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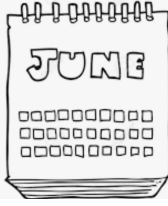
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*May the Spirit of Nature Fulfill Your Spirit of Volunteering.*



*Every Moment Counts.*



	<b>CALENDAR OF EVENTS</b>
<p style="text-align: center;">3 Drum Circle 6 Cancer Survivor Day, 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm 7 Dinner - Lucky Elephant, 6 pm 8 EC Meeting 15 General Meeting - POT LUCK DINNER 17 Freedom Bags, 9 am 21 First Day of Summer 24 Claremont Botanical Gardens, 10 am 30 Chat session, 10 am - Kuns Park</p>	

<b><u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</u></b> <b><u>2022 - 2024</u></b>
<p>President: Tami Miller Co-First VP/Dean of Chairmen: Susan Minnihhan &amp; Linda Roache Co-Second VP/Membership: Marlene Carney &amp; Gloria Schaaf Third VP/Ways &amp; Means: Gayle Garcia Recording Secretary: Barbara Randolph Treasurer: Kathy Castle Parliamentarian: Pat Borchard Corresponding Secretary: Jennifer Nummelin</p>

Saturday June 24, 11:00am. More information to follow.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Tami Miller**

If you missed our last meeting, you missed the Celebration of our new District, FOOTHILL DISTRICT! We had balloon bouquets and Pat made signs for each table, "Welcome to Foothill District." Thank you, Pat.

Our District was Chartered at the 120th CFWC Convention on May 19, 2023. There are 18 Districts in California, and we are number 19. The first District meeting will be

To receive an award at State is above and beyond, but LVSD took First Place in Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention. This award was won by all of us who participated in – Crossroads, Cell Phones, Denim Day, DVAC House of Ruth, and Traffic Free Pomona.

To top it off, we had two new members join: Julie Griffith and Sheryl Fox. Be sure to introduce yourself to them at the next meeting.


Our next General Meeting will be the last meeting for this term, and we will be dark




July through August. I hope you all will attend. It is a Potluck, and we will raffle off one of Sue Herrera's delicious 4<sup>th</sup> of July cakes.

A motion was made and adopted to endorse Pat Borchard for the Jennie June Award. This award is the only national honor that recognizes individual members for lifetime personal excellence. The three areas of judging criteria are Commitment to Family, Commitment to GFWC, and Commitment to Community. Pat meets all these areas, and I am proud to be the Club that nominates her. Her application will be submitted on June 1. Good Luck, Pat, from all of us.

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**CO-FIRST VP/DEAN OF CHAIRMEN:**  
**Susan Minnihan & Linda Roache**

June is a month of "firsts." Our first club meeting for the year 2023-2024 kicks off in June and first full month of belonging to the newly chartered Foothill District. We're



looking forward to participating in the first District meeting on Saturday, June 24 @ 11:00 @ the Historical Society, 336 S. Glendora, West Covina.

Great news to hear that the Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention Report won at the State level. I know many members participated in the projects under this program so hurray for us!

Some wonderful projects took place from Stamp Out Hunger, the K9 Foundation Festival, Trafficking Info Decals, Crocheted coasters for Meals on Wheels, and the Friends of San Dimas Library project. Thank you to Dian Moravek for volunteering to co-chair Education & Libraries with Gayle Garcia and to Linda Koontz for chairing Leadership & Protocol. Linda will be planning a leadership seminar for club chairmen and officers.

Our Health & Wellness program is open. If anyone's interested in chairing, please contact either one of us for information. Most of the projects under H&W already have leads, so it would be an easy program to chair.

Our Club goes dark after our June potluck dinner meeting - June, July, & August. A great time to recharge our batteries and take some time to relax and enjoy summer. We may still have social events planned during the summer, so check your emails for upcoming events.

Happy summer to all!



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**CO-SECOND VP/MEMBERSHIP:**

**Marlene Carney & Gloria Schaaf**

Summer is just around the corner and we are all looking forward to the sounds, sights, and activities of the season. After a rather long, cold, and wet winter, we are looking forward to some warmth or at least until the 100-degree weather starts. Our friends from the Midwest and East were not impressed. As they said, try minus 2 degrees. No thank you.

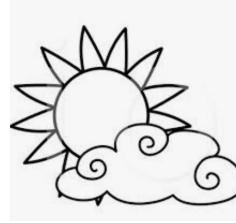
Our goal continues to be building the membership and promoting the value of belonging to this fabulous club focused on helping the community and having fun at the same time. Membership in the GFWC La Verne-San Dimas Woman's Club has been a huge plus in the lives of so many. The projects that we have worked on, the social events we have experienced, the smiles on the faces of those we serve, the friendships gained, and the camaraderie has been so rewarding. We encourage all our members to promote the club and all that we do. 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. We look forward to a new member initiation and fabulous potluck dinner at the June meeting which will be at our regular meeting place, the San Dimas Masonic Lodge. As always, this event is fun and festive.

During the months of July and August, we do not have our regular membership meetings. However, social events are planned so that we can continue the camaraderie and friendship that is so important to all of us. Thank you to Jennifer Nummelin and Gayle Garcia 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.

We wish everyone a great summer filled with fun events, family and friendship times,



peace and calm, and all that brings joy to everyone.



Here is a lovely summer quote for you to ponder: "And so with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on the trees, just as things grow fast in movies, I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning over again with summer." (F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*)

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**PARLIAMENTARIAN: Pat Borchard**

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**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:**

**Jennifer Nummelin**

Greetings, everyone! This has been a busy couple of months, with so much Club activity, etc. On a personal note, I want to extend my appreciation to everyone, as I witness so many of you checking in on one another (due to health concerns, family crises, etc.), and stepping up to assist those needing help. It's important to recognize we are not traveling solo, through this life.... remember the saying, "It takes a village?" Thanks to the extra correspondence you provide!

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# >> Chairmen Chats <<

## **ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN:**

### **Chairman Sue Herrera**

Hello Ladies and happy upcoming summer, although with "May grey" and "June gloom" upon us, we wouldn't know it's just around the corner.

I pray that all of my sisters in Federation enjoy the next couple of months after our potluck / new member initiation dinner meeting by enjoying the warmer weather, family, friends, vacations, relaxation, or an ice cream cone or two. I hope to see some of you at social gatherings or even at the bowling alley to help cheer on our club's teams.

I'll be looking for four ladies to help me tagging school kids' backpacks on Wednesday, July 26, for a few hours at Shoes That Fit in Claremont. I'll send a reminder email as the date approaches.

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



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)



## **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH:**

### **Chairmen Jennifer Nummelin &**

### **Candy Miller**

Freedom Park:

The H.E.R.O.E.S. (Helping Establish a Remembrance of Every Serviceperson) Organization honors veterans and their families. In cooperation with the city of San Dimas, they help clean, maintain, and improve the Freedom Park memorial to local veterans on San Dimas Avenue (north of Arrow Highway and south of Bonita). Our club has purchased a memorial brick paver (engraved with GFWC LA VERNE-SAN DIMASWOMAN'S CLUB HONORS VETERANS) at the front of the memorial. Approximately once a month (for about an hour) a small group of our members joins the H.E.R.O.E.S. in cleaning benches, weeding, sweeping, shining the wall, etc. I remind the regulars (Wendy, Kathy G., Candy) via usually-late email (which is when I am notified). Let me know if you want to be included.

Barbara Randolph

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Our recent Postal Food Drive netted \$220 for our community last week.

For our Letters Against Isolation project, we signed Mother's Day cards at Gayle's house, and I delivered the 89 handwritten cards to local board and care facilities,

which brought a little sunshine to some isolated ladies.

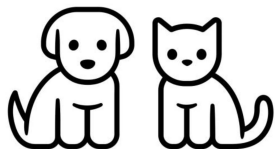
For coat collection, please remember we are looking for warm coats, NOT fancy jackets (nice clothing can be donated to several organizations, such as local employment agencies or colleges, as their clients/students are always looking for nice interview outfits).

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### Backpack Buddies

We'll be meeting again soon to finish off the remaining Buddies & get them to the gal who gives them out to elementary students in our area. I'm working on adding arms/legs to the 175 Buddies that Gayle crocheted. Once they're ready, you'll be hearing about the next gathering to stuff, add clips & eyes, & close up the bottom. Our last get together was a fun event & I look forward to the next one. You DO NOT need to know how to crochet to help.

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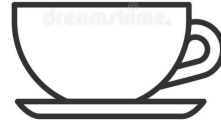
I am collecting used blankets & towels for the Humane Society. This is an *ongoing project* & donations may be given to me at any meeting, or text me (626 201-7375) & I'll pick them up at your home.

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### ENVIRONMENT:

#### Chairman Marina Salcido



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. [klasiccat@gmail.com](mailto:klasiccat@gmail.com)

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.

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**LEGISLATION & PUBLIC POLICY:**  
**Chairman Barbara Randolph**

Make a Difference; become an advocate.  
Sign up for LEGISLATIVE ACTION  
CENTER

1. Go to [gfwc.org](http://gfwc.org) and click on Legislative Action Center.
2. Click on "visit the Legislative Action Center."
3. Fill in your email, zip code, and click on the arrow to review your information, then click "save."

It's easy--try it! (and record your time in the Project book)

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**SOCIAL COMMITTEE:**  
**Chairmen Jennifer Nummelin & Gayle Garcia**

\*Sat., 3rd - Drum Circle at the Claremont Ctr for Spirituality, 509 S. College Ave., Claremont. 3:00 p.m. Free.

This is a rhythmic community drum circle. Try it!

\*Wed., 7th - Dinner at Lucky Elephant Thai restaurant, 531 W. Arrow Hwy, San Dimas. 6:00 p.m.

\*Thurs., 8th - Gab meet-up at Kuns Park, 1600 Bonita Ave., La Verne. North/West corner. 10:00 a.m. Bring your own chair. Free.

\*Sat., 17th - Freedom Bags at Purpose Church, 601 N. Garey Ave., Pomona. N. of Holt, S/W corner of property. 9:00 a.m. Free. Usually go to brunch, afterwards.

\*Sat., 24th - walk at Claremont Botanical Gardens, 1500 N College Ave., Claremont. 10:00 a.m. Cost: General Admission is \$10, Seniors \$6, Students \$6.

\*Fri., 30th - another gab at Kuns park, 10:00 a.m. Free.

Of note: the cities of La Verne (Sundays) AND San Dimas (Wednesdays) have summer concerts. Free! Take advantage of these community events, not all cities offer them. P.S. remember before you dance the night away that cameras are everywhere!!!

\*\*\*\*Our June 15 meeting is a POTLUCK!\*\*\*\*  
I have the sign up list, in case you forgot what you wrote down.... We have 8 main dishes, 10 side dishes, and 4 desserts. It should be a fun evening.

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EventsRUs



Jocelyn Campbell 6/22  
Kathy Castle 7/25  
Eleonore Bures 8/7  
Kathy Gomez 8//15  
Sue Herrera 8/16  
Susan Minnihan 8/21



**Eight Years - 8/2015**  
Pat Borchard, Charter Member  
Linda Koontz, Charter Member  
Jennifer Nummelin, Charter Member  
**Five Years - 6/2018**  
Marlene Carney

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