

## WHO WE ARE...

We are women of all ages and levels of experience residing in the Ojai Valley. We are a community-based volunteer women's organization dedicated to community service. We are women united in the sisterhood of federation.

## OUR PURPOSE

- To promote:
- Community Involvement
  - Civic Consciousness
  - Education
  - Communication
  - Self-Improvement
  - Volunteer Service
  - Mutual Aid
  - Leadership

## HOW WE WORK

We have more flexibility than most single focus groups because we are able to categorize our service projects within the following areas:

- The Arts
- Conservation
- Education
- Home Life
- International Affairs
- Public Affairs

## ADVANTAGES OF MEMBERSHIP

- Affiliation with an international volunteer organization
- Personal development and leadership in a friendly environment
- Group support for accomplishing personal objectives
- Voice in forming policy through study of resolutions and bylaw changes
- Expansion of our circle of friends throughout the Ojai Valley
- A lot of knowledge – a lot of fun!

## MEETINGS

We meet the first Thursday of each month (but not June, July or August) at our Clubhouse located at 441 East Ojai Avenue, in downtown Ojai, California - 2:00 p.m. Our clubhouse was built in 1911 and has been designated as Ojai's Historic Landmark #8. The club also holds special events throughout the year as well as ongoing bookclub, walking and quilting for interested members.

## HISTORY OF THE GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS (GFWC)

For over 100 years the GFWC has worked to address the most pressing needs of our communities, and of our nation. This includes promoting education, preserving national resources, stressing good citizenship and good health, supporting participation in the arts, conservation, contributing to world peace and international understanding.

- Initiated the white center lines on highways
- Established 75% of American's public libraries
- Supported equal pay for equal work
- Worked for the passage of the Pure Food and Drugs Act
- Opened the GFWC Women's History and Resource Center in Washington, D.C.
- Provided over \$4M in books and materials to schools and public libraries

## HISTORY OF THE CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

The CFWC has accomplished the following to name only a very few:

- Brought about the California Youth Authority and Juvenile Justice System
- Purchased California Mission Bells which were installed on the El Camino Real
- Established a CFWC Women's History Library at UC Santa Cruz

## DUES

The annual dues are payable April 1st & include:

▪ General Federation of Women's Clubs	\$15
▪ California Federation	\$ 4
▪ Tierra Adorada District	\$ 4
▪ Ojai Valley Woman's Club	<u>\$12</u>
Annual Dues	\$35

Sustaining Memberships are available to those that want to be part of our organization and support our projects and community service, but cannot be active in the club. Sustaining Membership Annual dues are \$55.

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter by:    \_\_\_ Mail            \_\_\_ Email

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Birthday:            \_\_\_ Month        \_\_\_ Day

Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Referred By \_\_\_\_\_

## Please forward membership check to:

Ojai Valley Woman's Club  
PO Box 442, Ojai, CA 93024

## For more information contact:

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## OVWC HISTORY

1911 - Mrs. Josephine Pierpont Ginn built the clubhouse in memory of her second husband Frederick Ginn, a rancher in Ojai. It was to be used for social and educational purposes. Responsibility for the building was turned over to the Kings Daughters, a group of women sponsored by the Presbyterian Church in 1899 who did good works in the community.

Mrs. Pierpont Ginn gave “ownership” of the building to all the women in Ojai and that is still true today. The land was donated anonymously. James C. Leslie was the builder, but Josephine did most of the architectural work herself. The desk in the front corner was for farmers who came into town to collect their mail. They could use the slant-top desk for their return correspondence. The ladies would serve lemonade in the summer or hot tea in the winter. There used to be a fireplace in the foyer for heat but the mantle is all that is left of it. If you look closely at the windows in the foyer you can see the imperfections in the glass which were typical of the day.

1915 - The Kings Daughters became OVWC “to enlarge their sphere of usefulness” and became part of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs & CFWC and TAD.

The building became Historical Landmark #8 in 1992.

In the early 2000s the club had a big fundraiser and wrote for and received grants to enable major renovations which included a proper foundation, refinishing the auditorium floor and adding new ceiling fan/lights, a remodeled kitchen and activity room.

Club Colors: Gold, White and Green  
Club Flower: Matilija Poppy

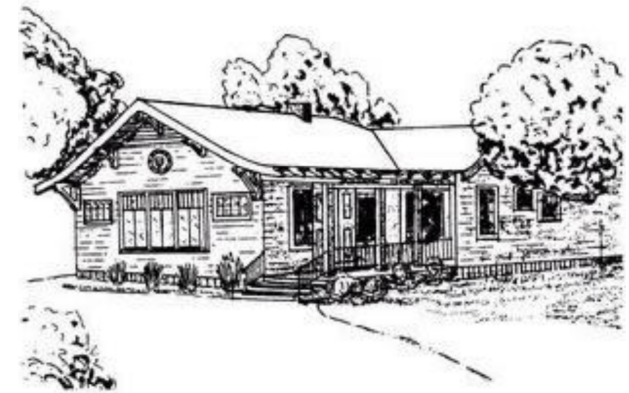


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## Ojai Valley Woman’s Club

*More than A Century of  
Service and Friendship*

Chapter of  
The General Federation of Women’s  
Clubs - Incorporated in 1915  
[www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org)

California Federation of Women’s Clubs  
[www.cfwc.org](http://www.cfwc.org)

Tierra Adorada District (TAD)  
“Unity in Diversity”

