



VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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A. Accomplishments & Activities

a. Administration Issues

- i. Board of Supervisors' Study Session: The October Session was cancelled or postponed although Linda Catherine Le has been very busy preparing the study for the CAO's office and the Board of Supervisors. We are hoping to learn the Policies and Procedures for VCCW.
- ii. The November 20, 2012 Presentation of the "Status of Women & Girls Report" was cancelled or postponed. The VCCW Chair and Vice Chair were called to a meeting with their District (2) Supervisor and learned of some of the concerns. (See attached letter to Supervisor Linda Parks)
- iii. Information Technology Services, Mike Pettit, Chief Information Officer, meeting. The ITS department is willing to place a link from the VCCW website to the County site. The Vice Chair learned that this awaits a decision from the Study Session with the Board of Supervisors.
- iv. VCCW Brochure assigned to the Public Relations Committee has been put on the back burner with the issues arising from the postponement of the presentation of the "Status of Women & Girls Report" to the Board of Supervisors. .
- v. VCCW Commissioners have been meeting with their District Supervisor to learn the County issues around the "Status of Women & Girls Report."
- vi. VCCW office will be move in February. The VCCW Chair and Recording Secretary will be meeting on Tuesday, January 29th at 4 p.m., with County Staff to view the new office site and learn all the requirements for the move. There will be a short period of time when the copy machine will not be available to VCCW because the other County Department will be moving out February 1st.

b. Improve Quality of Life – the Chair gathered information on the following and represented VCCW at some of the meetings:

- i. National Day of Service – Your Chair donated about 4 hours to the Ventura Hillside Conservancy in the Riverbed in Ventura and was fortunate enough to get caught by the Star Photographer. There is still a lot of trash to pick up down there in that river bottom.
- ii. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration and Walk in Oxnard was attended by Ina Howard, Shante Morgan Durisseau, Debra Bagley, and your chair, Lee Riggan, and many friends and acquaintances. Our speaker, Cassandra Slay was also there. We car-pooled. The Keynote Speaker, Gregory K. Freeland, Ph.D, Department of Political Science Chair at CLU spoke about his concern about the trend now underway that is affecting the right to vote by many in the United State. He warned us to be aware of this.
- iii. Religion & Roe, A Conversation, was held at Temple Beth Torah in Ventura. Former VCCW Chairs Judy Bysshe and Celeste Weingardt were part of the RRN organizers. Over 100 women were in attendance.

c. Tasks Assigned by Board of Supervisors

- i. Fiscal & Administrative Review by Ventura County CEO
 - 1. There has not been a notification as yet from the Board of Supervisors or CEO regarding our letter submitting the Operating Policies & Budget to address the relationship with the Board of Supervisors and the other responsibilities outside of the Commission and approve by VCCW. The Board of Supervisors directed the County Executive Office to Schedule a Study Session with the Board of Supervisors to Discuss the Commission's Future, as Requested by the Commission **"AND DIRECT THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO CONDUCT A FISCAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD AT THE STUDY SESSION"**. (Board of Supervisors, March 6, 2012 Summary). Amended Bylaws will be part of this review.
- ii. Annual Report – The portion of the report on commissioner bios and photos has been prepared and submitted for review at this meeting. Ten bios have been received and will be edited to fit; six photo head-shots have been submitted. The goal is to have everyone's photo and bio included. A group shot will be taken at the meeting this evening by Jesus Merino, a photographer at Merino Productions (jesus.merino@merino-productions.com).
- iii. Status of Women & Girls Study
 - 1. VCCF Fiscal Sponsor Relationship
 - a. Progress Report – This report was drafted by the VCCW Chair approved and submitted to VCCF and the Ventura County CEO.
 - b. Final Report was completed November 20, 2012.
 - c. VCCW Presentation
 - i. Power Teams presentation to the WLF Luncheon for October 10, 2012 was cancelled.
 - ii. Power Teams presentation to the Ventura County Board of Supervisors for September was cancelled
 - d. Distribution Plan & Budget
 - i. VCCW budgeted \$1,250.00 for a manual presenting the compelling findings and striving to drive more money into Ventura County to resolve identified issues.
 - ii. Copies for the Board of Supervisors cost \$400 and the CDs cost \$350. Commissioners distributed these copies personally.

B. **Report on the Board of Supervisors** – Please check this web site for their agendas.
 (<http://portal.countyofventura.org/portal/page/portal/bos/Archives>
http://gsa-docushare.countyofventura.org/dscgi/ds.py/Get/File-6366/Agenda_Calendar.htm)