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May the Spirit of Nature Fulfill Your Spirit of Volunteering.



Every Moment Counts.



	<p>CALENDAR OF EVENTS</p>
<p>9 Bonelli hike, 10 am 12 Golden Corral lunch, noon 14 Holiday Dinner, 6:30 pm 20 Gab, Broken Yolk, 10 am</p>	

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Tami Miller

First, I want to thank Susan Minnihan and Linda Roache, our Co-1st Vice Presidents, for stepping up to handle the November meeting. This was the first time in four years that I was too sick to even attend the meeting. I've heard they did a fine job, and I'm sure my Executive Committee was there to help out. Here's a big **THANK YOU!**



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

I hope your Thanksgiving was full of family, friends, good food, love, and laughter.

I am looking forward to our Holiday Dinner on December 14 at the Glendora Country Club. We will have a full house as we welcome members from GFWC Federated East Valley Woman's Club to share in our Holiday Dinner. We will have minimal business as we will be having our Initiation Ceremony for our largest group of seven new members. I'm so proud of the way our club is growing. During the evening we will also divulge our "Secret Sisters." This has



been a fun project and I hope you will sign up at the January 2024 meeting.

Our Foothill District meeting will be on December 9 at El Rancho Mexican Restaurant, Claremont. I hope you are planning to attend. The District will be collecting gift cards as our CHIPS for Kids project. If you want to participate in the giving of gift cards and are not able to attend, Pat Borchard or I will be glad to take your contribution to the meeting for you.

One of the highlights of our Holiday Dinner is the recognition of our "Kindness Angel." This is a member who during the year demonstrated one act of kindness. As the winner of last year, it will be my privilege to honor this member.

It will be a fun evening, so let's PARTY!

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PRESIDENT'S AIDE/AMENITIES:
Jennifer Nummelin

Our Holiday Party is coming up, and it should be a wonderful evening. The doors open at 6:30. Raffle prizes abound! *Thanks to everyone who donated/assisted.* I suggest carpooling. *If you didn't get your payment in to me by the 1st, you will be sad, waiting for NEXT year.

Jennifer jennummelin@aol.com

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

We hope that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and were able to enjoy good food and time with family and/or friends.

Most of us are probably thinking, "now on to the Christmas and holiday season!" It's the time for shopping, decorating and baking (and we know we have several extraordinary bakers in the club)!

But our chairmen are also busy writing their year-end reports. Hopefully, all members have recorded their time spent on our projects. The deadline for our chairmen to turn in their reports to us is December 14. Susan and I will be busy reviewing the reports and submitting them to our new District. They will be reviewing them; hopefully, our efforts and contributions made to our communities this past year will be recognized at District and possibly even State!

We're a club that truly cares about our communities and each other. We are sincerely grateful to be a part of it and appreciate all that you do to make us the best service club in La Verne and San Dimas! Looking forward to seeing most of you at the Holiday dinner, but if not, then we want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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Linda Roache lgroache@hotmail.com

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

The Holiday Dinner is coming up on December 14 at the Glendora Country Club (6:30pm). A big thank you to Jennifer Nummelin for once again giving it her all to plan and organize this event. Spouses and guests are welcomed to attend and join in the delicious dinner and socializing with club members. This event is also a celebration of our newest members as the LV-SD Woman's Club officially welcomes them with their initiation ceremony. During the Holiday Dinner, we will also be recognizing the Kindness Angel of the Year.



At the beginning of the new year, we start accepting your nominations for the Club Member of the Year and Citizen of the Year Awards. The Club Member of the Year honors a member that has gone above and beyond in participating with the club during 2023. 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 finds time to serve those in the community. Members nominated for either category must be in the club for at least one year.

Let us celebrate the increase in club membership: 14 wonderful women have joined since January 2023. Our club activities have become more visible because of the LVSD website (Thank you Marlene Carney), Facebook and Instagram (Thank you Sue Herrera), and those that have spread the word by proudly wearing our club T-Shirts. We are showing our communities that We Are Here, We Are Strong and We Strive to Make a Difference as a community service club with the volunteer spirit.

Wishing you and all you love a wonderful holiday season and remember: Use your voice for kindness, your ears for compassion, your hands for charity, your mind for truth, and your heart for love.

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CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:
Jennifer Nummelin

A personal thank you for your encouraging words, as I deal with my 'slow down.' The knee and hip improve a tiny bit every day, but the ordeal is frustrating. Remember to check in with one another, whether you are on the receiving end or the giving end, it's important.

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Secret Sister: what a pleasant surprise when my husband gave me my birthday gift from you of my favorite cologne and gift card to Panera Bread.

Hugs,  
Linda

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>> Chairmen Chats <<

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN:
Chairman Sue Herrera

Happy December, ladies!

2023 certainly flew by and while writing my Advocates for Children report, I was reminded of all the wonderful projects we worked on this year that benefitted children. Thank you to everyone who participated!

A big thank you to Susan Minnihan who was kind enough to package up our leftover Bunco fundraiser snacks and drop them off at LeRoy Hayes Family of Programs for those kids to enjoy at their Halloween party.

Barbara Randolph sorted through the many new t-shirts and sweatshirts donated from her Meals On Wheels client, picked out sizes for five in-need boys at Haynes Family of Programs (formerly LeRoy Boys Home),



and I will wrap them and deliver them to the cottages a little closer to Christmas.

Lastly, new member, Tiffany Burgoyne, just took the For Goodness Cakes on-line food handling and safety course and is standing by to complete her first bake with the non-profit that's so dear to me. To any of our new members who have an interest in baking birthday cakes for foster kids on their special day, please go to forgoodnesscakes.org and sign up; it's super easy. You can make simple cakes from a boxed cake mix and a can of frosting to more elaborate cakes and anything in between. You may also bake as often as you want or once per year; whatever you're comfortable with. What matters is that these children are celebrated and know someone cares about them.

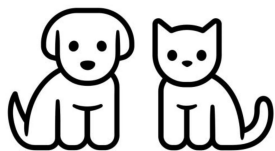
I'm looking forward to our holiday party and I wish each and every one of my Sisters in Federation a very Merry Christmas.

Sue 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!

Cathy Koch granniepurpyl@gmail.com



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

Tis the season for holiday cheer. I would like to wish all of you and your families a wonderful holiday season. Thank you to all that have participated in Domestic Violence projects during the year. Your generosity has a positive impact to those in need.

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ENVIRONMENT:
Chairman Marina Salcido

Happy holidays all. The holiday season is quickly upon us. Please remember that all environment projects can be performed at any time of the year. Thank you to all who participated in environment projects during the year.



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

Marina 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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SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

Chairmen Jennifer Nummelin & Gayle Garcia

Upcoming Events Info.:

December

- 9, Saturday - Bonelli hike, 10 a.m.
- 12, Tuesday - lunch at Golden Corral, noon, in Pomona
- 14, Thursday - Holiday Dinner, 6:30, Glendora Country Club
- 20, Wednesday - Gab at Broken Yolk in L.V., 10 am

January

- 13, Saturday - just because - Bowling at Chaparral Lanes, S.D., 2 pm
 - 17, Wednesday - lunch at Walker House restaurant, 'Vincenzo's Terrazza.'
- Reservations required. I have 10 spaces.

(So first come, first served. Info forthcoming.)
25, Thursday - Gab at French Press Espresso Bar, in L.V., 10 a.m.
27, Saturday - Bonelli hike, 10 a.m.

*The holidays are a difficult time for some people. Isolation is the enemy... so reach out, send an email or text, and arrange to meet up for a cup of coffee, or a visit. A great example is bowling (Tuesdays at 10 a.m., or Fridays at noon). It's a fun way to be with friends, cheering on your fellow club members, etc. It's free, you can drop by for five minutes, or stay a couple hours. They appreciate cheerleaders. And there are snacks!!

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EventsRUs



WOMEN'S HISTORY:

Chairman Gloria Schaff

How Women Used Christmas to Fight Slavery

In 1834, men and women—African American and white—of William Lloyd Garrison's newly formed Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society saw Christmas as an opportunity to expose a republic that proclaimed liberty yet held millions as slaves. Women assumed the lead, boldly defying a society that denied them a public voice or political opinions. To finance the abolition cause, these women organized



Christmas bazaars that sold donated gifts, and trumpeted anti-slavery messages in the name of the Prince of Peace and emancipation.

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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; and old cell phones are erased and reprogrammed with 9-1-1 and given to the Battered Women's Shelters.

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Malissa Radigan 12/1
Marina Salcido 12/8
Wendy Clark-Paolini 12/18
Julie Griffith 12/29

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