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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.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Tami Miller

The holidays is a time for parties. I hope you are planning on attending our Holiday Dinner next Tuesday at the Glendora Country Club. I look forward to spending some social time with all of you. We are a great club and I am so proud of our accomplishments this year.

If you participated in the Secret Sister Project, this is when you can divulge who you are. We will also be recognizing our Executive Committee and Program Chairmen. There will be a sign-up sheet for the 2023 Secret Sister Project at the Holiday Dinner.

There will be limited business at the Holiday Party, but a lot of member recognition. We will announce our Kindness Angel who will be honored at the District Fashion Show Saturday, February 4, 2023.

On December 9th, we will be participating in the District Holiday Boutique. This is one of our annual fundraisers. Our club will have crafts, baked goods, All that Glitters, and watercolor paintings for sale. We will also be presenting our CHIPS for Kids gift cards. Thanks to your kindness we collected over

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: Gayle Garcia
Recording Secretary: Barbara Randolph
Treasurer: Kathy Castle-Kuhn
Corresponding Secretary: Jennifer Nummelin
Parliamentarian: Pat Borchard

\$240 in cards to bring a little happiness to less fortunate children at Christmas time. January 13 is the Birthday Council. This is when we celebrate the District's Birthday. Lunch will be served and there will be a sign-up sheet for reservations at the Holiday Party. Cost is \$20.

I look forward to another successful year as we increase our membership and add more helping hands to our Volunteer Team.

"LET'S PARTY!"

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

Hopefully everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends. The weather was so beautiful; not exactly "Fall-like" but you can't complain with temperatures in the 70's during the days and cool nights! We should count our blessings that we live in Southern California!

Now we're heading into (or in the middle of) the very busy Christmas season! We know that we're all busy with all of the holiday shopping, decorating, family visits, wrapping presents, etc., etc., but we still have Club business that needs to be accomplished. The Leads on Projects and Chairmen should be working together to get their reports finished and turned in to us by December 15. Kudos to Barbara Randolph and Susan Herrera (at the writing of this report) for getting them to us already! Remember, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us to help you with report writing.

Looking forward to seeing everyone that signed up for our Holiday Dinner. It is a wonderful evening at a special venue and is sure to get you into the "holiday spirit!" Wishing everyone a safe and Merry Christmas!

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CO-SECOND VP/MEMBERSHIP:
Marlene Carney & Gloria Schaaf

The end of the year is approaching, and it gives us all a time to reflect on the past year. December is also a month of holiday cheer and provides a time for families and friends to celebrate each other. Club members should be proud



of this year's accomplishments in volunteerism. Our commitment to make the lives of others and the overall communities we serve better is a testament of the goodness of the club's 37 members.

The Holiday Dinner is coming up on December 8 at the Glendora Country Club (6:30pm). We hope you have signed up for this annual event that is always fun and truly special. Spouses and guests are also welcomed to attend. A big shout out to Jennifer Nummelin for planning the logistics for the event. Thank you to Linda Koontz who is helping coordinate the dessert assortment. A beautiful dinner is planned, the atmosphere will be full of wonder. The camaraderie shared at this event and the celebration of our newest members is always an inspiration and a reminder of how special the La Verne-San Dimas Woman's Club is. We will also be recognizing the Kindness Angel of the Year.

We are entering Club Awards season and nominations are due on January 31 for the Citizen of the Year Award and January 1 for the Club Member of the Year. I will be sending out a blast email to all of you with the forms attached. I will also have forms available at the Holiday Dinner. Recipients of the awards will be honored at the 2023 San Gabriel Valley District Convention on April 20-22 at the Doubletree by Hilton in Pomona.

The Club Member of the Year honors a member that has gone above and beyond in participating with the club during 2022. Nominees must have been a member of our club for one year. Categories of activities should include only local club activities and how they

have participated with various projects and events.

The Citizen of the Year Award is given to a club member who has demonstrated personal excellence as a volunteer with community and organizational activities outside of the club, and commitment to their family such as care of adult and child family members. The nominee should be one of those extraordinary individuals who find time to serve those in the community. Nominees must have been a member of the club for one year and accomplishments reported should cover activities during 2022.

As we reflect on the past year, let's focus on all the good that each of us has accomplished. Time moves quickly and we sometimes forget that so much good was done for so many. This month, focus on friends and family and how both have positively contributed to our lives. We wish you a wonderful holiday season.


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THIRD VP/WAYS & MEANS:
Gayle Garcia

Thank you to all who participated in the Diamond Ring Raffle. We don't have the final numbers as of this writing, but should be able to report money raised and the winner at the January meeting. I would also like to take this time to personally thank Susan M. and Linda R. for helping me out with the raffle while I was in Lakewood taking care of my dad. The way we rally around one another when someone needs

that extra help is one of the main reasons why I love this group so much! You ladies rock!

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	CALENDAR OF EVENTS
8 Holiday Dinner 9 District Holiday Boutique 14 Cookie Exchange at Gayle's 15 Chairmen Reports Due 25 Christmas 31 New Years Eve	

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:
Jennifer Nummelin

I sent out a half dozen thank you cards to several agencies and organizations with whom we collaborate. If there is anyone you want to thank or have recognized, please let me know. Working with other organizations and agencies is beneficial for all. Applicable to all life's experiences, "When you want to go fast, go alone....When you want to go far, go together."

Jennifer jennummelin@aol.com

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Pat Borchard

Thank you to Shirley Vanderbeck, Cathy Koch, and Gloria Schaaf for serving on the Bylaws Committee. We will be meeting January 23 at 6pm. If you have any Bylaws or Standing Rule recommendations, please get them to me no later than January 5. Once the Committee meets, recommendations will be printed in the February newsletter and voted on at the March meeting.



KINDNESS ANGEL

Thank you to everyone who submitted a nominee for Kindness Angel. Thank you to our fabulous committee, Susan Minnihan, Sue Herrera, and Marina Salcido. Our Kindness Angel recipient will be announced at our holiday dinner on December 8th. See you then!

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>> Chairmen Chats <<

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN:

Chairman Sue Herrera



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

ARTS & CULTURE:

Chairman Gayle Garcia

It's Contest time and it's not too late for an entry.

The following are under the Painting Categories: Watercolor, Oil, Drawings with pencil, pastel or charcoal, Portrait, Scenic, Still Life must have been completed in 2022. Nothing larger than 24x30. This is open to club members and students from K1 to 12th grade.

Photography Contest: Categories are, Our World Up Close, Natural Wonders,



Reflections, and GFWC Volunteers in Action. Photos need to have been taken in 2022. This is open to Club members, and Students Grades 6 to 12.

Craft Contest (Entry form due by January 12, 2023): Crochet, Sewing, Embroidery, Holiday Decorations, Knitting, Needlepoint, Quilting.

Creative Writing: Prose and Poetry. Word limit, 2000 words. This is open to Club Members and students Grades 1 thru 12. Writing must have been completed in 2022. Entries are due by February 20, 2023.

If you are interested in any of the above contests, please contact me for more information.

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CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH:

Chairmen Jennifer Nummelin & Candy Miller

A big shout out to you all, as this year we wrote and delivered 900 cards to those isolated and institutionalized patients!!! Woohoo!! Numerous people will appreciate those warm greetings.

We also collected 94 coats, which go to college students, homeless, and/or domestic violence shelters in the area. These two projects are very beneficial to the community.

There are many other projects with which we are involved, and our efforts do not go unnoticed (Although we aren't doing it to be noticed, are we?). Keep up the great work!

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Retiring Old Glory

Now that I am home, for good hopefully, I am ready to kick off our Retiring Old Glory project. This project entails collecting old American flags that are no longer fit to be flown and submitting them to the Fire Department for proper retirement. We can contact our friends, family, neighbors, and post on social media like Facebook and Nextdoor. You can bring all collected flags to my house and leave them on my bench (unless I can find a box), then they can be placed there. I will be contacting the Fire Department to see if we can attend the formal retirement. This is going to be an ongoing project, however, once we have a sufficient amount of flags, we will take them to the Fire Department. I will keep you posted as to the dates.

Operation Community Cares

Thank you to those who were able to donate items to Operation Community Cares. Items collected are packaged and sent to our soldiers overseas in appreciation of their service to our country. Although this project is ongoing, we have two large drives a year; March and November. Again, thank you to those who donated. For some soldiers, this is the only mail they receive. Thank you everyone for all you do for Club and our Communities!

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS & PREVENTION:

Kathy Diaz

I just want to thank everyone for all the purses and items to put in them. I will make sure to get them to the DVAC Christmas party on Dec.19.

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ENVIRONMENT:

Chairman Marina Salcido

Greetings all,

Wow, December is here. I hope you all have a great holiday and take time to enjoy time with your loved ones. If you are hosting any festivities, please remember to save your recyclables. All proceeds of recyclables will be donated to Bonita High School Band.

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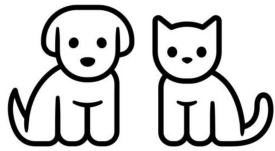
Coats & jackets needed!

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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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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SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

Chairmen Jennifer Nummelin & Gayle Garcia

November was a fast-paced, busy month, but we managed to squeeze in a Logan's Candy Cane Tour, park gab, and Taco Tuesday dinner. Our social events not only help us in building camaraderie, but also simply having some fun during stressful times. This year we had 37 events. Send us your ideas for future get-togethers!

Upcoming Events Info.:

Thursday, December 8, 6:30 p.m. - Club Holiday Dinner at Glendora Country Club.

Wednesday the 14th, 7:00 p.m. Christmas Cookie Exchange, Gayle's house, 733 Cambert St, La Verne. As announced at the October meeting, Gayle will be holding a Christmas Cookie Exchange at her house on December 14 from 7-9 pm. Please bring 1-2 dozen homemade cookies, along with the recipe, to share. Gayle will provide the hot beverages. Who knows, maybe your family favorite will become someone else's family favorite!

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Marina Salcido 12/8
Wendy Clark-Paolini 12/18



One Year - 12/2021
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