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Message from Our President

A VERY SPECIAL OCTOBER IS HERE!

Fall is here, but someone forgot to tell the weather! Even with summer temperatures, October is bringing plenty of excitement, friendship, and fun to the Elsinore Woman's Club!

Our **120th Anniversary Celebration on October 10th** from 3 pm to 6 pm is getting closer! Our planning team has been working hard to make this a truly special celebration of the rich history of the Elsinore Woman's Club and Lake Elsinore.

A special historical display is being prepared to bring our 120 years of service to life and make this celebration a wonderful experience for everyone. There is no cost to attend! I hope you will **join us as we celebrate this incredible milestone together.**

A heartfelt thank you to **Dianne Johnson and her wonderful team of EWC members** who visited **11 local elementary and middle schools**. Members shared important information about bullying and cyberbullying and distributed bracelets, bookmarks, stickers, pencils, and posters. It was wonderful to watch the students listen to Julio Perez's presentation and participate in the activities. The principals and teachers expressed their appreciation for bringing this important message to their students. And, of course, ending each visit by passing out candy made it even more fun!

September brought our **first De Anza District Conference of the year**, and we had a very special reason to celebrate. **Our own Past President, Lynda Krisko, is now serving as President of the De Anza District!** It is exciting and meaningful to see **one of our own members stepping into this leadership role.** **We are proud of you, Lynda!**

There are so many **opportunities to enjoy your club this month**, such as **Sewing Workshop, TAB, Yoga Class, and more!** Come participate, **bring a friend**, meet another member, and **enjoy the friendships that make our club special.**

And before you know it, **November** will be here, so get ready to sign up for our **Chili Cook-Off!**

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and in the past, our club has **celebrated by wearing pink** to show our support, encouragement, and hope.

Let's continue that tradition this year!

With friendship and gratitude,

Darlene Wharton

Darlene Wharton
President, Elsinore Woman's Club



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Federation & Leadership



General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC)

Following the **2026 GFWC International Day of Service on September 26**, which **focused on helping end domestic and sexual violence**, participating clubs are now being asked to report the impact of their projects by October 9. GFWC is also offering **upcoming educational webinars for members, including programs on breast cancer history and Children's Advocacy Centers**.



California Federation of Women's Clubs (CFWC)

The California Federation of Women's Clubs (CFWC) is moving into a busy fall season, bringing Clubwomen from across California together for education, leadership, membership growth, and Federation fellowship. October is especially important because the **four CFWC Area Conferences** are taking place throughout the state, with our own **Area D Conference scheduled for October 24 in Carlsbad**.



The De Anza District of the California Federation of Women's Clubs (CFWC)

De Anza District Conference: Sparkle in Service

The CFWC De Anza District Conference, held September 21 at the Woman's Improvement Club of Corona, brought Clubwomen together for a day of **Federation business, leadership, learning, and friendship**. Under the **leadership of our new De Anza District President Lynda Krisko**, the 2026–2028 administration is moving forward with its theme, "Sparkle in Service."

The conference included **District officer reports, a leadership workshop, an afternoon program on Understanding Alzheimer's**, and opportunities for clubs to share information and ideas. Members were also encouraged to become more involved in Federation leadership, including the **L.E.A.D.S. program, which helps Clubwomen strengthen their leadership skills**.

The day was also about service. Members supported **AngelHart, a nonprofit assisting underserved, homeless, and needy students**, participated in an ESO **"Bring a Book, Take a Book" exchange**, and supported the District through a silent auction.

Elsinore Woman's Club is proud to be part of The De Anza District of the California Federation of Women's Clubs (CFWC). Let's continue to show up, get involved, and Sparkle in Service!

Fundraising Updates

September 14: Wine Tasting, Truffle Pig Winery



Our EWC Wine Club enjoyed a wonderful afternoon together on **September 14 at Truffle Pig Winery**. Members gathered for wine tasting, lunch, conversation, and plenty of laughter while enjoying the beautiful surroundings.

Activities like Wine Club are about so much more than where we go. They give us an **opportunity to slow down, get to know one another outside of our meetings, welcome newer members, and strengthen the friendships that make our Club a true sisterhood.**



Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make another EWC outing such a fun one. **Good wine, good food, and great friends make for a pretty wonderful day!**



September 15: Stretch and Flow, Elsinore Woman's Club

Our ongoing **Stretch & Flow class with Lynda Krisko** continues to bring members together for movement, wellness, and friendship right here at the Elsinore Woman's Club. **Lynda guides participants through gentle movements designed to encourage flexibility, balance, and an overall sense of well-being.**

It is wonderful to see our clubhouse being used not only for meetings and service, but also as a place where women can move, connect, laugh, and take a little time for themselves.

Thank you, Lynda, for sharing your time and helping us stay active together!

September 17: Dine Out With A Friend, Guadalajara Restaurant



Our Dine Out With A Friend fundraiser continued on **September 17 at Guadalajara Restaurant**, bringing EWC members, family, and friends together for good food and great company while supporting our Club.

These fundraisers are such an easy and enjoyable way to support EWC. **Simply by going out for a meal, we can enjoy time together, support a local restaurant, and help raise funds that allow our Club to continue its scholarships, programs, and community service.**

A big thank you to everyone who participated throughout the day and to Guadalajara Restaurant for supporting the Elsinore Woman's Club. Every meal, every member, and every friend who joins us helps make a difference!

Supporting Education, Literacy & One Another

Our EWC members recently came together at the clubhouse for a **community Meet & Greet hosted by Heidi Dodd, EWC member and Past President**. It was wonderful to see familiar faces gathering for conversation, friendship, and a shared interest in the **future of education in our community**.

One especially meaningful part of the evening was **“Bring a Book, Build a Library,”** which encouraged guests to bring a new children’s or young-adult book to be donated to a local school library. It was a wonderful reminder of something our Club has long believed: **putting books into the hands of young people is an investment in their future**.

We also loved seeing our **EWC members there lending a hand and supporting Heidi as a fellow Clubwoman**. Whether we are **volunteering at a school, donating books, preparing refreshments, or simply showing up for one another**, these moments reflect the **friendship and spirit of service that have connected generations of women at EWC**.

Thank you to our members who participated and helped make the evening welcoming for everyone.



The Giving Plate: Celebrating Heather McQueen



This month, our special **Giving Plate** was passed from **Shona McQueen** to her sister, **Heather McQueen**, in recognition of **Heather's kindness, dedication, and wonderful volunteer spirit.**

Heather is one of those members who is **always willing to step forward and help.** Whether volunteering at an EWC event, lending an extra hand when something needs to be done, or simply being there to support her fellow members, **Heather demonstrates the spirit of service that makes our Club so special.** Her willingness to participate and contribute is a wonderful reminder that some of the **greatest impacts we make begin with the simple words, "How can I help?"**

That is exactly what our Giving Plate tradition is meant to celebrate. **The plate travels from one member to another as a way of recognizing the kindness, generosity, friendship, and volunteerism we see within our Elsinore Woman's Club sisterhood.** It encourages us to notice those everyday acts of service that can sometimes happen quietly behind the scenes but mean so much to our Club.

Congratulations, Heather! Thank you for giving your time, sharing your helping hands, and showing us what it means to have a heart for service. We are fortunate to have you as part of the Elsinore Woman's Club.

Now the Giving Plate continues its journey, carrying with it another **beautiful story of kindness passed from one member to another.**



Membership



EWC 2nd Vice President/Membership

Debbie Kaatz
Member since 2010

Hi there! I'm Debbie Kaatz, and I'm so happy you found your way to the Elsinore Woman's Club. If you're looking for a place to give back, make genuine friendships, and have a little fun along the way, you've come to the right place.

With a big smile,

Debbie Kaatz

Debbie Kaatz

Membership Director, Elsinore Woman's Club

Welcome to Our Newest EWC Member!

We are delighted to welcome our newest member **Sasha Nykiel** to the Elsinore Woman's Club! There is something especially exciting about watching our EWC sisterhood continue to grow as new women discover our Club and become part of its long tradition of friendship, volunteerism, and community service.

To our newest member, welcome! We hope you will jump right in, attend our activities, **volunteer at an event, join ESO or Wine Club, come to a TAB**, and most importantly, take the time to **get to know the wonderful women around you**.

And to our longtime members, remember how it felt to be new. **Please introduce yourself, invite our newest member to sit with you, and help her discover all that EWC has to offer.**

Every new member brings new energy, new ideas, new friendships, and another chapter to the EWC story.

Welcome to our Sisterhood of Service!





EWC Auditor/Legislation & Public Policy

Lynda Krisko (EWC Past President)
Member since 2013
Past President

GFWC Legislative Update | October 2026

GFWC continues to encourage Clubwomen to use their voices on several federal issues. Current advocacy includes the **Crime Victims Fund Stabilization Act (H.R. 909)**, which has **passed the House and is awaiting Senate action**; GFWC joined other national organizations in a September 23 Day of Action urging its passage.

GFWC is also continuing its support for the **Kids Online Safety Act (KOSA, S. 1748)**, focusing on protections for children and teens online. **GFWC recently joined a coalition letter urging Senate passage of the legislation.**

Another **current priority** is the **ASAP Act (H.R. 6130)** concerning access to **blood-based dementia screening through Medicare**. GFWC reports that the **House Ways and Means Committee unanimously approved the bill in September**. GFWC is also seeking **congressional support for legislation recognizing the service of women who served in the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II.**

Federal funding remains another major focus. GFWC says its FY2027 advocacy is **concentrating on funding for domestic and sexual violence programs, public libraries, and international immunization programs.**

Our voices matter. **As GFWC Clubwomen, we** have an opportunity to stay informed and participate in advocacy through the **GFWC Legislative Action Center**. Together, thousands of Clubwomen can **turn individual voices into one powerful Federation voice.**



These legislative successes reflect years of advocacy by Clubwomen who wrote letters, responded to action alerts, attended District and State meetings, and ensured that our collective concerns were brought before lawmakers at both the state and national levels, including **Washington, D.C.**

Learn more about current advocacy priorities and legislative impact:
www.gfwc.org/legislative-impact/

ESO Book Club



**EWC Recording Secretary/ Epsilon Sigma Omicron ESO
Chairman**

**Linda Galloway ESO Book Club: Come Read, Share & Belong!
Member since 2022**

As proven by the **happy faces at our last ESO Book Club meeting on September 15**, our readers certainly didn't let the summer months slow them down! Despite the summer break, or perhaps because of it, our members continued to rack up points and reading hours while **exploring a variety of genres and sharing their favorite discoveries with friends.**

ESO is about so much more than keeping track of the books we read. **It is an opportunity to keep learning, discover new authors and ideas, enjoy great conversation, and build friendships with fellow EWC members.** You don't have to be a lifelong bookworm, and **there is no pressure to read a certain type of book.** Read what **interests you, read at your own pace, and then come share the experience with us.** You may even **leave with a recommendation for a book** you never would have chosen on your own!

We would especially love to see some of our **newer members give ESO a try.** Our smaller gatherings are a wonderful way to get to know other members outside of our General Meetings. **Come for the books, stay for the conversation, and you may discover another special part of your EWC membership.**



And speaking of Club spirit, we couldn't help but notice our members proudly wearing their EWC merchandise! Thank you, ladies, for supporting our Club and representing EWC with pride. Seeing our shirts being worn at Club activities is another wonderful reminder of the sisterhood we share.

As Luc Van Donkersgoed reminds us:

"Think not of the books you've bought as a 'to be read' pile. Instead, think of your bookcase as a wine cellar. You collect books to be read at the right time, the right place, and the right mood."

So come on over to Linda's Library/Wine Cellar and savor some of both! Whether you're already part of ESO or you've been **wondering what Book Club is all about, there is a chair waiting for you.**

Join us for the next ESO Book Club meeting on **Tuesday October 13th 3:00–5:00 p.m** and be part of this inspiring circle of readers. **RSVP with our ESO Reading Club Director, Linda Galloway,** and come share your thoughts, laughter, and gratitude with friends who love a good story as much as you do.

Domestic Violence Awareness



EWC Domestic Violence Awareness Chairman and Children's Advocate Co-Chairman

Dianne Johnson
Member since 2016

Thanks to the **amazing efforts of EWC members**, we over achieved the goal for GFWC IDS Project!

We extended the GFWC expected one day into eight days of service:

Topic: Bullying/Cyber-Bullying/Internet Safety Presentations (provided by Julio Perez, Sr. Victim Specialist, Crime Prevention Unit, Riverside County D.A.'s office)

Stats for our completed project:

- 22 EWC volunteers donated time and/or funding
- LEUSD 10 Elementary Schools & 1 Middle School
- Sept., 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 2026
- Approx 2,700 students attended (4th- 8th graders)
- 950 minutes of presentations
- 67 staff (school board member, principals, teachers, counselors and admin staff)
- School donations of anti-bullying awareness/positive affirmation items
 - 2,700 stickers
 - 2,300 bookmarks
 - 1,620 bracelets
 - 1,000 pencils
 - 210 posters
 - 53 lbs of candy



All I can say is wow! EWC can, has, and will continue to accomplished so much for our youth and community!!

Reminder for Oct. 8th General Meeting: October is Domestic Violence Awareness/Prevention Month. Please wear a purple ribbon or pin. If you don't have one Isa and I will be handing them out prior to meeting.



A New Flagpole, A Lasting Legacy of Service



The Elsinore Woman's Club gathered on **Sunday, September 20**, for a very special occasion at our historic clubhouse: **the installation of our new flagpole, completed as an Eagle Scout project.**

We are proud to celebrate **Eagle Scout Cayden Scott Iannolo of Troop 2011**, whose project has given our Club a meaningful and lasting addition to the property. Surrounded by Elsinore Woman's Club members, Scouts, families, and community friends, the ceremony was a wonderful example of generations coming together through service, leadership, and community pride.

The morning became even more memorable when members of our local Fire Department arrived in two fire trucks to show their support. Their presence was a wonderful surprise and added an especially meaningful community connection to the occasion. **We sincerely thank our firefighters for taking the time to join us and support Cayden, the Scouts, and the Elsinore Woman's Club.**

A **commemorative plaque** now recognizes **Cayden and his Eagle Scout project**, ensuring that his contribution becomes **part of the continuing history of the Elsinore Woman's Club**. Since 1906, our Club has understood the importance of serving our community, and it is inspiring to see that same volunteer spirit carried forward by another generation.

Our **heartfelt congratulations and gratitude** go to Cayden, Troop 2011, our local firefighters, our Elsinore Woman's Club members, and everyone who helped make this project and ceremony possible. Each time our flag is raised at the clubhouse, it will serve as a reminder of **service, citizenship, community, and what can be accomplished when generations come together.**

A new flagpole today. A legacy of service for generations to come.



Announcements

LUNCH RESERVATIONS

- Call or text Marian Taylor (see Club Directory) by noon on Tuesday before the monthly meeting.
- Members who prepaid for the year only need to check in and pick up a lunch ticket.

Pricing:

- **Lunch:** \$17 (cash or check payable to **Elsinore Womans Club**; please **pre-write checks**).
- **Need a Pre-Paid lunch ticket, see Marian Taylor.**
- Take-home containers: \$10 (payable to Jynna Chung *Financial Secretary*).

Mark Your Calendar

RSVP in person or on www.ElsinoreWomansClub.org

- October 10: Elsinore Woman's Club 120th Celebration @ 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. RSVP Sandy Cardone
- October 13: Sewing Workshop, Elsinore Woman's Club @ 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. RSVP Sarah Sass
- October 16: TAB, Hosted By Sara Sass @ 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. RSVP Kathy Hockenberry
- October 20: Yoga Classes, Elsinore Woman's Club @ 9 a.m. RSVP Ally McDorman \$45
- October 20: Dine Out with a Friend, Kitchen and Tap at Main Street
- November 10: Gnomevember Sip & Craft, Elsinore Woman's Club @ 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. RSVP Sarah Sass
- November 14: Fall Craft Fair & Chili Cookoff, Elsinore Woman's Club @ 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

A Message from Our 3rd Vice President Cathy Carroll

- Ho, ho, ho We get to be elves to the most needy children and families in the district. We are fortunate enough to be able to help others in need.
- In November, there will be different color tags with gift items for the children for you to pick. Please pick a tag (purchase the gift). Bring the gift unwrapped or preferably in a gift bag with the tag attached. The gift tag is very important so we know which child's gift goes to which family.
- If any questions or concerns, please contact, Cathy Carroll
- Guadalajara fundraiser: We raised \$250 from the lunch/dinner out at Guadalajara's.

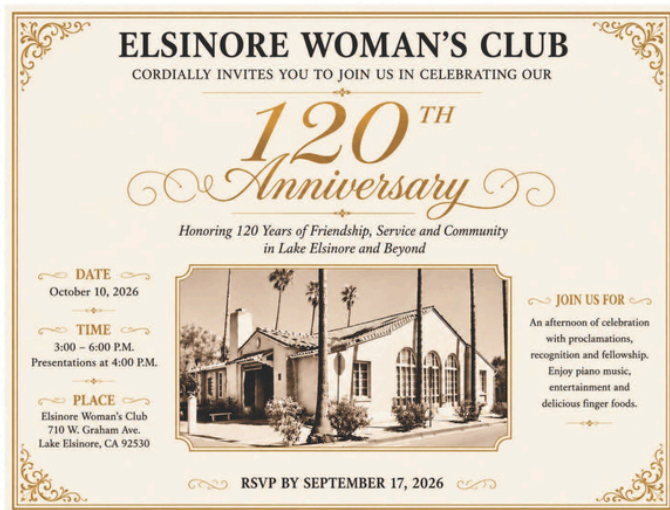
A Message from Our Financial Secretary Jynna Chung

- **Important Reminder When Writing Checks:** Ladies, when making a check payable to our Club, please write the full name: Elsinore Woman's Club
- Please do not use "EWC" on the payee line. Wells Fargo is no longer accepting checks made payable using the abbreviation.
- Thank you for helping us keep our deposits running smoothly. We appreciate your cooperation!

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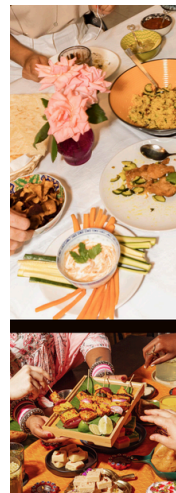
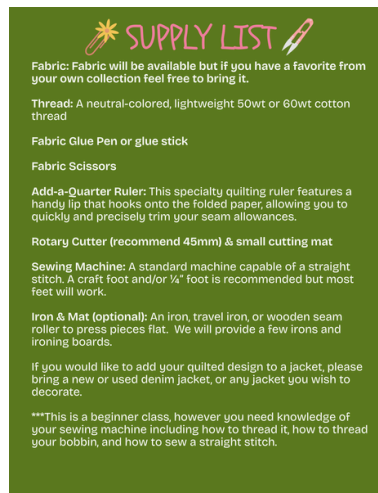
Volunteer Request

Donation Request



September Birthdays

- 10/02 Karen Wallen
- 10/03 Coleen Koon
- 10/04 Carol Mallett
- 10/05 Patricia Miller
- 10/07 Jean Siebert
- 10/08 Chris Holloway
- 10/09 Elizabeth Perez
- 10/20 Karynne Ryan
- 10/21 Deborah Bondar
- 10/26 Marie Webb
- 10/29 Joanne Vasquez



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Show Your EWC Pride New Club Shirts Are Here!



We are excited to introduce our new **Elsinore Woman's Club shirt collection**, created especially for our members!

Our shirts are just **\$15 each**, making it easy for everyone to have an EWC shirt ready for our **community service projects, fundraisers, special events, club activities, and outings**. Wearing our shirts together helps identify us in the community and creates a wonderful sense of unity wherever we go.

Choose from our **classic EWC logo shirts in red or pink**, featuring "A Sisterhood of Service," or have a little fun with one of our specialty designs, including **Sparkle in Service, TAB is FAB, and ESO**. These aren't just shirts. They represent the friendship, service, learning, and sisterhood that bring us together as members of the Elsinore Woman's Club.

Only \$15 each! Pick your favorite color or design, or add a few to your EWC wardrobe so you're ready for every occasion.

When we volunteer together, let's show up together. Wear your EWC shirt proudly and help our community recognize the women behind the service.

Serve Together. Shine Together. EWC Together.