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May the Spirit of Nature Fulfill Your Spirit of Volunteering.



Every Moment Counts.



	CALENDAR OF EVENTS
<p>6 Maloof Foundation, 10 am 12 EC Meeting 14 Hike at Bonelli, 10 am 19 General Meeting, 7 pm 21 Trunk or Treat event 22 Bunco & Brew 23 Kuns Park Gab, 10 am 26 Indian lunch buffet, 11 am 30 Freedom Bags, 9 am 31 Halloween</p>	

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Tami Miller

It was great to see so many of you again at the first meeting of the new term. And it was so wonderful seeing so many guests interested in becoming members.

I hope you have bought your ticket to the BUNCO & BREW Fundraiser event on October 22. It is going to be so much fun. Even if you don't know how to play it is easy

to learn. Let's have a good turnout to show our support in fundraising our numerous projects.



Six of us went to the Alpaca Farm outing. Thank you to Jennifer for organizing this event. The weather was perfect, and the Alpacas were adorable.



Area B Conference will be on October 7 at Oakview, CA. Pat and I will be attending and look forward to bringing back information on CFWC's plans for this year.

"Day of Service" was a huge success. I was amazed how generous the Albertson shoppers were. Thank you to all the members who took part in the Food Drive for Shepherd's Pantry, and Candy for organizing this special event. For more information on this event, be sure to read about it in the Civic Engagement section.

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PRESIDENT'S AIDE/AMENITIES:

Jennifer Nummelin

Did you pick up your YEARBOOK?? It was updated, and full of lots of information about our Club! And it's FREE!! I will bring copies to the October meeting—saving YOU the trek to pick it up at my home in Covina. 😊

Jennifer jennummelin@aol.com

CO-FIRST VP/DEAN OF CHAIRMEN:

Susan Minnihan & Linda Roache

Happy Fall, Y'all!

Fall décor and pumpkins are making their annual appearance. Of course, can't leave out a little Halloween witchery! With the cooler weather more prominent, Autumn is upon us. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces at our September meeting, as well as welcoming new members and guests. I'm looking forward to fun social get-togethers, project involvement, and festivities that lie ahead this time of the year!

Our adopted Club Project List and Project Description List were emailed out to all. Take time to look over the list to see if there's a project or two that captures your

interest in which to participate. With such a wonderful variety, there's sure to be something for everyone. Please consider signing up to help, whether it be a project or fundraising event. It's the time of year when our Club is in full swing as we embark on a wonderfully active year of philanthropic projects.

At our September meeting, some of our project chairs announced upcoming projects they're working on. Look for further information in this newsletter and the minutes also. Thank you to all of you who participated in projects over the summer. Remember to record your hours and donations (cash/in-kind) on the project sheets in the appropriate project book. **This is an important way for us to keep accurate records of our time/donations for year-end reporting.** Susan manages the Project I pink book (A through Education/Libraries) and Linda manages the Project II blue book (Environment through W).

Last, but not least, we now have three chairmanships open: A co-chair position for Education, and chairman positions for Arts & Culture, as well as Health & Wellness. Being a program chair, one learns a lot more about our Club projects and it's a rewarding way to become involved. Don't hesitate to let Linda or Susan know if interested.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our October meeting!

Susan susanminnihan@aol.com
Linda Roache lgroache@hotmail.com

CO-SECOND VP/MEMBERSHIP:

Marlene Carney & Gloria Schaaf

Hello October! I love Fall, but it can be difficult getting into the fall spirit when October rolls around and it's still 90 degrees



here in California. October is the month of pumpkins, Halloween, and cozy sweaters. This is the time of year when the leaves start to change color and the air gets a little bit cooler. It's a time for cozy fires, hot chocolate, or hot toddies, and the beginning of family gatherings. A wonderful time to be outdoors and picture this: Me, sitting on my perfectly imperfect porch with a cup of tea, a book, and wrapped in a blanket with my dog Mia barking at the falling leaves, people, and dogs walking by and every imaginable sound she hears.

The change in the season when the stores are filled with the upcoming holiday decorations and tons of goodies. The time of year when the humanitarian in all of us increases to a new level as we think about those who are alone, need aid, food, clothes, or just a little helping hand.

A perfect time for us, as club members, to get out and spread the word of what a great club GWFC La Verne/San Dimas is, how we strive to help our communities and how wonderful it would be to become a member and be a part of our sisterhood. I am proud to announce that during the months of August and September we welcomed three new members.

Kathryn Sandoval
Joined 8/27/23

Helping our community with donations and volunteering where it is much needed. I'm a mother of three adult children now. I've been property management for over 24 years. Also, in 2022 I got my real estate license to start a new chapter in my life. I started watching my Granddaughter 2-3 days a week. I enjoy hiking and doing arts and crafts, baking and cooking.

Christi Joanou
Joined 9/21/2023
Retired

3 children, 3 great grandchildren
Joined to get involved with new things;
Wendy Paolini told her about the club.

Tiffany Burgoyne
Joined 9/21/23
2 children
hobbies are crafting, working out,
succulents
Joined to give back to her community,
building new friendships.
Met Sue Herrera at Starbucks.

The LV/SD club has a lot of activities coming up and volunteer opportunities, please take a moment to meet the newest members and give them a big GFWC welcome.

Use your voice for kindness, your ears for compassion, your hands for charity, your mind for truth, and your heart for love.

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Gloria guschaff@yahoo.com

THIRD VP/WAYS & MEANS:
Sue Herrera



Happy Autumn, ladies! It was so nice to see you all at the September general meeting. I'll be honest, I was a little overwhelmed with my new position; fundraising is no easy task and I give props to Linda and Gayle who have done it for many past years, but I'm up for the challenge with the help of all my sisters in Federation.

If you haven't signed up to volunteer at our huge "Bunco and Brew" fundraiser coming up October 22, PLEASE DO, even if it's for an hour or so. There is so much to do to make this a success for our club and we can't do it without you!



Also, keep in mind for your holiday See's Candy orders, our virtual club candy store will open on November 3 and orders will be taken through December 3. You may reach it by visiting

https://www.yumraising.com/secure/gfwclvd_gfwc_la_vernesan_dimas_womans_club87/SueSue8407/candy. Please give your family and friends the website address and ask them to save time by ordering on-line while helping our club with the many non-profits we work with! As the November 3 date approaches, I'll email the club members a flyer containing a QR code that can be scanned with your phone camera that will instantly take the user to our store front: easy-peasy!

Sue sue.bosek@cvspm.com

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:
Jennifer Nummelin

Hope you join us in October, as we have a speaker: the 'Cancer Support Community of the S.G. Valley.'

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>> Chairmen Chats <<

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN:
Chairman Sue Herrera

Hello, Ladies!

We have the annual City of San Dimas Halloween Spooktacular Trunk or Treat event coming up on October 21st where our club hands out toys/candy to community children.

While Albertsons so generously helps us with candy donations, the City requests that we come prepared with 4,000 pieces!



Therefore, I'm requesting each member to bring a bag of candy to the October 19 general meeting with a note taped to the bag with your name, the time you spent purchasing the candy, and the dollar amount. I'll have an orange bucket on the stage at the meeting where you may place your donation.

If you'd like to donate candy, but won't be at the meeting, you may drop your donation off at my back gate alongside my garage door. Please text me so I know it's there.

Additionally, we still have two volunteer opportunities to work the event that night from 5 to 9:00 p.m. You may dress in costume or simply wear a fun Halloween shirt. It really is a cute event! Let me know if you can help.

Sue 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!

If anyone needs yarn for this project, I'll be bringing some to our October meeting.

Cathy Koch granniepurpyl@gmail.com



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH:
Chairmen Jennifer Nummelin & Candy Miller

The GFWC National Day of Service was a huge success despite rain and street closures. Thank you to all the volunteers who showed up with a positive attitude and irresistible charm.

At the end of the day, we filled almost five cars with donations from customers at the Albertsons in San Dimas. Every contribution was welcomed, but when two customers didn't have time to shop and handed us \$100 each in cash, we were in awe. Volunteers did the shopping and almost skipped to the checkout register. Kudos to our members that made personal cash and food donations, as well. Shepherd's Pantry received the carloads on Monday and was excited by the amount of food and supplies collected. The day was amazing!

Candy candysnrg@verizon.net

*Never underestimate the power of a handwritten greeting card! Once again, we hope to bring holiday cheer to those senior/disabled folks isolated in board-and-care facilities. Please bring your blank Christmas cards to the November meeting, and during our break we will sign them. Thus far, I have collected over 100 cards, and hope many of you bring more. A few of us will deliver to a dozen care facilities after Thanksgiving.

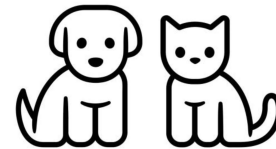
*At some point in your life, you will be on the receiving end of a food bank. Some of us were WIC babies, or needed help during college due to food insecurity, or had occasion to pick up a free meal at a senior center due to temporary financial instability. Really, no one is immune. That said, local food banks are in great need, and our National Day of Service food collection helped a lot. But it doesn't end there, please consider donating to your local food bank.



*Coats, coats, coats!
During November and December, Burlington Coat Factory collects gently used warm coats of all sizes: cleans them, repairs them, and redistributes

them back into the community. Go through your closets. (Do you really need six coats?) This ongoing project is very worthwhile. You can bring your coats to any meeting, and I will hold them until November (*You should see my garage.), when I will drop them off... or you can take them yourselves—just remember to record it in the project book.

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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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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS & PREVENTION:
Marina Salcido

Happy October all, I hope you all are ready for cooler weather. As Susan mentioned at the last meeting, October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. We are asking that all our members wear purple at our October meeting in support of domestic violence awareness. For those who wear purple, you will get a ticket and an opportunity to win a gift. House of Ruth will be hosting their 19th annual candlelight vigil in honoring those whose lives were lost to



domestic violence. The vigil will be held on October 26, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the House of Ruth outreach courtyard located at 599 N. Main St., Pomona, CA 91768. The event is free and open to all ages. If you are available that day, please come out and show your support.

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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

Marina 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, t

SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

Chairmen Jennifer Nummelin & Gayle Garcia

Upcoming Events Info.:

October

Fri. 6th - we visit the Maloof Foundation, 5131 Carnelian St., Rancho Cucamonga. 10 a.m. Free. Museum, woodworking, gardens, etc. *check their website for more info.

Sat. 14th - hike at Bonelli. Bring your sunscreen and water. We hike until we get hungry, then go to lunch at Norm's Hangar at the airport. We meet in the parking lot in front of Norm's Hangar, 1615 McKinley Ave., La Verne, at 10 a.m. It's Free, and a great way to stretch your legs, and get some vitamin D.

Mon. 23rd - gab at Kuns Park, 1600 Bonita Ave., in La Verne. N/W corner of Magnolia. 10 a.m. Bring your chair and a drink. We usually don't stay more than an hour and a half. Free.

Thurs. 26th - lunch at Peacock Gardens. (Several people requested lunch, not dinner.) 23347 Golden Springs Dr, in Diamond Bar. Cross street is Prospectors Rd. Indian food at its best. They have a buffet, which makes it easy to try new dishes. Meet there at 11 a.m.

Send me your ideas for future events!



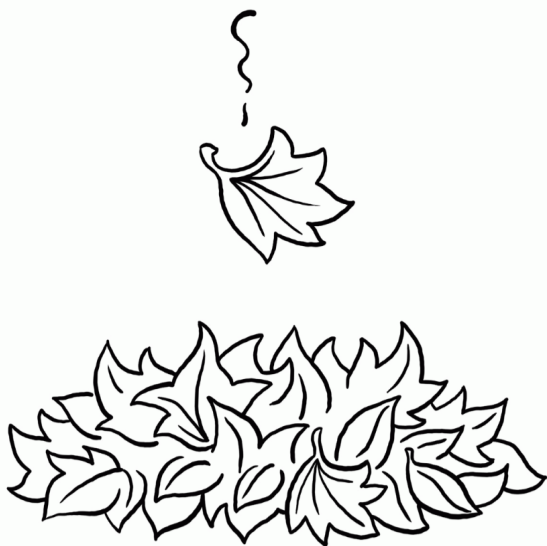
P.S. I am looking for someone to host a coloring party or game night in November. Anyone available?

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Gayle klassiccat@gmail.com
EventsRUs

RE: Richard Piepho's donation of fabric/etc. in honor of his late wife, Evita.

THANK YOU to those who have taken material and transformed it into beautiful and useful items to share with the community. Special thanks to Cathy, Jenel (and her sewing club who have multiplied products by thousands), Gayle, and Tami, who must get 30 hours in their day to work on projects! Your creativity and generosity (and Thank You notes) have made Richard very happy.

Barbara



Happy Anniversary

Eight Years - 10/2015

Charter Member

Dian Moravek

Five Years - 10/2018

Kathy Gomez

Three Years - 10/2020

Marina Salcido

One Year - 10/2022

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