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Every act of kindness sparkles like a star.
Embrace the power of kindness and shine brightly.





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OF

EVENTS

05 - Gab at Kun's Park
07 - Pat vs Rotary
08 - Hike at Big Dalton Canyon
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
2024 - 2026

President: Marlene Carney
Co-First VP/Dean of Chairmen: Susan Minnihan & Linda Roache
Co-Second VP/Membership: Jody Mentzer & Sonya Whatley
Third VP/Ways & Means: Sue Herrera
Recording Secretary: Barbara Randolph
Treasurer: Cathy Koch
Parliamentarian: Pat Borchard
Corresponding Secretary: Eleonore Burress



MONTHLY CLUB CONTEST

Find the hidden symbol embedded in the monthly newsletter text. Anyone that locates the symbol, should inform Gloria Schaaf at guschaaf@yahoo.com of its location by text message, e-mail or send a picture from your phone no later than the 12th of each month. Those individuals that have correctly located the symbol will be entered into a drawing for a gift card. The **drawing** will be held during the General Club Meeting and the gift Card presented to the winner.

The symbol to find for June: 
This will be an ongoing monthly contest with a new symbol each month. Good Luck to all.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:
Marlene Carney

As we step into June, the days are longer, the sun shines brighter, and the promise of summer brings a sense of joy as we plan activities, trips and time with family and friends. It's also a time to reflect on the first half of the year and to look ahead with purpose and positivity. June is also the first month of our fiscal year.

As I begin my second year as the club president, I am so pleased to write that at the recent CFWC Convention held in May, the La Verne-San Dimas Woman's Club received the 2024 CFWC Service Award for Membership Increase in Area B and the 2024 CFWC Service Award for Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention. This is a big deal when we are recognized at the state level. Congratulations go to Jody Mentzer and Sonya Whatley for their amazing job of building the membership. Today we have 56 members. Congratulations also goes to Marina Salcido for her work dealing with the prevention of domestic and sexual violence. Thank you to all those ladies who have given time and energy to these areas.

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. We will be volunteering for a food drive at Albertson's San Dimas on June 28 which will benefit Sowing Seeds for Life and Shepherd's Pantry. In addition, plans will begin for the upcoming third annual Bunco & Brew event which will be held on October 18, 2025. It is the club's biggest fundraiser, and it will require many volunteers. Stay tuned for details of the event.

While some chapters pause for the season, our hearts and hands remain active—nurturing friendships, pursuing passions, and preparing for what's next. Thanks to our social chair Jennifer Nummelin, there will be some social events that I hope I will see you at. I will always be available if you want to chat, discuss a project idea, or have questions about the club's activities. Ladies, go out and embrace kindness, shine brightly and sparkle like the stars that you are.

"June is the season of endless adventure, beckoning us to explore and embrace new experiences."
– Frances Mayes, Under the Tuscan Sun (1996)

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

Hi ladies – With our Fiscal Year behind us now, I can't believe we are winding down, and summer months (along with hotter weather) is just around the corner! *Just to recap our major financial donations for this fiscal year:*

With our successful Bunco & Brews fundraiser (kudos again to Sue Herrera) we were able to donate generous checks to: **Le Roy Haynes Family of Programs**, under Advocates for Children; **Sowing Seeds and Shepherd's Pantry**, under Civic Engagement: **House of Ruth** and **Purpose Church Freedom Bags Project**, under Domestic Violence; and to **City of Hope**, a check and Chemo Bags, under Health and Wellness. With successful fundraising, this year not only accomplished the above, but we all supported our many other projects with our time, energy and donations! Also, Dian Moravek announced at our last meeting that we were able to donate $1,200 for the Fire victims. We want to thank everyone for all their contributions and to realize that we do truly make a difference within our communities.

The Club's new year "officially" starts with our June meeting, which means our new budget for the next year will begin. So, keep in mind that all our projects only get accomplished with the help of our members. Please keep that in mind as you may hear our wonderful Project Chairmen relay their reports at our meetings and ask for help with signups or consider taking on a Lead position if one is needed. You can always inquire with us if you have any questions, Remember, working outside of the Club meetings are great opportunities to get better acquainted with members and to make new friends.

We know that our summer break is going to be quickly upon us with perhaps vacations or just looking forward to the "lazy days of summer". This will be our last Newsletter article until September, but please continue to check your emails throughout the summer to see if there's any opportunities that our chairmen might be needing a helping hand with. Some projects may be happening during the summer months and I'm sure Jennifer will be keeping us all informed with a few social activities to keep us all in touch as well!
Looking forward to seeing you all at our June meeting before going "dark" for July and August. But if we don't see you then, perhaps at one of our summer projects or outings. I wish you all a wonderful and safe summer!

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

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

SUMMER IS ON THE WAY As the days grow longer and the sun shines brighter, we joyfully welcome the arrival of summer! It's a season of renewal, connection, and vibrant energy—perfect for gathering, exploring new activities, and celebrating the strength and spirit of our community. Whether you're traveling, tending to your garden, or simply enjoying a good book in the sunshine, we hope this summer brings you moments of joy, laughter, and inspiration. Here's a season filled with warmth, friendship, and all the little things that make life beautiful!

PLEASE WELCOME our newest member. **Laura Gonzales** joined again on May 15th. She is a past member. She enjoys dancing, theater, traveling and collecting. She wants to be part of a group that gives back to the community.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD LOVE OUR CLUB? INVITE THEM IN! Our Club thrives because of the incredible women who make it what it is—supportive, inspiring, and full of heart. Do you know someone who would enjoy our events, share our values, or simply love being part of a positive, welcoming community? We'd love to meet them! Whether it's a friend, neighbor, coworker, or family member, extend the invitation. Sometimes all it takes is a simple "come with me" to open the door to new friendships and opportunities. Let's continue to grow together—one amazing woman at a time.

"Summer breeze makes me feel fine." — Seals & Crofts

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>> Chairmen Chats <<

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN: Susan Hope

Esther Garza-Maloney will continue to collect through the summer for the **Fremont Academy Latina Club** boutique**.** Members can drop off bags/items on her front porch, 1925 Cobblefield Way, Glendora. So, let's continue to purge our homes!!

Shoes that Fit will be having their annual backpack event toward the end of July. We will be filling new backpacks with sneakers and school supplies. These backpacks will be distributed to deserving local students at the start of the school year. At our June meeting I will have a sign-up sheet and the dates for this event.

We are excited to participate in **National Night Out** sponsored by the La Verne Police department. This will take place on August 5, at Las Flores Park, 4:30-7:30 PM. Our club will be taking part in the Fill-A-Cop-Car with school supplies. If you would like to donate, please meet at

the park at 5:30. Or, you can drop off supplies at my home: 2931 King St, La Verne, 91750 by July 29th.

Susan foster.hope@verizon.net

ARTS AND CULTURE: Tami Miller

CRAFTERS WANTED!
Craft Sales are a big part of the fundraising at "Bunco & Brew". If you are a crafter we need your help. Donate your craft to this fundraiser. We accept any type of craft, especially seasonal crafts. Bunco & Brew will be held on October 18, 2025 before Thanksgiving and Christmas so these items sell fast. Tree and table ornaments, bookmarkers and small purses are a few other items that are popular.

I will have a sign-up sheet at the June meeting. If you have any questions, shoot me an email.

Tami club1270deventer@yahoo.com

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH:
Jennifer Nummelin & Candy Miller

Ahhhh, the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer are upon us! Time for BBQ's, vacations, power naps when there are power outages and, for some, thinking about how to make sure the family gets nutritious meals. Ladies, you have stepped up to be part of that solution. Our food drive, to support Sowing Seeds for Life Food Bank and Shepherd's Pantry, will be held at the Albertson's in San Dimas on June 28th. Our volunteer team is full but look forward to anyone who would like to come by and say Hi or donate to the cause. Summer is very problematic, in terms of food insecurity. Kids are not in school, so have no access to school lunch programs. Any help at collecting nonperishable food is appreciated. For those volunteering, an email will be sent with info before the food drive. Stay cool and take care of yourselves and loved ones. It's fulfilling camaraderie and a joy to see how the community steps up to help others. I know you'll enjoy your time away, but I also know your gift of giving your time and your care for others less fortunate rarely takes a break.

The 4th of July Parade is just around the corner! Sofia has offered to organize it. She will need assistance in this endeavor. Participating in this parade gives our Club exposure to the community, so please consider contacting Sofia if you are available in any way, from decorating the truck, to dressing patriotically and riding in the truck, etc.

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Candy candysnrg@verizon.net

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS & PREVENTION:
Marina Salcido

Welcome to all our new members. We have various domestic violence projects that you can participate in during this summer. Crossroads accepts gently used women's clothes and shoes. Your donations will help women released from incarceration transition back into society. Donations can be delivered to 1269 Harvard Avenue in Claremont and placed in the driveway in front of the big red shed doors. Don't forget to write a note that donations were made by LV/SD Women's Club. Please note that House of Ruth is not equipped to take in used items unless it has been arranged through their outreach personnel. House of Ruth has a wish list and pantry item list for victims of domestic violence. If you are interested in donating to house of Ruth and would like a copy of any of the wish lists, please message Marina at dirt4us4@yahoo.com. You may drop off those wish list items at 599 N. Main Street in Pomona.

Shirley Vanderbeck will be collecting used cellphones at our September meeting. Verizon will clean all data and set them to only make 911 calls. All cell phones are given to shelters who will distribute cell phones to victims of domestic violence. Help me give you the proper credit for all the fantastic work you do to support our programs. Please log in your time, money, and in-kind donations in project folders.

Marina dirt4us4@yahoo.com

ENVIRONMENT: Chairman Marina Salcido

Happy summer ladies. You can all continue to participate in several environmental projects during the summer months. Let's continue collecting those gently used cups for Corky and bring those cups to our September meeting. Every plastic bottle or aluminum can that is recycled helps both our environment and our local school. Please take them to a recycling center and give your donation to our club treasurer Cathy Koch. Your donations will be forwarded to Bonita High School Band to help purchase equipment and uniforms.

We continue accepting any gently used towels and bedding for Inland Valley Humane Society. You can bring them to our meeting or contact Jennifer Nummelin.

If you have any questions, please contact Marina at (626) 643-0912 or come talk to me at our next meeting if you have any ideas of how we can help our environment.

Marina dirt4us4@yahoo.com

LEGISLATION & PUBLIC POLICY: Barbara Randolph

Thank you for signing up to receive our GFWC Legislative Alerts and for responding. Please keep your own time sheet at home, indicating the time you spend reading and responding to these Alerts. I will collect your sheets at the end of the year when I write the Report we submit to District.

In case you have forgotten, here are the simple steps to sign up for the Legislative Action Center:

1. Go to gfwc.org and click on Advocacy on the menu bar.
2. Click on Get Involved. A new page will pop up titled Act Now: Use our Legislative Alerts.
3. Under "Sign up for alerts," fill in your email, zip code, and click on the arrow to review your information, then click save.

THANK YOU again!

Barbara roddyrandolph@yahoo.com

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Jennifer Nummelin

Upcoming Events Info.:

June:
Thurs 05th- Gab at Kun's Park, 10 a.m. Bring a chair and cold drink.
Sun 08th- Hike at Big Dalton Canyon, 10 a.m. Lunch afterward.
Sat 07th— Pat vs Rotary, 11:00 a.m. *details are in your emails, and newsletter. Let's support her!!
Sat 21st— District tour of the San Gabriel Mission *details in Pat's emails.
Sun 22nd - Lunch at Lucky Elephant Thai, San Dimas, 11 a.m. 531 Arrow Highway, south of Bonita, S.D.
Sat 28th - Food collection at Albertson's (details in emails from Candy).

July:
Thurs 03rd - Dinner at Costa's restaurant, Covina, 6 p.m. 851 E. San Bernardino Rd, at Grand Ave, Covina.
Sat 12th - Tour of IN AND OUT museum at 11 a.m., 13766 Francisquito Ave., 10 fwy., Baldwin Park.
Sat 19th - Ice Cream Social, 2:00 p.m. Details to follow—we need a hostess!
Tues 29th— Gab at Miss Donut and Bagelry, 10 a.m. 2082 Bonita Ave., at D Street, in L.V

We are looking for a hostess, for the ice cream social, in July. Please let Jennifer know if you have room for a dozen or more people. You do not have to do much, we help with setting up, cleaning up, etc.

Jennifer jennummelin@aol.com

>> On-going Projects <<

 I will be collecting homemade (knitted, crocheted, sewn) beanies, scarves, & pillowcases 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



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.

I stopped off at the Ontario USO and delivered 1 large shopping bag of individually wrapped plastic utensils with a napkin inside and 3 large shopping bags of condiments (mustard, mayo, soy sauce, taco sauce, etc.). **Please I Won't need any more until the Fall of this year.**

Thanks to all for the donations.

Shirley Vanderbeck legalrabb@aol.com



Cups for Corky is our on-going Environment project. Those of you reorganizing 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.

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Marina dirt4us4@yahoo.com

Happy Anniversary

JUNE

Sofia Chudzik Bauer -1 Year
Marlene Carney – 7 Years
Marilyn Marie Cruz – 1 Year
Senator Susan Rubio – 1 Year

JULY

Donna Fuller – 1 Year
Jennifer Stone – 1 Year

AUGUST
Kathryn Sandoval – 2 Years

AUGUST
Charter Members since 2015
(10 Years)
Pat Borchard
Linda Koontz
Jennifer Nummelin



Happy Birthday

JUNE
6/10 – Mimi Harris
6/22 – Jocelyn Campbell

JULY
7/4 – Donna Velosa
7/5 – Christi Joanou
Doris Lackey
7/17 – Laura Gonzales
7/20 - Sofia Chudzik Bauer
7/25 – Kathy Castle

AUGUST
8/7 - Eleonore Burress
8/16 – Sue Herrera
8/21 – Susan Minnihan
Kathryn Sandoval
8/27 – Sharon Keehne

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MEMBERS IN ACTION

Coloring Social on May 4th





Hike at Big Dalton Canyon on Saurday, May 24th



Summer Bowling League is going strong. Stop by and cheer them on



La Verne - San Dimas Woman's Club

June 2025

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8 Pentecost Hike at Big Dalton Canyon	**9**	**10**  Mimi Harris	**11**	**12**	**13**	**14** Flag Day
15 Father's Day	**16**	**17**	**18**	**19** Juneteenth	**20**	**21** June Solstice (GMT) District tour of SG Mission
22 lunch at Lucky Elephant  Jocelyn Campbell	**23**	**24**	**25**	**26**	**27**	**28** Food Collection at Albertson's
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