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GFWC LA VERNE-SAN DIMAS WOMAN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

06 - USO tour at Ontario Airport
09 - Dinner at Legend's
27 - Tea Luncheon at Enchanted Rose
29 - Gab at Sanctuary Coffee

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 September: 🕶
This will be an ongoing monthly contest with a new symbol each month. Good Luck to all.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:
Marlene Carney

Welcome to September!

I hope everyone had a fantastic summer, filled with memorable moments spent with friends, family, and maybe even some travels. While we're looking forward to the cooler weather that September brings, it seems like the heat is hanging on for a little longer.

This summer, our club worked on several meaningful projects, including:

- **Food Drive at Albertson's**: Focused on fighting childhood hunger and food insecurity, this event saw incredible support from the community. Thanks to the amazing generosity of donors, we were able to collect 112 bags of groceries, valued at $3,800, in just five hours. These donations will be distributed to our local food pantries. A huge thank you to Candace Miller for organizing this successful initiative, and to the 19 club members who participated.
- **Shoes That Fit Project**: Organized by our Advocates for Children chair, Susan Hope, this project provided shoes for children in need, helping ensure they start the school year on the right foot.
- **School Supply Collection**: We collected supplies for the La Verne Police Department's National Night Out event, ensuring kids have the resources they need for the school year.
- **Mini Fundraiser at Panera Bread**: A small but successful fundraiser raised $137.51, all of which will go toward supporting future community efforts.

Additionally, our Social Events, organized by Jennifer Nummelin, kept the sense of camaraderie and connection strong throughout the summer.

Looking ahead, mark your calendar for our **Third Annual "Bunco and Brew" Fundraiser** on **Saturday, October 18**, at Old Stump Brewery in Pomona. Tickets will go on sale Friday, September 5, so gather your friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors for a fun and lively evening.

As we move into fall, our commitment to philanthropy remains a central focus of our club. September offers the opportunity to start new projects, set fresh goals, and make an even bigger impact on our community. Whether through volunteering, fundraising, or mentoring, each

effort strengthens our collective impact. Let's make this September a month of giving, growth, and building even stronger bonds within our community.

"There is a clarity about September ... the sun seems brighter, the sky bluer, the white clouds take on marvelous shapes; the moon is a wonderful apparition, rising gold, cooling to silver; and the stars are so big." — Faith Baldwin

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PRESIDENT'S AIDE/AMENITIES:
Jennifer Nummelin

Welcome back! Many of us had a very busy summer… traveling, working on home maintenance, volunteering, assisting family with major medical issues, finishing our Memoirs, etc. Hopefully, we had a chance to relax and enjoy most of it.

At our upcoming September 18th meeting, we have a speaker, Fran (of Sowing Seeds), who will give us a brief presentation of her agency. To fully understand the organizations with whom we collaborate; we will try to have a speaker about every 2-3 months. If anyone has a contact person representing one of these organizations, please let me know, so I can schedule it in the future.

Jennifer jennummelin@aol.com

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

Welcome back everyone! Hopefully, everyone enjoyed our mild June, July, and most of August. But it looks like the summer heat finally arrived right as children head back to school!

Even though we were "dark" in July and August, we were still involved in many projects. At the end of June, we held a highly successful food drive at the Albertson's in San Dimas. In August, we collected and purchased over $300.00 in school supplies for kids in need at the "Fill a Cop Car" at the Night Out in La Verne community event. Throughout the months of July and August there were Members who participated in other various projects as well as a small fundraiser at Panera Bread. Please see what our chairmen have to say under "Chairmen Chats"!

As summer wraps up and all our members get back into the swing of things, we'll be kicking off with a "Getting to Know..." Series introducing our Program Chairs and the Projects they are over. We have gained so many new members recently that we decided to resurrect our "Spotlight" series (renamed "Getting to Know...") to insure everyone is aware of our chairmen and their roles in the Club. Included in the newsletter is the first in the series, "Getting to Know Barbara Randolph." Also, at every meeting we will have one or two chairmen speak about their Program and their Projects. We want all members involved and excited about our various Projects and leadership opportunities. There is a need for Project Leads under many of our Program Chairs. With further clarity and descriptions, we hope that many will step up and get

more involved with our Club. Current club positions are from June 2024-May 2026, so this coming year is a good time to get involved and see if there are any upcoming Chairmanships that you might want to take on next year!

Remember, getting involved helps you to become an integral part of the Club and facilitates camaraderie. We're Looking forward to a productive, rewarding, and fun fall season ahead!

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Linda Roache lgroache@hotmail.com

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

We hope everyone had a refreshing and joyful summer filled with rest, fun, and new memories. As the season shifts, it's time to come together again and re-energize for the months ahead. Our club is ready to step back into action, and we couldn't be more excited to reconnect with each of you.

This September, we can focus on getting back to work. Whether that means diving back into personal projects, recommitting to professional goals, or re-engaging with community service, now is the perfect time to refocus. Together, we'll share ideas, support one another, and find inspiration in balancing responsibilities with joy.

Let's make this season one of purpose, progress, and connection. We can't wait to see you at our first meeting (Sept. 18), bring your energy, your stories, and your enthusiasm as we start this new chapter side by side!

The Fall season also starts at the time of year when many individuals start feeling lonely and depressed and it is the perfect time for club members to spread the word of GFWC 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 their 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 can bring to our lives is a big step in helping our club membership grow.

"Hello September! Thanks for the reminder that change can be beautiful" – Unknown!

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Jody foxyjodi@verizon.com

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Pat Borchard

If you are interested in learning more about Parliamentary Procedure, you have several options:

> You may join and attend the Parliamentary Education Group. This group is led by our very own Shirley Vanderbeck who will be holding a meeting on September 16th, at 10am at Marie Callendar's, 3117 E. Garvey Avenue N, West Covina, 91791
>
> You might also like to consider zooming in for CFWC's (California Federation of Women's Club) Parliamentary Sessions, which meet on the 2nd Monday of each month. Email Ellen Ansok (Barbies4me@ansok.us) to be sent the link and study guide.

I am working on updating our bylaws and will email them to you very soon.

Pat peb1956@verizon.net

>> Chairmen Chats <<

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN: Susan Hope

We have had a very busy summer!

Esther Garza-Maloney continues to collect for the **Fremont Academy Latina Club** boutique**.** Members can drop off bags/items on her front porch, 1925 Cobblefield Way, Glendora. Be sure to keep track of the value of your in-kind donation and record it at our next meeting. You can also email that information to me (foster.hope@verizon.net). So, let's continue to purge our homes!!

Shoes that Fit had their annual backpack event on July 27th and 28th filling new backpacks with sneakers and socks. These backpacks are distributed to deserving local students at the start of the school year.

Members were excited to participate in **National Night Out** sponsored by the La Verne Police department. This took place August 5, at Las Flores Park where they filled-a-cop-car with school supplies.

Coming up in October is the San Dimas **Trunk or Treat Spooktacular**! This fun activity will take place October 18th at San Dimas City Hall parking lot. We will be collecting candy at our next meeting in September, as well as October. This is a very popular and fun community event!

Susan foster.hope@verizon.net

ARTS AND CULTURE: Tami Miller

BUNCO & BREW – It's getting close. I would like to collect all the crafts for this event at the September meeting. Crafts can cover holidays: Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Or just everyday items. This is our big annual fundraising event. So, every item, no matter how small it is, will bring money to this fundraiser.

Tami club1270deventer@yahoo.com

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH:
Jennifer Nummelin & Candy Miller

Jennifer: Though it is currently 101 degrees outside, the cooler holidays are on the horizon. As part of our "Letters against Isolation" project, we sign Holiday cards at our November meeting and deliver the cards to a dozen Board and Care/Convalescent living facilities. Many elderly and disabled folks are isolated, and those holiday cards are hugely appreciated. Please start looking through your cabinets, garages, etc., for Christmas cards. Everyone has a few leftovers from last year, right?

Also, about cooler weather, if you have warm coats and jackets, you no longer wear, please consider donating them. I collect them, and during the months of November and December deliver them to Burlington Coats, where they clean and repair the coats, then donate back into the community. The recipients may be elementary school or college students, food pantries, homeless shelters, etc. On average, a typical individual has too many clothes (including coats) UNUSED in their closet. Consider it not only a means to help someone stay warm, but also a means to purge your space!

Candy: Welcome Back!
We hope you enjoyed a summer of excitement, new experiences, quiet moments, and goodwill. and were also able to store energy for a new year of community service. We look forward to helping the organizations that need our support with open hearts and appreciate the bond created within our club members in the process. We know you're sitting there resisting the urge to raise your hand and volunteer. Don't worry, we'll find a project for you.

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Candy candysnrg@verizon.net

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS & PREVENTION:
Marina Salcido

Summer break has ended, and it is time to get back to our amazing philanthropic work. Your participation in these wonderful projects makes our community a better place to live. Thank you for all your hard work.

We have various domestic violence projects that you can participate in to help those in need. 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 LV/SD Women's Club made the donations.

Saturday, September 27th is GFWC Day of Service. This year we will be focusing on Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention. We will be collecting items from the pantry list for House of Ruth since they are in great need. Members can bring their items to our September 18th meeting. We will be taking all donations to House of Ruth on September 27th. Any member wishing to participate can meet at House of Ruth. A pantry list and reminder will be emailed to all members in early September. The time of meeting outside House of Ruth is to be determined.

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

Welcome back ladies. I hope everyone had a nice Summer. As we get back to our monthly meetings, we can all ease into participating in our environmental efforts by collecting those gently used cups for Corky and bring them to our September meeting. Every plastic bottle or aluminum can that is recycled helps both our environment and our local high 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 will 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

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Jennifer Nummelin

Upcoming Events Info.:

September-
Sat 06th- USO tour at Ontario Airport. 10:00 a.m. *an hour? Free
Tues 09th- Dinner at Legend's, Glendora. 6:00 p.m.

Sat 27th- Tea Luncheon at Enchanted Rose, San Dimas. 11:30. $25. RSVP & payment due by 20th. Checks are payable to LVSD WOMAN's CLUB. Please let Jennifer know if you are attending.
Mon 29th- Gab at Sanctuary Coffee, Claremont. 10:00 a.m. *many people suggested this place!!

-October-
Wed 08th- Lunch at X20, in La Verne. 11:00 a.m.
Sat 18th- LVSD Bunco and Brew fundraiser, Old Stump Brewery.
Sat 25th- Claremont Village Arts and Crafts Fair. 10:00 a.m. Free
Thurs 30th- Gab at Kuhns Park, in La Verne. 10:00 a.m.

If you have ideas for free or low-cost events, please let me know!

Jennifer jennummelin@aol.com

>> On-going Projects <<

 Happy September, everyone!

Just a reminder that we are still donating handmade beanies, scarves, and pillowcases to the many foster children in our area. Please bring any you have made to me at our September meeting, and I will get them to our liaison who takes them to McKinley Children's Center.

I may bring more yarn so you can take what you need for this project. (You can bring yarn to donate, too, or a yard of fabric that will be sewn into a pillowcase.) Our donations are appreciated!

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.

The last delivery of pop tops to the Ronald McDonald House in San Bernardino weighed in at seven (7) pounds.

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.

Gayle klasiccat@gmail.com
Marina dirt4us4@yahoo.com

Getting to know…

Barbara Randolph
Legislation & Public Policy Chairman
Recording Secretary



Barbara is one of our Charter Members, joining the club in September 2015. She has been involved in our club in various capacities. She is currently our ***Chairman for Legislation and Public Policy*** whereby she keeps us informed of current legislative alerts and makes us aware of support efforts.

Additionally, she serves on the Executive Committee as the ***Recording Secretary***, whereby she records the Minutes at both the Executive and General Meetings, ensuring accurate documentation.

Barbara is involved with Meals on Wheels, which services the cities of La Verne and San Dimas. She was instrumental in adding Meals on Wheels as a Club Project and is its ***Project Lead under Health & Wellness.***

Barbara keeps busy and is also on the Club's bowling team. She has been and is a very valuable member of our club as well as the community!

Foothill District President's Report:
District President: Pat Borchard

I hope all of you have had a restful and relaxing summer break. As I began to prepare my message this month the word Gratitude kept popping into my head. This quote describes how I feel about the membership of this District. "Good People in my Life…Grateful Feelings in my heart." You, the membership of Foothill District Clubs is amazing, and I am so proud to represent you. Thank you for all your kindness, support, and guidance as Foothill District grows and develops.

By the time you get this issue, I will have attended CFWC August State Board meeting, along with several members of the clubs in this District. I thank those members for attending. The main theme of this CFWC Board meeting was "Membership." Keep your eyes open and your ears perked for this information via our newsletter. As you know, Membership is one of the two areas we will be concentrating on this year. If you are interested in serving on our Membership Committee, please let me know. Tami Miller and Dr. Linda Valejo have volunteered to serve on this committee, and I thank them for volunteering.

September 27th is GFWC National Day of Service, and I know all our clubs have something planned. Take lots of pictures and write an article for our October District newsletter.

As information is sent to me, I have shared it with you. Most recently you received an email related to making your hotel reservation for the Area B Conference, scheduled for October 18th. Attached to this newsletter is the registration form if you are planning to attend.

Our District and Clubs have scheduled several events between now and December. This information is included in the newsletter. In particular, we will be holding our 2nd annual compliance training, via zoom, on November 8th, from 9:30am-11:30am. As a member of Foothill District, you will not be charged to attend, but you do need to register with me. You may email me at peb1956@verizon.net to let me know you will be attending.

GFWC So Cal Volunteers is sponsoring an event entitled An Inside Look at Domestic Violence & Sexual Violence & Human Trafficking. Refer to that information and register.

GFWC Federated East Valley and LaVerne-San Dimas Woman's Clubs are holding bunco fundraisers in the month of October.

"By all these lovely tokens, September days are here. With Summer's best of weather and autumn's best of cheer." Helen Hunt Jackson

Pat peb1956@verizon.net

Happy Anniversary

SEPTEMBER

2018 - Rachelle Killackey
2018 - Kathy Castle
2021 - Jenel IzaguIrre
2021 - Cathy Koch
2022 - Jody Mentzer
2023 - Christi Joanou
2023 - Tiffany Burgoyne
2024 - Esther Garza-Maloney
2024 - Mimi Harris
2024 - Sylvia Gandara

Charter Members
2015 - 10 Years
Barbara Randolph
Tami Miller
Eleonore Burress
Shirley Vanderbeck



Happy Birthday

SEPTEMBER

9/18 – Espie Medrano
9/25 – Althea Bennett

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FACEBOOK: gfwclaverne-sandimas
WEBSITE: lvsd.org

MEMBERS IN ACTION





July 12, 2025 -Tour of IN AND OUT museum



July 25, 2025



July 30, 2025

Vounteering at Shoes that Fit



August 5, 2025 – National Night Out



August 7, 2025 -Gab at French Press



August 17, 2025 – Coloring Get together

GFWC/CFWC Foothill District



November 8, 2025
9:30 am - 11:30 am

2ND ANNUAL COMPLIANCE TRAINING

$10.00 per person

Stay up to date on changes in compliance requirements. This session will refresh your knowledge of:

- Nonprofit Entity Types in California & why entity type affects compliance obligations
- Annual IRS, FTB, SOS, Attorney General filings & other potential filing requirements.
- Common filing mistakes and consequences
- Compliance Best Practices & Reminders
- Internal recordkeeping and board oversight
- Q&A and Next Steps

***** Your registration fee gives you access to the presentation and all supporting materials.**

***** FOOTHILL DISTRICT MEMBERS are FREE and need to REGISTER THROUGH YOUR DISTRICT PRESIDENT BY EMAILING PEB1956@VERIZON.NET.**



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GFWC SOCAL VOLUNTEERS

A portion of the proceeds will benefit Foothill District.

AN INSIDE LOOK AT DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE & HUMAN TRAFFICKING

September 20, 2025
9:30 am - 11:30 am via ZOOM
$10.00 per person

Last year, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children processed over 29 million reports of online child exploitation. Behind many of these tragedies are cycles of domestic violence that make young people more vulnerable. Today's sessions will confront both issues—exploring the realities of exploitation, the journey of survivors, and the actions we can take together to protect children and strengthen our communities.

Quick Glance at the Agenda



Session 1 — Opal Singleton (30 minutes)
Topic: Living in a Globally Connected World
Insights from the President & CEO of Million Kids.

- The impact of 5G High-Speed Internet on child exploitation
- Understanding the scope: over 29 million reports in 2024 to NCMEC
- Key takeaways for parents, teachers, pastors, and youth leaders

(Includes short Q&A)



Session 2 — June Haskell (30 minutes)
Topic: From Rescue to Recovery: A Survivor's Journey
Personal story of survival and transition to advocacy

- Understanding that rescue is only the beginning
- Exploring the journey and needs of survivors
- How communities can provide ongoing support

(Includes short Q&A)



Session 3 — Cathie Petithomme (30 minutes)
Topic: Turning Awareness into Action
Role of CFWC Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention

- Actions Federated members can take locally
- How to support Million Kids and Our Rescue
- Community engagement strategies

(Includes short Q&A)

Panel Discussion & Audience Q&A - (15 minutes)
Moderator-led conversation with all three speakers
Key questions from the audience
Practical strategies for prevention, survivor support, and community action

Closing & Next Steps - (5 minutes)

- Recap of key takeaways
- Action commitments for participants
- Resources and contact information

https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/gfwc-socal-volunteers/an-inside-look-at-domestic-sexual-violence-human-trafficking

GFWC Federated East Valley Woman's Club Presents

BUNCO Spooktacular

When: Sunday~October 26, 2025 from 11am to 2pm

Where: Baldwin Park Recreation Center

14403 Pacific Avenue, Baldwin Park,91706

Cost: $25 per person

Includes appetizers, desserts & BUNCO!!!

Prizes will be awarded for

Most BUNCOs **Most/Least Wins** **Baby Buncos**





Raffle drawings! 6 Tickets for $5

Reservation Deadline is 10/19!

Contact Cindy Vasquez at (909) 226-8244

Make checks payable to GFWC Federated East Valley WC and mail to

Cindy Vasquez at 12327 Wintergreen St.,Ranco Cucamonga, 91738

Or Pay via PayPal to eastvalleywomensclub@gmail.com

Zelle: evwc87@gmail.com

All monies raised will be used to support various philanthropic projects

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La Verne - San Dimas Woman's Club

September 2025

August '25

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6 USO Tour at Ontario Airport
7 Grandparents Day	8	9 Dinner at Legend's	10	11 Patriot Day	12	13
14	15	16	17 Constitution Day	18  Espie Medrano	19	20
21	22 Autumnal equinox (GMT)	23 Rosh Hashanah	24	25  Althea Bennett	26	27 Tea Luncheon at Enchanted Tea Room
28	29 Gab at Sanctuary Coffee	30	1	2 Yom Kippur	3	4
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