



# GFWC Contemporary Women Of North County

January 2010

## *Executive Committee*

### President

Linda Bridges

### 1st VP - Dean

Laura McPhee

### 2nd VP -Federation

Penny Hagler

### 3rd VP -Ways & Means

Sandra Teters

### Secretary/Newsletter

Laura McPhee

### Treasurer

Laura Collins

## *Executive Chairs*

### Membership

Kathleen King & Lisa Pratte

### Publicity

Kaye Martin

### Sunshine

Donna Jenkins

### Website

Kathy Michaels

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## *"CWONC Honors Our Military"*

### FROM THE PREZ'

Dear Sister CWONC'ers,

It's been a great 2009! Just think about all we've accomplished. We were lucky to see the smiles of our CASA kids as they participated in a hands-on cooking class and a visit with Santa. We weren't able to deliver our Operation Top Knot and Soldiers' Angel packages in person, but what a treat to send baby gifts to our military moms-to-be and to our own two adopted soldiers -Cory and Amy. We shipped clothing, blankets and small toys to the Africa Project (supports two orphanages), to Sunburst Camp (for children with AIDS & HIV) and to the Painted Turtle Camp (for children with life threatening illnesses). The thank you letters we received from these wonderful organizations brought a smile to our faces! We honored our elders by volunteering at Angel's Depot (collecting food and packing meal boxes). We offered scholarships to two students attending local community colleges and we helped save the planet by participating in recycling (proceeds donated to Ronald McDonald House). CWONC members love animals and we didn't forget our "four-legged" friends. At the December holiday meeting, we brought gifts of blankets, towels, food and toys for the Escondido Humane Society.

2009 may have come to an end, but not our commitment to helping the community. In January, we will:

- elect officers for 2010-11,
- volunteer to chair favorite projects,
- introduce new ideas to club for member support,
- plan our calendar of events and,
- vote on a budget to finance our upcoming projects.

But, before we meet again, I'd like to offer a New Year's toast. Grab a glass, fill it with your favorite beverage and raise it high.

To our officers and chairmen. Thank you for your excellent leadership!

To our members. We couldn't have accomplished our goals without you.

Thank you for a job well done!

Take care, have a wonderful New Year and I'll see you in January back at the Wood House!

Linda



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND JOIN US ON THESE DATES

- January 9<sup>th</sup> - Membership Meeting
- January 11<sup>th</sup> - Regular Meeting
- January 20<sup>th</sup> - Executive Meeting
- January 30<sup>th</sup> - Just Us Girlz
- February 8<sup>th</sup> - Regular Meeting
- February 23<sup>rd</sup> - Palomar Art Festival
- February 27<sup>th</sup> - Miss San Marcos

## CLUB BUSINESS

### 1. December Meeting Minutes

President, Linda Bridges called our December 14<sup>th</sup> Holiday Meeting to order at 6:55pm. Our meeting was held at Penny Hagler's home with members bringing delicious dishes to dine on. THANK YOU PENNY FOR SHARING YOUR HOME! Members present were: Linda Bridges, Penny Hagler, Lisa Pratte, Marianne Furtado, Donna Jenkins, Bina Kozak, Gina Ensalaco, Michelle Delgado, Pam Irwin, Sandra Teters, Jenna Jahn, Vivian Doering, Debby Weiner, Maryann Donovan, Beryl Price, Barb Littleton, Diane Modjeski, Marena Mills, Kathy Packard, Ann Lygas, Kathleen King, Betty Walden, and Laura McPhee. Lisa Pratte introduced our guests for the night: Carolyn Humphreys, Dale Phillips, and Jeanette Jackin.

### Executive Committee

**President:** Linda Bridges announced that we have a proposed Executive Board for our February 2010 through January 2011 period. The proposed board is:

President	Linda Bridges
1 <sup>st</sup> VP-Dean	Ann Lygas
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP-Federation	Penny Hagler & Jenna Jahn
3 <sup>rd</sup> VP-Ways & Means	Laura McPhee & Lisa Pratte
Treasurer	Laura Collins
Secretary	Laura McPhee

Membership will vote on the new Executive Board at the January meeting. Linda reminded members that there are lots of opportunities to participate in the new year. We have many project opportunities for chairs and co-chairs. Also, we will initiate new members at the January meeting and a new membership binder will be provided in March.

Linda asked members to think about participating with the Palomar District Art Festival. There will be an art contest, craft contest, short story/poetry contest, photography contest, newsletter contest, publicity contest, young musician's music competition, and "a year in pictures" calendar competition.

The first deadline is the short story contest which has to be submitted by January 19.

Linda reminded members to give Laura McPhee all of your volunteer hours and any money donated so she can prepare the annual reports to GFWC.

**Federation:** Our upcoming event is the Holiday Tea at the Hotel Del on 12/29. Penny told members to call and make their own reservations if they'd like to attend with the total cost is \$51. You will be required to provide a credit card number. She put them under the name of Penny Hagler/CWONC.

Penny shared that she is setting up monthly Bunco Parties. She provided a sign-up sheet and asked members to let her know if they were interested.

### Project Status by Chairs:

**Breakfast with Santa** – Gina Ensalaco shared that the annual Breakfast with Santa on December 6<sup>th</sup> at the San Marcos Community Center went really well. The participation was down from previous years but they made a profit of \$550. The pictures with Santa went really well this year with 74 purchased.

**Casa de Amparo Christmas Party** – The children at Casa de Amparo really enjoyed their Christmas Party at the shelter on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Laura McPhee told members that there weren't as many children this year, but that was a good thing. We provided a great backpack (provided by Betty Walden) with an IPOD, home made hat, scarf, and slippers, and other small items. They kids really enjoyed themselves with crafts, lunch, Santa, and some really great gifts. Thank you to everyone that helped out.

**Adopt a Soldier** – Penny Hagler said she will be sending two boxes to Amy, one for her birthday and one for the holidays.

**Jewelry Fundraiser** – Kathleen King hosted a Jewelry fundraiser on November 17<sup>th</sup> sponsored by previous CWONC member Brandy Yamamoto. Kathleen shared that \$62 of the proceeds were donated to CWONC.

**Just Us Girlz** – Chair Laura Collins was not at the meeting but Laura McPhee explained that CWONC helped the City of San Marcos on this event and volunteers will be needed to assist. Members should look for more information from Laura Collins.

**Escondido Humane Society** – Laura McPhee thanked everyone for their donations to the Humane Society. She shared that they currently have a Million Dollar Match going on to collect additional funds. An unknown donor has said that they will match up to one million dollars in donations.

**Motions Made:** No motions made at the December meeting.

Linda Bridges closed the meeting at 7:pm.

## Proposed 2010 Executive Committee & Chairs

The proposed slate of 2010 Officers is listed below and elections will take place in January

### Proposed Officers (Executive Committee):

PRESIDENT	Linda Bridges
1 <sup>st</sup> VP-DEAN	Ann Lygas
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP-FEDERATION	Penny Hagler & Jenna Jahn
3 <sup>rd</sup> VP-WAYS & MEANS	Laura McPhee & Lisa Pratte
SECRETARY	Laura McPhee
TREASURER	Laura Collins

### 3. Federation/Social

Penny Hagler is closing the year out with High Tea at the Hotel Del Coronado on Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who is interested should call and make their own reservations, be sure to mention Penny's name and CWONC.

There will be a membership meeting on **January 9<sup>th</sup>** at Kathleen King's home to discuss promoting new membership and maintaining our existing members. Everyone is invited to share their ideas.

#### Membership Gathering:

1. Learn all about Officers Jobs and how to organize a Project
2. Make and take a craft project, a memento to take home with you.
3. Munchies - Friendship - Laughter - and Fun.
4. This is open to everyone in club.
5. Date: January 9th, Saturday, Time: 10:00am, Kathleen's home, her cell (760) 310-3722
6. Thank You for your **RSVP** by **January 7th.**

## THE MANY WAYS YOU CAN HELP

**Here's a list of yearly projects. If you're interested in chairing or co-chairing, or have any questions please contact Linda Bridges or Laura McPhee.**

### CWONC Projects

Just Us Girlz  
Palomar Art Festival  
Night of Spirits  
Miss San Marcos Tea  
Casa Cooking Class  
Carnival of Cultures  
Baskets for SART, Casa, Humane Society  
MS Walk  
I Love a Clean San Diego  
Mothers Day Tea  
CWONC Scholarship  
Del Mar Fair  
Relay For Life  
Breakfast With Santa  
Casa Holiday Party  
Operation Top Knot  
Africa Project  
Painted Turtle  
Adopt a Soldier  
Angels Depot  
Recycle Project  
Collecting Toiletries  
AniMeals

### CWONC's Ongoing Projects

#### Operation Top Knot

**Chaired by Lisa Pratte**

If you'd like to help out this worthy project that provides a virtual baby shower for expecting families of our deployed military contact Lisa Pratte. They can use baby blankets, onsies, stuffed animals, baby clothes, etc. Lisa shared a response from one of our 2008 recipients:

"It has almost been 2 years since the Top Knot gang spoiled us rotten with amazing gifts. We just wanted to let you know that your gifts and thoughtfulness has carried us through many hard times and happy times. We apologize since we moved and cannot find the names and addresses of those who sent us such amazing gifts to thank you directly again. As we LOVE every thing, our little bear made best friends with a certain blankie. It goes every where, baths, NASCAR, drag races, deployment home coming, it even surfed the toilet once, eww but kids will be kids. He hugged it wet however gross it gets it is our baby's best bud. Valdryk our bear has taken it to every Dr's appointment and when they decide to have his hernia surgery from when he was dropped at birth (by the Dr) it will be there as well. He is doing great though and we appreciate you all so much and what you do for our military families. We just needed to let you know that even 2 years later you are thought of and appreciated so much.. You always will be.

Top Knot letter continued:

Although Bears blankie has become a couple of pieces of what we call "man rope" It comforts him in such a way one cannot be explained. They are inseparable and it brings Valdrik so much peace and joy. (We even surfed for a replacement on the internet once when he lost it, the longest 20 minutes of our lives, ha ha!) For these gifts of love we thank you deeply. May your holidays be so amazing you are all in our prayers.. Thank you SO much... The Sims family (Mandy Sims)"

### Painted Turtle Camp

Chaired by Donna Jenkins

CWONC has supported the Painted Turtle Camp for many years through financial donations, afghans and lap quilts. The Painted Turtle Camp is a specialty camp for children with life-threatening illnesses which runs year-round. Paul Newman was the mastermind for this camp which opened on May 22, 2004.

Children are invited to attend a week of camp (free to them) enjoying a camping experience that is physically safe, empowering and fun! Each child leaves with a couple of souvenirs: a pillow in the shape of a turtle, and a beautiful small afghan (blanket) or lap quilt. CWONC donates crocheted or knitted afghans, or for all you quilters, small lap quilts – *all items should be machine washable.*

*Following are the dimensions for the afghans and lap quilts:*  
**Small Afghans** - They can be knitted or crocheted. The size should be 35-40 inches wide by 45-50 inches long. (No specific pattern – you select something that would be nice and colorful for a child.)

**Lap Quilts** - Patchwork quilts should be cheerful and with bright colors. The size should be 35-40 inches wide by 45-50 inches long. (Please make sure that these lap quilts are not too heavy or too warm.)

If you cannot bring the donated items to the meeting, please contact Donna to make arrangements for pickup. If you are interested in learning how to crochet, please contact Donna. Any questions can be referred to Donna Jenkins (760)754-9918 or [jenkins\\_cwonc@yahoo.com](mailto:jenkins_cwonc@yahoo.com).

### Recycling

Chaired by Marena Mills

Don't forget to bring in your bottles and cans for Marena Mills to recycle for CWONC. Every little bit helps us raise funds so that we can do the great things we do.

### Adopt a Soldier

Chaired by Penny Hagler & Laura McPhee

Our adopted soldier, Amy Chenowith is a sergeant stationed in Afghanistan until next July. Her husband is also in the military stationed in Oklahoma and being both mom and dad to their 3 yr little boy. Penny sends her a box each month. Penny is asking for members to write letters and email them to her at [penny.hagler@ncws.com](mailto:penny.hagler@ncws.com). Penny will get them sent to Amy and if you have any questions please forward them to Penny.

### Africa Orphanage Project

Chaired by Lisa Pratte & Linda Bridges

The African Project "We Continue Our Support"

A few months ago, CWONC received an email from Soldiers' Angels (SA) regarding African orphanages and our US military. SA was asking for donations of new baby pacifier's, teething rings, baby disposable diapers in sizes medium and large. Baby receiving blankets, baby onesie's, all sizes, kids' shoes and gently used baby clothes were welcome. The orphanages are currently home to more than 200 babies, toddlers and older kids up to age 10. Our US military men and women visit the orphanages every week. They hold, cuddle and feed the babies. Before SA got involved the only clothes the babies were wearing were plastic bags! If you know of anyone who has gently used baby and children's clothing to donate, please bring to our regular meetings.

### Scrip, Escrip & Those Collectibles

Don't forget that there are a lot of ways to help CWONC. You can buy Scrip (the gift cards) at our meetings coming up next year from Linda Bridges and use them for meals or purchases you plan on making. There's no additional cost for you and CWONC will receive a small percent from the purchase. Or you can use eScrip to get credit for CWONC. To sign-up you go to the eScrip website at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) and then you can register your grocery cards that you use at Vons, Major Markets, Safeway or Ralph's. If you have any questions check with Linda Bridges.

**It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference. Tom Brokaw**

### Other ways you can help are:

- **Hand knit or crocheted receiving blankets, kimonos, sleepers, caps, dresses and bonnets** needed for Diana's Angels layette boxes for mothers that have unexpectedly lost their baby.- Vivian Doering
- **Collect soda cans and water bottles for recycling** and bring them to our meetings - Marena Mills.
- **Collect cancelled stamps for Tubfirm** which helps handicapped children /youth providing financial aid for the Society of Health and Development of Retarded Children and Youth in Norway – Vivian Doering
- **Remember we use hotel toiletries for many projects**, so keep bringing them into our monthly meetings.
- **Bed linens, slightly used towels & stuffed animals** are needed for Sunburst Camp, a camp for low income families and children affected by HIV/AIDS.

## CWONC's Annual Projects

### Just Us Girlz

Chaired by Laura Collins

January 30<sup>th</sup>

CWONC helps out at the Just Us Girlz event put on by the City of San Marcos. We assist with setting up lunch for this girls mentoring program on January 30<sup>th</sup> at the San Marcos Community Center from approximately 10am to 1pm. Look for more information to come from Laura Collins.

### Miss San Marcos Tea

Chaired by Laura Collins

February 27<sup>th</sup>

CWONC helps the City of San Marcos by hosting a luncheon for the contestants of the Miss San Marcos Pageant. Our duties include: decorate the dining area, shop for, prepare and serve continental breakfast and lunch – buffet style. Laura Collins will share more information about this fun event.

## Palomar District Arts Festival

Chaired by Linda Bridges

February 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

Linda Bridges is chairing this project and would like someone to co-chair it with her. Any one interested please let her know. The chairs would be responsible for all of the CWONC's art entries. The co-chair would need to be available during the day for the 2 days of the festival - usually the last Monday and Tuesday of February. The Art Festival categories are listed below. The short story/poetry has the first submission deadline of January 19<sup>th</sup>. Look for the full description of festival at the January meeting.

- Arts (watercolor, oil etc.)
- Crafts
- Photography
- Short Story
- Poetry
- Newsletter
- Publicity Book
- Youth Music Competition

## January Days to Remember



### Happy Birthday to:

Gina Ensalaco – January 3<sup>rd</sup>

Marena Mills – January 7<sup>th</sup>

Gale Martin – January 21<sup>st</sup>

Dorine Feeney – January 23<sup>rd</sup>

### Happy Anniversary to:

Ann & Ned Lygas – December 21<sup>st</sup>

(missed in Dec. newsletter)

# Escondido Humane Society's

## \$1 Million Match Challenge

A donor has stepped forward to ensure a very bright future for the Escondido Humane Society and the many animals in its care. The donor is launching a \$1 Million Match Challenge, asking all in the community to step forward and support the Humane Society with the promise of doubling their life-changing investment for the animals up to \$1 million.

If every dollar is raised, \$1 million will equal \$2 million for animals awaiting a home at the shelter, as well as the thousands more who come to the shelter every year needing a safe haven and loving care.

### **What is the Million Dollar Match Challenge?**

A local resident and passionate friend of animals has made a life-changing commitment to ensure a very bright future for the Escondido Humane Society. The donor is launching a \$1 Million Match Challenge, asking all in the community to step forward and support the Humane Society with the promise of doubling their investment for the animals up to \$1 million. If every dollar is raised, \$1 million will equal \$2 million for animals awaiting a home at the shelter, as well as the thousands more who come to the shelter every year needing a safe haven and loving care.

These gifts will support the purchase of our facility on East Valley Parkway (we have a \$1.01 million dollar building loan due in June 2010), allowing us to strengthen and grow in the future.

This is a special gift towards purchasing the EHS building. We still depend on annual support from appeals and events like our holiday appeal and Paws in the Park, which allow us to continue our daily work (things like animal food, electric/water, staffing, medical care, etc.). Success on all fronts is necessary to care for the 4,500 who come to our doors each year and remain strong for the future!

### **Million Dollar Match FAQ**

#### **When is the deadline to raise the funds?**

Our building loan of \$1.01 million dollars is due in June 2010, so that's our deadline to get the most funding in. However, with our focus shifting to Paws in the Park from January through March and the public million match "mop up" campaign running in April and May, we want to get our "inner family" involved now - that's our board, staff, and you, our volunteers!

#### **Are all gifts to the Escondido Humane Society matched?**

Only gifts designated specifically to the \$1,000,000 Match within the timeframe will be doubled. All gifts designated to the match will support building loan repayment and growth. Other gifts (not to the match) are used as the donor restricts or for daily operational needs, such as animal care, medical care, food, utilities, special need surgeries, etc. Clearly, we need to be successful on both fronts - the match will help us finally own our building, and unrestricted gifts will help us "keep the doors open and the lights on" and care for animals.

### **How can I help raise money toward the match?**

There are lots of ways to spread the word! *During the month of December, you can visit Firstgiving and create a fundraising page to email to your friends, family and colleagues at [www.firstgiving.com/onemillion](http://www.firstgiving.com/onemillion). Distribute flyers.* Click the link in the right column, or download a copy from our website by visiting [www.escondidohumanesociety.org](http://www.escondidohumanesociety.org) and click on the "donate to our Million Dollar Match" news item. *See our video on YouTube and forward it to your friends and family.* To see the video, visit our Firstgiving page at [www.firstgiving.com/onemillion](http://www.firstgiving.com/onemillion) On the right column, under "Resources," click on "Million Dollar Match Video with Heather Myers." You can then copy/paste this link, download the video directly, or forward directly from YouTube to as many people as possible.

To participate in the match, the donor just needs to note "one million match" on the memo of their check, designate the gift online toward the match, and/or give to your One Million Firstgiving webpage, and their gift will be doubled! Remember, the match is of critical importance to the shelter, but so is our daily operational funding to keep the doors open, to care for our many animals, and to continue our lifesaving programs. We will need your help in getting the word out for these needs, too. Paws in the Park is a great way to get involved for this cause, and we will be kicking off that promotion in January.

**Additional questions about the Match? Email [development@escondidohumanesociety.org](mailto:development@escondidohumanesociety.org) or call (760) 888-2240. Or contact CWONC member Laura McPhee at [seanair@roadrunner.com](mailto:seanair@roadrunner.com).**