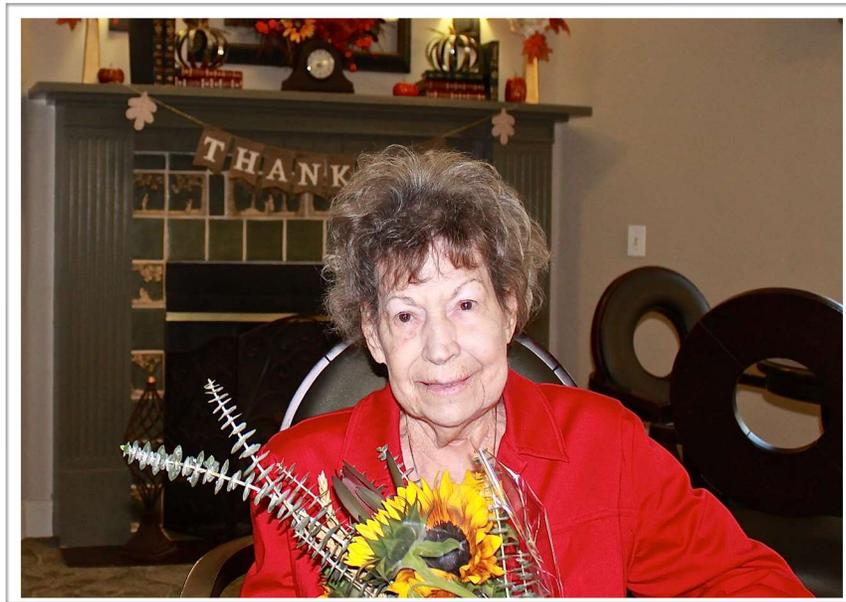


Amazing Women of SBWC

A glimpse of the women who contributed to our club's history...

This is the first of a series of interviews chronicling the women of SBWC, a background of their lives and contributions to women's clubs. The SBWC board has chosen several members to interview and these narratives will be posted monthly in the Buena Briefs then archived on the club website.



Ginny Gordy

Ginny Gordy was born in Indiana and moved to Ventura in 1947. All 3 of her children were born at CMH. She became a single mom when her husband died at an early age. She took construction accounting courses to have a career and take care of her family. She married again but lost her second husband. She retired at close to age 70 then married Jim Gordy who had 2 daughters from a previous marriage. She has 6 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild.

Ginny first joined SBWC in 1996 after retiring. She wanted to meet other women but mostly to attend a monthly section on California History. She was involved in many of the club's sections and events eventually becoming a board member for 6 years as Vice President, Ways & Means and Membership Chair. As Membership Chairman, her biggest challenge was getting new members but she was able to bring in a younger group of women increasing the membership substantially. Her proudest club accomplishment was as chairman of domestic violence for women and children from 2014-2015. The domestic violence committee focused on Coalition for Family Harmony which set up safe homes for families of domestic violence to go to for a 4-6 week period. During two years Ginny's committee raised over \$10,000 of cash and in-kind donations where they held a Shower Fundraiser at Cypress Place, several Jewelry & Accessory sales at general meetings, submitted a grant request from Unitarian Universalist Church and received a corporate donation from Cypress Place. Her advocacy of domestic violence is close to her heart since her niece was a victim.

Finally, Ginny's message to young women just joining the club now is to be active, participate in the various activities and enjoy the fellowship of the club membership.

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