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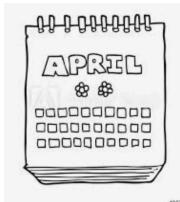
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*May the Spirit of Nature Fulfill Your Spirit of Volunteering.*



*Every Moment Counts.*



	<p><b>CALENDAR OF EVENTS</b></p>
<p>11 EC Meeting  14 Hike at Bonelli, 10 am  16 Dinner at Taste of Asia, 6 pm  18 General Meeting, 7 pm  20 Paws 4 Pets, 8:30 am  20 Earth Day 'Plant and Sip,' 2 pm  26 Gab at Kuhns Park, 10 am  27 LV Wine Walk</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

Easter is a wonderful time of the year. For me it is a reminder of all the things I need to be grateful for. I hope it was a time for your family to get together. My granddaughter had the family over for an Easter Brunch, and as usual she did a fantastic job with decorations, and the Easter Bunny made a visit which was overwhelming for my 4-year-old Great-Granddaughter.



I think the weatherman got the months confused. He sent us April showers a little early. But it certainly made everything look fresh and green.

On April 13 we will have our first Foothill District Convention at Yanks Air



Museum in Chino. The Theme is Dr. Seuss. That tells me it will be a lot of fun.

The State Convention is on May 16-18; therefore, our General Meeting for May will be on May 23. We will have Installation of our new Officers, and Initiation for our new members. Be sure to mark your calendar.

At this month's meeting Senator Susan Rubio will be our guest speaker. She was elected to the California Senate, District 22, in 2018. Prior to that, she was a schoolteacher for 17 years in Baldwin Park and Monrovia. The subject of her talk will be Domestic Violence. I have heard her speak several times, and it is something you do not want to miss.

I look forward to seeing all of you on April 18 for our General Meeting.

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#### **PRESIDENT'S AIDE/AMENITIES:**

##### **Jennifer Nummelin**

Happy Spring, everyone! The allergies are here, the allergies are here! Take your Claritin before you go out into the world! It is a busy time of year. If you are a Spring Cleaning person, consider some of the items you are looking to get rid of - our projects involve numerous organizations in need of gently used items (purses for Domestic Violence, dog beds for Inland Vy. Humane Society, old glasses, old cell phones, etc). - and some of those items are sitting in your garage, waiting for a purpose. Now there's an incentive to clean and organize!

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

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

If you were one of the few members that were not at the March meeting (since we had record attendance) you missed out! We really accomplished so much! Everyone pitched in and got things done!

Several Motions were made and approved.

One under Advocates for Children, Pat (as Program Lead) requested that we donate Children's Books in recognition of Federation Day on April 24. Another Motion made by Marina, (as Chairman of Environment) to recognize Earth Day by having members participate in a fun project of "Sip, Snack, & Sow" on April 20 (which will support Penny Pines).

As you can see, our Program Chairmen and their Leads are busy with various projects that are helping people within our communities as well as creating fun member participation that can also support our Projects!

At the March meeting's "Mini Workshops" we presented "What is a Program" and we're hoping those in attendance came away with some clarity with respect to what we do, why Projects are reported, the need of accurate accounting, as well as the differences between Program "Chairmen" and "Leads" on a Project.

Please keep in mind that new ideas for Projects are always encouraged and welcomed.

Also, getting involved in Projects just gets you more involved with the Club and its members. We have a great group of ladies, you are all appreciated, and we want to get to know you better!

Also, know that we will have to fill a few Program Chairmen positions, and immediate openings are for "Arts & Culture"



and "Health & Wellness." Please contact either one of us for more information if you are interested. Our new term starts in June and recognition of our chairmen will be in May.

Please look for our "Spotlight" emails on our Chairmen that will be on-going throughout April. This will give, especially our newer members, a "face with a name" and details of their projects.

Hoping to see you all at the April meeting!

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

The LaVerne/San Dimas Club is busy and going strong. We are glad to have 38 members. Thank you to those that have renewed your membership. I extend a BIG Welcome to our new members, Veronica Fry and Doris Lackey, who joined club sisterhood on 3/21/2024. We're glad you're here, and now please take the first step in getting involved and having fun by joining us for one of our events or joining a committee.

We do so much for and with our community. The more hands we have to serve our community, the more work we can accomplish and the better our community will be. Continue to spread the word of our club and invite someone to our next meeting. We would love to welcome them to join our club.

*Use your voice for kindness, your ears for compassion, your hands for charity, your mind for truth and your heart for love. Be the reason someone smiles today.*

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## >> Chairmen Chats <<

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

Happy Spring ya!!! I hope everyone had a blessed Easter with those they love.

Marina and I continue to bake and deliver birthday cakes on a regular basis for "For Goodness Cakes," a non-profit, who, through volunteers, bakes and delivers birthday and graduation cakes for kiddos in the foster care system.

If anyone would like to learn how to bake a cake from scratch, let's learn! I'm happy to host a few of you in my teenie-weenie kitchen; but kids also love boxed cakes baked in a foil pan, iced with canned frosting, decorated with colorful sprinkles and images of their favorite characters printed on paper from the internet and glued to toothpicks.

Gayle continues sewing pillow cases for kids that are sick battling cancer or are in the foster care system. If you'd care to donate fabric or learn how to sew these easy gifts, please let her know.

Cathy Koch, Eleonore, Gayle, Jody, and Marina still crochet beanie caps that Cathy takes to McKinley Foster Care in San Dimas. If you'd like to learn to crochet, please ask one of them.

We've got Red Nose Day coming up next month in which every year we make a donation to the cause by dropping off our check to San Dimas Walgreens' store manager, Richard. Red Nose Day brings awareness to children that are underprivileged and provides many important resources to them. In the past, I've taken the check myself; but this year I'd like to get a group of us together, present



the check, take pictures for our social media, and have lunch afterwards. Stay tuned for more info!

I'm looking for someone to take over the San Dimas Halloween Spooktacular Trunk or Treat event in late October. Duties include submitting the application to the city, soliciting the San Dimas Albertsons and our membership for candy donations (Everyone always helps!), recruiting a few members to dress up and help at the event, decorating your car trunk, passing out candy, and having fun!

If there is a project involving little ones that you've heard about and want the club to support, please bring your ideas to me.

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



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!

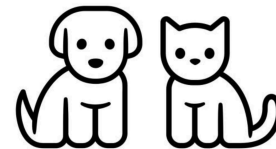
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**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH:**  
**Chairmen Jennifer Nummelin & Candy Miller**

Our participation in the Military food collection event was a huge success! At any given time, there will be food insecurity. It is inspiring to see so many come out to volunteer their time, etc. We will be organizing another food collection event in June, to benefit Shepherd's Pantry, due to the high need during summer. Look for future details. There are many ongoing projects, and if anyone has any questions as to how to volunteer, donate

time, etc., don't hesitate to ask! Information is free, and it prevents future confusion. For example, we collect items for the Humane Society, and it can be dog beds, pet food, gently used dog and cat toys, etc. If you aren't certain as to what to donate, ask. The Inland Valley Humane Society is always in need of assistance; and I am willing to pick it up and deliver it, if you have items to donate. Their website [ivhsspc.org](http://ivhsspc.org) lists the current items needed.

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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 & PREVENTION:**  
**Chairman Marina Salcido**

Hello all, I hope everyone had a nice Easter with their family. Spring is in the air and with that comes spring cleaning. Crossroads is a great place to take your gently used donations. Not only will you be making space for your new wardrobe, but you will be helping women transition back into society and into the workforce. Please come talk with me should you have any questions about any of the Domestic Violence projects.

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**EDUCATION & LIBRARIES:**

**Chairmen Marilyn Caldwell & Dian Moravek**

Thank you to everyone donating used books at our monthly meetings. As a reminder, and information for new members, we are collecting used paperback books - both fiction and non-fiction - and donating them to the Claremont Prison Library Project. All donated books will be brought to the donation site at the Claremont Packing House for the project coordinator to review and prepare for further donation sites in the prison system. We have been collecting a large number of books each month and really appreciate it! Keep reading as summer approaches and keep donating! Thank you!

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**ENVIRONMENT:**

**Chairman Marina Salcido**

Happy Spring Ladies, I hope everyone had a nice Easter. I will be passing around the Penny Pines box at our next meeting. Your spare changes will facilitate reforestation efforts in the San Bernardino mountains. I would like to remind everyone that getting involved in our Environment projects is easy to do. In fact, you may be already participating in them when you bring your own beverage cup to our monthly meetings or donating those gently used cups to Corky's. Check your project list and if you have any questions, please ask. I am more than happy to discuss any project. Please remember enter your hours in the binder.



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)

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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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**HEALTH & WELLNESS: OPEN**

Under Health & Wellness, the Chemo Bags project; Gayle Garcia organized and brought purchased supplies from our Club's donation, along with individual Club Members donations, to assemble 101 bags that evening! Gayle will be taking them to City of Hope.





**SOCIAL COMMITTEE:**

**Chairmen Jennifer Nummelin & Gayle Garcia**

Recently we had an egg dyeing party at Gayle's house. Good food, good friends, and AWESOME entertainment (thunder, lightening, hail, etc....) Every event is, indeed, interesting...

As always, our club is in a bowling league, with 2 teams. Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. and Fridays at noon, they meet at Chaparral Lanes, San Dimas, and we always need cheerleaders. \*free\*

**Upcoming Events Info.:**

April

6, Sat - Drum Circle 3 pm, Claremont Ctr for Spiritual Living. BYO drums, or use their drums. Free.

6, Sat - Bonita Yard Sale (fundraiser) Gayle has all the info. Free.

7, Sun - Coloring 2:00 pm, Tami's home. BYO supplies or borrow ours. Free.

14, Sun - Hike at Bonelli 10:00 am. \*we hike til someone wants to turn around\* Free.

16, Tues - Dinner at Taste of Asia 6:00 pm, 2007 Foothill Blvd, LV \*yum!

20, Sat - Paws 4 Pets fundraiser, Bonelli Pk, 8:30 am, \*register with IVHS.

20, Sat - Earth Day 'Plant and Sip' at Tiffany's home. 2:00 pm Free. RSVP to to Tiffany.

26, Fri - Gab at Kuhns Park 10:00 am, BYO chair. Free.

27, Sat - LV Wine Walk, \*register with the city of LV Susan Minnihhan has info.

May

4, Sat - Hike at Bonelli 10:00 am, Free.

11, Sat - Tea Luncheon at Enchanted Rose, SD, 11:00 am, \*reservations/\$23, paid at next mtg.

22, Wed - Gab at Kuhns Park 10:00 am, BYO chair. Free.

25, Sat - Maloof Foundation tour 10:00 am, \*reservation/paid at next mtg. Carpooling suggested.

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EventsRUs



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20 Bianca Battles

20 Candy Miller

20 Tami Miller



**Six Years - 4/2018**

Wendy Clark-Paolini

**Five Years - 4/2019**

Gayle Garcia

**One Year - 4/2023**

Marilyn Caldwell



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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Thank you to my Secret Sister for the cute Easter decoration. Hope everyone enjoyed their Easter!

Linda Koontz



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