

CARSON WOMEN'S CLUB
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APRIL 2026

Thursday, April 9, 2026 - 6:00 PM

Executive Board Meeting

Room 212, Carson Event Center

Saturday, April 25, 2026 - 11:00 AM

General Membership Meeting

Carson Dominguez Room

Carson Event Center

Thursday, May 14, 2026 - 6:00 PM

Virtual Executive Board Meeting

Saturday, May 30, 2026 - 11:00 AM

Scholarship Awards Luncheon

Ballroom C, Carson Event Center

Make your scholarship donations now!

Reach out and help those you can!

From the President:

Welcome to this new month! As we step into April, it feels like the world is truly waking up. "April showers bring May flowers." And how I love flowers! This is the time to plant your summer garden and sow the seeds that you want to reap, not just in your garden but also in your life. It's a time to turn over a new leaf, literally, and April brings with it a special kind of energy that inspires us to grow and move forward.

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for this year's State of the City address! Our mayor, Hon. Lula Davis-Holmes, delivered a compelling presentation detailing how our city is blooming as it becomes the "Jewel of the South Bay." We're Incredibly grateful for our mayor's leadership and her tireless dedication to seeing our city flourish. We encourage all members to stay engaged and continue supporting our city in all its upcoming endeavors.

As we experience the ebb and flow of nature, we also experience that in life. It is with a sad heart that we must honor two long-time members, Velma Ashford and Margaret Davis (Aprile Benjamin's mom), who passed away this month.

Margaret joined us in 2009. She was the Welfare Chairperson for many years and served as 3rd Vice President and Recording Secretary. We all remember her wonderful lunches! Velma joined us before 2002 and held many positions. She was a 1st Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary and Auditor. They will be truly missed. Please lift their families up in prayer!

Let's make the most of this month's gentle warmth, setting new goals, creating opportunities, and enjoying the beauty blooming all around us!



Sincerely,

Loretta Graham Gay 

April Birthdays:

Lonnie Moore	April 9	Marcelyn Rideaux	April 19
Cac Le Ortonio	April 11	Yolanda Powell	April 20
Barbara Copeland	April 15	Jacqueline Jones	April 22
Rolinda Lewis	April 17	Evelyn Andamo	April 22

FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON – Aprile Benjamin

CWC Membership Tea was a successful event. We had 36 members and 24 guests for a total of 60 in attendance. Two of our guests joined CWC during the Tea: we are pleased to welcome Dr. Terri Dyer and Lori Gary. The guest soloist, Melody Pierson, is a ten-year-old with a voice beyond her years. An extraordinary entertainer, she sang "This Girl is on Fire."

We thank everyone in attendance and all who were a part of the program for a job well done! Finally, I would like to give a special shoutout to the Membership committee for coordinating a successful event.





CARSON WOMEN'S CLUB --> ON THE MOVE

FROM OUR WAYS AND MEANS CHAIRPERSON – Marcelyn Rideaux

Greetings from The Ways and Means Committee!

Thank you for your continued support of our fundraising efforts. Your participation and generosity help makes our projects possible.

We look forward to upcoming events. Our Harrahs Casino Bus Trip took place on the 28th- more updates will be shared in the next newsletter. We encourage everyone to get involved in our upcoming events; every little bit helps.

FROM OUR SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRPERSON – Delores Caliman

Scholarship meeting was held, Monday, March 9, 2026, at 12pm in the Colony Cove's Club House hosted by Delightful Delores. There were 7 gracious attendees ready to enjoy lunch and then tackle the pre-screening of 28 high school applications, which was completed in a timely manner. Thank you for everyone that attended!

SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS ARE NOW DUE!
Send by mail or Zelle, or bring to the April Meeting.

Next Meeting Details

Date and time: Monday, April 6, 2026 - 12:00 pm (Noon)

Host: Loretta Graham Gay, 310-701-5363

Location: 504 E Cheriton Drive, Carson CA 90746

A light lunch will be provided. We will be selecting high school students that reside in Carson who turned in their applications to receive the scholarship awards.



**Note: Cards & Gift Towels are to be given to
Vivian Person Smith, (310) 612-5158 ASAP!!**



It's almost here! Mark your calendars for the Scholarship Awards Presentation, Saturday, May 30th at 11:00 am. See the flyer under Community Activity for details.

IN MEMORIAM

Velma Ashford

It is with deep sadness that we share the passing of a beloved friend and neighbor.

Velma was a remarkable woman—intelligent, kind, and full of joy—who had a special way of welcoming others into her life.

Her encouragement, warmth, and sense of humor left a lasting impression on all who knew her. She will be remembered for the genuine care and support she so freely gave.

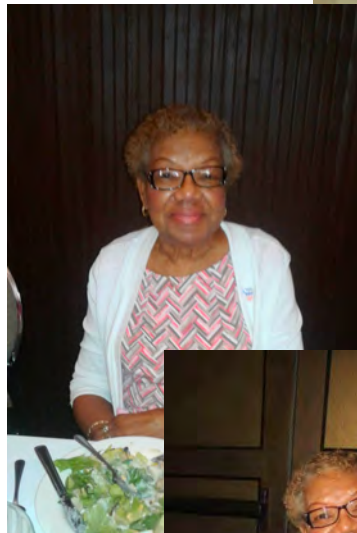
We are grateful for the time we were blessed to share with her and will miss her dearly. She was a blessing to me, and I truly cherished our friendship. Please keep her family and loved ones in your thoughts during this time.

Doreen Decoteau

Velma's Services

Viewing:
April 9th, 4:00 pm–8:00 pm
All Souls Mortuary
4400 Cherry Ave.
Long Beach 90807

Funeral:
April 10th, 11:00am
St. Philomena Church
21900 Main St.
Carson 90745

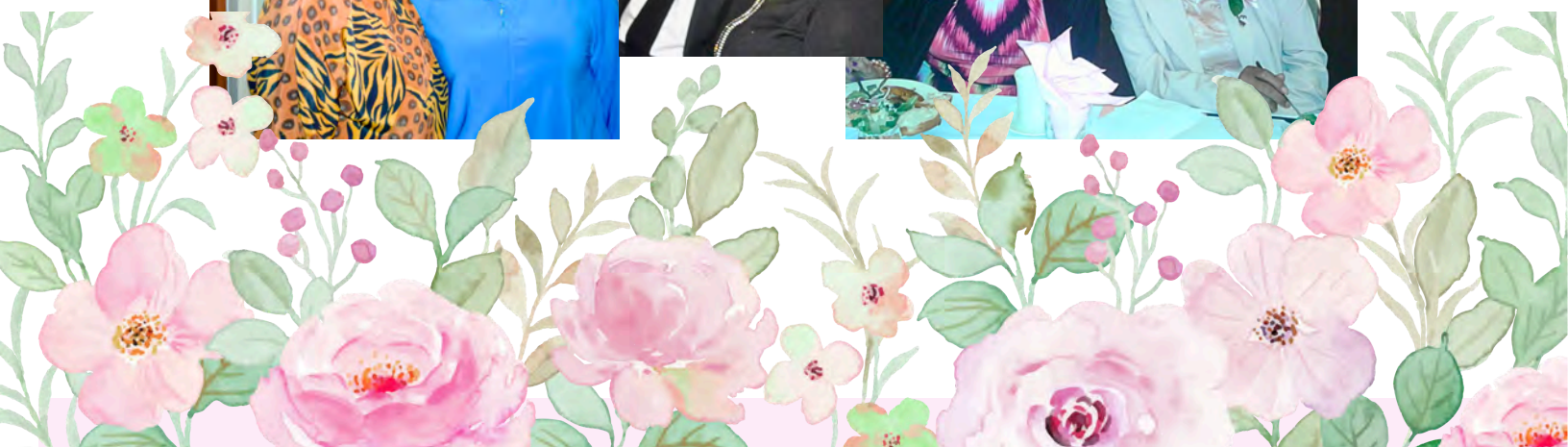


IN MEMORIAM

Margaret Davis

Margaret was a loyal, precious, loving and caring member of the CWC. She was an active member of the Carson Women's Club, serving as Welfare Chair from 2011 to 2012 and again from 2015 to 2020. During the years 2013 and 2014, she served as 3rd Vice President, Programs as well as Recording Secretary from 2015 to 2016.

Margaret's daily life gave evidence to the fact that she believed in God's word and followed His guidance as a member of Family of Faith Christian Center. She was a loving sister, mother, grandmother, and was blessed to become a great, great, great grandmother who instilled in her family strong values that transferred to all who came to know her. She will be greatly missed.



CARSON WOMEN'S CLUB --> ON THE MOVE



Community Activity

FREE TAX PREP EVENT



ASSEMBLY MEMBER
Mike A. Gipson
ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 33

My office is partnering with the Board of Equalization for a **FREE tax preparation event.**



Remember to bring:

- Proof of identification (photo ID)
- Social Security cards for you, your spouse and dependents
- An Individual Taxpayer Identification number (ITIN) assignment letter may be substituted for you, your spouse and your dependents if you do not have a Social Security number (SSN)
- Proof of foreign status, if applying for an ITIN
- Birth dates for you, your spouse and dependents on the tax return
- Wage and earning statements (Forms W-2, W-2G, 1099-R, 1099-MISC) from all employers
- Interest and dividend statements from banks (Form 1099)
- Health Insurance Exemption Certificate, if received
- A copy of last year's federal and state tax returns, if available
- Proof of bank account routing and account numbers for direct deposit such as a blank check
- To file taxes electronically on a married filing jointly tax return, both spouses must be present to sign the required forms
- Total paid for daycare provider and the daycare provider's tax identifying number such as their Social Security number (SSN) or business Employer Identification number (EIN)
- Forms 1095-A, 1095-B and 1095-C, health coverage statements
- Copies of income transcripts from the IRS and state, if applicable

For more information or to RSVP, please contact my District Office at
(562) 252-0865

**REMINDER:
APPOINTMENTS
ARE REQUIRED**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 3
NOON - 5 P.M.**

**GARDENA-CARSON
FAMILY YMCA
1000 ARTESIA BLVD., GARDENA**

ELIGIBILITY AND DOCUMENT REQUIREMENTS:

- VALID PHOTO ID
- ORIGINAL SSN CARD/ITIN FOR EVERYONE ON RETURN
- 2025 W-2/1099 FORMS
- BANKING INFORMATION (CHECKS WILL BE PHASED OUT)
- IF FILING MARRIED, BOTH SPOUSES MUST BE PRESENT
- IF FILING MARRIED, IT MUST BE MARRIED FILING JOINTLY

Appointments are available in 45-minute time slots.



THE CENTER FOR
COMMUNITY
WELL-BEING.



ANTONIO VAZQUEZ
Board Member
California State Board of Equalization

Community Activity



CITY OF CARSON AUTISM ACCEPTANCE 5K RUN/WALK

**APRIL 4,
2026**

**7:00 A.M.
to 10:00 A.M.**

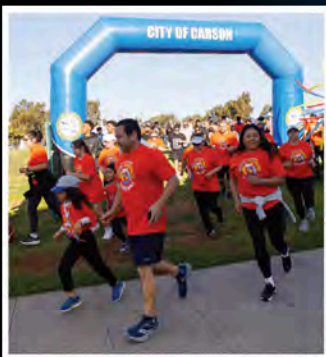
SCAN QR CODE OR VISIT
LINK (CASE SENSITIVE)
TO REGISTER



<https://cutt.ly/OnlineReg>



Join us and get moving
for Autism Acceptance
Month! - Entertainment - Race Prizes



Online Registration: \$15.00
January 12, 2026 - March 27, 2026
(Only registrations prior to March 3rd
are guaranteed a shirt and medal)
Resource Fair: 7:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.
Stretching & Warm-up: 8:00 A.M.
Race Starts: 8:30 A.M.

NEW LOCATION

**Carson Event Center
801 E. Carson Street, Carson, CA 90745**

For more information, please call (310) 952-1782 ext. 1465 or 1470.

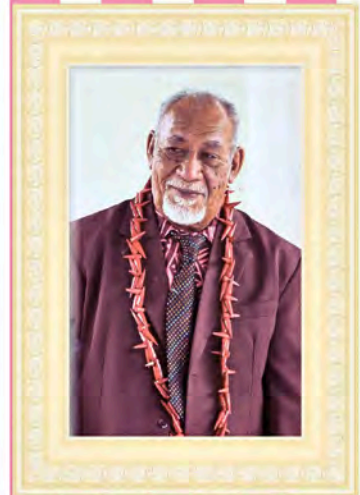


COMMUNITY SERVICES / RECREATION / PARK MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Community Activity



Senior Share: A Storytelling Group



Wednesdays 2:00 pm

FREE

A welcoming special interest group of seniors, meeting up with the common purpose to share stories about life experiences, thoughts, feelings, and lessons learned.

8 week session with weekly topics

Registration required

For questions, or to sign up for the group, please call Amanda Valorosi at (310) 835-0212 ext. 1471.

Carson Event Center

801 E. Carson Street
Carson, CA 90745



Community Activity

AD 65 AUTISM AWARENESS 5K RUN/WALK

FREE
EVENT!

SATURDAY APRIL 11, 2026
8 - 11:30 A.M.

WILMINGTON WATERFRONT PARK
1004 W. C St. Wilmington, CA 90744



<https://tinyurl.com/AD65AA5K>

SCAN TO PRE-REGISTER

ENJOY A SCAVENGER HUNT, RESOURCE FAIR
AND FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS

BROUGHT TO YOU BY:



ASSEMBLY MEMBER
Mike A. Gipson
ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 65



ONE FIVE
COUNCIL MEMBER
TIM HOSKER



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SUPERVISOR - FOURTH DISTRICT
JANICE HAHN



MURDOCK
COMMUNITY AND CARE SERVICES, INC.



Community Activity



Scholarship Awards Presentation

Saturday, May 30, 2026, 11:00 am

Carson Event Center
801 E. Carson St
Carson CA 90746
RSVP- Loretta Graham-Gay
310-701-5363

Sponsorships

Diamond - \$3,000+
Gold - \$1,000
Silver - \$500
Bronze - \$300
All donations are
tax-deductible 501(c)(3)

Tickets are \$55

Purchase by May 8, 2026

Pay through Zelle using our email,
carsonwomensclub1968@gmail.com

or

Mail to: CWC
P.O. Box 4543
Carson CA 90749

**NO TICKETS SOLD
AT THE DOOR!**

FOOD - ENTERTAINMENT - PRIZES!!



CARSON WOMEN'S CLUB
 Post Office Box 4543
 Carson, California 90749

Membership Application

The Carson Women's Club (CWC) was founded in 1968 as a non-profit, non-political organization. CWC members are the Official Hostesses to the City of Carson.

Our main focus is our fundraising events throughout the year to help us provide scholarships to high school seniors who reside in the city of Carson.

We take pride in helping the youth of Carson as well as the community in general by holding a number of events throughout the year to raise funds for scholarships and for projects that benefit the community. These events are always open to friends, family, and the general.

But there is one ingredient missing to achieve all our goals – that is **YOU**. All Carson residents, Carson business owners, and those that work in Carson are welcome. Please join with us to better serve our beautiful City of Carson.

COME JOIN US TODAY!

Send check to:



CARSON WOMEN'S CLUB
 Post Office Box 4543
 Carson, California 90749

Date: _____

Pay with Zelle: CarsonWomensClub1968@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION: \$50 PER YEAR

_____ New Member _____ Renewing Member (year first joined _____)

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

NAME: _____

SPOUSE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ Suite/Unit/Apt. _____

City/State _____ **Zip Code** _____

TELEPHONE: ____ / ____ **cell - home** **BIRTHDAY:** ____ / ____ Month/Day
Circle one

Email Address: _____

Referred by: _____

Hobbies, Interests and Expertise _____

COMMITTEE (I AM INTERESTED TO WORK ON (Please check below):

<input type="checkbox"/> Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Activity	<input type="checkbox"/> Telephone Tree
<input type="checkbox"/> Ways and Means	<input type="checkbox"/> Goodwill	<input type="checkbox"/> Publicity
<input type="checkbox"/> Programs	<input type="checkbox"/> Technology	<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality
<input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship	<input type="checkbox"/> Projects	



Carson Women's Club Committees

Membership -- Help with member recruitment and Organize Membership Tea Luncheon.

Ways and Means -- Plan and carryout all fundraising activities.

Programs -- Prepare programs (find guest speakers) for the year.

Community Activity -- Serve as liaison between the CWC and any other non-profit, civic, or service groups operating for the betterment of the City of Carson.

Goodwill -- Send cards, flowers, or donations (i.e., condolence, get well, congratulations, etc.) in accordance with by-laws to CWC members.

Hospitality -- Coordinate refreshments for CWC General Meetings.

Projects -- Evaluate the needs of the community in areas such as youth activities, senior citizen concerns, health, education, and welfare and including civic and cultural betterment projects.

Publicity -- Share CWC news with the the community through various media and channels.

Scholarship -- Solicit scholarship donations and help plan and organize the scholarship luncheon.

Telephone Tree -- Call CWC members pertaining to club business as requested by the CWC President.

Technology -- Provide media and technology support such as facilitating Zoom events, maintaining website, and video projection.