



# Orange Blossom Gazette

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Embrace the power of kindness and shine brightly.*



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<p>06 Gab at French Press Cafe, 10:00 am  08 Freedom Bag assembly at Purpose Church, 9:00 am  13 EC Meeting  15 Hike at Bonelli, 10:00 am  20 General Meeting, 6:30 pm  30 Ice Cream Social 2:00 p.m.</p>	

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<p>4th July Parade  11 Gab at Butter Café, 10:00 a.m.  22 Lunch at Legend's, Noon</p>	

<p><b><u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</u></b>  <b><u>2024 - 2026</u></b></p> <p>President: Marlene Carney  Co-First VP/Dean of Chairmen: Susan Minnihan &amp; Linda Roache  Co-Second VP/Membership: Jody Mentzer &amp; Sonya Whatley  Third VP/Ways &amp; Means: Sue Herrera  Recording Secretary: Barbara Randolph  Treasurer: Cathy Koch  Parliamentarian: Pat Borchard  Corresponding Secretary: Eleonore Burress</p>
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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**  
**Marlene Carney**

Welcome to summer and its gifts of sunshine and good times with family and friends.



I am very privileged and honored to be the newly installed President of the La Verne San Dimas Woman's Club. Thank you to Pat Borchard, the club's Parliamentarian and the Foothill District President for being the installation officer and providing such an uplifting experience. Thank you to Jennifer Nummelin and her team for coordinating a great dinner meeting, The food and desserts were wonderful.

Thank you to Gloria Schaaf for coordinating a beautiful new member initiation ceremony for our two newest members, Veronica Fry and Doris Lackey. It was truly inspirational.

Thank you to the Presidents who came before me, Linda Koontz, Pat Borchard and Tami Miller for the strong foundation they have provided me. From the beginning of the club in 2015 to today, the club has grown in so many positive ways and our communities have truly benefited. Today we are 39 members strong.

I have a wonderful engaged Executive Committee to work with, dedicated and many very experienced with the club. I am also grateful that Jennifer Nummelin has agreed to serve as President's Aide.

My goal is to continue to take us to new heights, grow the membership and our role in serving those in need and the communities we serve. I want to encourage all the members to participate as best as you can and take on leadership roles.

The theme I have chosen for my term is "Every act of kindness sparkles like a Star. Embrace the power of kindness and shine brightly." The club members are stars that shine as they focus on four key areas:

Commitment to Compassion. We participate in so many wonderful projects that serve a wide variety of individuals who are in need and going through tough times. That same compassion extends to our furry friends who make our lives very special.

Commitment to the Community – We are part of two fabulous communities, La Verne and San Dimas. Civic engagement is important to the survival of a thriving community. Our participation with community activities like National Nite Out, supporting the Wine Walk, Fourth of July, the La Verne K-9 Foundation, the San Dimas Halloween Spooktacular and more make a positive difference in the community.

Commitment to Self-Care – As women we do a lot for our families, our jobs, our own personal activities. The club is committed to helping us stay healthy physically and emotionally with social activities that include group walks, outings, bowling and more.

Commitment to Friendship – An outstanding feature of this club is the support and the camaraderie we share with each other. We all come from different backgrounds and experiences, and we are always there for each other through times of joy, sadness, pain, celebrations, and sickness.

During the months of July and August we will not have club meetings but let us take that time and think about what we can do collectively to make our communities and the lives of those in need better. I will always be available if you want to chat, discuss a project idea, or have questions about the club's activities. Thank you again



for this privilege. Ladies, go out and embrace kindness, shine brightly and sparkle like the stars that you are.

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**PRESIDENT'S AIDE/AMENITIES:**

**Jennifer Nummelin**

Summer is upon us, and the heat is starting up (though, by the time you read this it may very well STILL show signs of fog in the mornings). We welcome new members, and hope they have some time to get acquainted with all of us, before our summer 'break.'

Jennifer [jennummelin@aol.com](mailto:jennummelin@aol.com)

**CO-FIRST VP/DEAN OF CHAIRMEN:**

**Susan Minnihan & Linda Roache**

Our May 30<sup>th</sup> meeting not only initiated two new members to the Club, but it was also the "passing of the torch". Recognition and appreciation were given to the outgoing Executive Committee as well as the installation of the new 2024-2026 Term Executive Committee. We appreciate the time and effort that was given from Pat, Tami, and Marlene to make it a special evening!

There was a "Changing of the Guard" over several programs and we gave special thanks to Sue Herrera for her work as chairman on Advocates for Children, Cathy Koch as Communications & Public Relations as well as Newsletter Editor and to Gloria Schaaf as Women's History chairman.

Recognition was then given to our new Program Chairmen for the 2024-2026 Term. We are excited to be continuing our second Term as your Co-First V.P.s with (almost) a full slate of Program Chairmen! In addition to those Chairmen recognized at the meeting, we would like to announce that Susan Hope has graciously agreed to take on the Advocates for Children chairmanship! We are very appreciative that she has decided to take this position and become more involved with the Club after becoming a member last year. Thank you, Susan!

We so appreciate all that the Program Chairmen do to facilitate our various projects! Most Chairmen have "Leads" that help in specific areas of the Program; and we want to thank all of them as well. Please keep in mind that our projects are successful due to member participation. When you participate, you feel more a part of this wonderful organization and the caring women that are a part of it. We want to also thank Tami for her wonderful years of leadership, guidance and mentoring with our First V.P. position. Madame Butterfly, you are truly appreciated!

June will start our new term, and we are looking forward to working with all our new Program Chairmen as well as Marlene, as our new President!

We will go dark for the months of July and August, so this will be the last newsletter article until September. But there will still be various ways to volunteer and keep active. Check out the articles throughout the newsletter to keep apprised of any announcements and be at the June 20<sup>th</sup>



meeting, the first official meeting of the new term! Hoping to see you all then.

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**CO-SECOND VP/MEMBERSHIP:**  
**Jody Mentzer & Sonya Whatley**

We are looking forward to being the Co-Second VPs/Membership for the next two years.

Jody and I joined the club in 2022. We are both excited to be more involved. The charitable projects, friendships we have made, and the camaraderie have been so rewarding. We plan to continue building the membership and promoting the value of belonging to this fabulous club focused on helping the community and having fun at the same time. The club has grown so much in the past few years and we want to see this growth continue.

We encourage all our members to promote the club and all that we do. We encourage you to tell your friends about the club and invite them to join us. Our combined efforts make a huge difference in the lives of so many and they make a difference in our own lives. During the months of July and August, we do not have our regular membership meetings. However, that does not mean we do not get together to work on various projects or to simply meet socially and bond. Thank you to Jennifer Nummelin for going the extra mile to find interesting social things for members to do. These events provide a perfect opportunity to get to know each other, come up with creative ideas for helping our nonprofits and community, and just have fun. You will hear from us during the summer if only to chat or meet up for coffee. We wish everyone a great summer filled with fun events, family, and friendship times.

Here's a quote we hope you'll appreciate:  
"The older I get, the greater power I seem to have to help the world; I am like a snowball – the further I am rolled, the more I gain." *Susan B. Anthony*

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**THIRD VP/WAYS & MEANS:**  
**Sue Herrera**

Happy June, ladies! Hopefully the "May Gray" is behind us and we don't have too much "June Gloom" because I'm more than ready for some sunshine!

We have nothing going on for fundraising right now; however, this summer we will need all hands-on deck to begin ramping up for our fall Bunco and Brew Fundraiser at Old Stump Brewing in Pomona (date TBD).

At the June meeting, I'll have several sign-up sheets. One for craft making; our first will be on Sunday, July 14th, at 2:00 p.m. in which Susan Minnihan has graciously opened her home to host. No crafting experience is required and all instructions and supplies will be provided. These crafts will be sold at our craft table at the Bunco Fundraiser. In case you can't make that one, I'll be hosting a second crafting event at either my home or office on Saturday, August 24th, at 11:00 a.m.

I will also have a sign-up sheet to join my Fundraising Committee in which I'll ask each participant for help where needed, mainly with soliciting local businesses in August and September for donations for our raffle baskets. Before you gasp and say out loud, "No way! I despise asking people for things.", it's really quite simple. I can instruct you and the more members we have to volunteer, the less asks each committee



member has to make (I'm thinking one to two businesses each....super-duper easy). The most difficult part is the follow-up; sometimes it takes three, four, five calls or in-person visits which I cannot do on my own so everyone's help is SO appreciated!

At our October meeting, we will assemble our "swag bags" that we will be giving away to our guests at the fundraiser and I'll also host a raffle basket assembly and wrapping event at my home on Saturday, October 19th at 1:00 p.m.

Happy summer!

Sue [sue.bosek@cvspm.com](mailto:sue.bosek@cvspm.com)

## >> Chairmen Chats <<

### **ARTS & CULTURE: Tami Miller:**

There are many contests to participate in under Art Projects. You need to start them now because submittal is in November, and the article you choose needs to be completed in 2024.

Three of the contest categories are hand crafts, writing and photography. This is not just opened for members only; your children are included. Your child might like to write stories or poems, or draw or paint pictures. Listed below are the youth age categories:

- 1 – Kindergarten, First to Second grade
- 2 – Third, Fourth and Fifth grade
- 3 – Sixth to Eighth grade
- 4 – Ninth to twelfth grades.

Watch for future article under Arts & Culture for more contest information.

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### **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH:**

**Jennifer Nummelin &  
Candy Miller**

Our upcoming food drive is June 22nd, and it is a wonderful way to help our community. Especially the students, who are out of school and in need of food over the summer months. Candy is the contact person, if you have any questions. Our 4th of July parade is coming up, a good chance to make our communities more aware of our Club. Also, a good chance to wear a patriotic outfit, and ride on a float! Marina is the contact person for this event.

#### **Calling all Foodies**

June is the month for celebration. Father's Day, graduations, anniversaries, birthdays, food- deprived students getting a free breakfast and lunch at school, schools out for the summer and vacations planned. But wait, school is out so that means some students will not get that morning meal. Hmmm. Yes. I knew you wanted to make a difference. Currently, there are still two open spots to work the food drive at Stater Bros. on June 22nd between 1 and 3. We are also seeking drivers to deliver the donations to Sowing Seeds for Life and Shepherd's Pantry. If you're available and want to experience that inner joy of helping others, please reach out to me. Meanwhile, celebrate every day.

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Candy [candysnrg@verizon.net](mailto:candysnrg@verizon.net)

### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS & PREVENTION:** **Marina Salcido**

Happy June all, It's starting to feel like summer. I would like to thank you for your support and participation in Domestic violence projects. We have a very important project "Freedom Bags" taking place on June 8th at 9:00 a.m. Members will meet at



Purpose Church located at 586 N. Main Street in Pomona, room H102 to assemble bags for victims of human trafficking.

Donations to House of Ruth Crossroads, and your donated used cell phones will change someone's life. For those interested in making donations House of Ruth needs pillows, bath towels, baby wipes, body wash, diapers, black hair care, full size matching shampoo and conditioner. Items can be dropped off at 599 N. Main Street in Pomona or you can contact me. Crossroads will accept all your gently used clothing, purses, shoes and new personal hygiene products, toiletries, and cosmetics. Items can be dropped off at 1269 Harvard Avenue in Claremont. No appointment needed. Just leave your items in front of the shed with the red door down the driveway. Don't forget to tag your items from La Verne/San Dimas Women's Club and log your donations in the project book.

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#### **ENVIRONMENT:**

##### **Chairman Marina Salcido**

Can you believe we are half way through the year? Time flies when you are having fun. I hope you can participate in the on-going environment projects bring your own cup to month meetings, donate gently used cups for Corky, recycle plastic bottles and aluminum cans to support Bonita High School Band, and donate your old bedding and towels to Inland Valley Humane Society.

#### **SOCIAL COMMITTEE:**

##### **Jennifer Nummelin**

#### **Upcoming Events Info.:**

#### **JUNE:**

Thu. 06th Gab at French Press Cafe. 3836 Emerald Ave. 10 a.m.

Sat 08th Freedom Bag assembly at Purpose Church. 9 a.m.

Sat 15th Hike at Bonelli. Meet at pkg lot, Norm's Hangar, at the airport. 10 a.m.

Sun 30th Ice Cream Social at Gayle's house (yum) 2 p.m.

#### **JULY:**

Thu. 04th Parade

Thu. 11th Gab at Butter Cafe. 671 E. Bonita, S.D. 10 a.m.

Mon 22nd Lunch at Legend's. 1155 E. Rt 66, Glendora. Noon.

Also remember, most cities offer FREE summer concerts in the park. San Dimas- Wednesdays, @ 7 p.m. La Verne- Sundays, @ 6:30 p.m.

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## >> On-going Projects <<



I will be collecting homemade (knitted, crocheted, sewn) beanies, scarves, & pillow cases to be donated to the Foster Family Agencies in our area. This is an ongoing project. Please bring whatever you're donating to each meeting & I'll get them where they need to go. (And please keep track of money & time spent.) Thank you!

Cathy Koch [granniepurpyl@gmail.com](mailto:granniepurpyl@gmail.com)



I am collecting used blankets & towels for the Humane Society. This is an *ongoing*





project & donations may be given to me at any meeting, or text me (626 201-7375) & I'll pick them up at your home.

Jennifer [jennummelin@aol.com](mailto:jennummelin@aol.com)



Every meeting I collect eyeglasses (broken or not), eyeglass cases, old cell phones, and pop tops from cans of soda, soup, dog & cat food, etc. Bring them and I will collect them. Pop tops go to support the Ronald McDonald House; eyeglasses and cases go to Eye-DAS to support the blind; and old cell phones are erased and reprogrammed with 9-1-1 and given to the Battered Women's Shelters.

Shirley Vanderbeck [legalrabb@aol.com](mailto:legalrabb@aol.com)



Cups for Corky is our on-going Environment project. Those getting started early on your Spring cleaning can make room on those shelves by donating your gently used cups to Corky's. The Cups for Corky's basket will be on the stage at our monthly meetings.

Everyone can help reduce the waste in our landfill by bringing your own cup to each meeting.



Recycling bottles and cans is a good way to save our resources and support the Bonita High School Band. Your recycling donation will help Bonita High School Band pay for

uniforms, instruments, equipment, and other essentials. Contact Gayle Garcia for your donations.

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Marina [dirt4us4@yahoo.com](mailto:dirt4us4@yahoo.com)



### Coats & jackets needed!

I am collecting gently used coats & jackets - kids & adults' sizes - throughout the year, & I deliver them to Burlington Coat Factory. They clean & repair them, then redistribute to the homeless, college students, Veterans, & shelters in the area. This is an *ongoing project* & donations may be given to me at any meeting, or text me (626 201-7375) & I'll pick them up at your home.

Jennifer [jennummelin@aol.com](mailto:jennummelin@aol.com)

*Happy Anniversary*

### Nine Years - 8/2015 Charter Members

Pat Borchard

Linda Koontz

Jennifer Nummelin

### 6 years – 6/2018

Marlene Carney

### 1 year – 8/2023

Kathy Sandoval





*June*

Jocelyn Campbell - 22nd

*July*

Christi Joanou – 5<sup>th</sup>

Doris Lackey – 10<sup>th</sup>

Kathy Castle – 25<sup>th</sup>

*August*

Eleonore Burress – 7<sup>th</sup>

Sue Herrera – 16<sup>th</sup>

Susan Minnihan – 21<sup>st</sup>

Kathy Sandoval – 23<sup>rd</sup>

Sharon Keehne – 27<sup>th</sup>

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# June 2024

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<b>16</b> Father's Day	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Juneteenth	<b>20</b> June Solstice (GMT) General Meeting 6:30	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Happy Birthday Jocelyn Campbell 
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