



## Happy Fall to everyone.

I hope this finds you all healthy and doing well. Another month and we are still separated which is not easy for any of us... but your Oakmont League Board is hard at work trying to come up with ways we can safely stay connected. By now, you should have all received

delivery of the new yearbook. I love the turquoise color and find it so cheery. Thank you to Mary Kay for her hard work and to the Courtesy and Hospitality volunteers who helped deliver them.

Normally, October would be time for our in house Fashion Show which we always enjoy. Since that was not possible, we are looking into doing an online boutique with some of our favorite vendors in time for the holidays. We will get you more information as we work out the details, but we are hopeful it will be a fun way to shop and also raise some money for Oakmont League.

We will also be having our October General Meeting via **Zoom**. Before any of you get nervous, rest assured we will send out step by step instructions on how to join the meeting, but it really is as simple as clicking a link! I want to pilot this option and see how many of us are able to get online for the meeting. It will be mainly a social experiment, but we will also have a few business items to go over. It has been so long since I have seen many of your



faces, so I hope you will join us via

**Zoom** on October 28<sup>th</sup> at 10am. The **Zoom** invitation and instructions will be emailed to the general membership in the coming weeks.

I hope you have all had a chance to adopt your ducks! The Kiwanis Virtual Duck Race will take place on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 2pm... so there is still time to buy some ducks and encourage your friends and family to do the same. Who knows, maybe one of us will be the big winner!!!

As always, I am thinking of each and every one of you and cannot wait until I can bang the Oakmont League Gavel live in front of you soon! Until then, stay safe, stay healthy, and know you are loved!

*Jackie Kubel*  
President

## PHILANTHROPY



The Board has approved our Philanthropic allocations for last year in the amount of \$1,500.00 to each of our three charities, YWCA, Hillside School and also Glendale College, disabled student services. The allocations will be proposed and voted on during our **Zoom** meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup>. We are thrilled that despite Covid and the cancellation of our fashion show, we are able to support our beloved charities!

*Ellen Farewell*  
Philanthropy Chair

We all miss our gatherings so much, we have decided to try a virtual get-together using **Zoom** for our October 28th meeting.



The Board has been using Zoom to have our meetings since March, and we've had great success, and lots of fun, seeing each other and chatting.

Zoom is an application you can put on your computer, laptop, tablet or phone. If you have a camera on one of those, that's the one to use!



It's very easy to use and to join a meeting. In a couple of days, look out for our regular Evite in your email inbox. In that, there will be a link to click on the morning of the meeting.

Use a computer or phone or tablet that has a camera, so we can see you, open the Evite, and click on the link and you should be able to join in the virtual meeting with all your Oakmont League friends.

We realize that for some of you, this is new and may be confusing. Help is available. If you'd like to give it a try, but not sure how, just reach out to Jackie or myself before October 21st, and we will try our best to get you all set up.

Allison 818-399-9844  
Jackie 310-266-9519

HAPPY FALL LADIES!



The countdown is on! About 10 days till the Duck Race! We have reached 55% of our goal. If you have not already adopted a duck or a flock of ducks please support us! We received one-half of our donation, which is fantastic!

Thank you for those who have already contributed, and I look forward to us reaching our goal! Click on the link below to get your ducks!

<https://www.duckrace.com/glendale/teams/389>

*Ellen Farewell and Shauna Lehmann*  
Philanthropy Co-Chairs

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- Lydia Brown-Trout (chair)
- Ellen Farewell
- Mary Jo Ferrell
- Pam Spizsman
- Sharon Swinford
- Carol Eldred ( alternate)
- Liz Reed ( alternate)

Many thanks to each of you who volunteered for this important committee.

*Jackie Kubel*  
President

MEMBERSHIP

Alla Dorodny and Laurie Sayeg have resigned their membership from Oakmont League. We are sorry to see them go.

*Carol Eldred*  
Membership Chairman



## Finalization of Jackie Kubel's Installation as President at last.

As a part of the installation process, we present our new President with the Oakmont League President's pendant. This year we were not able to get through the process of obtaining the necklace until now. My plan was for Phil to bring it to Jackie during our October board Zoom meeting. Sadly, it arrived one day too late.



Not every woman likes to wear yellow gold, which I have never seen Jackie wear. I asked Jackie if she would prefer white gold or yellow and she said yes to white. I worked with Thomas Denton & Co, who have provided us with our name tags, Presidents necklaces and honorary awards for many years.



So, for the first time, we have a President's necklace in sterling silver covered in rhodium which is just beautiful. I completed my installation process on October 8, 2020 to present Jackie with her necklace.

There are so many things that we as members have had to sacrifice this year but completing honoring our new President could not be one of them.

We are proud of Jackie's many contributions since she joined us in only 2016 and look forward to her leadership through this challenging time.

# Lily

It is difficult to have pictures this year with our lack of events, so thank you, Phil, for taking pictures of the necklace presentation for our Lily and Jackie's President's book.

*Lydia Brown-Trout*  
Installation Officer

## Front Yard Presentation to our Oakmont League Honorees

Wednesday afternoon, October 21st, The 2020 Benefit Chairs will go to each of our Honoree's homes and present each recipient with her award and a sign to place in their front yard. If any member would like to join in the fun of celebrating our Honorees, please feel welcome to join us. For the safety of all, we will ask that everyone wear a mask.

At each home, our 2020 Benefit Chairs, Pam, Jackie & Allison will make the presentation to each honoree, and take some photos. We will wear masks and be outside. This will be kind of like a "drive by" birthday party, but you're welcome to park your car and join us on the sidewalk to congratulate each Honoree.

1:15 to 1:30 pm - We will begin at Julie Budimir's home (Bottom of the driveway)

1:30-1:45 - Drive to Donna's

1:45-2:00pm - We will arrive at Donna Sauer's home and do the same thing in her front yard.

2:00-2:30 - Drive to Liz's

2:30-2:45pm We will arrive at Liz Isenman's and make the presentation in her front yard.

If you have any questions, please call Allison at 818-399-9844

## THE OAKMONT LEAGUE A History of Giving

By Katherine Yamada



Our first fund raiser took place eighty years ago this month!

By then, the women of Oakmont League had been meeting for a year or so. At first, they were primarily a social group, but the onset of World War II in Europe was the impetus to becoming more community minded. They adopted "Bundles for Britain," and met weekly to sew and knit and prepare layettes for British babies.

Highlighting the year was a "Donations for Britain" tea, with Joan Fontaine, a member of a Los Angeles 'Bundles for Britain' sewing unit, as guest of honor. Born in Tokyo to British parents, she became an American citizen in 1943.

So, as the need to raise money for their philanthropic activities arose, the president, a woman named Mercia Snyder, formed a committee to come up with a plan. This was a time when the idea of wearing costumes to a theme party was very popular; so when another member, Dorothy Gray, proposed a '49er' theme including "gambling and like pastimes," they quickly agreed.

Costume parties had been around for many years, of course. They originated in England as masked balls for the upper classes, with women dressing as Marie Antoinette or Elizabeth I, and men as Napoleon and Robin Hood. By the 1940s, according to Wikipedia, costume parties were widespread among more ordinary people and most costumes were either hired, or homemade.

So, here in Glendale, the women pondered what they would wear to a 'wild west' event at the Oakmont Country Club. This was back in the days of the 'old' clubhouse, the English-Tudor affair designed by local architect Charles Cressey, which had opened in 1924. Cressey also designed the expansion of the First Baptist Church around the same time. [For more on Cressey, see Verdugo Views January 30, 2009]

A large dining room and lounge, with a barrel ceiling and paneled walls, could seat many people, while the Elizabethan Dining Room, originally slated to be a billiards room, had become an intimate dining space for the ladies.

Under the direction of Mary Lou Speed, the women, no doubt with the aid of their husbands,

transformed the club's rooms into a gold mining town. Tickets were taken at an old Wells Fargo cashier's cage placed near the entrance. Once inside, party guests found 'Diamond Lil' presiding over 'Nugget Hall,' plus a Miner's Row, with games and fortune telling.

Glendale Mayor William J. Goss, appearing as 'Dapper Bill,' was the master of ceremonies; while Madame Bijou's dancers entertained the guests.

Nearly 800 people attended, some from as far away as Azusa. With a \$1 admission they made a \$500 profit.

According to an online source, \$1 in 1940 is equivalent in purchasing power to about \$18.51 in 2020, a difference of \$17.51 over 80 years. So.....if my math is correct, the \$500 profit would be equivalent to nearly \$9000 in today's dollars.....

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Here's a link to a history of the Oakmont Country Club, written in 2012 for their 90th anniversary, by Bob Rector.

<https://www.oakmontcc.com/documents/10184/12810/90thBrochure2012.pdf>

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And, a link to Verdugo Views column about the first Gold Gulch, complete with a picture of several dancing women

Oakmont's Gold Gulch shined as a fundraiser  
Sep 24, 2014 | 1:40 PM

<http://www.latimes.com/tn-gnp-verdugo-views-oakmonts-gold-gulch-shined-as-a-fundraiser-20140924-story.html>

and another link, this one to Bundles for Britain  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British\\_War\\_Relief\\_Society](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British_War_Relief_Society)



Mary Jo Ferrell	1st
Allison Weir	4th
Sossi Baghdadlian	12th
Mary Lane	15th
Gerry Kreger	22nd