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Every act of kindness sparkles like a star.
Embrace the power of kindness and shine brightly.





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

04 - Dinner at La Paloma
06 - Gab at Butter Café
18 - Dinner at Pizza Barn
22 - Hike at Bonelli then lunch



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04 - Gab at French Press
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11 - Holiday Dinner Party
17 - Gab at Butter Cafe

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2024 - 2026

President: Marlene Carney
Co-First VP/Dean of Chairmen: Susan Minnihan & Linda Roache
Co-Second VP/Membership: Jody Mentzer & Sonya Whatley
Third VP/Ways & Means: Vacant
Recording Secretary: Barbara Randolph
Treasurer: Cathy Koch
Parliamentarian: Pat Borchard
Corresponding Secretary: Eleonore Burress

MONTHLY CLUB CONTEST

Find the hidden symbol embedded in the monthly newsletter text. Anyone that locates the symbol, should inform Gloria Schaaf at guschaaf@yahoo.com of its location by text message, e-mail or send a picture from your phone no later than the 12th of each month. Those individuals that have correctly located the symbol will be entered into a drawing for a gift card. The **drawing** will be held during the General Club Meeting and the gift Card presented to the winner.

The symbol to find for November: 
This will be an ongoing monthly contest with a new symbol each month. Good Luck to all.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:
Marlene Carney

A Time to Reflect and Give Thanks

November provides us with a moment to take a breath between the busyness of the year and the holiday season ahead. It's a time when the air feels a little crisper, the days a little shorter, and our hearts a little fuller with gratitude.

I want to give a big shout out and thank you to everyone that participated in the recent Bunco & Brew Fundraiser. Thank you to Sue Herrera who laid the foundation for all of us. Thank you to all the donors, ticket buyers, craft designers and the volunteers who made this event fun and a fantastic success.

This month, I encourage you to submit a nomination for the Kindness Angel. Even a small act of kindness has such a large impact and should be recognized. Criteria and nomination forms have been emailed to everyone. All nominations must be submitted no later than end of day November 20, 2025. The nominees and recipient will be recognized at the club Holiday Dinner on December 11, 2025.

Giving Tuesday is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of enormous generosity. Giving Tuesday was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. This year, Giving Tuesday, is Tuesday, December 2, the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving. It is a great way to reflect on our club projects and what a huge positive difference we have all made in so many lives.

As members of the La Verne–San Dimas Woman's Club, we have much to be thankful for. Together, we've shared laughter, worked side by side on projects that strengthen our community, and supported one another through both challenges and triumphs. Every hour volunteered, every dollar raised, every helping hand extended continues the legacy of women who believed that small acts, done together, can change lives. That spirit of service is the heart of our organization, and it continues to shine brightly through each of you.

As we move toward Thanksgiving, let's take a moment to appreciate the friendships we've built, the difference we've made, and the purpose that connects us. May we carry that gratitude forward into the season ahead — and continue to find joy in serving others, together.

Happy Thanksgiving to all our members.

"Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow."
— Melody Beattie

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PRESIDENT'S AIDE/AMENITIES:
Jennifer Nummelin

Fall finally feels like it has arrived. We can bring out those warm slippers and flannel pajamas! Bake cookies, and—what? Is this Southern California? Ohhhhh, we don't truly have seasons, do we!?! Well, I will be wearing flannel pajamas and baking cookies, no matter what!

In our November meeting, we have a speaker from 'For Goodness Cakes.' Several times each year, we ask a representative (from one of the agencies with whom we collaborate) to give a presentation to our club, to better acquaint us with them. We have so many projects it's hard to know what each involves. If you have an idea for a speaker —from one of the organizations, we partner with— please let me know.

Jennifer jennummelin@aol.com

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

Can you believe how close we are to the holidays??!! I know I can't. Time does march on! It's a fun and exciting time of the year, wherein we feel a bit of Fall weather in the air, start looking at our "winter" clothes and perhaps start planning holiday travels and get-togethers!

We've had a very busy October with our San Dimas Trunk & Treat Spooktacular, along with our biggest fundraiser, Bunco & Brews! Each event was successful because of all our members working together.

At October's meeting, we recognized not only it being Breast Cancer Awareness month, but also Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Prevention & Awareness month. An informative report on each was given by Program Chairpersons, Gloria Schaaf and Marina Salcido, respectively.

This month we have focused on “Getting to Know Marina Salcido” as our chairperson for not only Domestic Violence but also Environment. Please see the article attached to the Newsletter to give you a clearer idea of what these two Chairmanships entail as well as lead opportunities, if not now, perhaps in the future, as Chairmanships and Leads may be changing next term.

But there is still much to be done in this month, before the Turkey dinners and holiday plans are enjoyed. Civic Engagement Program Chairs Jennifer Nummelin and Candy Miller will be leading the Club in the Letters Against Isolation project by writing out Christmas cards during our meeting. Also, under Civic Engagement we are collecting used Coats and Jackets to supply back to the community for those in need, especially needed as winter approaches. Please check out the “Chairmen Chat” section of this newsletter to see what other opportunities there are to help make a difference within our communities.

Under our **Leadership Program**, we have been emphasizing over the past few months the **need for a LEADS candidate**. GFWC LEADS identifies members at the local level who have the potential and desire to assume leadership positions in their club. The 2026 LEADS meeting will be February 26-28, 2026, in Santa Clara. Every district is asked to send ONE candidate. Anyone interested in finding out more about this opportunity please contact either Shirley Vanderbeck or Linda Roache. A candidate will need to be selected soon.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our November meeting but if not, then we wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving as we are very thankful and grateful to you all!

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CO-SECOND VP/MEMBERSHIP:
Jody Mentzer & Sonya Whatley

As the seasons change and we approach the holidays, our women’s club continues to grow in friendship, purpose, and community spirit. Each meeting reminds us how powerful it is when women come together to share ideas, laughter, and service. Whether we’re planning community projects, hosting special events, or simply enjoying each other’s company, there’s a place for everyone here.

NEWEST MEMBER Please join us in welcoming our newest member, **Trish McCaffrey**. She is a speech language pathologist with three children, and enjoys walking, reading, crocheting, making chocolate treats and baking.

KINDNESS ANGEL NOMINATIONS were sent out in the first week of October. The nominations are due by November 20, 2025. This award will be presented at the Holiday Party on December 11th.

This month, we encourage all members to **invite a friend, family member, or neighbor** to join us at our next meeting or event. Sometimes all it takes is a simple invitation for someone to

discover a new circle of friendship and belonging. Think of the women in your life who would enjoy the camaraderie, creativity, and community service that our club offers—and bring them

along! Let's continue to spread the word and grow our circle. Together, we make a difference—not only in our community, but in each other's lives.

"Don't wait until the fourth Thursday in November, to sit with family and friends to give thanks. Make every day a day of Thanksgiving!" – Charmaine J. Forde

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Third VP/Ways & Means: Vacant



>> Chairmen Chats <<

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN: Susan Hope

A big thanks Donna, Christie, Kitty, Kathryn, and Wendy - these "pirates" made the Spooktacular Trunk or Treat event a big success!

Susan foster.hope@verizon.net

ARTS AND CULTURE: Tami Miller

KINDNESS ANGEL: Once a year we have the opportunity to honor one of our members for a **Random *Act of Kindness***. **Qualifications**: Has been a member for 1 year and has committed one Random Act of Kindness. Yes, just one. A Random Act could be taking a member/friend to meeting or doctor appointment. Assisting a friend or member in need. There will only be one member selected.

The committee will consist of the Chairman Tami Miller, the Club Member of 2024, Citizen of the Year 2024 and last year's Kindness Angel.

Nomination forms will be available at the October 16th meeting and submitted to the committee no later than the November 20th meeting. Put your thinking cap on and present a member deserving of this title. This year's Kindness Angel will be announced at the Holiday Dinner.

Tami club1270deventer@yahoo.com

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH:
Jennifer Nummelin & Candy Miller

At the meeting, we will be signing Holiday cards to deliver to isolated folks in local Nursing homes, Assisted Living Centers, etc. Thus far, I have collected over 350 cards to sign, so we do not need to donate any more until next year.

Food insecurity continues to be a major issue, please consider donating to one of our local food banks, Sowing Seeds, or Shepherd's Pantry. *Several of us volunteer with the food banks, and we see the need, firsthand.

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Candy candysnrg@verizon.net

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS & PREVENTION:
Marina Salcido

Can you believe we are nearing the end of another great year? Soon you will gather around the table with family and loved ones and share a wonderful meal.

You can continue to participate in on-going domestic violence awareness projects. House of Ruth is accepting donations for their food pantry. This is a wonderful way to help victims of domestic violence have a nice meal. Please use the food pantry list. Crossroads accepts gently used women's clothes and shoes. Your donations will help women released from incarceration transition back into society. Donations can be delivered to 1269 Harvard Avenue in Claremont and placed in the driveway in front of the big red shed doors. Don't forget to write a note that LV/SD Women's Club made donations. Help me give you the proper credit for all the fantastic work you do to support our programs. Please log in your time, money, and in-kind donations in project folders.

Marina dirt4us4@yahoo.com

ENVIRONMENT: Chairman Marina Salcido

Thanksgiving season is upon us, and I would like to welcome all our new members. All members can do their part to save our planet by participating in our environmental projects. We are asking our club members to collect plastic bottles or aluminum cans to help both our environment and our local high school. Please take them to a recycling center and give your donation to our club treasurer Cathy Koch. Your donations will be forwarded to Bonita High School Band to help purchase equipment and uniforms.
We will continue accepting any gently used towels and bedding for Inland Valley Humane Society. You can bring them to our meeting or contact Jennifer Nummelin. If you have any questions, please contact Marina at (626) 643-0912 or speak to me at our next meeting. Please log in your time, money, and in-kind donations in the project folder.

Marina dirt4us4@yahoo.com

HEALTH & WELLNESS: Chairman Gloria Schaaf

Fall is here and Winter is just around the corner and with the cooler weather it's time to be more vigilant about our health care. Cinnamon, and thus cinnamon tea, has many health benefits. In addition to being considered an appetite stimulant, good for digestion, treatment for coughs and sore throats, and thought to even be an aphrodisiac, cinnamon has antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties along with Vitamin A, calcium, and magnesium. Research has indicated it can help lower blood sugar and cholesterol in people with diabetes, as well as raise metabolism. So not only is it delicious, but it's also healthy (in moderation, of course!) and it smells great.

Gloria guschaaf@yahoo.com

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Jennifer Nummelin

Upcoming Events Info.:

November:
Tues 04th- Dinner at La Paloma 2975 Foothill Blvd., W of Garey Ave. 6:00 p.m.
Thurs 06th- Gab at Butter Cafe. 671 Bonita St., S.D. Near San Dimas Canyon Rd. at 10:00 a.m.
Tues 18th— Dinner at Pizza Barn, L.V., 6:00 p.m.
Sat 22nd- Hike at Bonelli. Meet in the parking lot at Bracket airport, near Norm's Hangar. 10:00 a.m. *Lunch after.

December
Thurs 04th— Gab at French Press, L.V., 10:00 a.m.
Sat 06th— Hike at Bonelli, 10:00 a.m.
Thurs 11th—Holiday Dinner Party at Glendora Country Club, 6:30 p.m. *rsvp/money due by Dec 18th.
Wed 17th— Gab at Butter Cafe, S.D., 10:00 a.m.

Please let me know of any free or low-cost places you'd like to visit!

Jennifer jennummelin@aol.com

>> On-going Projects <<

Project: Advocates for Children


Just a reminder that we are still donating handmade beanies, scarves, and pillowcases to the many foster children in our area. Please bring any you have made to me at our monthly meeting, and I will get them to our liaison who takes them to McKinley Children's Center.

I may bring more yarn so you can take what you need for this project. (You can bring yarn to donate, too, or a yard of fabric that will be sewn into a pillowcase.) Our donations are appreciated! Please keep track of money & time spent. Thank you!

Project Lead: Cathy Koch granniepurpyl@gmail.com

Project: Civic Engagement & Outreach


I collect gently used coats & jackets - kids & adults' sizes - throughout the year, and 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 send me a message & I'll pick them up at your home.

Project Lead: Jennifer Nummelin jennummelin@aol.com

Project: Environment

If any member collects and recycles aluminum cans or plastic bottles, please take them to the recycling center for cash redemption and forward the funds to our club treasurer, Cathy Koch. The funds will be donated to the Bonita High School Band to help purchase equipment and uniforms.

Project Lead: Gayle Garcia



For the Inland Valley Humane Society collections of old towels and blankets are accepted all year long. You can bring them to our monthly meeting or contact Jennifer Nummelin for a drop-off location.

Project Lead: Jennifer Nummelin jennummelin@aol.com



Cups for Corky is our on-going Environment project. Those of you reorganizing 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.

Please remember to record all your time, in-kind donations, and any money donated to any environmental project.

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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; old cell phones are taken to Best Buy to be wiped of all memory and reprogrammed with 9-1-1 and given to the Battered Women's Shelters.

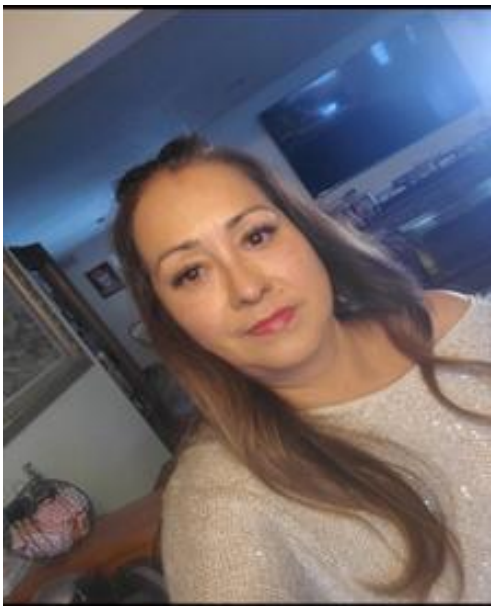
Thanks to all for the donations.

Project Lead: Shirley Vanderbeck legalrabb@aol.com

Getting to know…

Marina Salcido

Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Prevention & Awareness and Environment Chairman



Marina has been instrumental in keeping our members aware providing us with information on two of our Programs: Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Prevention & Awareness and as our Chairperson for Environment.

Marina recently reported at our October meeting, that not only is October Domestic Violence Awareness Month but is also the General Federation of Women Club's (GFWC) Signature Program. Under this Program, we have several projects wherein we support local organizations as follows:

House of Ruth: A residential service for women, men and children who are escaping Domestic Violence.
Everyone Free Pomona: (Pat Borchard is the Lead). Club members meet at The Purpose Church in Pomona and fill Freedom Bags to be distributed by the Pomona Police Dept. when children and teens have been rescued from sex trafficking.
Crossroads: (Eleonore Burress is the Lead). This agency houses women recently released from prison. Members donate gently used clothing, personal hygiene items, etc.

Cell Phone Collection: (Shirley Vanderbeck is the Lead). Collection of old cell phones will be given to Verizon to wipe clean and then given to the Police Dept. so women in shelters can be provided a phone to call 911.

Under the Environment Program, Marina oversees **Penny Pines, Bring Your Own Cup**, and **Earth Day**.
Other projects with Leads that support her under this Program are:
Cups for Corky – (Pat Borchard is Lead)
Recycle cans & plastic bottles (Gayle Garcia is Lead)
Heifer International (Susan Minnihan is Lead)
Paws for Pets & The Humane Society (Jennifer Nummelin is Lead)

We really appreciate all that Marina does for our club. She has been a valued member since October 2020.

Foothill District President's Message
District President: Pat Borchard

Our District and Clubs have scheduled several events between now and December. We will be holding our 2nd annual compliance training, via zoom, on November 8th, from 9:30am-11:30am. Thank you to those of you who signed up at the last LVSDWC meeting. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to learn what the requirements/rules are that we need to follow as a 501©3 organization. **As a member of Foothill District, you will not be charged to attend, but you do need to register with me. You may email me at peb1956@verizon.net to let me know you will be attending. Registration deadline is November 1st.**

GFWC Federated East Valley and LaVerne-San Dimas Woman's Clubs are holding bunco fundraisers in the month of October. A Flyer is attached to this newsletter.

Save the Date: November 15, 2025, 10am-12 noon, District In person meeting. Please plan to attend. There are several items that need to handled…. adoption of our budget, formation of a nominating committee, and reports from our Fundraising and Membership Teams, as well as some fun activities so we can get to know each other better. We will also have an update on our December 13th, CHiPs for Kids Event and luncheon.

CFWC Convention is May 14-16, 2026. Room accommodations at the Ontario Airport Hotel are $149. Please refer to the information attached to this newsletter. As more information comes in, it will be forwarded to the membership.

We are going digital this year…You may access the District newsletter, as well as the District Yearbook on our website at www.foothill district.org

Looking forward to seeing many of you at our November 15th meeting!

Pat peb1956@verizon.net

Nominating Committee Chairman: Linda Koontz

Thank you to Joanne Earhart and Jennifer Stone for stepping up to serve on the Nominating Committee.

To all members: If you are thinking of running for an office…please read the description of your duties. If you will not be able to fulfill your duties as described in the bylaw pertaining to your office…please do not take it on.

PLEASE NOTE: Read our bylaws pertaining to what a term is. Our term for an office is two years.

Next March there will be elections for the term of 2026-2028. The only officers who may serve again are your appointed officers by the incoming President. They are: Corresponding Secretary and Parliamentarian. If you are interested in the Nominating Committee putting your name in for an office, please let us know and read the description of your duties. There are no Co-offices per our bylaws, but if two members would like to do an office together (except Treasurer), please mention that to me and it depends on the office.

Happy Halloween…watch out for the goblins,

Linda

Happy Anniversary

NOVEMBER

2023 Sharon Keehne
2023 Susan Hope
2023 Sheree Cervantes
2024 Donna Velosa
2024 Norma Ferrales

Charter Member Since 2015
Linda Roache



NOVEMBER

11/7 Pat Borchard
11/7 Helen Leung
11/8 Nancy Buchanan
11/10 Tiffany Burgoyne
11/16 Shirley Vanderbeck
11/23 Linda Koontz
11/24 Marilyn Cruz
11/28 Jody Mentzer
11/30 Gloria Schaaf

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MEMBERS IN ACTION



October 8th - Lunch at X2O Cafe









Halloween shenanigans at the General Club meeting on Oct 16th







LVSDWC 3RD Annual Bunco & Brew on October 18, 2025









Members passing out Halloween treats at the City of San Dimas Spooktacular on Oct 18, 2025

GFWC/CFWC Foothill District



November 8, 2025
9:30 am - 11:30 am

2ND ANNUAL COMPLIANCE TRAINING

$10.00 per person

Stay up to date on changes in compliance requirements. This session will refresh your knowledge of:

- Nonprofit Entity Types in California & why entity type affects compliance obligations
- Annual IRS, FTB, SOS, Attorney General filings & other potential filing requirements.
- Common filing mistakes and consequences
- Compliance Best Practices & Reminders
- Internal recordkeeping and board oversight
- Q&A and Next Steps

***** Your registration fee gives you access to the presentation and all supporting materials.**

***** FOOTHILL DISTRICT MEMBERS are FREE and need to REGISTER THROUGH YOUR DISTRICT PRESIDENT BY EMAILING PEB1956@VERIZON.NET.**



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GFWC CFWC Foothill District

NOVEMBER 15, 2025

DISTRICT IN-PERSON MEETING

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

SAN DIMAS MASONIC LODGE
220 N MONTE VISTA AVE
SAN DIMAS CA 91773

We can't wait to see you at our upcoming in-person meeting! We'll kick things off with a quick business update, and then it's time for some good old-fashioned fun, laughter, and social time together. Don't forget to bring a brand-new pair of silly socks for our Silly Sock Game—you won't want to miss the laughs this brings!

Reservation required: Email peb1956@verizon.net by November 10, 2025

*****Silly Socks need to be wrapped*****

SEE YOU THERE!