

# 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.*



	<b>CALENDAR OF EVENTS</b>
<p>2 Enchanted Tea Rose, 11:30 am        8 San Antonio Winery, 11 am        13 Kuns Park Gab, 10 am        14 EC Meeting        21 General Meeting, 7 pm        23 Alpaca Hacienda        30 Freedom Bags, 9 am        30 Day of Service, 10 - 4</p>	

<b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2022 - 2024</b>
<p>President: Tami Miller        Co-First VP/Dean of Chairmen: Susan        Minnihan &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>

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Tami Miller**

HOT! HOT! HOT! I hope by the time you get this newsletter our summer has cooled off. I hope you spent some time with your family and friends while the Club was dark, before the heat hit!

I went on an Alaskan Cruise with my daughter, building memories. I took my granddaughter and her family to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, for a week, building memories.

Many of you have met my fur-baby Kissy. We said good-bye to her on August 17, after 18 years of a wonderful life together. We comforted each other many times during those years. But it was time for her to go to "Rainbow Bridge." Someone told me that when our fur-babies leave us they go to the "Rainbow Bridge," and run and play all day together in comfort. I'm good with that.

We are starting this term with only good news. For the second year we have won "The Best Service Club in La Verne." That's because you are all amazing.



A few of us, Pat Borchard, Marlene Carney, Gloria Schaaf, Jennifer Nemmerlin, myself, and Senator Susan Rubio and her assistant Julianne, had lunch at Allegro in La Verne. We had tried several times to schedule a meeting with the membership, but her schedule didn't have any evenings available. She shared with us how she became a California Senator and some of the Bills she is supporting.

She is a Domestic Violence survivor and has a story to tell. I have invited her to come before our membership and share her story. Her assistant is going to contact us for available dates, and we will make it happen.

Before she left, she asked if we had any upcoming fundraisers. We told her about our "Bunco Bonanza" event we were planning, and she presented us with a \$500 donation toward the event. I was speechless; how great was that! What a perfect way to start our new term.

I've missed all of you and look forward to getting together with you at our September 21 General Meeting, Social at 6:30, meeting at 7:00.

Yes! I'm Back! For another term to lead you in community involvement, great accomplishments, and fun events.

**"See you soon!"**

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## **PRESIDENT'S AIDE/AMENITIES:**

**Jennifer Nummelin**

Yearbooks are coming!! Please remember to pick up at the September meeting.

Jennifer [jennummelin@aol.com](mailto:jennummelin@aol.com)

## **CO-FIRST VP/DEAN OF CHAIRMEN:**

**Susan Minnihan & Linda Roache**

Where did the summer go? One minute, club members are enjoying a delicious potluck dinner at our June meeting and now, here we are, coming into September. We're looking forward to an exciting new year, participating in various projects, and fun social events.

Most of our Chairmen made announcements as to what is going on and what they are working on. Look for further announcements in this Newsletter, too! Please know that they are in charge of those projects, but it is up to all of our members to help where they can and to participate. Please consider signing up to help. If there's something that interests you, or if there's something you think would be of interest for our Club to participate in, contact the respective Chair who's over the program related to your interest (or us if unsure who to contact).

We have recently emailed our program chairs and project leads to identify any projects that may no longer be viable and can be deleted. We've gotten responses from most Chairs/Leaders as the response due date was August 31. If there are any further deletions, please inform us by September 6. The updated project list will be presented to the EC and club membership for adoption for the 2023-24 year.

Our Health & Wellness program is open. If anyone's interested in chairing, please contact either of us for information. Most of



the projects under H&W already have project leads, so it would be an easy program to chair.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our September meeting!

Susan [susanminnihan@aol.com](mailto:susanminnihan@aol.com)

Linda Roache [lgroache@hotmail.com](mailto:lgroache@hotmail.com)

### **CO-SECOND VP/MEMBERSHIP:**

#### **Marlene Carney & Gloria Schaaf**

For many, September marks the end of summer, the hot sweltering days, the BBQs and the sounds of children playing in the pools. Who are we kidding? Summer seems to be lingering, but let's still celebrate September. Although we had no club meetings during the summer months, our club members remained busy. Some traveled, some participated in volunteer opportunities, and thanks to our social activity coordinators Jennifer Nummelin and Gayle Garcia, there were gab sessions in the park, several social outings, and we still have our ongoing team of women dedicated to the bowling league. (Go Tami, Gloria, Marlene, Sue, Barbara, Sonya, Dian, and cheerleaders Jennifer Nummelin and Eleonore Burrell!)

The end of summer also marks the beginning of the Fall Season which brings us football, Harvest festivals, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and many moments filled with fun and family gatherings.

The Fall season also starts the time of year that many individuals start feeling lonely and depressed, and it is the perfect time for club members to spread the word of the GFWC La Verne-San Dimas Woman's Club and recruit potential new members. If you see someone at work that eats lunch alone, the neighbor you say Hi to but you never see leave the house, a recent retiree looking for

a new purpose, the person who has lost her/his spouse/partner, the parent whose kids live too far away or can't visit very often, the person you see walking in the neighborhood every day, or the person you see at the store on a regular basis. These could all be potential club members if they only knew we existed. Take a moment to hand them a brochure and talk with them about how we help the community, how much fun we have, and how we are like sisters and help and support each other. Invite them to come to one of our meetings or offer to bring them. Spreading the word of how much joy and satisfaction belonging to GFWC La Verne-San Dimas Woman's Club can bring to our lives is a big step in helping our club membership grow.

And remember that as we enter into the Fall and Winter seasons, do not get so busy that you forget about yourself and your health.

*"Another fall, another turned page: there was something of jubilee in that autumnal beginning, as if last year's mistakes had been wiped clean by summer." (Wallace Stegner)*

Marlene [carney.marlene@gmail.com](mailto:carney.marlene@gmail.com)

Gloria [guschaff@yahoo.com](mailto:guschaff@yahoo.com)

### **DONATION**

A wonderfully generous man, Richard Piepho, lost his dear wife of 46 years, Evita, recently. (He is one of my Meals on Wheels recipients who was moved by the crocheted doily made by Cathy/Gayle that we distributed.)

He has given me thousands of items: materials and projects left undone by Evita when she became ill that he hopes we can finish and donate on her behalf. I have new fabric (Christmas, Hanukkah, African,



children's patterns), panels, patterns, kits, lace trim, interfacing, season projects, instruction booklets on crochet and quilting, fabric markers, glue sticks, batting, etc. etc. etc. Please stop by my house on Saturday, September 9 between 9:00-2:00, to see if there is anything you can use.

Barbara Randolph, 852 Via Gregorio, San Dimas

## >> Chairmen Chats <<

### **ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN:** **Chairman Sue Herrera**

Happy New Club Year, Ladies!

I hope your summer was full of fun, memories, and some time relaxing. Even though we haven't had club meetings, I was able to see a lot of you, thanks to bowling, the 4th parade, and social events, which was so nice!

This fall I look forward to many of our Advocates for Children projects starting up again within our brand new district: For Goodness Cakes (if you enjoy baking), collecting aluminum pull tabs to benefit Ronald McDonald House, making children's pillow cases (if you sew), volunteering time at the Shoes That Fit warehouse, and planning, working at, or donating candy for the San Dimas Halloween Spooktacular Trunk or Treat Event on Saturday, October 21.

I am so excited to work with all of you on these projects and the countless others we have under different areas.

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**

We participated in several projects and community events over the summer.

At the Police Department's K9 and Family Festival, we volunteered and got to meet numerous other community/philanthropic organizations. (Networking is a good thing.)

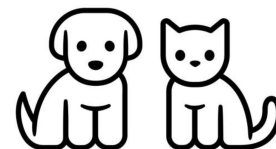
National Night Out was productive, we donated school supplies to the P.D. there, sold blankets for fundraising, and met several prospective members who visited our booth.

At the 4th of July Parade, we made ourselves known with our awesome float, spirited dress, etc.

The Wine Walk was a great success for the city, and it was fun.

We continue to collect towels and blankets for the humane society, coats and jackets for homeless/students, food for Shepherd's Pantry and Sowing Seeds, and U.S. flags to be properly retired.

Jennifer [jennummelin@aol.com](mailto: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.

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

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 Crossroads @ 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.

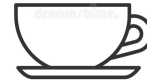
Shirley Vanderbeck collects old cellphones that are given to Verizon to be wiped clean & subsequently given to shelters for emergency use. Bring any to the meeting to give her or contact Shirley to arrange drop off/pick up.

Traffic Free Pomona is asking for volunteers to fill Freedom bags on **Saturday, September 30** at Purpose Church located at 586 N. Main Street in Pomona, H building, room # 102. Volunteers are needed @ 9:00 a.m. and this usually takes only approximately an hour. Our members fill Freedom Bags (backpacks) with basic hygiene products, personal items, clothing, etc., which are then given to Pomona PD who distributes them to children and teens rescued from sex trafficking.

Marina [dirt4us4@yahoo.com](mailto:dirt4us4@yahoo.com)

**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)

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I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and is ready to get back into the swing of things!

Just a quick reminder of our on-going Projects under Environment:

We are still supporting the Bonita Band by the recycling of cans and plastic. We ask that if you are participating in this project, please take your cans and plastic bottles to the recycling center and give the collected money to our Treasurer, Kathy. She will designate these monies for the Bonita Band.



Please record any time spent along with the monetary value for items donated in our Project Books.

We will also be passing along our Penny Pines jar every other month. Feel free, if so inclined, to drop in your spare change; the accumulated money will be sent periodically to the US Forest Service to help with the purchase of new trees to replenish our forests.  
Thank you for all of your support!

Marina [dirt4us4@yahoo.com](mailto:dirt4us4@yahoo.com) & Linda R.



### **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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### **SOCIAL COMMITTEE:**

**Chairmen Jennifer Nummelin & Gayle Garcia**

### **Upcoming Events Info.:**

#### September

Sat. 2nd - Enchanted Rose Tea luncheon. 11:30 a.m. \$25. 120 W. Bonita, San Dimas

Fri. 8th - San Antonio Winery in L.A., 11 a.m. Free entrance/tour. Lunch (on your own) afterward. \*carpool\*

Wed. 13th - Kuns Park gab. 10 a.m. Free. 1600 Bonita Ave., La Verne. Bring your chair/drink.

Sat. 23rd - Alpaca Hacienda. Cost is about \$20. We are carpooling.

Sat. 30th - Day of Service at Albertson's market. 10-4. Free.

Sat. 30th - Freedom Bags at Purpose Church. 9 a.m. Free. 586 N. Main Street, Pomona.

#### October

Fri. 6th - Maloof Fdn (gardens and museum) 10 a.m. Free. 5131 Carnelian St., Alta Loma.

Sat. 14th - Hike at Bonelli 10 a.m. Free. Meet at Norm's Hangar parking lot, 1615 McKinley Ave, L.V.

Mon. 23rd - Kuns Park gab. 10 a.m. Free. 1600 Bonita Ave., La Verne. Bring your chair/drink.

Thurs. 26th - Indian lunch buffet at Peacock Gardens. 11 a.m. 23347 Golden Springs Rd., Diamond Bar.

HOLIDAY CARD-SIGNING IS IN NOVEMBER; start looking for Christmas cards to bring to the Nov. Mtg.

HOLIDAY PARTY IS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14th, 6:30 p.m. More info forthcoming.

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EventsRUs



*Happy Anniversary*

**Eight Years - 9/2015**

**Charter Members**

Eleonore Burress

Shirley Burgess Vanderbeck

Barbara Randolph

Tami Miller

**Five Years - 9/2018**

Kathy Castle

Rachelle Killackey

**Two Years - 9/2021**

Janel Izaguirre

Cathy Koch

**One Year - 9/2022**

Jody Mentzer



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