As we take time to celebrate Christmas with our families and friends, it reminds me to count precious all the wonderful blessings in my life. It is a season of reflection of hope, peace, joy, love, good tidings, and great cheer. For me, the colored lights have another new meaning. It is the reflection of a memory of someone special in my life that has been not only a light in my life, but now helps to decorate the Hospice Tree of Lights that represents many loved ones that have left this life behind. I treasure the memories of Christmas’s past, and look forward to the Christmas’s of future. I bask in the time spent today, this year, on this Christmas, building more memories that I will treasure in the days ahead.

Thank you all for all your support to our club, for your service, and your hard work. I am excited to get together with Cindy and prepare the reports that share with our district, state, and national organization our accomplishments. Ladies, you have made a difference! Because of you and your work, there are more clothes hung, and a little bigger pantry at Interfaith. There are socks to go on feet setting out on a new life away from domestic violence. There are warm blankets and stuffed animals for the children that are displaced from their homes for many different reasons. There are patients taking chemo or kidney dialysis that can now warm their bodies under blankets made with love by our club ladies. There are veterans that know there are people out there that care about them not only with reading materials, but with blankets of love as well. You sent students to leadership training so they could catch the vision of volunteer and community service. We have provided food, blankets, and toys for animals, and are excited to see the new shelter being built. This is only a small part of what you have accomplished.

So with this message, I hope you will all have a beautiful Christmas, enjoy the holidays, and sleep well for you have done a marvelous job, and deserve a Good Night’s Sleep. After all, 2014 is only a blink away and there is much to be done!

My Love to Each and Every One of You,

Sharon Gibson,
Club President
Our scheduled December Honorary Service Award was to recognize a club member for her 33 years of service to the Tracy Woman’s Club. Through the years she served as chairman for: Welcoming Committee, Crime Prevention, Bylaws, Budget, Program, Honorary Membership for four years and Leadership for seven years. This month’s Honorary Service Award goes to none other than Dorothy Fleisig.

As an officer, she served as Auditor for two years, Dean of Chairman for two years, Second Vice President for one year, First Vice President for one year and as Club President two years. She served Mount Diablo District two years each as First Vice President, District President and Immediate Past President.

The HONORARY SERVICE AWARD was set up to recognize club members with emphasis on YEARS OF SERVICE and what they accomplished during their years of membership.
Pictured Left: On December 18 a rededication was held for the Women’s Improvement Club water fountain. It was originally built in 1916 and dedicated in 1917. There are 2 sides to this water fountain... pictured is the side for horses, the other side was for people. Also pictured is our President, Sharon Gibson. Other TWC Members on hand for the rededication were Mitra Behnam, Barbara Edwards, Debbie Elliott, and Patricia Munson.

**Days and Dates**

**JANUARY**
1 New Year’s Day  
3 GFWC Tracy Woman’s Club Meeting  
9 District Meeting—Clayton Valley

**FEBRUARY**
7 GFWC Tracy Woman’s Club Meeting  
13 District Art Fest  
14 Valentine’s Day
DECEMBER MEETING

OLD FASHIONED SING-ALONG

January

1/1—Barbara Edwards
1/1—Betsy Moreno
1/2—Elsie Kagehiro
1/5—Jean Shipman
1/6—Dalia Warda
1/9—Elizabeth Collins
1/9—Vi Kramer
1/12—Mary Beth Park
1/20—Darlene Quinn
1/27—Judy Altamirano
1/31—Frances Polce

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Ladies, it is here! Our GFWC signage has been added to the “At Your Service” entry monument on 11th Street.
It was installed on Monday, December 23, 2013 around 10am. So, take a ride by and let me know what you think. I am so proud of our organization, and that we are identified with the other major service organizations in our town!

Blessings,
Sharon

GFWC sponsors a number of contests for individual members, clubs, and State Federations. For more information about each of these contests, including contact information for the national chairman, recommended contest ideas, rules, deadlines, and instructions on how to enter, read each Contest’s section in the GFWC Club Manual.

The GFWC Photography Contests encourage our members’ artistic expression, and recognize and support members’ achievements in photography. GFWC offers three opportunities to participate in the GFWC Photography Contests:

- The World in Pictures
  - Living Things
  - Scenes
  - Still Life

- GFWC Volunteers in Action

- A Year in Pictures (also known as the GFWC Calendar Contest)

Each contest provides opportunities for members to express their creativity. The World in Pictures Contest encourages members to capture the beauty of the world and people around us in three categories: natural history, scenic, and feature. The GFWC Volunteers in Action Contest provides members with the opportunity to demonstrate their volunteer activities during the year through photography. A Year in Pictures Contest welcomes members’ contributions to the GFWC calendar, which allows them to demonstrate their talents and support GFWC.

First Vice President,
BABS HOWARD
GOT FRIENDS? Bring them to a GFWC Tracy Woman’s Club meeting for fun, fellowship, and to learn about the great service our club provides to our community! And we always look forward to adding to our roster, so here is a Membership Application to share!

## Membership Application
GFWC Tracy Woman’s Club

We have general membership meetings on the first Friday of the month, 11 am to 1:30 pm. The meeting is held at the Elks Club, 6400 W 11th St., Tracy, CA 95304. Lunch is served. The cost is $15.00. There are no meetings held in June, July, and August.

If you would like to join, then complete the following application. There is an application fee of $55.00, which includes the yearly dues ($40) (due in February of every year), a one-time application fee ($7), and a name badge ($8). Please make your check payable to GFWC Tracy Woman’s Club, and mail it along with your application to:

GFWC Tracy Woman’s Club
P. O. Box 466
Tracy, CA 95378-0466

Printed Name: ___________ Date: ___________

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Referred by: _______________________________________________________________________

Signature: ___________________________________________________________________________

For more information call:

Sharon Gibson, President --- 209-914-4027
Babs Howard, Second V.P./Membership Chairman --- 209-836-1168

We also have a web site: www.gfwc-tracywomansclub.org

August 31, 2012
The Women's Club of the California Woodland Federation (CWF) has been an active part of the community since its founding in 1921, when it was known as the California Federation of Women's Clubs. The club has offered various programs and services, including educational opportunities, random readers, literature section, leadership and mentoring, and creative and knitting groups.

Interest Groups

Just to name a few:
- Career Public Library
- Ministries
- Mercy Inreach
- Mercy Inreach Shelter
- Mercy Homeless Family Shelter
- Community Streetanners
- Womans Center-PS
- DARE
- Child Advocacy Center
- Brother Cares
- America Cancer Society

Programs such as:
- Educational support chosen
- Volunteer to serve and improve our community. We are an organization of volunteers that provide

About Us

We offer you opportunities.

(1926)

We are proud to have been a part of the community. We hope to have an impact on what others do to live what we do to become educated with our registration that affects our community. We are a part of

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