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



*Every Moment Counts.*



	<b>CALENDAR OF EVENTS</b>
<p>11 Hike at Bonelli, 10 am 9 EC Meeting 16 General Meeting, 7 pm 17 Gab at LV Starbucks, 10 am 18 Coloring at Tami's, 2 pm 19 Claremont Farmers Mkt., 10 am 23 Thanksgiving</p>	

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Tami Miller**

This is the time of year where the fall colors are warm and welcoming. You will see children who love Halloween, dressing up and Trick or Treating. It is also the time of Thanksgiving and Christmas with families getting together sharing love and fun. Talk about fun! Bunco and Brew takes 1<sup>st</sup> place in the fun category. Sue and her team did a fantastic job in putting that fundraiser together. Everyone is still talking about it.

Check out the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President's article to see how we came out raising funds.

**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

Don't forget to fill out the nomination for Kindness Angel and bring it to the November meeting. It doesn't have to be Club related. Just one simple act of kindness.

I'm looking forward to the Holiday Dinner. Glendora Country Club is a lovely place to end our Club year. The Kindness Angel will be announced, and your Secret Sister will divulge who she is. We will also have

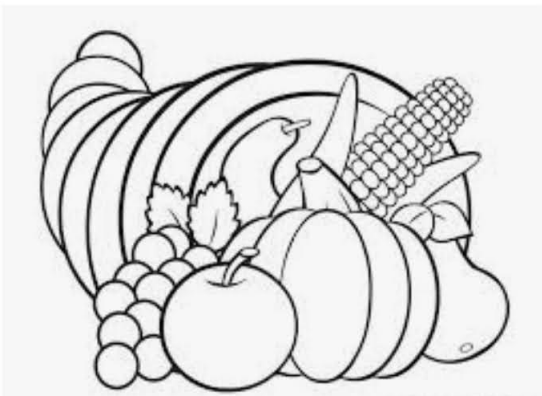


Initiation for our new members. It will be a great evening.

I can't go without mentioning, "Report Writing." Yes, it is that time again. Being in a new District does not affect our award-winning possibilities. All reports will still be submitted to CFWC for review. The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents will be giving us more information at the November meeting.

Our membership is growing, and we will be having Orientations on November 11 and 13 to welcome new members. If you see a new face at our November meeting, please go up and introduce yourself.

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

I'm sure we're all thinking, "Is it November already?!" This means that the holidays are quickly approaching, as we start to have thoughts of Thanksgiving dinner and Christmas shopping!

As you read through this Newsletter, you can see by our chairmen's articles, that we are a busy group and are involved in lots of projects. One way we keep track of what we do is to write reports at the end of the year.



For our newer members, every chairman is responsible to write a report detailing what projects we have done along with an accounting of all hours, money spent and any in-kind donations contributed by our members. It is extremely important to include the impact the project had on our community and or others. Through our reports we are recording the "History" of our club and district. This is also a time to "brag" about all we do! Also, if our club is ever asked to prove its 501(C)3 status, our reports will come in handy.

So, please remember to record your hours, etc., in our Project Books (which are displayed at every meeting) so that our chairmen can accurately record our efforts towards our projects. These reports are then submitted to our District to be read and perhaps even to win an award, as well as to possibly go on to State for recognition!

Also, if anyone is interested, we have two chairmanships open that we need to fill! One is Arts & Culture and the other is Health & Wellness. If you'd like to discuss or have any questions about either of these chair positions, just ask and we'd be happy to give further details. It's a great way to become more involved in our club!

We hope to see everyone at the November General Meeting, but if we don't, please, have a Happy Thanksgiving and enjoy your time with family and friends.

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

**THIRD VP/WAYS & MEANS:**  
**Sue Herrera**

Ladies! If you missed all the action, our first annual GFWC LVSD Woman's Club Fall Bunco & Brew Fundraiser was an ENORMOUS success! It was quite an introduction to my new position as 3rd V.P. / Ways and Means, as Tami did indeed "walk



me to my car" (ha-ha!) and I agreed to take over the position for Gayle Garcia, but it was a great experience.

All I really hoped for from this event was to make the club a little money to support our various projects and attempt to make Gayle proud. Without seeing the actual numbers yet (we'll have them in Kathy's Treasurer Report at the November meeting), I'm guesstimating between event ticket sales, raffle tickets, and craft sales, we brought in just under \$2,500!

I am SO PROUD of this club and our members; when I asked everyone for "all hands on deck," you all stepped up and made it happen! For that I thank each and every one of you who participated either by serving on the fundraising committee, donating a raffle item, donating crafts to sell, printed raffle tickets or flyers, sold event tickets, attended the event with your friends, ran errands for me, filled goodie bags, made phone calls, reached out with words of encouragement, picked up rentals, decorated the venue, worked the event, cleaned up at the venue, or called to express their thanks for the event. We could not have pulled this off without all the help. My gratitude is endless and fills my heart.

When planning an event, all you can ask is that your guests feel included and comfortable, enjoy themselves, have fun, and leave with the feeling that they can't wait until the next one; from the feedback I've received, we achieved that! The only NEGATIVE feedback was that there were still quite a few inquiries for tickets after we were sold out and that attendees need to wait an entire year for the next event. If those were the only complaints, I'll take it and improve on that - i.e. bigger and better next time!

As a reminder, please remember that our on-line holiday See's Candy Yumraiser storefront opens on November 3 and will remain open through December 3. There's

nothing for you to do, but to tell your friends and family about our storefront and provide the link; See's does the rest!

[https://www.yumraising.com/secure/gfwclvd\\_gfwc\\_la\\_vernesan\\_dimas\\_womans\\_club3/SusBOS7743/candy](https://www.yumraising.com/secure/gfwclvd_gfwc_la_vernesan_dimas_womans_club3/SusBOS7743/candy)

Additionally, our new PayPal account is up and running; we've now caught up to the 21st century!

Simply go to our website, LVSD.org, and click on the green "DONATE" button. That takes you to PayPal where you have the option to make a donation to our general fund, pay new membership dues, pay membership renewal dues, purchase fundraising event tickets, or donate to several of our current projects.

You may pay/donate using your own PayPal account, a credit card or a debit card.

If you are using PayPal to pay new membership fees or membership renewal dues, please include the convenience fee that PayPal charges. If you'd rather not pay the minimal convenience fee, you may write the club a check.

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

### **PARLIAMENTARIAN: Pat Borchard**

A Nominating/Elections Committee was selected back in February. Once again thank you to Linda Koontz and Cathy Koch for being elected to serve on this committee. Our bylaws indicate this committee shall consist of at least three members. I will be asking for a third member at our next meeting. The election of officers shall occur at the March general meeting.

It is never too early to start considering how you can step up and take on a leadership position for the term 2024-2026. The elected positions are: President, 1<sup>st</sup> VP-Dean of Chairmen, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP-Membership, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Ways and Means, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer. The term of office



is for two years. A candidate for President shall have served at least one year in another elective office prior to her nomination for President. The President appoints the following positions: Corresponding Secretary and Parliamentarian.

There are also chairmanships that you may volunteer for and are then ratified by the membership.

Just a friendly reminder that any officer or chairman giving a report needs to provide a copy of that report to the Recording Secretary and the President, and retain a copy of that report in the officer's procedure book or the chairman's procedure book.

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**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:**  
**Jennifer Nummelin**

Our upcoming holiday party at the Glendora Country Club is December 14, and if you are attending, please remember payment and entree choice must be received by December 1. I will bring the sign up sheet, again, to the next meeting. I appreciate the three members who offered to bring dessert, as it helps lower the overall costs. It should be a wonderful evening!

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

**Kindness Angel**

Nomination sheets were distributed at the October meeting. The Kindness Angel information is also attached to this newsletter. Your Kindness Angel nomination forms are due at the November 16 general meeting. You can email your nomination form to me, send it via US mail, or bring it to the November meeting. The selection committee is made up of our Club Member of the Year 2022 (Jennifer

Nummelin), Citizen of the Year 2022 (Cathy Koch), and Kindness Angel 2022 (Tami Miller). Our Kindness Angel recipient will be announced at our December 14 Holiday Dinner.

**Kindness Angel Committee Chairman:**  
Pat Borchard [peb1956@verizon.net](mailto:peb1956@verizon.net)

## >> Chairmen Chats <<

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

Hello Ladies!

A HUGE thank you for the candy donations that everyone made at last month's meeting. If you didn't already do so, please mark your time and in-kind monetary amount spent on candy on the project sheet in the book under the Advocates for Children tab at the back table at the November meeting.

We had great weather for once and a huge turnout of cute kiddos (and big kids) dressed in some super creative costumes.

Marilyn Caldwell did a fantastic job creating a pirate theme in the back of my truck complete with treasure and a skeleton pirate, and provided the four of us volunteers with accessories to dress as pirates; so many attendees complimented her on the decor and I can't thank her enough for taking the lead on that.

A fun event that I look forward to every year. Thank you, also, to Kathy Castle and Gloria Schaaf for volunteering their time as well (as they do every year). If you haven't volunteered to work the event in the past, please consider it next year...super fun!

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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!

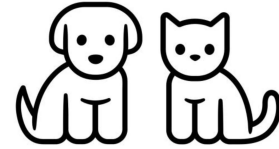
Cathy Koch [granniepurpyl@gmail.com](mailto:granniepurpyl@gmail.com)

**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH:**  
**Chairmen Jennifer Nummelin & Candy Miller**

Once again we will be signing holiday cards to deliver to numerous convalescent, board and care, and assisted living facilities to cheer up those folks still isolated in residential care places. Please bring any holiday-themed blank/unused cards to the November meeting, and during the meeting break we will sign them. OR, sign them on your own time, and bring them to the meeting. This is a very worthwhile (hands-on) project.

Starting in early November, Burlington Coat Factory is accepting donations of gently used (WARM) coats. They collect from November 1 through December 31. I have several dozen at the ready, as several of you have been bringing them to me all year long, and I will be delivering them this coming week. Meanwhile, you can donate by bringing them to the meeting, and I will deliver them to Burlington, or you can take them to Burlington yourselves. Just remember to keep track of the time and number of items in the project book. Again, a wonderful project to help those in need keep warm.

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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:**  
**Chairman Marina Salcido**

Happy holiday season all. Please remember to log all your time in the project books at our November meeting. You can still participate in projects for House of Ruth by picking up immediate needs items: pillows, bath towels, black hair care, baby wipes, body wash, and full size matching shampoo & conditioner. Crossroads accepts gently used clothes and shoes all year long.

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)

Can you smell the wonderful Pumpkin Spice in the air? As we move into the holiday, please remember to log in all your time spent on Environment projects in the project book at the November meeting. You can participate in all our projects all year long.

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.

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**LEADERSHIP: Chairman Linda Koontz**

Hope all of you had a fun and safe Halloween. With the holidays coming up fast (now that Halloween is over), we all need to think about the direction our club wants to take. We have done well in Membership and fundraising. However, there are other

very important areas for our club to be involved with and **YES**, I am speaking about elected offices for the term of **2024-2026**. The Nominating Committee will be meeting after the new year to nominate possible candidates for an office. We have come so far as a new club (since 2015) and are thriving. However, none of us want to see the momentum we have diminished. We need positions that hopefully our Nominating Committee can fill and as mentioned before, we can have Co-Officers.

Please read the Bylaws and duties of an office you may consider and ask the member who is currently holding that office what is required. You can also come to me as your Leadership Chairman and a long-time member in Federation. Perhaps...a Zoom meeting would be a good idea before our Nominating Committee meets?

We can't expect members to keep doing the same position when we are thriving in the area of membership! Please I ask all of you to put your thinking caps on and "**get involved.**" We had the honor of receiving "**Best Service Club**" two years in a row and that alone is a great accomplishment, but we need members to step up to the plate. Please consider a position and you will have plenty of help...I promise.

Linda [luv2collect1@gmail.com](mailto:luv2collect1@gmail.com)

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE:**

**Chairmen Jennifer Nummelin & Gayle Garcia**

**Upcoming Events Info.:**

November

2, Thursday - Dinner at Lucky Elephant Thai, 531 W. Arrow Hwy, San Dimas. 6:00 p.m.

11, Saturday - Hike at Bonelli. Meet at Norm's Hangar, airport pk'g lot. 10:00 a.m.



16, Thursday - General Meeting \*Card signing during break\*. 6:30 p.m.  
17, Friday - Gab at Starbucks, 1181 Foothill Blvd, L.V. East of Damien. 10:00 a.m.  
18, Saturday - Coloring at Tami's house 1970 Deventer, L.V. 2:00 p.m.  
19, Sunday - Claremont Farmers Market. Meet at 'Last Drop Cafe,' 119 Harvard Ave, by 1st St., in Claremont. Then we can walk over to the main event. 10:00 a.m.  
23, Thursday - Turkey Day

### December

10, Saturday - Hike at Bonelli. Meet at Norm's Hangar, airport pk'g lot. 10:00 a.m.  
14, Thursday - Holiday party. 6:30 p.m.

Any ideas for future events, let us know!

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Gayle [klassiccat@gmail.com](mailto:klassiccat@gmail.com)  
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### Foothill District Information:

Foothill District continues to take the steps to develop and grow as one of the best districts in CFWC. Mark calendars for December 9, the next District meeting.

It will be a holiday luncheon. More information to be shared.

Foothill District will be collecting toys and gift cards for CHPs for Kids at the December meeting. We are hoping to have officers at this meeting to pick up donations.

Check your next District newsletter for information and updates.

Pat Borchard, Foothill District President



Thank you to my Secret Sister for the surprise of a handmade gift bag and "Tilda's Christmas Ideas" delivered by Amazon! Also, thank you for the cute pumpkin that adorns my TV cabinet, and the gift card.

Hugs,  
Linda K.



Pat Borchard 11/7  
Tiffany Borgoyne 11/10  
Shirley Vanderbeck 11/16  
Linda Koontz 11/23  
Jody Mentzer 11/30  
Gloria Schaaf 11/30



**Eight Years - 11/2015**

Linda Roache

**Four Years - 11/2019**

Julie Griffith  
Rachelle Killackey

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