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GFWC LA VERNE-SAN DIMAS WOMAN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Embrace the power of kindness and shine brightly.*



Sizzling Summer Edition

 <p>AUG</p>	<p>CALENDAR OF EVENTS</p>
<p>Sunday 8/4 – Ice Cream Social 2:00 Jody Mentzer’s House</p> <p>Tuesday 8/6 – La Verne National Night Out Fill-Cop-Car 5:00pm</p> <p>Saturday 8/10 – Coloring Social at Gayle Garcia’s House 2:00pm</p> <p>Thursday 8/22 – Gab at the Broken Yolk 10:00am</p> <p>Saturday 8/31 – Lunch at La Paloma 11:00am</p>	

<p><u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</u> <u>2024 - 2026</u></p> <p>President: Marlene Carney</p> <p>Co-First VP/Dean of Chairmen: Susan Minnihhan & Linda Roache</p> <p>Co-Second VP/Membership: Jody Mentzer & Sonya Whatley</p> <p>Third VP/Ways & Means: Sue Herrera</p> <p>Recording Secretary: Barbara Randolph</p> <p>Treasurer: Cathy Koch</p> <p>Parliamentarian: Pat Borchard</p> <p>Corresponding Secretary: Eleonore Burress</p>
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Marlene Carney

Welcome to our summer newsletter. I hope everyone is having a great summer filled with fun and relaxation. The summer heat has been a bit overwhelming and with that I remind you to stay hydrated and not overdo activities outside.

During the summer, we do not meet in July or August but that isn't stopping us from getting together for fun activities and projects. Thanks to the fantastic Joe and Marina Salcido and their float making artistry, a few of us participated in La Verne's Fourth of July Parade. It was heartwarming to see so many community members come out and enjoy the day's activities. Parades always bring a community together. Gayle had a fabulous Ice Cream Social with a nice crowd of ladies celebrating the joys of ice cream. Club members participated in a Food Drive at Stater Bros. with items going to Shepherd's Pantry and Sowing Seeds for Life. Susan Minnihan hosted a lovely crafts afternoon as club members made items to sell at the October Bunco and Brews fundraising event.

As I look at all our activities it reminded me of an article I recently read about "*Ikigai*," which is a Japanese term that means making your life worthwhile. It represents finding joy and purpose in life through the intersection of what you love, what you are good at, what the world needs, and ultimately achieving a fulfilling and meaningful life. It is about living in a way that gives you pleasure but also provides value to those around you. Our club represents this concept in such a profound way.

We volunteer for projects that serve so many and we engage in social activities that provide friendship, camaraderie and meaning. Membership in the GFWC La Verne-San Dimas Woman's Club provides us an opportunity to pursue "*Ikigai*" and live a purposeful life that provides meaning to ourselves and to others. I encourage everyone in the club to get involved in at least one project this year as well as engage in some of the social activities planned by our wonderful social chair, Jennifer Nummelin. I have found friendship and a strong sense of purpose with my involvement in the club.

I encourage all of you to invite one friend to the September 19 club meeting. Our Membership Co-VPs, Jody Mentzer and Sonya Whatley have been busy reaching out to those who have made inquiries via social media or our website. I also encourage you to attend some of the many social activities that are planned in August. If you ever want to chat about ideas for the club or just talk, always feel free to call or text me.

I wish everyone a summer filled with fun, laughter and maybe some cooler weather. Hope to see everyone in September and maybe sooner at some of our events.



Editor's Message:
Gloria Schaaf

The dog days of summer are certainly here (where did that term come from anyway? *History moment: It refers to the one- to two-month interval in which a particularly bright star rises and sets with the sun, shining during the daylight hours and staying hidden at night. This star is known by three names: the Dog Star, Sirius, and Alpha Canis Majoris (Latin for Greater Dog).*) OK, back to my message; During the Dog Days of Summer, I hope we are enjoying long, lazy afternoons and warm summer nights spent outside under the stars, not to mention plenty of pool time, beach time and maybe even an epic adventure or two.

Whether you intend to spend the HOT weather by the water, exploring new cities, or jamming out to your favorite music at a concert, summer is bound to be filled with amazing adventures and even better memories. Speaking of memories, our fabulous club members have been busy with Project Activities and Social Gatherings. Many of our memories are recorded with pictures. Check these out.

Club Members in Action

Feeding School Children Summer Food Drive - June 22, 2024

Feeding School Children Summer Food Drive held at the La Verne Stater Brothers to benefit Shepherds Pantry in Glendora and Sowing Seeds for Life in Pomona. 101 Bags of Groceries valued at \$3,333 were donated and **[We made the Front Page of the San Gabriel Valley Examiner Newspaper](#)** on the July 4th edition.



Pictured: Sonya Whatley, Barbara Randolph, Sue Herrera, Candy Miller





Pictured: Linda Roache, Jennifer Nummelin, Candy Miller, Marlene Carney



Pictured: Wendy Paolini, Marilyn Caldwell, Shirley Vanderbeck



Pictured: Gayle Garcia, Pat Borchard



La Verne-San Dimas Woman's Club Conducts Food Drive For School Children

LA VERNE- The GFWC La Verne San Dimas Woman's Club recently held a Food Drive at Stater Bros Grocery Store in La Verne. Fifteen of the club members worked several shifts focused on feeding hungry school children. During summer, many of the school's free lunch programs close. The food drive resulted in the club delivering a total of 101 bags/boxes of food, pet supplies and baby items shared between Sowing Seeds for Life in La Verne and Shepherds Pantry in Glendora. That equates to \$3,333 worth of goods that will aid families experiencing hunger insecurity during the summer.

GFWC La Verne-San Dimas Woman's Club was formed in August of 2015 and chartered at the CFWC State Convention in May of 2016. The club is part of the Foothill District. The club has a board of directors that helps develop a program of action each year. The current President, Marlene Carney, a 21 year La Verne resident has a great motto for the club - *"Every act of kindness sparkles like a star. Embrace the power of kindness and shine brightly."*

The GFWC La Verne-San Dimas Woman's Club has members from La Verne, San Dimas, and other neighboring cities. Members are a diverse group of women that are married, single, stay-at-home mothers, grandmothers, women in business and education, and retired from a wide variety of careers. All are dedicated to making a difference in their communities while having fun doing it. The club has over 50 projects that they are involved with through volunteer participation and donations. The projects include organizations such as Sowing Seeds for Life, Haynes Family of Programs, Meals on Wheels, March of Dimes, Shepherd's Pantry, House of



Linda Roache, Jennifer Nummelin, Candy Miller and Marlene Carney from the GFWC La Verne-San Dimas Woman's Club volunteering at the club's food drive supporting Shepherd's Pantry and Sowing Seeds for Life.



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Ruth, Crossroads, San Dimas Public Library, La Verne Police Department K9 Foundation, Shoes that Fit and more. It is a flexible club as it allows members to participate at a level they are able to given that many members have multiple commitments and responsibilities.

The club has social events that provide opportunities for building camaraderie and friendships. Over the years they have had lunch, dinner, and park meet-ups, social teas, museum outings and

of course the annual holiday dinner. The club has a regular monthly membership meeting on the third Thursday of each month. There is a social time beginning at 6:30 pm with the meeting beginning at 7 pm. Ladies that are interested in joining the club can send an email to lvsdwomensclub91750@gmail.com Interested individuals should visit the website at www.lvsd.org and the club's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/gfwclavernesandimas>



I Scream You Scream, We All Scream for Ice Cream. – June 30, 2024

With the sizzling summer heat, the gals all met up for an Ice Cream Social, and a huge Thank You to Gayle Garcia for offering up her home for the gathering. What a turn-out and look at the smiles on those faces



Certificate of Recognition - June 26, 2024

Our very own President Marlene Carney accepting the 5-year member Certificate of Recognition presented by the La Verne Chamber of Commerce to the GFWC La Verne San Dimas Woman's Club.



Pictured with Marlene is (Left to Right) Michael Mergil, 2024 La Verne Chamber Chair of the Board and Juan Fuentes, Immediate Past Chair.



We are certainly being noticed.... Great work ladies





GFWC La Verne San Dimas Woman's Club has participated in the La Verne 4th July Parade for four consecutive years. For the last three years, Marina Salcedo and her husband Joe, have not only created the float, but also used his truck to pull the float down the parade route with our club members onboard. Our ladies got together before the parade to decorate the float and don't you think it turned out great. It was a HOT day, but it looks like they had a fabulous time.



Pictured: Barbara Randolph, Cathy Koch, Sofia Bauer, Marina Salcido, Jody Mentzer, Sue Herrera, Susan Minnihan, Gayle Garcia, Pat Borchard, Marlene Carney





Pictured: Cathy Koch



Pictured: Sue Herrera, Susan Minnihan and Pat Borchard



Grub and Gab - July 11, 2024

A few club members met up for a Grub and Gab session (it was so nice and air conditioned inside) at the Butter Café in San Dimas.

We talk about almost everything and anything except club business— come out to the next gathering, you'll have some fun and a lot of laughs.



Pictured: Jenel Izaguirre, Susan Hope, Eleonore Bures, Marilyn Caldwell, Kathy Koach, Jennifer Nummelin



Pictured: Jody Metzler, Jenel Izaguirre, Susan Hope, Eleonore Bures, Marilyn Caldwell, Cathy Koch, Wendy Paolini, Jennifer Nummelin, Gayle Garcia



CFWC Area “B” Meeting – July 11, 2024 thru July 13, 2024

CFWC JULY EXECUTIVE BOARD CALL Ontario Airport Hotel & Conference Center 700 North Haven Avenue, Ontario, CA 91764 July 11 – 13, 2024

Ignite Your Volunteer Spirit

The Meeting provided an opportunity to meet and network with other members in Area B. We had a small but powerful group of women representing LV/SD Woman’s Club.

Looks like Tami Miller was ready to party.



Pictured: Pat Borchard, Marilyn Cruz, Jennifer Nummelin, Tami Miller, Marlene Carney, Shirley Vanderbeck



Pictured: Tami Miller



Craft Day (Session 1) – July 14, 2024

Craft Day at the home of Susan Minnihan and since No Experience Required, we had instructor Sue Herrera on hand to guide us. We created crafts to sell at the Bunco & Brew fundraiser scheduled for Fall 2024. Contrary to how hard it looks like we are working, it was so much fun that there are two more sessions scheduled.



Pictured: Sue Minnihan, Cathy Koch, Gloria Schaaf, Barbara Randolph, Linda Roache, Jody Metzler



Pictured: Jody Mentzer, Susan Minnihan, Pat Borchard, Wendy Paolini, Linda Roache, Sue Herrera



Pictured: Barbara Randolph, Cathy Koch



Lunch at Legends – July 22, 2024

LV/SD club members met for lunch at Legends in Glendora to talk, laugh and eat. Activities like this (planned and arranged by Jennifer) are a great and fun way to get to know each other. Unfortunately, not everyone in attendance made it into the pictures.

Notice the street sign.



Pictured: Eleonore Bures, Jennifer Nummelin (hiding behind Eleonore), Marlene Carney, Cathy Koch (hiding next to Marlene), Susan Hope, Pat Borchard.





Pictured: Marina Salcido, Marilyn Caldwell. Also present but not pictured: Tami Miller, Wendy Paolini, Jody Mentzer, Gloria Schaaf



*****Reminder*****

It's official, the 2024 Best of La Verne race is on! Cast your votes for "The Best" through August 12th. Vote for us at: <https://bestoflaverne.voterfly.com>

You need to register to Vote; the process is easy and please follow the rules. There is a way for the monitors to tell if someone is voting multiple times for one group so, please don't go there or we could end up being disqualified. You must also vote for more than just one organization.

Tell your friends, your family, everyone that they should vote for the GFWC La Verne-San Dimas Woman's Club as the 2024 Best Service Club. We won in 2022 and 2023; Let's do this again ladies.


Happy Anniversary

**Nine Years - 8/2015
Charter Members**

Pat Borchard
Linda Koontz
Jennifer Nummelin

1 year – 8/2023

Kathy Sandoval



August

Eleonore Burress – 7th
Sue Herrera – 16th
Susan Minnihan – 21st
Kathy Sandoval – 23rd
Sharon Keehne – 27th

The most successful people are those who do all year long what they would otherwise do on their summer vacation.” - Mark Twain

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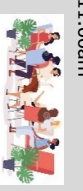




La Verne-San Dimas Woman's Club

August 2024

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Ice Cream Social 2:00 at Jody's house 	5	6 LaVerne National Night Out 5:00pm	7 Happy Birthday  Eleonore Burruss	8	9	10 Coloring Social 2:00pm at Gayle's house
11	12	13	14	15	16 Happy Birthday  Sue Herrera	17
18	19 Aviation Day	20	21 Happy Birthday  Susab Minnihan	22 Gab at the Broken Yolk 10:00am 	23 Happy Birthday  Kathy Sandoval	24
25	26	27 Happy Birthday  Sharon Keehne	28	29	30	31 Lunch at La Paloma 11:00am 
		Notes Free Concerts in th Park San Dimas every Wednesday at 7:00 Free Concerts in th Park La Verne Sundays at 6:30				

