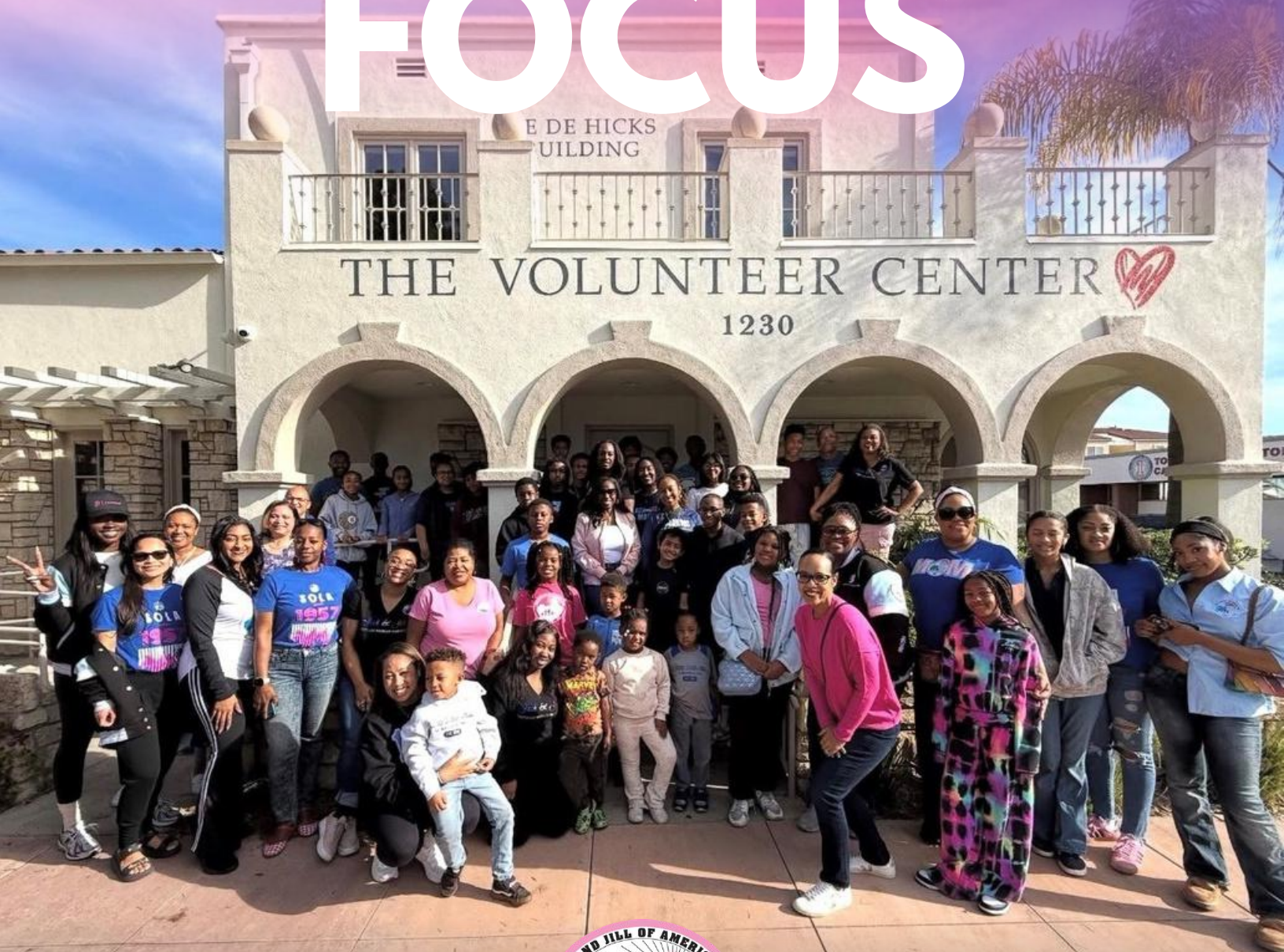


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FAR WEST FOCUS



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE FAR WEST REGION

greetings



Dear Far West Family,

Welcome to Mindful March a season for reflection intention and continued celebration. As we come off the heels of a powerful and inspiring Black History Month we carry that same pride and purpose forward as we honor Women's History Month celebrating the strength leadership and impact of women who continue to shape our families our communities and our legacy.

In February we took time to show appreciation for one another and uplift the incredible associates who make our region so special. Your commitment your service and your sisterhood are what make Far West truly ELITE.

Now in March we are excited to kick off our Children's Clusters across the region creating meaningful opportunities for our children to learn grow and connect. These moments reflect the heart of Jack and Jill as we continue to invest in our children and build experiences that will shape their future.

As we move through this month I encourage each of us to be mindful in our leadership, intentional in our service and grounded in our purpose. Together we will continue to live work and play in a way that reflects excellence unity and love.

With gratitude and pride,

Monique Arrington

MONIQUE ARRINGTON
29TH FAR WEST REGIONAL DIRECTOR
JACK AND JILL OF AMERICA, INC.
EMPOWERED LEADERSHIP. INSPIRED TO EXCEL.

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In Jack and Jill of America, Inc., we lovingly refer to our Associates as our Jewels, a name that reflects both who they are and the value they bring to our organization.

Like jewels, our Associates shine brightly. They are polished through experience, strengthened through service, and radiant in their commitment to our children, our families, and our mission. Each Associate represents a legacy of leadership, sisterhood, and excellence, continuing to pour into the organization even after completing active mother membership.

We call them Jewels because they are timeless treasures, women who have helped build strong

foundations within their chapters and across our region. Their wisdom, mentorship, and continued presence are invaluable. They uplift, they guide, and they remind us of the enduring power of Jack and Jill.

During Associate Appreciation, we pause with gratitude to honor these phenomenal women. Your impact does not fade, it only deepens. Thank you for your continued grace, your example, and your unwavering dedication.

Far West is stronger, brighter, and more beautiful because of our Jewels.





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Dear Fathers Auxiliary Brothers,

Thank you to everyone who joined the Fathers Auxiliary trip to Louisville, Kentucky. It was an incredible weekend of brotherhood and unforgettable experiences.

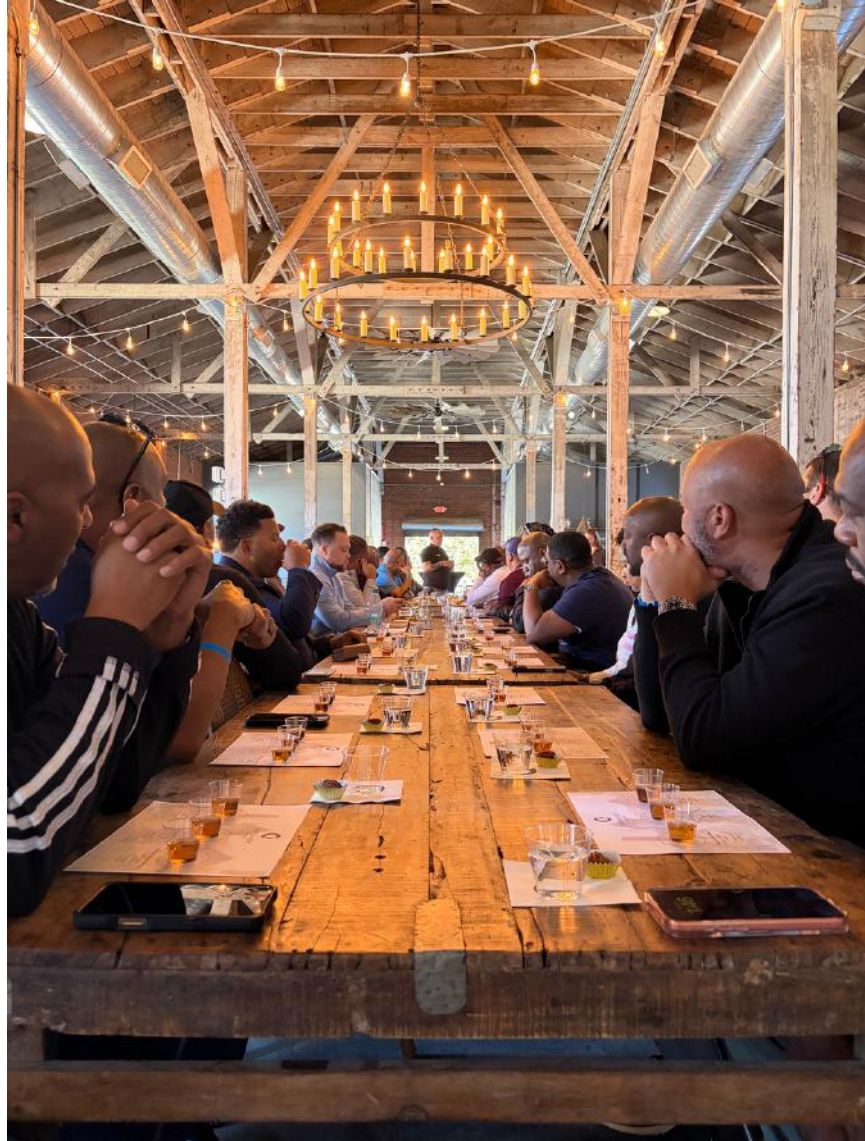
Highlights included visiting the Kentucky Derby Museum, participating in the Black Heritage in Racing Tour and mock racing experience, touring the Muhammad Ali Museum where we had the honor of meeting Ali's wife Lonnie Williams, and enjoying distillery tours and tasting at Castle & Key and Buffalo Trace. We were also honored that Jack & Jill National President, Mrs. Darlene McGhee Whittington, blessed us with her

presence during the trip.

Thank you all for making it a memorable experience. Looking forward to the next adventure together.

Brotherhood always,

ROYCE JEFFERSON
FAR WEST REGION FATHER'S AUXILIARY CHAIR
JACK AND JILL OF AMERICA, INC., LOS ANGELES
CHAPTER





FAR WEST REGIONAL FAMILY TRIP / LAKE TAHOE APRÈS SKI EXPERIENCE

Our Far West families gathered in beautiful Lake Tahoe for an unforgettable Après Ski-themed Regional Family Trip, filled with connection, laughter, and elevated experiences for all ages. From outdoor adventures in the crisp mountain air to cozy moments of fellowship, families enjoyed the perfect blend of activity and relaxation. Whether skiing, snowboarding, tubing, or simply taking in the breathtaking views, this trip created lasting memories and strengthened the bonds that make our region so special.

The Après Ski theme brought a stylish and festive touch to the experience, allowing families to unwind and connect after full days of fun. It was a true reflection of what it means to live, work, and play together in the Far West Region.

A heartfelt thank you to our incredible Regional Family Trip Chair Tanya Smith and Co Chair Sharon Durosseau for their vision, planning, and attention to detail in curating such a memorable experience for our families.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to Immediate Past Regional Director JoAnne Curry and Regional Teen Advisor Lakeesha Alford for standing in on behalf of the Regional Executive Board and ensuring a strong regional presence throughout the trip.

This experience was a beautiful reminder of the joy, unity, and excellence that define Far West. We look forward to many more moments of connection and celebration together.











14 BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month is a time of reflection, celebration, and pride as we honor the rich history, resilience, and contributions of Black leaders, innovators, and trailblazers who have shaped our nation and our world.

Within Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Black history is not only something we celebrate, it is something we actively live and continue to build each day. Our organization was founded on the principles of leadership, service, and empowerment, ensuring that our children are equipped to carry forward the legacy of excellence that those before us established.

Throughout the month, our chapters across the

Far West Region engaged in meaningful programming that uplifted our history, celebrated our culture, and inspired our children to understand their power and potential. From educational activities to cultural celebrations, we created spaces where our stories were centered, honored, and passed down.

As we reflect on Black History Month, we are reminded that our history is not confined to the past, it is alive in the work we do, the communities we serve, and the future we are shaping. Let us continue to walk boldly in our purpose, uplift one another, and ensure that the legacy of Black excellence continues for generations to come.

FOUNDERS' DAY, BLACK HISTORY MONTH & ASSOCIATE APPRECIATION REFLECTIONS



PACIFIC NORTHWEST UNITES FOR FOUNDERS DAY

The Seattle Chapter was thrilled to join the Tacoma Chapter as they hosted Founders Day. Together, we celebrated 88 years of enduring, steadfast legacy of our beloved Jack and Jill in the Pacific Northwest. The day strengthened our purpose and reinforced the vision. Our time together: elegant, powerful, joyful.



ORANGE COUNTY'S 'DAY ON' CELEBRATING DR. KING!

We honored the life of Dr. King with a Day On at the Orange County Food Bank! We filled TWO shifts, assembling 1,034 boxes! This collective effort will certainly be felt by many throughout our community!

And participants shared, "We left fulfilled to be in service to others!"



FOOD FOR KIDS - NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

"Food for Kids" is a local food pantry that provides weekend meals for students and their families who are experiencing food insecurity. The organization distributes food to low-income students in collaboration with nonprofit partners in the South Bay and Harbor areas weekly. The entire South Los Angeles Chapter spent the day filling literacy bags, sorting and packing food donations, and assembling kindness bracelets!



THE "FASCINATING AND FEARLESS" FRESNO CHAPTER CELEBRATE FOUNDER'S DAY

Twenty members of the Fascinating and Fearless Fresno chapter proudly participated in the inaugural Northern California Founders' Day celebration on January 10th in Santa Clara. The theme "Jewels and Jubilation" was beautifully exhibited as Mother members and Associates arrived looking both "Fascinating and Fearless", adorned in elegant black dresses with pearls and diamond accessories. Associate Jewels were honored and recognized for their enduring legacy and contributions.

FOUNDERS' DAY, BLACK HISTORY MONTH & ASSOCIATE APPRECIATION REFLECTIONS



ASSOCIATES AND FOUNDERS CELEBRATION: A DAY OF INSPIRATION AND EXCELLENCE

It was a beautiful day of fellowship, joy, and wisdom. Our Associate Jewels and Founders shared guidance and insight with Mother Members to help shape a brighter future. By loving one another, prioritizing self-care, and working together, we strengthen our chapter, uplift our community, and empower our youth to thrive.



PWV CELEBRATES OUR ASSOCIATE MOTHERS WITH GAMES AND GRATITUDE

The Portland Willamette Valley Chapter celebrated Associate Mother Appreciation Day with a fun-filled game night. Four Associate Mothers joined us for an evening of fellowship, board games, Jack and Jill trivia Jeopardy, and a festive taco bar. It was a joyful time of laughter, connection, and appreciation.



A FOUNDERS DAY TO REMEMBER

The Santa Clarita/Antelope Valley chapter celebrated a beautiful Founders day complete with food, fun and fellowship. While celebrating, the chapter recognized the impact of the founders of Jack and Jill, while Associate Jewels had a chance to share their wisdom on motherhood.



POMONA AREA HONORS ASSOCIATES AT ANNUAL MOTHER'S TEA CELEBRATION EVENT

At the Pomona Area's annual Mother's Tea, we proudly honored our dedicated associates who embody the spirit of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.. We were especially honored by the presence of Ida Younge, who served as the 19th National President. Laughter, wisdom, and inspiring perspectives filled the room.

FOUNDERS' DAY, BLACK HISTORY MONTH & ASSOCIATE APPRECIATION REFLECTIONS



SUNNY CELEBRATION OF FOUNDERS AND ASSOCIATES

On a lovely day in January, surrounded by flowers, Mother Members and Associates celebrated the roots planted by our founders and Jewels. We shared wine, wisdom, and gratitude while we learned to construct delectable charcuterie boards. Mothers left with a charcuterie kit, a full soul, and a happy belly.



LOS ANGELES CHAPTER'S FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATION: TEA THROUGH TIME

Mothers proudly celebrated 88 years of excellence and sisterhood at Alta Adams. We were honored to welcome "Second Jill," Mrs. Fredricka Hill, daughter of founder Marion Stubbs Thomas, whose heartfelt reflections illuminated our enduring, multigenerational legacy while boldly inspiring our future.



SUN VALLEY DAY OF SERVICE - MARCHING THROUGH OUR MEMORIES: A FAMILY HISTORY EXPLORATION!

The Sun Valley Chapter had the distinct privilege of serving as Grand Marshal for the '26 MLK Parade in Mesa, AZ! After marching in unity, families further connected to the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr by exploring the power of our family stories. Hosted at the Mesa Temple FamilySearch Center. Guided by Jack and Jill's five national programmatic thrusts, families blended storytelling, technology, civic reflection, and genealogical research into a meaningful experience for our children.



ANCHORAGE CELEBRATES 88 YEARS OF JACK AND JILL EXCELLENCE

In honor of Founders Day, mothers gathered for an elegant Membership Tea celebrating legacy and future growth, curated by VP Renée. Prospective moms engaged with mother members in spirited Jack and Jill Jeopardy, enjoyed an engaging chapter history presentation, and departed with sweet treat baskets to share with their families.

FOUNDERS' DAY, BLACK HISTORY MONTH & ASSOCIATE APPRECIATION REFLECTIONS



THE INAUGURAL NORTHERN CALIFORNIA FOUNDERS DAY AND ASSOCIATE JEWEL APPRECIATION

Greater Vallejo Chapter Mother Members and Associate Jewels were beautifully represented. The highlight for us was the inspiring panel discussion featuring the two National Past Presidents, whose wisdom, history, and leadership energized and united GVJJ. We accept the charge to keep the focus on the kids!



NCSD SPENDS NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AT FEEDING SAN DIEGO

NCSD proudly spent its MLK National Day of Service volunteering with Feeding San Diego. Our members processed 5,940 pounds of produce in 2 hours, totaling 1,485 households served in San Diego County. NCSD was featured on local news stations CBS 8 and FOX 5 for its thoughtful community service efforts.



OAKLAND BAY AREA CELEBRATES FOUNDERS' DAY AND SERVES COMMUNITY

January shined for Oakland Bay Area Chapter. We joined seven chapters for Nor Cal Founders' Day and Associates Appreciation, honoring our Associate Jewels, inspired by Presidential Pearls, and raising March of Dimes funds. OBAC families also gathered at Mosswood Park for MLK National Day of Service, uplifting our community together.



A PHENOMENAL FOUNDERS DAY WEEKEND - THE SENSATIONAL SAN JOSE WAY!

San Jose celebrated Founders Day and honored our Associates at both the inaugural Northern California gathering and our annual Chapter Celebration. Our chapter event, focused on unity, sisterhood and fellowship, featured PNP Shirley James as the distinguished keynote speaker who highlighted the importance of J&J and motherhood over the years.

FOUNDERS' DAY, BLACK HISTORY MONTH & ASSOCIATE APPRECIATION REFLECTIONS



ASSOCIATES APPRECIATION AND SOUPER BOWL OF GIVING IMPACT

Savvy Sacramento Chapter proudly celebrated Founders Day and Associates Appreciation as our Associate Jewels and Chapter President attended Jewels and Jubilation, a Breakfast at Tiffany's inspired tribute honoring our esteemed Associate Jewels. Carrying that spirit forward, we united for our Souper Bowl of Giving, donating 888 items to support Sacramento State University's ASI Food Pantry.



TUCSON CELEBRATES THE LEGACY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

To honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy, our chapter joined a community-wide annual march and day of service. Partnering with When We All Vote, we provided essential voter registration resources to empower the next generation. Through advocacy and action, we're helping our community step up and be heard!



TACOMA CHAPTER: ROOTED IN LEGACY AND UNITED IN SERVICE

The Tacoma Chapter hosted the PNW Founders' Day Brunch, honoring Jack and Jill's legacy, recognizing Associate Jewels, welcoming Charter Mothers and featuring keynote Senator T'Wina Nobles. In honor of National Day of Service, families supported Operation Warm Soles through The Peace Bus, delivering footwear and essentials to neighbors in need.



INGLEWOOD CELEBRATES FOUNDERS' DAY WITH REDEDICATION AND FELLOWSHIP

The Inglewood Chapter of Jack and Jill of America welcomed the new year with a January Chapter Meeting featuring Founders' Day recognition and meaningful fellowship. Upholding a cherished tradition, mothers participated in the Rededication Ceremony reaffirming their collective commitment to service and sisterhood.

FOUNDERS' DAY, BLACK HISTORY MONTH & ASSOCIATE APPRECIATION REFLECTIONS



LAS VEGAS CHAPTER CELEBRATES LOVE AND LEGACY

The Las Vegas Chapter mothers and Associates gathered for a joyful Galentine's celebration. We enjoyed brunch, a live jazz performance line dancing, games, and crafts, while honoring our rich chapter legacy. Charter members and past presidents shared heartfelt wisdom, reminding us that love, leadership, and service remain at the heart of all we do.



CELEBRATING OUR FOUNDERS WITH PURPOSE, ELEGANCE, AND GRACE

The Tri-Valley Chapter celebrated Founders' Day at Ruby Hill with a formal tea honoring the legacy of our visionary founders. Mother members donned elegant attire as each grade group designed a signature tea table inspired by the iconic Ritz London tradition. The Tea Party Challenge beautifully embodied creativity, sisterhood, and our theme, Grind with Grace.



THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER IS HONORING THE PAST, SERVING PRESENTLY

This month, the Far West Region honors service in motion. We celebrate National Day of Service, reflect on our Founders' enduring vision, and uplift our Associates whose dedication sustains our work. Together, we lead with purpose, serve with intention, and continue building communities rooted in excellence, impact, and care.



CELEBRATING THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE OF JACK & JILL

The San Francisco Chapter celebrated Founders Day/Associates Day with fellow chapters in the Northern California area.

We honored our founders with an afternoon of shared wisdom, fellowship, and sisterhood.

FOUNDERS' DAY, BLACK HISTORY MONTH & ASSOCIATE APPRECIATION REFLECTIONS



IE JACK AND JILL FIGHTS HUNGER WITH GIVING 365

On behalf of IE Jack and Jill of America, Inc., we are honored to champion our Food Insecurity Drive in partnership with Giving365. United in service, we are transforming concern into concrete action providing meals, restoring dignity, and uplifting families. Together, we can nourish hope and strengthen our community.



LIVING BLACK HISTORY: TACOMA CHAPTER IN ACTION

Tacoma Chapter celebrated culture and leadership during Black History Month. Families honored trailblazers at Charles Rolland African-American Legislative Day, created self-portraits celebrating identity, delivered speeches by influential figures and explored Tacoma Art Museum's "Blackness Is..." exhibit. Inspired by history and shaping the future!



THE SAN JOSE CHAPTER CELEBRATES BLACK "EXCELLENCE IN EVERY SENSE"

The JJSJ Black History Month event immersed families in a multi-sensory celebration of Black culture. Families enjoyed thoughtfully curated sensory stations that highlighted flavorful dishes, nostalgic cultural scents, and interactive crafts. The event also showcased our children's leadership through a live musical performance and a spectacular fashion show.

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A low-angle, upward-looking photograph of three women smiling joyfully. They are wearing blue sweatshirts with red and white lettering. The background is a clear blue sky. The image has a vertical gradient from pink at the top to blue at the bottom. Two vertical white lines are positioned on either side of the central text.

**MEMBERS
ON THE MOVE**

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MEMBERS ON THE MOVE



KUDOS TO ALUMNA NOEMI GLOVER FOR HER INCREDIBLE VOLLEYBALL SEASON!

For her phenomenal play and championship season with Arizona State University's Sun Devils volleyball team, NCSD Alumna Noemi Glover was named First Team All-American and presented the Big 12 Conference Player of the Year award. And better yet, she has another year to go in Tempe. Congratulations, Noemi!



OAKLAND BAY AREA TEEN SELECTED FOR JAMAICA U20 NATIONAL TEAM

Oakland Bay Area teen Emmanuel Harris has been selected as a member of the U20 Jamaica National Men's Football (soccer) Team for the Concacaf World Cup Qualifier. Emmanuel is the son of OBAC's CT Gillian Chambers Harris and Erik Harris.



SAN JOSE MOTHER MEMBER NAMED PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR

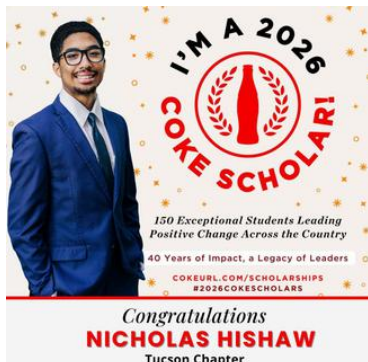
Dr. Candice C. Weaver, earned Kaiser Permanente's 2025 Outstanding Physician of the Year award. Double board-certified, she's celebrated for compassionate, patient-centered care, health equity, and her impactful role as a Black woman physician. Her leadership extends to community service, mentorship, creative endeavors and civic engagement. Congratulations Mother Member Candice!



CELEBRATING SCHOLARSHIP, LEADERSHIP, AND LITERARY EXCELLENCE

Savvy Sacramento Chapter proudly celebrates our Corresponding Secretary, Dr. Theanne Griffith, recently named a Smith College Medalist and tenured as Associate Professor of Physiology and Membrane Biology at UC Davis. A distinguished neuroscientist and children's author, she bridges research and storytelling, inspiring the next generation of scientists and scholars.

MEMBERS ON THE MOVE



TUCSON TEEN NICHOLAS HISHAW NAMED PRESTIGIOUS COCA-COLA SCHOLAR RECIPIENT

Congratulations to Coke Scholar Nicholas Hishaw of the Tucson Chapter, selected as one of only 150 recipients from over 107,000 applicants nationwide. This prestigious scholarship recognizes Nicholas' exemplary leadership and commitment to community service. Notably, Nicholas has also served as the Far West Region Teen Vice-President and Chaplain.



INGLEWOOD MOTHERS CONTRIBUTE TO A GROWING LEGACY IN GHANA

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated chartered its first Ghana chapter, Alpha Delta Psi Omega, in Accra, Ghana, on January 16, 2026, marking the establishment of its fourth graduate chapter on the African continent. Congratulations to our very own Inglewood Chapter mothers, Mary Ann and Mary Jane Opoku, proud charter members whose legacy of sisterhood and service now extends to Ghana.



CHAPTER MOMS APPOINTED TO KEY DISTRICT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Las Vegas Chapter Moms Nakia Jackson Hale and Dei Thomas were appointed to the Clark County School District's Sex Education Committee. In this role, they will review curriculum content and instructional materials, making recommendations to the school board that impact students and families across the district.



SERVICE, SISTERHOOD & LEADERSHIP IN THE FAR WEST REGION

Shanique Bonelli-Moore is the current San Fernando Valley Chapter Treasurer and has recently been appointed Far West Regional Sisterly Relations Chair. Her leadership reflects a commitment to service, sisterhood, and advancing our founders' vision through meaningful community impact.

MEMBERS ON THE MOVE



THE YATES PROTOCOL - SUPPORTING OUR ASSOCIATE DR. YATES

Dr. Beverley Yates, our associate member and previous chapter president, has recently penned the book "The Yates Protocol; Five Simple Steps to Fix Your Blood Sugar and Reverse Type 2 Diabetes." She provides practical steps for achieving balance with nutrition and exercise, patient stories, and recipes for success.



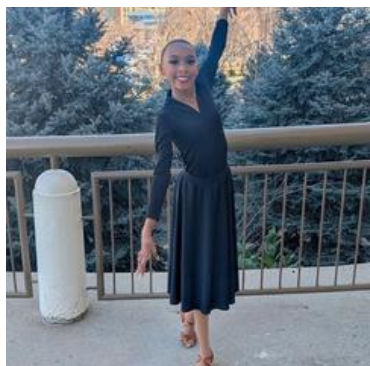
BRANDI DAY HONORED FOR TRANSFORMATIVE COMMUNITY IMPACT

During Black History Month, Brandi and her nonprofit, iD.A.YDream, were selected for a Random Act of Helpfulness. She was recognized for her meaningful and measurable impact across our local communities. Her leadership and service exemplify a steadfast commitment to empowerment, equity, and lasting change.



TACOMA CHAPTER JACK SERVES AS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HONORARY PAGE

Fourth-grade student Tyce Jones served as an Honorary Page for the Washington State House of Representatives. He assisted on the House floor and delivered documents between legislative offices. Tyce attended Page School, where he learned about government operations, collaborative decision-making and impactful ways youth participate in the legislative process.



SAN JOSE BALLROOM DANCER BREAKS BARRIERS ON THE DANCE FLOOR

Congratulations to 6th-grader Anastyn Hill! From local first-place wins to reaching the U.S. National Amateur Dancesport Championship quarter-finals two years in a row, your success is incredible. Anastyn, your family and the San Jose Chapter is immensely proud of you for beautifully breaking barriers on the dance floor!

MEMBERS ON THE MOVE



CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD, BRIELLE TURNER!

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest honor a Girl Scout can achieve. Brielle's project centered on improving physical and mental health awareness through a curated series of workshops led by distinguished Black physicians. Brielle's commitment and tireless efforts exemplify the very best of service, compassion, and leadership.



MOVIE TIME!

Brittney Murray is Co-producer of the feature film *Love the Skin You're In*, a powerful drama about caregiving and self-discovery, now streaming nationwide.

She is CEO of Mogul Behaviour, a full-service branding agency, and founder of Pillars of Prosperity Foundation. Her Group 2 daughter, Bellamy Murray, appears in the film.



JJLA MOTHER MEMBER SEEKING LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT, SEAT 87

Congratulations to Vice President Sharee Sanders Gordon on running for Los Angeles Superior Court Judge, Seat 87! What an incredible example of leadership, courage, and commitment to public service. Our children are witnessing firsthand what it looks like to step forward, serve boldly, and participate in the democratic process. We are proud of you!



**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
CHILDREN'S CLUSTER**
Curious Minds, Future Leaders:
Exploring STEM
Hosted by
The Las Vegas Chapter





Northern California Children's Cluster
Curious Minds, Future Leaders:
Exploring STEM

Hosted by Oakland Bay Area Chapter



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THANK YOU!

*offering love and encouragement to our
incredible sister regions*

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RTS VIVIAN

RTFC EMILE



Introducing The

Far West Region

★ CHAPTER TEEN OLYMPICS

Introduction

Far West Region Chapter Olympics is a friendly competition where chapters will compete in a series of fun, creative and skill-based events.

The purpose is to build unity, teamwork, and regional pride while celebrating Jack and Jill values.



Points

1 7 pts

2 5 pts

3 3 pts

These points will be added every month to your yearly total. The chapter with the most points at the end of the programming year wins!

Even if you do not place that month, any participating chapters will get 2 points



FWR CHAPTER
TEEN OLYMPICS

*March
Competition*

Lucky Challenge



COMPETITION DESCRIPTION

Share what your chapter's lucky charm is, something that brings your members good energy, confidence, or a sense of tradition. This could be a favorite food you always have before events, a physical charm or object that represents good luck, or even a mini ritual your chapter does together for motivation. Describe what the lucky charm is, how it started, and why it's meaningful to your chapter. You can also share when you use it and how it brings your members together.

JUDGING

- **Creativity** – How original, imaginative, or entertaining the video is.
 - Does it stand out from other chapters' videos?
 - Does it use a unique concept or editing style?
- **Representation of Chapter** – How well the video captures the spirit, culture, or identity of the chapter and its city.
 - Does it give a genuine sense of what it's like to be there?
 - MUST showcase AT LEAST 3 different teens, this is a chapter video, not a solo project
- **Visual & Technical Quality** – Overall video quality, editing, pacing, and clarity.
 - Does it look polished or intentional even if it's filmed casually?
- **Engagement & Personality** – The energy, humor, or emotion that makes it memorable.
 - Would viewers want to visit or join after watching?

FORMAT AND RULES

- **Length:** Maximum 120 seconds.
- **Style:** Storytelling
- **Content:** Must be appropriate and represent the chapter positively.
- **Teens:** Must represent at least 3 different teens
- **Deadline:** April 4th
- **Submission:** Posted to your chapter/teen instagram page (with clear chapter identification) by the deadline. Make sure to #FWRCO2026MAR and TAG @fwrjjteens to ensure we see your submission



WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT YOU GUYS COME UP WITH!

The most important thing is to have fun. This is your chance to show everyone what your chapter is all about!

Don't forget to post using the official hashtag

#FWRC02026MAR and tag us

@fwrjjteens so we can find

your video! **Submissions**

without the hashtags and tags

will not be counted

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FEBRUARY WINNERS



No other chapters participated
this month



Introducing
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Spotlight
Far West Region

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Greetings Far West Region!

My name is Averie Gladden, and I am honored to serve as your Regional Teen Editor, representing the spectacular and amazing Santa Clarita Valley Antelope Valley Chapter. This year, I am thrilled to introduce Spotlight FWR, a digital newsletter created by the Far West Region, for the Far West Region.

The purpose of Spotlight FWR is simple yet meaningful: to celebrate the talent, creativity, and dedication of our teens while connecting every chapter across the region. This newsletter highlights the accomplishments, hard work, and unique voices of our members, giving everyone a chance to learn from and be inspired by each other. From leadership and service to athletics, the arts, and creative expression, the teens of our region are making a remarkable impact, and Spotlight FWR shines a light on their stories.

This issue features inspiring excerpts that showcase achievement, creativity, and leadership across the region.



Spotlight FWR not only celebrates individual chapters and members, but also fosters unity, pride, and connection throughout our community. It is a space where every teen and every accomplishment can be acknowledged, inspiring collaboration and recognition.

As you read this issue, I hope you feel proud of the incredible talent represented here and inspired to continue making a difference in your chapters and communities. Spotlight FWR exists because of you, the teens, leaders, and creators who make the Far West Region remarkable. Thank you for joining us in celebrating our members, connecting across chapters, and fostering a stronger Far West Region.

With gratitude and in service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Averie Gladden".

AVERIE GLADDEN
REGIONAL TEEN EDITOR
JACK AND JILL OF AMERICA, INC.

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All meetings are subject to CHANGE

MONTHLY MEETING

FWR REGIONAL TEEN BOARD

October 2025 – May 2026 @8:15pm

MEETING CANDENCE

Tuesday, October 07, 2025

Tuesday, November 04, 2025

Tuesday, December 02, 2025

Tuesday, January 06, 2026

Tuesday, February 03, 2026

Tuesday, March 03, 2026

Tuesday, April 07, 2026

Tuesday, May 05, 2026

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

COMMUNITY SERVICE T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

Theme for 2026

**LEAD
WHERE
YOU STAND**

**\$100
PRIZE**

**Submit your original community service T-shirt logo
design created by YOU!**

🕒 **Deadline: March 31, 2026**

★ **One design chosen by Regional Executive Board**

★ **Winner announced by April 10, 2026**

SCAN TO SUBMIT!



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Dear Daughters...



A LOVE LETTER TO THE WOMEN HOLDING
IT ALL—HEART, HOME, AND HISTORY.

DANI KILGORE
Regional Chaplain

Devotional: A Woman's Voice in the Work

There is a quiet but powerful moment in Scripture where we meet Priscilla. She worked alongside Aquila and supported the ministry of Paul the Apostle, helping strengthen the early church. What I love about her story is this: she didn't force her way into the work. She simply brought her wisdom, her faith, and her presence, and the work became stronger because she was there.

Scripture tells us that when the teacher Apollos needed a deeper understanding, Priscilla and Aquila gently helped guide him toward clarity. No spotlight. No fanfare. Just wisdom shared in the spirit of building something better together.

And that kind of influence still matters. Across this region, I see women who bring grace into busy rooms, insight into important conversations, and steadiness into the work of building community. Sometimes the world makes women question whether their voice belongs in the room, but Scripture reminds us that women have always helped shape the path forward.

Your perspective matters. Your presence matters. And every time you show up with care, wisdom, and strength, the work becomes better because you were there.

Remember This

Your presence changes the room more than you realize. Like Priscilla, the wisdom you carry helps make the path clearer for others.

Encouragement Across the FWR

We are grateful for the leadership and heart of two of our Regional Chaplains, **Chris Eison (top) of the San Francisco Chapter** and **Jenee Hamilton (bottom) of the Tucson Chapter**. Through their prayers, encouragement, and steady presence, they help nurture the spiritual life of our region and remind us of the power of faith and sisterhood in the work we share. Their service is a beautiful example of how care and compassion strengthen our community.



NATIONAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

FEBRUARY 17, 2026
9:00 PM EASTERN / 6:00 PM PACIFIC

Join the National
Executive Board for a
robust discussion of
mandatory member
background checks.



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8 pm PST

Zoom

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Greetings Far West Regional Chapter Governance Leaders!

Join us for our Chapter Governance Pop In & Ask!

This is an informal opportunity to take a moment to check in. Join us on **2nd Tuesdays at 8pm PST** for a Zoom meeting to reconnect and address your outstanding questions.

Meeting ID: 891 5301 6538

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CLICK TO JOIN THE ZOOM

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The Sunsational Sun Valley Chapter of Jack and Jill
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2026 Jack and Jill Children's Cluster



Saturday, April 25, 2026



10:00 AM – 1:00 PM



Arizona Science Center

Join us for a hands-on, high-energy experience celebrating STEM learning and the brilliance of African Americans in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

★ **Theme: STEM Stars** ★

★ Mark your calendars—more details coming soon! ★



Pacific
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CHILDRENS CLUSTER

Saturday April 25
9AM - 4PM

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Fun & Creative
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For Jack & Jill's
2-12 Years Old

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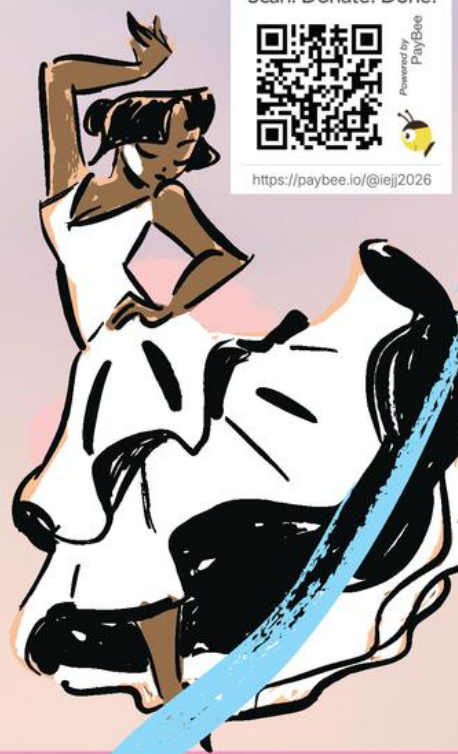
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RAFFLES :	THROUGHOUT THE EVENT
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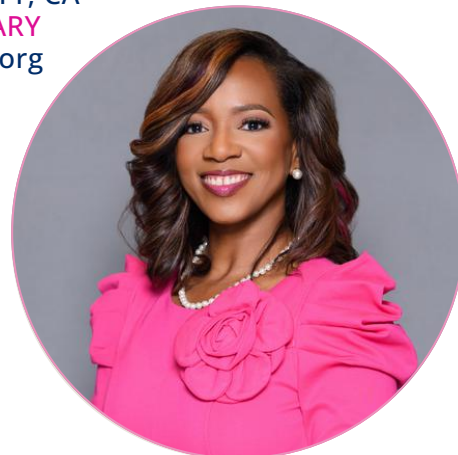
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