

Wednesday Etc. Wire

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President's Message

Dear Wednesday Etc. Members,

Best Wishes and Welcome to the NEWYEAR2021! ***"May your troubles be less and your blessings be more, and nothing but happiness come through your door."***

A big thank you to Joan Al-Nasser for being our spokesperson for the CLUB SPOTLIGHT article published in the December 3, 2020, issue of the Pomerado News. A copy of the article is reprinted below.

Our Ways and Means Chair, Connie Griffin, and I scheduled a Holiday Boutique sale, which was held on Wednesday, December 2nd, on Nancy Martin's lovely outside patio,

from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We did not do well, but understand the reasons people did not attend. A big thank you goes to Nancy Martin for the use of her outdoor patio for displaying our many Boutique crafts, and thank you to Arlene Siravo and Ruth Stewart for their wonderful help. We would like to still offer a few of our most beautiful craft items for sale, virtually, and a special Holiday craft flyer will be sent out separately via our Wednesday Etc. website. We will gladly deliver items to your door.

Presently, I am working on having monthly ZOOM presentations available to all the Wednesday Etc. members, with some of the suggestions as follows: Sheila Nellis for Trish McEvoy Cosmetics "Makeup Ideas for Senior Women"; Renee Meyst, Exercise Instructor, "Strength and Balance"; Author Susan Lewallen and her book, "Crossing Paths"; and Wednesday Etc. member, Paula Cobb, Instructor for Mah Jongg and Euchre card game.

A separate flyer will be sent out monthly with the schedule of classes

planned and RSVP instructions. I hope there are classes that will pique your interest. Please send me your suggestions for future Zoom classes too.

The Wednesday Executive Board held a very successful ZOOM Board Meeting at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 9, 2020. We want to welcome Lynn Cramer as a co-chair for the 1st Vice President: Programs & Luncheons position on the Board of Directors. Lynn will be co-Chairing this position with Diane Taylor, who (we are sorry to announce), is planning to move to Houston, Texas, in March 2021.

The next Zoom Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021!

— **Rita Johnson**

If you have questions, comments, or suggestions concerning the Club, the Board invites you to let us know by contacting Rita Johnson at rejohnson0308@gmail.com.

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Joan Al-Nasser

CARING & SUNSHINE NEWS

We wish **Sally Fallon** prayers for a speedy recovery from bruises and a cracked right knee cap incurred when she tripped while taking her daily 3-mile morning walk.

Also, please pray for our Sunshine Lady, **Connie Griffin's husband, David**, who was in the hospital recently and is undergoing further tests.

If you know of anyone who is ill or in the hospital, please call or send information to our Sunshine Lady, Connie Griffin, (858) 679-0263 or conniegriffin@cox.net

WED. ETC. MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We have almost reached our membership goal of 100 members for the 2020-2021 year! Two additional members have recently joined Wednesday Etc., bringing our total membership to 98 ladies to date. We welcome new member, **Barbara Given**, of Poway.

If you change your address, phone, or email information, please notify our Membership Chair, Jo Willis at (858) 673-9758 or sdcrusers@att.net.

Membership Directory Updates:



New Member: Barbara Given
17253 St. Andrew's Dr., Poway, CA 92064
Tel: 858-676-2559
email: barbgiven@yahoo.com; (BD 2/4)
Activities: Bridge, Luncheons

*A gracious welcome to our new member,
Barbara Given, from Poway!*

Best Wishes to Members Moving Out of State:

Jimmie Willis, who is moving to New Mexico

Susan Strachan, who recently moved
to Texas with her son

WED. ETC. WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB HELPING THOSE IN NEED

We are pleased to announce that at the November meeting, the Board voted to contribute a total of \$1,000 to charitable organizations that are helping members of our community during this difficult time. Each of the following organizations will receive \$500 from Wednesday Etc.: Valley Elementary School in Poway and the North County Food Bank.

Valley Elementary School serves a lower income community, including military families, in the southern part of Poway. Funds donated will be used to provide school supplies and other essential items for children in need. For information about the school, visit their website at <http://www.powayusd.com/en:US/School/ES/Vs/Home>

The San Diego Food Bank and the North County Food Bank chapter provide nutritious food to people in need, advocate for the hungry, and educate the public about hunger-related issues. Monetary donations are used to purchase food items to be given to those in need – every dollar provides five meals. See the website for the North County Food Bank at <https://northcountyfoodbank.org/>

Thanks to you, members of Wednesday Etc., for making these important gifts possible!

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING TO KEEP BUSY DURING THIS COVID-19 PANDEMIC?

Please share your past times during this COVID-19 pandemic with a favorite photo and descriptive paragraph showing how you have been keeping busy. Please e-mail your photo and description to: Ruth Stewart, Newsletter Editor, at ruthstew269@yahoo.com, and we will publish your picture and article in our Newsletter.



Janice Murray

Janice Murray loves making quilts for all of her grandchildren, and this year Jan has been kept busy during this COVID-19 pandemic making this beautiful quilt for her grandson in Oregon.

Jan said that she has made eight quilts with matching pillows in patterns such as "Yellow Brick Road" and "Treasure Chest", and has designed some quilts

herself. She said she has been quilting for 15 years with breaks in between!



WEDNESDAY ETC. HAS PROVIDED SOCIAL FUN TO WOMEN FOR 47 YEARS

(Pomerado News Article - December 3, 2020)



Joan Al-Nasser

For 47 years, women throughout the area have gathered for a monthly luncheon and other social activities as part of Wednesday Etc.

The organization bills itself as "North County San Diego's Premiere Women's Social Club" on its website.

Joan Al-Nasser, a member for more than four decades and a senior adviser on its board, said the club formed in 1973 out of Poway's former Welcome Wagon organization. She said the initial membership was comprised of women from Poway and Rancho Bernardo, but over the years it has expanded through members introducing the group to their friends. Now some also come from communities west of I-15, Escondido and Encinitas.

Despite the club not being able to hold its monthly luncheon in Rancho Bernardo nor interest groups at various locations because meeting in person is not possible due to the pandemic, 95 women recently renewed their membership, Al-Nasser said.

"We usually have 150 (members) and have been as high as 198," she said.

For now, only the board is meeting via Zoom and members receive the monthly newsletter, dubbed the Wednesday Etc. Wire, either via email or the postal service, she said.

The Poway resident said she joined because there were many others in their 40s at the time and she was working part-time. Even when she and her husband, Farouk, later started a business, Al-Nasser said she continued her membership because she could participate in its evening activities.

Some of the club's interest groups include those that play games like bridge, Bunco, hand and foot, mah-jongg and poker; talk about genealogy or discuss books. There have also been excursions, like an annual trip to the Del

Mar races and bus trips to casinos, she said.

Now that the membership is mostly women in their 60s through 90s, Al-Nasser said some of their interests have changed when it comes to activities. Some prefer doing things closer to home instead of destinations farther away.

"I like the social atmosphere," Al-Nasser said. "I'm an elderly person and my husband is still alive, but it is nice to get together (with other women) to do activities." She serves in leadership positions for the Bunco, poker plus hand and foot (a card game) interest groups.

Because Wednesday Etc. is a social club, Al-Nasser said only a small amount of the club's budget is spent on philanthropy. However, sometimes members get involved in charitable causes as part of their community service projects. For example, when their luncheon speaker was from Toys for Tots, the women donated toys. Other projects included donations of food, clothing, time and money, according to the club's website.

The club meets from September through June for the monthly luncheon, and goes dark in July and August because many members travel during the summer, she said. The luncheon location varies between the different country clubs in Rancho Bernardo, based on room availability. It is held on the second Wednesday, with members gathering for a social from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., followed by the luncheon and entertainment that typically concludes around 1:30 p.m. Programs have included speakers, a fashion show, holiday program and boutique.

She said annual dues are \$30 (\$35 correction, rs) plus members pay for the luncheons they attend. They are usually in the \$20 to \$25 range each time.

For membership information, contact Jo Willis at 858-673-9758 or go to WednesdayEtc.org.

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(Retyped by Ruth Stewart, WIRE Editor)