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| **Orange Blossom Gazette**  **GFWC LA VERNE-SAN DIMAS WOMAN’S CLUB NEWSLETTER** |
| March 2024 Issue 80  President: Tami Miller Newsletter Editor: Cathy Koch  [Club1270Deventer@yahoo.com](mailto:Club1270Deventer@yahoo.com) [granniepurpyl@gmail.com](mailto:granniepurpyl@gmail.com) |

**May the Spirit of Nature Fulfill Your Spirit of Volunteering.**

**Every Moment Counts.**

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|  | **CALENDAR**  **OF**  **EVENTS** |
| 2 Drum Circle, 3 pm  5 VOTE  6 Lunch @ Elvira’s, 11 am  9 Food Drive, 8:45 am  14 EC Meeting  16 Hike @ Bonelli, 10 am  21 General Meeting, 7 pm  24 Egg dying, Gayle’s, 2 pm  28 Gab session, Twisted Sage, 10 am  31 Easter | |

**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE: Tami Miller**

This month’s meeting is packed full of business and some fun, too. We will be having three mini-workshops (10 minutes each): 1-What is a project and Project Sheet, 2-Making a motion, why and how, 3-Tracking your time for reporting. You will be able to attend all three workshops.

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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: Sue Herrera  Recording Secretary: Barbara Randolph  Treasurer: Kathy Castle  Parliamentarian: Pat Borchard  Corresponding Secretary: Jennifer  Nummelin |

The Election Committee will present the Slate of Officers for the next term to be voted on. If you are interested in any of the Officer positions, it is not too late to contact Pat Borchard, Committee Chairman. Parliamentarian and Corresponding Secretary are appointed positions by the President.

During the meeting we will also be assembling the Chemo bags for City of Hope cancer infusion patients. Check out the Health & Wellness section for more information.

Now for the fun……In March we celebrate St. Patrick’s Day by wearing Crazy Hats. Wear a Crazy Hat to the meeting. There will be a prize for the Craziest Hat. This has always been a fun event.

See you at the meeting on March 21st. Social at 6:30 and meeting begins at 7:00.

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

**Susan Minnihan & Linda Roache**

Sure & Begorra, it’s that time of the year for shamrocks, Leprechauns, and lots o’ green – not only for St. Paddy’s Day but from all of this rain we’ve received. Our great outdoors is beginning to bloom – take a moment to refresh and enjoy Mother Nature and her Spring flowers.

We will be discussing Projects and Project Sheets at our next meeting so everyone, especially our newer members, will have a better idea of how to record their information, specifically In-Kind donation values and projects in general. Motions and Timekeeping will also be discussed as to membership training as President Tami will explain at our next meeting. Hope to see everyone there as it should be very informative. An updated Project sheet was emailed out to all; there is something for everyone for participation.

We are partnering with the San Dima Rotary Club on March 9 from 9-3 to collect items for military families in need. Please drop by the Masonic Center (where our meetings are held) with a donation to support our troops. Email Sue Herrera @ sue.bosek@cvspm.com for more info as to items needed. Check out the rest of our Chairmen Chats for project happenings. Thank you to all of our wonderful Program Chairs and Project Leads for keeping us all in the know!

We will also be spotlighting each category of projects individually with a brief project description list so members may be more aware of what’s entailed. This will be done by email, so make sure you’re checking your Club emails for further information.



Happy Spring!

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**

As we enter March, we welcome the promise of Spring as well as celebrate Women’s History Month. Throughout history women have made remarkable contributions and their philanthropic and volunteerism efforts have made a positive impact on community, education, healthcare, social justice, environmental conservation, and more. The commitment to volunteerism practiced by women throughout time has been instrumental in driving social, political, and humanitarian initiatives forward.

The GFWC La Verne-San Dimas Woman’s Club truly represents the spirit of Women’s History Month. Membership in the club focuses on volunteerism, philanthropy, and connection. It provides a unique platform for women to make a tangible difference with the community and so many organizations that serve those in need. Members can volunteer at their own pace and participate on those causes and initiatives that they feel aligned with. In addition, the social benefits of being a member of this club are enormous. My world has expanded and become richer because of the friendships developed in being a member as well as the personal sense of accomplishment and purpose that I have gained in participating in some of the many projects the club supports.

It is time to renew your membership in the GFWC La Verne-San Dimas Woman’s Club. Renewal dues are $39 and are due by March 21. Thank you to all that have already renewed. Payment can be mailed to La Verne-San Dimas Woman’s Club at P.O. Box 8434, La Verne, CA 91750, or you can bring your check to the next club meeting on March 21. Since we do not pro-rate dues, all those who joined prior to December 31, 2023, do need to send a renewal check. However, all those who pay by March 21, 2024 will not receive another dues renewal notice until March 21, 2025.

We are still accepting nominations for Club Member of the Year and Citizen of the Year. Nomination forms are due Thursday, March 21. You can email your completed form to carney.marlene@gmail.com . All nominees and award recipients will be announced at the April 18 meeting. Thank you to those that have already submitted nominations.

We are also accepting completed Getting to Know You forms from our members which provide all of our membership an opportunity to see the many ways in which our members serve their communities.

In conclusion, let’s remember that the power to effect change lies within each of us.

**LET’S RALLY TO MAKE OUR CLUB MORE VISIBLE AND ENTICE NEW MEMBERS!** Through our work with the GFWC La Verne-San Dimas Club, we can all play a part in shaping a brighter future for generations to come.

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

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

**THIRD VP/WAYS & MEANS:**

**Sue Herrera**

Happy St. Patty's Day and wishing the luck o' the Irish to all of you!

I want to thank those of you who have helped buy or sell raffle tickets for an opportunity to win a two night stay at the fabulous Westlake Village Inn to support the La Verne K-9 Police Foundation and Inland Valley Humane Society. We still have a few weeks to go so please keep those sales going!

Both of these non-profits are very deserving of our support: the K9 Foundation is in need of another tracking dog. These working canines are trained to help search for missing children and adults, locate drugs and explosives, locate human remains, and assist in criminal apprehension, to name a few. The cost of one of these sworn officers runs from $15,000 to $45,000.

The Inland Valley Humane Society works tirelessly on reuniting lost furry family members with their humans, sponsors fosters, and holds adoptions for those pets whose families have, sadly, never claimed them, provides food, shelter and medical care to these pets, offers low cost vaccination clinics and is responsible for licensing.

Our exciting drawing will be at our General Membership Meeting on Thursday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m.

The La Verne Community Yard Sale is Saturday, April 6. Proceeds for this fundraiser will benefit the Bonita Bearcats Marching Band. We will have a signup sheet for those who want to volunteer to set up, sell, and break down that day.

If you have items to donate for sale, please bring your pre-priced items to the Bonita High School parking lot Saturday, April 6, by 7:00 a.m. If you absolutely cannot drop off that day, you may drop off at Gayle's house the Thursday or Friday before. Please call Gayle to make arrangements.

Sue [sue.bosek@cvspm.com](mailto:sue.bosek@cvspm.com)

**PARLIAMENTARIAN: Pat Borchard**

The nominating committee met and contacted members in preparing the slate of officers. Thank you Cathy and Shirley for serving on this committee. The election will occur at our March 21 meeting. Nominations can be accepted from the floor at that time, as well.

Although I announced the slate at the February meeting, it has changed.

The following slate has been re-developed:

**President**: Marlene Carney

**Co-1st Vice President(s)-Dean of Chairmen**: Susan Minnihan and Linda Roache

**2nd Vice President-Membership**: Jody Mentzer and Sonya Whatley

**3rd Vice President-Ways & Means**: Sue Herrera

**Recording Secretary**: Barbara Randolph

**Treasurer**: Cathy Koch

Corresponding Secretary and Parliamentarian are appointed by the President.

Pat [peb1956@verizon.net](mailto:peb1956@verizon.net)

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:**

**Jennifer Nummelin**

Greetings everyone, I hope you are all doing well, and coming down off your chocolate high from leftover Valentine’s Day candy. (BUT REALLY, WHO HAS LEFTOVER CANDY??)

About every other month we have a speaker, which is organized through the Executive Board. In April Senator Rubio will be joining us to speak on Domestic Violence. If you are interested in suggesting a future speaker, please send an email to our Fearless Leader, President Tami.

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

>> Chairmen Chats <<

**ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN:**

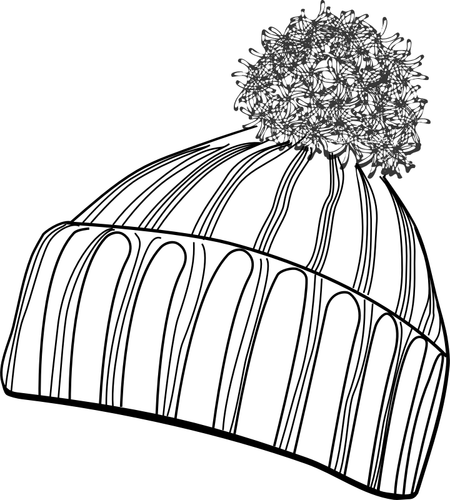
**Chairman Sue Herrera**

Hello Ladies, I'm currently in talks with Shoes That Fit Charity in Claremont about volunteer opportunities in their Warehouse (you must be able to walk quite a bit and climb stairs). Additionally, in July/August we help them with their annual Back to School Backpack Campaign by working in their conference room.

Shoes That Fit is a non-profit organization that supplies brand new athletic shoes and school supplies to children in need. Their motto is that children tend to perform better in school when they have the confidence a brand new pair of sneakers provides.

We've helped them out for a few years now and they are so great to work with. I'll put a sign up sheet at the back table at the March 21 meeting, if you'd like to volunteer your time.

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**

The Rotary Club's food drive to benefit military families will be held on Saturday, March 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the San Dimas Masonic Center.

Thank you to those members who are volunteering to represent our amazing club and collect food for struggling military families. We are completely booked with volunteers...Yay, ladies!

If you'd like to help in another way, feel free to drive through the event and donate canned meals, stews, soups, fruits and vegetables, boxed meals, personal hygiene items, dry goods, baby food, diapers and supplies, and other non-perishable items.

Sue [sue.bosek@cvspm.com](mailto:sue.bosek@cvspm.com)

On Saturday, March 9, we are lending a hand for a food drive at Masonic Lodge which benefits our military personnel. Please contact Sue Herrera, with any questions. She has a sign up sheet for 2-hour shifts. Food insecurity is an ongoing issue, and every single one of us will use a food pantry at some point in our lives.

On Saturday, April 20, our local animal shelter has a fundraiser, “Paws 4 Pets,' held at Bonelli Park. If you are interested in the 1.5 mile leisurely walk by the lake, check out their website [ivhsspca.org](http://ivhsspca.org) for more info. Like most animal shelters, they receive minimal funding, and rely heavily on community support, in their spay/neuter, emergency medical assistance, low cost vaccination and licensing services, cruelty investigations, wildlife relocation efforts, and adoption/placement programs. At the Paws 4 Pets walk you can bring your (leashed) dog, and walk solo, or as a group. It is a fun morning, and there are numerous pet vendors and entertainment.

It is that time of year for our annual Chocolate Bunnies collection, donating to the Sowing Seeds agency, who hands out more than 500 bunnies to local children. The deadline to deliver them is March 18, which is BEFORE our club mtg, so if you can deliver to Candy, she will get them to Sowing Seeds. Please let her know of the time/money spent, if you participate.

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

One of the things that brings a smile to your heart is the smile on a child’s face. That opportunity is available to us now, as Sowing Seeds Food Pantry is accepting donations of chocolate bunnies or a monetary contribution for Sowing Seeds to purchase. The deadline is March 18 to allow preparation for the March 20 food give-away. That deadline is before our next meeting, so if you’re inclined to make a child hoppy, it’s necessary to drop off or mail any donation to Sowing Seeds (Charisma Life Church, 305 E. Arrow Hwy, Pomona) by the 18th. If you’d like, you may also contact me for pick-up and I’ll be happy to fill my Easter basket and hop it over. Ears to ya!

Candy [candysnrg@verizon.net](mailto:candysnrg@verizon.net)

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](mailto:jennummelin@aol.com)

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

**Chairman Marina Salcido**

I hope everyone had a nice Valentine's Day. I would like to thank those that have made donations to House of Ruth, Crossroads, and used cell phones. Your generous donations will change someone's life. For those interested in making donations, House of Ruth is in need of pillows, bath towels, baby wipes, body wash, diapers, black hair care, full size matching shampoo and conditioner. Items can be dropped off at 599 N. Main Street in Pomona. Crossroads will accept all your gently used clothing, purses, shoes and new personal hygiene products, toiletries and cosmetics. Items can be dropped off at 1269 Harvard Avenue in Claremont. No appointment needed. Just leave your Items in front of the shed with the red door down the driveway. Don't forget to tag your items from La Verne/San Dimas Women's Club and log your donations in the project book.

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



**EDUCATION & LIBRARIES:**

**Chairmen Marilyn Caldwell &**

**Dian Moravek**

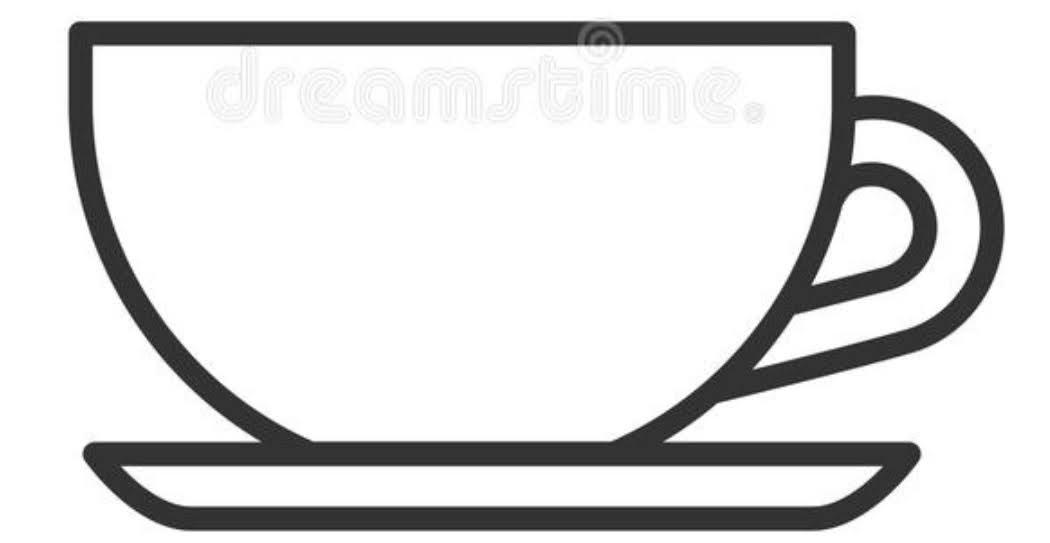
We would like to thank everyone who has generously collected and donated paperback books to the Library Prison Project. We have a full cart of books and will be bringing them to the book store in Claremont where they will be processed and forwarded for reading by prison inmates. Please continue donating used literature books to this cause, we can help make a difference one book at a time.

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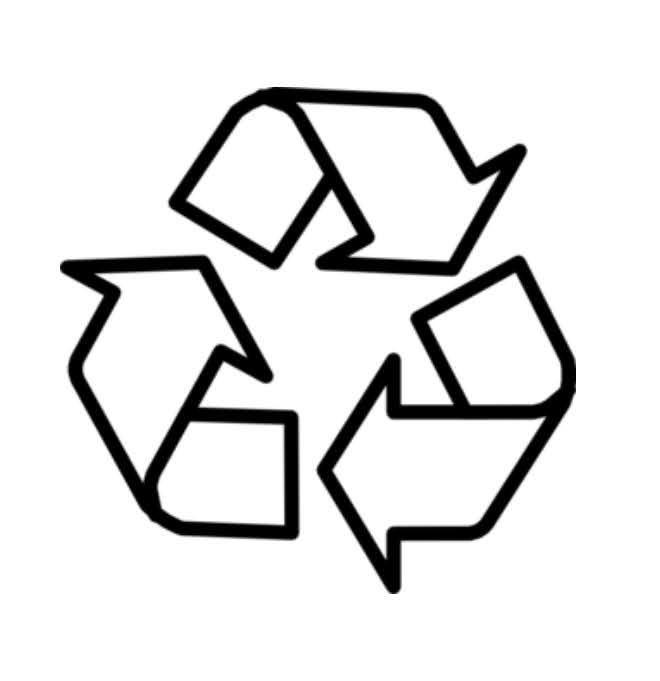
**ENVIRONMENT:**

**Chairman Marina Salcido**



Happy March all,

You have all done a great job on bringing those gently used cups in for Corky’s. Let's keep them coming. Thank you all who donated money to Penny Pines last month. Our goal is to get as many plantations purchased to replenish San Bernrdino's national forests.



Your continued recycling efforts are appreciated. Not only are you saving energy and landfill waste, you are also supporting Bonita High School Marching Band with much needed equipment and uniforms. Contact Gayle Garcia for your donations. [klasiccat@gmail.com](mailto:klasiccat@gmail.com)

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

**HEALTH & WELLNESS: OPEN**

I want to thank those of you that filled out notecards of encouragement at the February meeting; I collected 63 cards! If you took some notecards home to write out, please give them to me at the March meeting. I will be mailing them to the “Girls Love Mail” organization that will distribute them to women who have recently been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Also, a reminder that at the March meeting we will be putting together Chemo Care packages. Gayle Garcia is the Lead on this project.

Hope to see you all at the March meeting and wishing you a Happy St. Patrick’s Day!

Linda

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**SOCIAL COMMITTEE:**

**Chairmen Jennifer Nummelin & Gayle Garcia**

**Upcoming Events Info.:**

March

2, Sat. - Drum Circle at Claremont Center for Spirituality. 3:00 p.m. Free. BYODrum(s), or use the drums there.

6, Wed. - Lunch at Elvira’s Mexican Grill. 11:00 a.m. [415 W. Foothill Blvd., Claremont](https://www.google.com/maps/search/415+W.+Foothill+Blvd.,+Claremont?entry=gmail&source=g). Near Indian Hill.

9, Sat. - Food Drive at Masonic Lodge. Benefits our Military. 8:45-3:15 (2 hour shifts). Sue Herrera is the contact.

16, Sat. - Hike at Bonelli. 10:00 a.m. Free. Some of us go to lunch afterward. Meet in pkg lot by The Hangar restaurant, at the airport.

24, Sun. - Easter Egg Dyeing at Gayle’s home. 2:00 p.m. Bring your hard-boiled eggs and some decorating items, and let your inner child shine!! We always have fun.

28, Thurs. - Gab at Twisted Sage. 10:00 a.m. [433 E. Foothill Blvd., San Dimas](https://www.google.com/maps/search/433+E.+Foothill+Blvd.,+San+Dimas?entry=gmail&source=g). East of Walnut Avenue.

April

6, Sat. - Drum Circle at Claremont Center for Spirituality. 3:00 p.m. Free. BYODrum(s) or use the drums there.

6, Sat. - Community Yard Sale at Bonita H.S. 8 a.m.-noon. Gayle Garcia is the contact. Bring a chair.

7, Sun. - Coloring at Tami’s home. 2:00 p.m. Bring your coloring supplies.

14, Sun - Hike at Bonelli. 10:00 a.m. Free. Some of us go to lunch afterward. Meet in the pkg lot by The Hangar restaurant, at the airport.

16, Tues. - Dinner at Taste of Asia. 6:00 p.m. [2007 Foothill Blvd., La Verne](https://www.google.com/maps/search/2007+Foothill+Blvd.,+La+Verne?entry=gmail&source=g). West of D Street.

20, Sat, - Paws 4 Pets fundraiser at Bonelli Park. 8:30-11:00 a.m. \*see Civic Eng’mt. info above\*

26, - Gab at Kuhns Park. 10:00 a.m. [1600 Bonita Ave](https://www.google.com/maps/search/1600+Bonita+Ave?entry=gmail&source=g)., in La Verne. N/W corner of Magnolia. Free. Bring your coffee/drink and a chair. If the weather is bad, we will meet at a local coffee shop.

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

Gayle [klassiccat@gmail.com](mailto:klassiccat@gmail.com)

EventsRUs

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.

Shirley Vanderbeck [legalrabb@aol.com](mailto:legalrabb@aol.com)

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| 2 Linda Roache    **Seven Years - 3/2017**  Elsie Considine  Susan Minnihan  **Four Years - 3/2020**  Sue Herrera  Candy Miler  Gloria Schaaf  **Two Years - 3/2022**  Jocelyn Campbell |



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