

## Livermore Woman's Club

Report for meeting on Saturday, June 26, 2021  
Home of Mary and Andy Torrez  
Annual Friends and Family Picnic

Present were members (some new!) Sheila Baker, Linda Bell, Paula Bjorlie, Mary Boyer, Pat Clemens, Treasurer Tina Gray, Secretary Cindy Henk, Sarah Judson, Beverly Larson, Rene Lee, Danette Meyer, President Kathy Packard, Julie Schott, and hostess Mary Torrez. Guests included Claudia O'Neill, DJ and Scott Jennings, Andy Torrez (spouse of Mary, and our host), Bill Henk (spouse of Cindy), Bill Starks (Mary Torrez's brother), Gary Packard (spouse of Kathy), Matt Schroeder (Henks's grand-nephew), Mike Meyer (spouse of Danette), Russ Bjorlie (spouse of Paula), Steve Richey (Beverly Larson's guest), Tom Peacock (spouse of Rene Lee), and Van Baker (spouse of Sheila).

In spite of dire weather warnings for Saturday, our Friends and Family Picnic was a lovely and rain-free gathering at Mary and Andy Torrez's home. (Someone spotted the angel statue on the hill at the side of the house – our weather committee?)

Drinks and ice filled the outdoor fountain, fried and barbecued chicken and grilled hotdogs and fixings were already waiting for us, and more food was piled high inside the sheltering enclosure as folks arrived. Comfortable seating and tables were arranged outdoors and indoors (just in case).

We had some prospective new members checking us out – lovely! – and some other familiar friends and family members joined in – plus a young family visitor from San Jose. It was a great group! We had a good time partaking of another LWC food cornucopia - and catching up with each other after such a long hiatus. We did miss some of our dear friends who have moved to other parts of the country. Happily, no one is missing due to covid. Our last in-person meeting was in January 2020.

Although there was no business meeting, members updated their contact info and some members also paid dues. Our policy now is that regular dues are paid for the 2-year term of officers, starting this year - for a two-year payment of \$20. That will cover the June 2021- June 2023 term. Mid-term joiners can pay at a prorated rate. If your dues aren't up to date, you'll receive a notice soon. Paid-up members will appear in our biennial handbook with their tiny portraits (if they wish) and contact info to share.

Several announcements were made including some sad ones.

Members learned that Danielle Ray-Swords's father recently passed away, and that . honorary member Kay Quan was back home following recovery from a broken hip. Members were encouraged to send cards and notes

Rene Lee asked for a vote on whether the LWC would like to sponsor a bake sale at the upcoming Livermore Community Summer Celebration on August 21.

NOTE: In an email vote held a few days after the picnic, a quorum of members voted, and the result was a substantial 'yea' vote in favor of holding a bake sale. Shortly after the vote, member Mary Torrez, who has coordinated many of LWC's previous bake sales, volunteered to coordinate this one. She will be asking members to contribute baked goods and to volunteer to sell them at the LWC booth. The bake sale will be similar to bake sales held in the past at the Livermore Community Hall Craft Fair. Shifts at the booth will be two hours, and a document with suggested prices will be available.



After the food was depleted and news was up to date, participants began to drift away before the approaching weather dampened any spirits.

True to tradition, Mary (and family) got us off to a bright start on a new chapter for LWC.

Thanks so much for a lovely time!

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Henk  
Secretaries