomatic priority. Importantly, the bill also expands U.S. support and capacity for overseas nongovernmental organizations—particularly women's nongovernmental organizations—working to end violence against women and girls in their own countries.

Help support I-VAWA by reaching out to Senators Kerry and Lugar.