

Orange Blossom Gazette

GFWC LA VERNE-SAN DIMAS WOMAN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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May the Spirit of Nature Fulfill Your Spirit of Volunteering.



Every Moment Counts.



	<p>CALENDAR OF EVENTS</p>
<p>6 Gab @ Sal's Bagelry, 10 am 9 EC Meeting 11 Freedom Bags, Purpose Church, 9 am 14 Pie Party @ Sue's, 6:30-8:30 pm 16 General Meeting 17 St. Patrick's Day 17 St. Patrick's Day Game Night @ Gayl'es, 6 pm 20 Spring Begins 25 Enchanted Tea luncheon, 11:30</p>	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2022 - 2024

President: Tami Miller
 Co-First VP/Dean of Chairmen: Susan Minnihan & Linda Roache
 Co-Second VP/Membership: Marlene Carney & Gloria Schaaf
 Third VP/Ways & Means: Gayle Garcia
 Recording Secretary: Barbara Randolph
 Treasurer: Kathy Castle-Kuhn
 Parliamentarian: Pat Borchard
 Corresponding Secretary: Jennifer Nummelin

members who will be attending on March 10.

Let's support our members being honored: Club Member of the Year, Jennifer Nummelin will be honored on Friday after lunch. Citizen of The Year, Cathy Koch, will be honored Saturday after lunch. Let's support these ladies. If you need a Meal Reservation, send me an email. Your registration will be paid for by our Club.

Program Awards will be presented during Friday and Saturday afternoon sessions.

St. Patrick's Day is usually "Crazy Hat" month. Let's have a little fun at the same time we are taking care of business. There will be a prize for the most "Crazy Hat!"

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Tami Miller

WOW! Have you seen the mountains? They are gorgeous!

Our March meeting is an extremely important meeting. We will be voting on our Bylaws for the next two years, and our future in the San Gabriel Valley District.

Please attend!

There is still time to make your Convention Reservations. I will be turning in our list of



Again, attendance is important at this meeting. Hope to see you there.

Tami Club1270Deventer@yahoo.com
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PRESIDENT'S AIDE/AMENITIES:

Jennifer Nummelin

Happy St Patrick's Day, everyone! This recent week or so has been cold and rainy, but we make the most of it. Some of us by staying inside, taking the opportunity for cleaning, organizing, etc. And others, hibernating under blankets, drinking hot tea, and watching comedies or coloring. Guess which I chose??

When you read this, I will be in Texas helping mom, and if you are expecting something in the Club mail, please contact Sue Minnihan, as she has the extra PO Box key and offered to pick up.

A shout out to all who help me set up and clean up at our meetings. It is much appreciated!

Jennifer jennummelin@aol.com

CO-FIRST VP/DEAN OF CHAIRMEN:

Susan Minnihan & Linda Roache

Here we are, coming into the month of March. After quite a bit of rain and some snow, yes snow, in our foothill neighborhoods in February, I'm looking forward to milder weather, spectacular blooms, and dealing with allergies.

We had a great February meeting with our chairs and project leads reporting on the many projects which our Club supports. Our Girls Love Mail project went well with 145 cards, with a few more coming in, written for a total amount of 12 hours and \$55 In-Kind donation. Such a wonderful feeling to know we're reaching out to breast cancer victims with a note of sister support.



Our members rock! Wonderful to see members support Healthy Heart Month by wearing red. Pat Borchard was the lucky gift recipient.

We recently email blasted updated project/project description lists. Take a look to see if there's a project you may be interested in. Some upcoming projects are crocheting and assembling Backpack Buddies For School Kids, participating in the Paws for Pets' Pet Walk, assembling Freedom Bags for sexual traffic victims, donating chocolate bunnies for Sowing Seeds Easter baskets, and numerous ongoing collections. And if there's a project that you'd like to see our Club involved in, please bring it to our attention and it can be brought before the EC and the membership.

We've requested that all Chairmen and Project Leads place their new Project Sheets for the 2023 year in the Project Books. Thank you to those of you who have done so. Please remember to record all of your info. As you can see, it's important to record all we do so we have accurate accounting for these year-end reports.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at our March meeting!

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

CO-SECOND VP/MEMBERSHIP:

Marlene Carney & Gloria Schaaf

Two popular events are celebrated this month, the Ides of March, and St. Patrick's Day.

Contrary to popular belief that the Ides of March is linked to bad luck, it is in fact a Shakespearean fabrication. The 15th of the month was originally a reason to rejoice and a celebration of the new moon. St Patrick's Day on March 17 is a feast day for the patron saint of Ireland, celebrated by all whether we are Irish or not. The month of

March also has numerous National Days of Observance such as National Peanut Butter Lover's Day, National Learn About Butterflies Day, National Take A Walk In The Park Day, and National California Strawberry Day.

Let us get out and celebrate, whether it is by drinking a stein of green beer, dancing under the full moon, eating peanut butter, chasing butterflies, or eating strawberries. No matter how you choose to celebrate or go on outings, I encourage you to wear your GFWC club T-Shirt as it will bring awareness to our club and open the conversation to offer an invitation to our next meeting scheduled for March 16.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DATE IS MARCH 16. Please note that there may be a minimal increase due to District, State, and GFWC increases; the increase would be less than \$5. Unfortunately, the final decision on the amount for renewal and new members may not happen before the renewal date of March 16; so as mentioned in our February meeting, we ask that all members bring her membership payment method to the next club meeting.

LET'S RALLY TO MAKE OUR CLUB MORE VISIBLE AND ENTICE NEW MEMBERS!

Marlene carney.marlene@gmail.com
Gloria guschaaf@yahoo.com

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Pat Borchard

"When I count my blessings, I count all of you."

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Please look over the proposed by-law changes. We will be voting on them at our March meeting. At our last meeting, it was brought to the attention of the membership that the Nominations & Elections Committee should only be a one-year term, therefore, that change will also be reflected in the proposals that will

be voted on at the March meeting. The proposals are included in this issue once again for your convenience. *Note the Italicized areas which signify changes proposed at our February meeting.*

Thank you to Linda Koontz and Cathy Koch for volunteering to be on the Nominating/Elections Committee. It is never too early to start considering how you can step up and take on a leadership position for the term 2024-2026. The elected positions are: President, Dean(1st VP), Membership(2nd VP), Ways& Means(3rd VP), Recording Secretary, and Treasurer. The term of office is for two years. A candidate for President shall have served at least one year in another elective office prior to her nomination for President. The President appoints the following positions: Corresponding Secretary and Parliamentarian. There are also chairmanships that you may volunteer for and are then ratified by the membership.

Looking forward to seeing you at our March meeting.

GFWC La Verne-San Dimas Woman's Club
Bylaw and Standing Rule
Revision/Recommendations

- *Add revision date on Bylaw page
- *Remove "she"...making bylaws and standing rules gender neutral.(per CFWC request)
- *grammatical and typo-graphical errors to be corrected.

Article III: Fiscal Year & Annual Meeting

Currently states: The fiscal year of this Club shall be from June 1 through May 31, to coincide with the annual meeting of the District, State, and General organizations. The annual meeting of this Club shall be in **May** of each year.

Recommendation: Add Sections **Section 1:** The fiscal year of this Club shall be from June 1 through May 31, to coincide



with the annual meeting of the District, State, and General organizations.

Section 2: The annual meeting of this Club shall be in May of each year.

Rationale: Brings it into uniformity with format of other bylaws.

Article IV: Membership

Section 3: Member in Good Standing

A member in good standing is defined as having paid the current Club dues, attended at least six(6) regular membership meetings and participated in at least one(1) fundraiser and one(1) project each year.

Recommendation: Delete attended at least six(6) regular membership meetings and participated in at least one(1) fundraiser and one(1) project each year.

Rationale: Per CFWC a member in good standing is one who has paid their dues. We cannot require anything else.

Shall read: A member in good standing is defined as having paid the current Club dues.

Section 6: Reinstatement

Membership may be reinstated pursuant to the requirements of the Club, District, State, or General, subject to payment of any delinquent dues or required fees.

Add: organizations

Rationale: defines what we are

Shall read: Membership may be reinstated pursuant to the requirements of the Club, District, State, or General organizations, subject to payment of any delinquent dues or required fees.

Article V: Dues

Section 2: Delinquent

Any member whose annual dues has not been received by the Club treasurer by the **March** meeting shall not be eligible to vote at any meeting thereafter; shall not be considered an eligible candidate for any elected office; and the member's name shall be removed from the active membership rolls by June 1.

Add: or appointed office/chairmanship

Change: has to have, by to as of.

Delete: shall not be eligible to vote at any meeting thereafter

Rationale: should dues not be paid at the March meeting, that member is still a current dues paying member until May 31st and are allowed to vote. The dues we collect are for the new year. That member cannot serve in a chairmanship or an appointed position if dues are not paid for the new year.

Shall read: Any member whose annual dues have not been received by the Club treasurer by the **March** meeting shall not be an eligible candidate for any elected office; and the member's name shall be removed from the active membership rolls as of June 1.

Article VII: Nominations & Election

Section 1. Election Committee:

First Sentence reads: The Nominations & Elections Committee shall consist of at least three (3) members, elected in January to serve a two (2) year term.

Change: 2 years to 1 year

Rationale: Should only be a one year term.

Shall read: The Nominations & Elections Committee shall consist of at least three (3) members, elected in January to serve a one (1) year term.

Section 3: Ratification by Members

Members shall have the right to ratify or nullify the actions taken by the Executive Committee and any such action(s) taken may be ratified or rescinded by a majority vote of the members present and eligible to vote at any meeting of the membership.

Add: eligible

Delete: and eligible

Rationale: reads better

Shall read: Members shall have the right to ratify or nullify the actions taken by the Executive Committee and any other action(s) taken may be ratified or rescinded by a majority vote of the eligible members present at any meeting of the membership.



Section 2: Ballots

Bold the word March

Rationale: March is bolded in other sections, makes it uniform

Section 3: Special Election

Last sentence.....

Reads: If the committee is unable to obtain candidates for any vacant office(s), then the Executive Committee shall have the authority to fill the vacant office(s) by appointment, subject to ratification by members at the Club's next regular meeting.

Add: eligible

Rationale: clarifies who can vote

Shall read: If the committee is unable to obtain candidates for any vacant office(s), then the Executive Committee shall have the authority to fill the vacant office(s) by appointment, subject to the ratification by eligible members at the Club's next regular meeting.

Article VIII: Elected Officers & Duties

Section 1: Officers

The elected officers of this organization shall be President, First Vice President/Dean of Chairmen, Second Vice President/Membership, Third Vice President/Way & Means, Recording Secretary and Treasurer.

Add: Any office can be shared by two (2) members and known as –co-, except for financial offices.

Rationale: Allows for two members to share the responsibility of one office.

Shall read: The elected officers of this organization shall be President, First Vice President/Dean of Chairmen, Second Vice President/Membership, Third Vice President/Ways & Means, Recording Secretary and Treasurer. Any office can be shared by two (2) members and known as –co-, except for financial offices.

(c) Second Vice President/Membership

Shall perform the duties of the President in the absence, of the President or First Vice President.

Change: "or" to "and"

Rationale: Clarifies that both the President and First Vice President have to absent.

Shall read: Shall perform the duties of the President in the absence, of the President and First Vice President.

.....shall be responsible for completion and submission of the annual Club Information Form(Date Blanks) to be submitted with the Club check to the District by its **April** due date.

Delete: (Data Blanks)

Rationale: Form is called "Club Information Form"

Shall read:shall be responsible for completion and submission of the annual Club Information Form to be submitted with the Club check to the District by its **April** due date.

(d) Third Vice President

Shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President, First Vice President, or Second Vice President.

Change: "or" to "and"

Rationale: Clarifies that the President, 1st VP and 2nd VP have to be absent before the 3rd VP steps in.

Shall read: Shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President, First Vice President and Second Vice President.

Article X: Executive Committee

Section 4: Telephonic/Electronic Meetings

Delete: (Skype,etc)

Rationale: Skype not commonly used any longer.

Shall read: Shall read the same with the omission of Skype.



Article XI: CSP, Advancement Plans & Administrative Chairmen

Section 1: Term

The term of Chairmen shall be two(2) years or until a successor is appointed. Chairmen shall not hold the same position for more than four(4) consecutive years.

Add: Should a vacancy occur at anytime during a chairman's term the four(4) year consecutive restriction may be waived.

Rationale: A previous chairman who has already completed 4 consecutive years may be considered for the vacant chairmanship.

Shall read: The term of Chairmen shall be two(2) years or until a successor is appointed. Chairmen shall not hold the same position for more than four(4) consecutive years. Should a vacancy occur at anytime during a chairman's term the four(4) year consecutive restriction may be waived.

Standing Rules

4. **New Members:** Prospective members joining after Club Information Form/Data Blanks are submitted to the District(**April**), shall be responsible for payment of the initiation fee of \$25.00, in addition to the following dues; Club(\$14.00), SGVD(\$2.00), CFWC(\$4.00) and GFWC(\$15.00).

Delete: Data Blanks

Change: SGVD and CFWC have increased dues

Shall read: Prospective members joining after Club Information Form is submitted to the District(**April**), shall be responsible for payment of the initiation fee of \$25.00 in addition to the following dues: Club(\$14,00), SGVD(\$4.00), CFWC(\$5.00) and GFWC(\$15.00).

Pat peb1956@verizon.net

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Jennifer Nummelin

I keep all the 'thank you' correspondence, and if you ever want to know just how many agencies, people, and projects we are involved with, just ask to see it. You would be amazed.

Jennifer jennummelin@aol.com

Secret Sister,

Thank you for my Valentine's Gift of Skinny Pop, Hershey Kisses and the rock "believe." I love it all!

Hugs,

Linda (Koontz)

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I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for honoring me with Citizen of the Year. This was a complete surprise to me & very much appreciated!

Cathy

>> Chairmen Chats <<

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN:

Chairman Sue Herrera

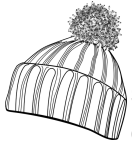
Happy Spring, ladies!

We're going to make a motion at this month's General Meeting to work on a project called "Backpack Buddies For School Kids" where cute little crocheted octopuses are made by our members and then donated to local elementary school children in Covina, Azusa, Glendora and Bonita school districts. We hope you'll vote to pass the motion, as this is a great project that doesn't cost the club any money. If you crochet, can stuff or can sew on faces, we'd



love to have you help at an upcoming finishing event!

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!

Cathy Koch granniepurpyl@gmail.com

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH:

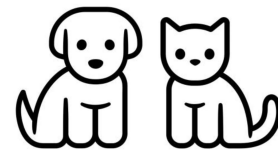
Chairmen Jennifer Nummelin & Candy Miller

Easter bunnies: The Sowing Seeds agency is collecting chocolate Easter bunnies for the kids and while our Club is making a financial donation, if anyone wants to donate a chocolate bunny, Barbara will collect them at the March meeting.

Paws 4 Pets: The Inland Valley Humane Society has their annual Paws 4 Pets fundraiser on April 22. If you'd like to sign up for a 1.5 mile walk at Bonelli Lake, it's a fun morning and simple way to raise funds for the animals at the shelter. They could use your support. I.V.H.S. website is ivhsspca.org.

Retiring Old Glory project: Gayle is collecting (old) U.S. Flags. There is a specific procedure in 'retiring' them, and she hopes to prevent them from improperly ending up in landfills.

Jennifer jennummelin@aol.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

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

Crossroads has extended their shoe drive until April 3. Bring your shoe donations to our March meeting and give them to Eleonore Burrell. Crossroads is an agency that houses women recently released from prison. Any member wishing to donate gently used clothing, purses, shoes, and other items can do so by taking your donations to 1269 Harvard Avenue in Claremont. Drop off your donations at the red door. Please mark your items La Verne/San Dimas Women's Club and don't forget to log your donations in our Project Book at our next meeting.

Traffic Free Pomona is asking for volunteers to fill Freedom bags on March 11 at Purpose Church located at 586 N. Main Street in Pomona, H building room # 102. Volunteers are needed from 9:00 am to 10:30 am.

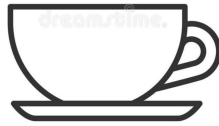
Marina dirt4us4@yahoo.com



ENVIRONMENT:

Chairman Marina Salcido

We will be conducting Penny Pines collection at our March meeting. Your Support will help reforestation of the San Bernardino National Forest.



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, 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

LEGISLATION & PUBLIC POLICY:

Chairman Barbara Randolph

Support of HR 82: This bi-partisan bill will repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO), penalties that financially harm millions of retirees across our nation. The WEP and GPO cut or eliminate Social Security benefits that retirees have paid for. Retired educators suffer devastating financial loss when their spouse dies and they lose their survivor benefits because of the GPO, even though that benefit had been paid for by their spouse. Educators also experience a 50% decrease in their Social Security Benefits even though they have paid into it. I received legislative alerts as a member of California Retired Teachers Association and can forward you these alerts if you are interested in supporting this effort. I will have a sign up sheet at the next meeting.

Pat Borchard peb1956@verizon.net

SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

Chairmen Jennifer Nummelin & Gayle Garcia

Upcoming Events Info.:

LOTS GOING ON!!

Monday, March 6: Gab at Sal's Bagelry and Brew, 2095 Foothill Blvd., L.V. "D" Street, 10 a.m. This is an indoor (warm) coffee/breakfast meetup, as it is ❄️ winter.



Saturday, March 11: Freedom Bags at Purpose Church, 601 N. Garey Ave., Pomona *Holt Ave* 9:00 a.m. We pack bags for an hour, and sometimes go to lunch and gab afterwards.

Tuesday, March 14: Pi (3.14) Party at Sue Herrera's home, 155 Hollyglen Ln., San Dimas *Foothill Blvd*, 6:30- 8:30 p.m. Stop by for a slice of pie and to gab about math or something even more interesting! Please RSVP by March 13 to (714) 501-6208 (text or call). Any questions, plz email Sue. sue.bosek@cvspm.com Pie will be served!



Friday, March 17: St Patrick's Game night at Gayle's home, 733 Cambert St, L.V. *S.D. Canyon Rd.*, 6:00 p.m. Any questions, plz email Gayle. klassiccat@gmail.com *wear green, plz*

Saturday, March 25: Enchanted Tea luncheon, 120 W. Bonita St, San Dimas *San Dimas Ave*, 11:30, \$23.00 I need a headcount and & money (paid to Club) at the next Club Mtg, plz.

Everyone, send us your ideas for future events!!

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Gayle klassiccat@gmail.com
EventsRUs

WOMEN'S HISTORY:
Chairman Gloria Schaff

MILESTONES IN WOMEN'S HISTORY

Through decades of activism and organizing, women have made hard-won



gains across social, economic, political, and cultural spectrums. Observing milestones in women's history also reminds us of the steps still required to achieve true gender equality.

Starting with the year 1919, we can read about significant milestones and contributions women have made to our lives.

1919: National Women's Party sparks 'Watchfires of Freedom'

Members of Congress introduced a constitutional amendment enshrining women's right to vote in 1878, but it would take decades of protest for it to become the law of the land. In 1918, President Woodrow Wilson started supporting women's suffrage, but members of the National Women's Party thought he wasn't using his influence to sway the last two senators needed for an amendment to pass. In January 1919, activists started burning Wilson's speeches outside public buildings, implying he was a hypocrite for not doing more. The amendment passed a few months later.

1920: The 19th Amendment becomes law

After the 19th Amendment passed through Congress, it was turned over to the states; two-thirds (or 36) had to ratify the amendment before it could become law. Seven states rejected the amendment outright. The decisive vote came from Tennessee after a young representative's mother convinced him to vote in support of suffrage, breaking a tie in that state's legislature. The amendment was certified on Aug. 26, 1920, and women in every state could vote in elections that November.

Gloria guschaaf@yahoo.com



Linda Roache 3/2

Happy Anniversary

Six Years - 3/2017

Elise Considine

Susan Minnihan

Three Years - 3/2020

Candy Miller

Sue Herrera

Gloria Schaff

One Year - 3/2022

Tina Perez

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