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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.



	CALENDAR OF EVENTS
9 EC Meeting 11 Walk @ Bonelli, 10 am 14 Valentine's Day 16 General Meeting 20 President's Day 22 Movie @ Laemmle, TBA	

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Tami Miller

Wishing you a Happy Valentine's Day! If you don't have someone special to show your love to that day, love yourself. Sometimes we get so wrapped up in all the things we need to do for others we neglect ourselves. Go to the store and buy yourself a nice house plant that would make you happy when you see it. **DO IT!**

February is Black History Month along with some other special days to celebrate. Here are some of those important days: 1st - National Freedom Day, 8th - Take a Child to the Library Day, 9th - National Pizza Day and

World Marriage Day, The 2nd Sunday of the month is Opera Day and Read in the

Bathtub Day, 10th - National Umbrella Day and the 2nd Monday of the month is National Clean Out Your Computer Day. 12th - Abraham Lincoln's Birthday, 14th Valentine's Day, 17th - Presidents' Day, 22nd - George Washington's Birthday.

Recently I emailed you The Key, the District Newsletter. In the Woman's History & Resource Center section, Kim Plater made a request. ***"Write Women Back into History – Tell Me Your Story."***

Tell about why you joined the Club and why you come to our meetings. It could be as short as a few paragraphs, an email or a letter. How did you find out about our Club and what are your favorite projects?

Send your story to kimplater@aol.com and copy me, Club270deventer@yahoo.com. With your permission she will have it printed in the District Newsletter each month. Let's write ourselves back into history by making these stories part of our Club History.

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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

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

Well, we're already going into the second month of the new year! We accomplished so much in January by getting all of the Chairmen's reports submitted to District. Again, thank you to all of the Chairmen for getting their reports in to us by (or even before) the deadline! It is much appreciated. If you missed out on Tami's email, here are our Stats below: Quite impressive ladies!

We accomplished for 2022 a total of 86 Projects, put in 6,128 Hours, had \$7,060 in Donations and \$14,887 of In-Kind Donations! (A copy of the breakdown for these numbers in each category is in our Project Books.)

We've requested that all Chairmen place their new Project Sheets for the 2023 year in the Project Books; if you don't see what you're working on in there, just let us know! Please remember to record all of your time. As you can see, it's important to record all we do so we have accurate accounting for these year-end reports.



There are a lot of opportunities to connect with the community and volunteer with a number of our on-going projects. Check out what Chairmen are reporting and see where you can get involved!

Remember, if you have something of interest 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.

Olivia has planned for members to participate in our project "Girls Love Mail" at our February meeting. So, please bring in any note cards you have so we can do this hands-on project.

February is recognized by GFWC as Red Heart Health Month. So, we're requesting members to wear red at our February meeting. We'll have a drawing for those participating!



Thanks for all you do to make this club the best in La Verne and San Dimas! Looking forward to seeing you all at the February meeting!

Last, but certainly not least, a big Thank You to Marina Salcido for graciously volunteering to chair our Domestic Violence Awareness/Prevention Program!

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

CO-SECOND VP/MEMBERSHIP:
Marlene Carney & Gloria Schaaf

Welcome to February. The club, 37 members strong, is off to a great start. We look forward to seeing everyone at the monthly membership meeting on Thursday, February 16, at the San Dimas Masonic Lodge. Social hour begins at 6:30 pm with the meeting beginning at 7 pm.

We invite every member to invite a prospective member to the upcoming February 16 club meeting. Some of you have given me some names and we will be contacting them to invite them. The months between January and April are the months to recruit new members and we want to keep growing the membership. Our growth provides a very positive impact on the many people and organizations we serve.

There are many monthly observances celebrated in February. Some of the observances that stood out to me are American Heart Month, Black History Month, National Self Check Month, National Library Lover's Month, National Snack Food Month, and Chinese Lunar New Year celebrations. And of course, we cannot forget that love is in the air during February which gives us another opportunity to enjoy CHOCOLATE and FLOWERS!!

Love is all about who we are as a club. It is about all those that we love and who are special in our lives. February should be a time to connect with a loved one whether it be good friends, family, your significant other, someone that has made a positive difference in your life, someone you don't know well but that may need a message of love and understanding. February is about

sharing the love in our hearts and receiving love.

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY EXTENDED DEADLINE – FEBRUARY 6

A membership survey was sent to all members electronically and distributed at the January member meeting. The feedback we receive from the survey will help the club leadership plan programs and projects that are relevant to the needs of those we serve and to you as members. Please complete the survey; the deadline has been extended to February 6. You can scan the completed survey and email to carney.marlene@gmail.com You can also mail your completed survey to Marlene Carney, 1632 Kent Drive, La Verne, CA 91750. Thank you for your help. This is your club and your opinion matters.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DATE MARCH 16

March is club membership renewal month. We will be sending out an email regarding membership renewals. Please note that there may be a minimal increase due to District, State and GFWC increases. The increase would be less than \$5 but will be discussed at the February membership meeting. Once we have a final decision on the amount for renewal and new members, an email will be sent to all.

We wish everyone a month filled with love and joy.

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



THIRD VP/WAYS & MEANS:

Gayle Garcia

The Coin Game

Hey Ladies, don't forget to bring 70 coins (nickels and higher) to the February meeting. We will be playing the Coin Game as a Fundraiser for the Bonita High School Marching Band.

The Game: There will be 70 questions asked. Drop a coin in the bucket for each question you answer in the affirmative; i.e. have you ever been married, do you have a body piercing (ears definitely count), have you ever gotten a speeding ticket, etc.

We will have a small prize for the person who answers 'yes' to the most questions. And if you answer 'yes' to all the questions, then I will help you write a book about your life, 'cuz it's gonna be a doozie!

Diamond Ring Raffle

The winner of the raffle for the Diamond Ring was Chris Constantin, San Dimas City Manager.

Gayle klasiccat@gmail.com

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Pat Borchard

Happy February to all of you. The Bylaw Committee has met and included in this newsletter are the proposed bylaw and standing rule recommendations. Please look them over and keep them handy because we will be voting on them at the March meeting.

Thank you Tami, Cathy, and Gloria for attending this meeting. Another thank you to our President Tami who opened her home to us to have this meeting.



In February we will be voting for a Nominations and Elections Committee. I should have done this in January, oops! No, we are not having elections this year, but the committee is formed in an odd numbered year. Please refer to Article VII: Nominations & Elections: Section 1: Election Committee in your by laws. There needs to be at least 3 members nominated to be on this committee. The first member nominated and if elected, shall be the chairman of the committee.

I look forward to seeing you at our February 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 the 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 & Elections

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 VII: 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

A lot of thank you letters received, this past month, for all the work we've accomplished during the holidays. *Not that we do it for the recognition, right? If you want to recognize an agency or individual for their collaboration, let me know.

Jennifer jennummelin@aol.com



>> Chairmen Chats <<

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN:

Chairman Sue Herrera

Happy Valentine's Day, to my sisters.
Please know you're all near and dear to my heart!

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

Ryan's Smiles

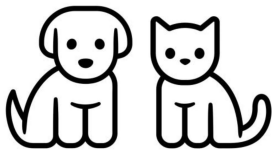
Ryan's Smiles is an ongoing project where we provide handmade pillowcases to children in need. We ask that the material is bright and colorful, child-appropriate in theme and does not contain skulls, specific sports or holidays, or red as the main background color as it tends to bleed in the wash. Fabric is also to be 100% cotton – no jersey, flannel material, etc.

If you don't sew but would still like to participate in this project, please feel free to

donate fabric to me, in one-yard increments, I will be happy to make the pillowcases for you. Just keep track of the time spent to obtain material and the amount spent so I can include the information in my year-end report.

Gayle Garcia klasiccat@gmail.com

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH:
Chairmen Jennifer Nummelin & Candy Miller



FYI, the Inland Valley Humane Society is

again expecting “high kitten volume” this Spring. Meaning, they will have too many people bringing in too many feral newborn kittens in need of special formula/food. The mama cats either abandon them or are injured or killed, and while well-meaning people bring the kittens in for help, the shelter is running out of space, in need of financial help, and foster families. *More so than towels or blankets* So for now, please hold off on towels and blankets, and consider offering different help.

The major fundraiser for the Inland Valley shelter is Saturday, April 22, at Bonelli Park. It is a one and a half mile walk at the lake, and it is always a fun event to raise money for the animals. Details forthcoming.

Jennifer jennummelin@aol.com
Candy Miller candysnrg@verizon.net



Retiring Old Glory

Don't forget to be collecting old American Flags which need to be properly retired. You can either drop them at my house or bring them to the meeting, whichever is easier. All collected flags will then be given to the Fire Department for proper retirement.

What constitutes as an old Old Glory? A flag that is dirty, faded, torn or tattered. These flags have served their time and need to be retired respectfully.

Please ask your family, friends and neighbors if they have flags in this condition and we will be happy to handle them properly.

Please keep track of time spent collecting and delivering flags as I will need to report them at year end.

Gayle Garcia klasiccat@gmail.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



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

Denim Day 2023 is Wednesday, April 26th!
Make sure to mark your calendars now and
get ready for more Denim Day info coming
soon.

DVAC is not accepting donations at this
time. Please take anything you would like to
donate to Crossroads, 1269 Harvard Ave,
Claremont. No appointment is needed, just
drop off at the red shed doors. Please mark
from LaVerne/San Dimas Women's Club. At
the Feb. meeting log your donation into the
Project book.

Kathy Diaz kmdiaz1010@gmail.com

ENVIRONMENT:
Chairman Marina Salcido

Happy February Ladies,

Thank you all for your generosity on our
January Penny Pines collection. Your
financial support will help reforest San
Bernardino National Forest. Our 2023 Cups
for Corky collection has begun and we are
off on a good start. Please remember to
bring your gently used cup donations to our
monthly meetings or contact me for pick up.
Don't forget to bring your own cup to our
monthly meeting to help cut down on landfill
waste. For those collecting aluminum cans
and plastic bottles for Bonita High School
Band, please contact Gayle Garcia to
coordinate pick up.

Marina dirt4us4@yahoo.com

LEGISLATION & PUBLIC POLICY:
Chairman Barbara Randolph

Reminder that you, too, can join the webinar
The Power of You: A GFWC Advocacy
Training Series to be held on Feb. 9, 16,
and 23 at 4:00 p.m. Each "class" lasts
45-60 minutes. Go to the Legislative Action
Center to sign up or call me and I will do it
for you.

Barbara roddyrandolph@yahoo.com

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

If you didn't participate in our events last
year, you missed out! We had a wide variety
of get-togethers; 37 events (20 of which
were free), and 291 participants in 684
hours of activities. Getting together builds
camaraderie.

Upcoming Events Info.:

Saturday, Feb. 11 - We are walking at
Bonelli (until we get tired), then lunch at
Norm's Hangar (the airport restaurant).
Meet in the parking lot by Norm's Hangar,
Bracket Airport, at 10:00 a.m. 1615
McKinley Avenue, La Verne.

Wednesday, Feb. 22 - We are going to the
movies at Laemmle Theaters, in Claremont,
late afternoon. Movie and time to be
determined. We will follow up as the
schedule is known. Cost is \$6.00. *Yes
really!!

Monday, March 06 - Gab and breakfast at
Sal's Bagelry, at 10:00 a.m. 2095 Foothill
Blvd., La Verne.




Friday, March 17 - Game night at Gayle's house, (PLEASE WEAR GREEN) at 7:00 p.m. For those in the know, bring your appetite.

Saturday, March 25 - Enchanted Rose Tea luncheon at 11:30. Cost is \$23. 120 W. Bonita Ave, San Dimas.

Sowing Seeds is collecting chocolate bunnies for their Easter project. We are collecting for them!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Gayle Garcia 2/2
Janel Izaguirre 2/6
Dian Moravek 2/18
Tina Perez 2/23

Happy Anniversary

Two Years - 2/2021
Cindy Choo



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