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May the Spirit of Nature Fulfill Your Spirit of Volunteering.



Every Moment Counts.



	CALENDAR OF EVENTS
<p>6 Drum Circle, 3 pm 11 EC Meeting 13 Bowling, Chaparral Lanes, 3 pm 15 MLK Birthday 15 Walking Wonder Woman, 10 am 17 Walker House lunch/tour, 11:30 am 18 General Meeting, 7 pm 25 Gab, French Press Espresso, 10 am 28 Bonelli Hike, 10 am</p>	

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Tami Miller

Wishing you all a "Happy Healthy New Year." I hope your holidays were filled with love, family, and friends.

Many thanks to Jennifer and her team for closing our year with a fantastic Holiday Party. 27 raffle gifts and we didn't even have to buy a raffle ticket. Amazing job ladies!

Thank you for reading our monthly Newsletter. Cathy takes pride, and she should, of all the details she includes in the Newsletter. Stay in the know and read it each month.

Congratulations to our Chairmen who have completed their annual reports. And to Susan Minnihan and Linda Roche who gave up many holiday hours to edit the reports. The reports are important to the history of our Club. The reports list all our accomplishments and successes, and we have many.



We will have a guest speaker at our January 18 meeting. Ann Marie Miller from Project One Cause. Project One Cause is a nonprofit organization that provides financial aid and education support for families with children in need.

I look forward to seeing all your smiling faces and to show our new members what a great club we are. We have had a very successful 2023, and 2024 will be just as eventful.

See you on the 18th.

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PRESIDENT'S AIDE/AMENITIES:

Jennifer Nummelin

Happy New Year, everyone! Now go put away your ugly Christmas sweaters til next year! You know who you are. May we all be healthy and happy in 2024. Thank you to all my little helpers during my month of crutches. The leg is almost back to normal, and I appreciate people checking in on me.

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

Happy New Year, Ladies! It's difficult to believe 2023 is just about in the memory books. Time flies while we're having fun participating in projects and social events in our Club! We are now a part of a new district - Foothill District - and look forward to the possibilities and new chapters for us all in that realm. We have overcome hardships and learned from life's lessons along the way. We're looking forward to a new year to continue our Club's wonderful philanthropy and strive to make changes for the better for all involved.

We hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful holiday season. Our holiday dinner at the Glendora Country Club was enjoyed by those who attended; we missed those members who couldn't join us. So much festive energy in celebrating all of our members and recognizing our program chairs, board members, and Kindness Angel Barbara Randolph. Congratulations, Barbara, as well as our Kindness Angel nominees! We also welcomed several new members joining our Club and look forward to their participation in our various Club endeavors.

Speaking of program chairs and project leaders, thank you all for submitting your reports in such a timely manner. As of this writing, we have seven reports finalized and six in progress. We understand bringing together the information can be frustrating at times; but when all's said and done, it's amazing to note all of the wonderful community projects and organizations we have supported as reflected in these reports. Our club members are an amazing group of women!

There are now three chairmanship positions open – 1) Arts & Culture, 2) Health & Wellness, and 3) Leadership. If any member is interested in chairing one or



would like to know more about these worthwhile programs, please contact us! We sincerely wish all of you a healthy, prosperous New Year as we look forward to a great year filled with volunteerism, philanthropy, and member camaraderie.

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

Happy New Year! Every January marks the beginning of a new chapter. It is a time to reflect on the successes of the past year and to develop a plan of action that will continue that success. The La Verne-San Dimas Woman's Club is gearing up for an inspiring year ahead, filled with compassion, dedication, and impactful philanthropy and volunteerism. We continue to make a positive difference in the community and each new year brings a renewed sense of purpose and enthusiasm.

In 2023, the club gained 10 new members, bringing the membership total to 40 dynamic, strong, and compassionate ladies. Our goal in 2024 is to continue to grow the club and spread the word about its accomplishments. At the December Holiday dinner we inducted six new members, and the inspiring event filled with words of inspiration made us realize what a special group we are. Thank you to Gloria Schaaf, Sue Herrera, and Marilyn Caldwell for helping make the induction ceremony memorable. The six new members inducted were Vilma Ayala, Tiffany Burgoyne, Olivia Cardenas, Susan Hope, Christi Joanou, Malissa Radigan, and Kathryn Sandoval. We also awarded the Kindness Angel of the Year. The list of nominees were Barbara Randolph, Sue Herrera, Jennifer Nummelin, and Jenel Izaguirre. Barbara Randolph was selected

as the Kindness Angel and awarded an angel pin.

A huge thank you is extended to Jennifer Nummelin who did an amazing job coordinating the dinner which turned out to be magical. Thank you to Sue Herrera, Susan Minnihan, and Pat Borchard for providing some fantastic desserts.

All the members are invited to bring a friend to the next club meeting which will be January 18 at the San Dimas Masonic Lodge. The event begins with a social at 6:30 and the meeting begins at 7 pm. Refreshments will be served. If any of the members know of someone that has expressed interest in the club, please send their contact info to Marlene Carney or Gloria Schaaf so we can send them a club profile, membership application, and current newsletter. Building and maintaining a vibrant and engaged membership is essential for the success of the GFWC La Verne-San Dimas Woman's Club.

As the club embarks on its 2024 journey, the collective spirit of compassion, determination, and generosity will undoubtedly drive positive change. Together, the women of the club will continue to be beacons of hope, lighting up the path toward a brighter and more compassionate future for all. Here's to a year filled with purpose, unity, and the joy of making a difference!

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THIRD VP/WAYS & MEANS:
Sue Herrera

Happy New Year to one and all! Wishing all my sisters in Federation a blessed, healthy, and joyful 2024.

My resolution for this new year is to better know our newest members. It's difficult to chat at meetings for more than five minutes



to really get to know someone deeply; so, with that said, if you're a 2023 new member, please reach out to me by phone, text, or email to arrange a coffee, ice cream, or walking date. My schedule is very flexible and I'm looking forward to meeting you!

On to business: I'm so happy to report that last-minute ticket sales for the gorgeous angel afghan that member Eleonore Burress hand crocheted and generously donated to our club, made \$270 dollars! Thank you so much to Eleonore and those of you who sold or bought tickets!

Additionally, I'm looking forward to our upcoming February fundraiser for a chance to win an amazing weekend at the highly rated Westlake Village Inn in Westlake Village, CA. I've personally spent a considerable amount of time at this resort, so I know from first-hand experience everything is spectacular! From sipping wine and enjoying fresh wood-fired pizza / live music on the rustic picnic tables within the mini grape vineyard complete with twinkling lights above, to a relaxing massage or facial treatment, to the high-end rooms (some complete with spa tubs and fireplaces), to the sparkling pool area, outstanding on-property restaurants, and night club, to nearby golf. There's literally something for everyone!

I'd appreciate members helping to sell the 200 \$5 tickets (less than the price of your morning latte!) or even purchasing one or two for yourself. My goal is to raise \$1,000 from this fundraiser through a team effort in order for us to continue to support our very worthy projects.

See you soon!

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CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Jennifer Nummelin

Our January meeting speaker is Anne Marie Miller of Project One Cause. She will present their organization's mission of providing education, awareness, financial aid, and support for families of children with hypoxic brain injuries. This should be an interesting address.

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>> Chairmen Chats <<

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN:

Chairman Sue Herrera

Hello Ladies,

In case you weren't able to attend our holiday party, you missed a fabulous event! A million thanks to Jennifer for putting everything together (insert applause here).

We enjoyed delicious food, beautiful holiday decor, great camaraderie, tons of amazing raffle prizes, and yummy desserts. I realized this year that ya'll REALLY love desserts with booze in them so I'll remember that for next year, you party animals. Haha!

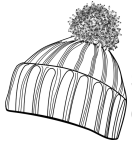
Lastly, I can't forget to congratulate Barbara Randolph for receiving our Kindness Angel award; I can't think of anyone more deserving.

There is nothing to report under Advocates for Children at this time.

Happy 2024!

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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! And if you need more yarn, let me know!

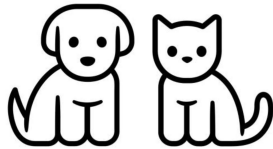
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CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH:
Chairmen Jennifer Nummelin & Candy Miller

End of year reports are completed (Whew! Thank you Candy, aka Computer Guru.), and the reports reflect SO much work accomplished last year. We should all be proud to have collaborated with so many other organizations with the goal of serving our communities.

Projects continue - they change, grow, and sometimes become obsolete - if you have ideas for a new project, bring it up! If you want to add to or change a project, bring it up! This is your Club.

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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 New Year. I hope 2024 brings you and your family peace, health, and prosperity. As we begin this new year there are great opportunities for your participation in Domestic Violence projects. Crossroads is accepting gently used clothing, shoes, purses, and other toiletries. This is a perfect opportunity to make room for all those new gifts received. Did you get a new cellphone for Christmas? If so, your old cell phone can be put to good use for victims of domestic violence. Shirley Vanderbeck is collecting old cell phones that are formatted to only call 911.

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EDUCATION & LIBRARIES:
Chairmen Marilyn Caldwell & Dian Moravek

Happy New Year! As you may recall, in November the Claremont Forum Prison Library Project (PLP) was motioned & approved by our club. The information for our new members is described as below:

The Claremont Forum's Prison Library Project is a volunteer-led program that aims to provide books and educational materials to incarcerated individuals, prison libraries, and educators. The mission is to address the significant issue of inadequate literacy skills and limited access to reading materials among incarcerated men and women. As a newly-motioned project in our Club, members will be requested to donate new or used paperback books for collection to the Claremont Forum where volunteers ship books to 600 U.S. state and federal prisons and detention centers nationwide. Prioritized are educational/literary, dictionaries, fiction, and children's books.



We will have a box at our January general meeting for book collection. Any donation is appreciated – thanks.

Susan Minnihan/Marilyn Caldwell

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ENVIRONMENT:
Chairman Marina Salcido

Happy 2024 all. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday with your family. January is a great time to make room for those new cups and get all your gently used cups out of your cupboard.



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

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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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SOCIAL COMMITTEE:
Chairmen Jennifer Nummelin & Gayle Garcia

Last year, we had 45 events. Two hundred ninety-five members (seven on average at each event) participated. I make every effort to choose different days of the week, different time frames, and aim for free or low cost outings.

The purpose of these events is for us to get to know each other better, which results in improved cooperation and collaboration; so if you have any ideas for an event, let me know via email, please.

Upcoming Events Info.:

January

6, Sat. - Drum Circle at Claremont Center for Spirituality, 509 S. College Ave., Claremont. South of Arrow Hwy. Park behind the building/use the rear entrance. Free. 3:00 pm. No experience required. Informal, and a relaxed (some say meditative) environment.



13, Sat. - Bowling at Chaparral Lanes, 400 W. Bonita Ave., San Dimas. Have you ever wanted to bowl, but never tried it? It's fun! We have two Club teams who play Tuesdays and Fridays. *Some of us are cheerleaders, because we can't bowl* 2:00 pm. Join us for a game or two, and lunch somewhere afterward!

15, Mon. - Kicking off our Walking Wonder Women group walk ~ California Botanic Garden will honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy with free admission. Susan Minnihan has secured 10 tickets for anyone interested in walking around the gardens. We'll meet at 10 am by the entrance kiosk. Address: 1500 N. College Ave., Claremont - north side of Route 66 & east of Indian Hill Blvd. Lunch an option afterwards.

17, Wed. - The Walker House 'Vicenzo's Terrazza' luncheon and tour. *YUM* 121 N. San Dimas Ave., San Dimas. 11:30 am. **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. FIRST 10 PEOPLE. Email me soon!

25, Thurs. - Gab session at French Press Espresso, 3836 Emerald Ave., LV. (N. of Foothill, by Michael's.) 10 am. *During winter weather, we are INside for gab sessions.* Free, unless you want to buy coffee, etc.

28, Sun. - Hike at Bonelli. Meet at Norm's Hangar parking lot at Brackett airport, 1615 McKinley Ave., LV. Free. 10:00 am. And we walk until someone gets tired. Haven't lost anyone (yet). Hope to see you there!

REQUEST: We are looking for someone to host a FRIDAY NIGHT (16th) or SUNDAY AFTERNOON (18th) GAME GET TOGETHER in February. Please email me if you can host.

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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.

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Vilma Ayala 1/7

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