



Happy New Year!

As I write those words, I think Wow...2021 seems like it passed so quickly! I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and was able to have fun and make lasting memories with family and friends.

As we start this year, the well being of our members and guests continues to be our main priority. Given the proximity to holiday travel and gatherings, we have received a number of questions about meeting face-to-face and also concerns that some members may test positive or be exposed to Covid. So, GWG leadership decided that **all meetings and events for the next two weeks should be conducted virtually via Zoom. We hope that everyone can equally engage and participate in any meetings by using a virtual platform. We will continue to review the situation and adjust accordingly.**

A few updates:

- The **Grant Review Committee (GRC)** Kickoff is being held Wednesday, January 5th via Zoom. The 60+ member committee is divided into sub-teams and assigned grants to review based on our 5 focus areas of Arts, Education, Environment, Health, and Human Services. They will have their work cut out for them as they conduct deep reviews of the 70 grants that were received this year.
- The **Education Committee** has been busy planning our five programs for the year. This month's session on Clean Air scheduled for January 18th is being postponed to a time when we can hold an in-person event. A new date will be communicated as soon as rescheduled.
- One of our most popular events of the year is right around the corner. Mark your calendars now to attend GWG's **Members Only Luncheon** on Tuesday, Feb 15th from 11:30 to 1pm at the Crowne Plaza. The theme will be 'Road Trip' and focus on GWG Grantmaking.
- The **Membership Growth Committee** hosted a number of events over the last six months resulting in impressive numbers. At last count, we had added 61 new members for 2022.
- New Committee in formation: GWG is looking for sponsors to support our events and/or to provide pro-bono services. In return, they will receive recognition throughout the year and the chance to attend our events. If you would like to tell our story to local businesses to help this outreach, let [Melanie](#) know.

As always, we appreciate your commitment and all that you do for GWG. Wishing everyone a wonderful start to the New Year!

Be safe, be well!

# Beverly

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