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May the Spirit of Nature Fulfill Your Spirit of Volunteering.



Every Moment Counts.



	CALENDAR OF EVENTS
<p>4 Hike at Bonelli, 10 am 9 EC Meeting 11 Lunch, Enchanted Tea Rose, 11 am 22 Kuns Park Gab, 10 am 25 Maloof Home/Garden Tour, 10:15 am 30 General Meeting, 7 pm</p>	

<p>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2022 - 2024</p> <p>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</p>

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Tami Miller

Thank you for the lovely Birthday Card. I read all your good wishes, and it was very heartwarming. Remember Birthdays are good to have!

This is my last message as your President. When I look back over the past four years, I am so proud of our accomplishments. My first year was when COVID hit. Many clubs only met through ZOOM meetings or didn't meet at all.

But that didn't stop us. We had a few ZOOM meetings but really missed seeing each other in person. I went to the Police Department and the City Hall to get permission to meet. We met in my backyard and wore masks, made sure all members were in compliance, and maintained required distance. That is when we started our non-meeting at the park, just to be together. Our club stayed strong throughout all the challenges.

I want to thank my Executive Board for all their support. You are an outstanding group



of leaders. And Pat, my Parliamentarian, who kept me on the right road of Robert's Rules. We set a great foundation, and our club thrives today as we continue our presence in the community. I have had four great years and I look forward to our growth under the direction of Marlene and her Executive Board.

Each year we honor our outstanding members. Congratulations to Marina Salcido as Club Citizen of the Year, and Sue Herrera as Club Member of the Year. Both these ladies are an example of an outstanding member.

I will still be at all the meetings and help wherever needed. Hope to see you all at the next meeting on May 30 when Install our new Officers and Initiate new members.

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

Happy Spring!

All of the rain from past months has brought us lovely blooms and, unfortunately for some of us, seasonal allergies. It is refreshing to see thriving gardens all around. I'm hoping this milder weather late in the Spring season translates to milder Summer weather.

We had a full April meeting, and it was great to see so many new(er) members present to hear Senator Rubio speak to us. Her message is inspiring on so many levels.

Tiffany Burgoyne hosted about 10 members for our Sip, Snack, & Sow in honor of Earth Day. Planting succulent plants in pots, sipping mimosas, and snacking was a fun way to socialize; and the Club donation of

\$5 for each member who attended will go to Penny Pines.

Attending the first Foothill District Convention was informative and fun. Certificates of Recognition as to our Club Impact, Social Activities, Fundraising, and Selection as Best Service club in La Verne for the 2nd year in a row were given. It was wonderful to see our club and program chairmen recognized for their time and efforts.

Hard to believe the 2022-24 term is coming to a close. We will be ratifying our chairmen for the 2024-2026 term at our May meeting. We will have a few chairmanship openings coming up, so stay tuned for more information. Thank you to all of our wonderful project leaders and chairmen – we appreciate you!

Happy May Day and Mother's Day to all who celebrate!

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

May is a special month for flowers, growth, sunshine, and mothers. It is a time to reflect on all that we have accomplished over the last year. Summer is just around the corner, and we are all looking forward to the sounds, sights, and activities of the season. As we say goodbye to a cold winter, we are looking forward to some warmth, at least until the 100-degree weather starts.

Our goal continues to be building our membership and promoting the value of belonging to this fabulous club focused on helping the community and having fun at the same time.



Membership in the GFWC La Verne-San Dimas Woman's Club has been a huge plus in the lives of so many. The projects that we have worked on, the social events we have experienced, the smiles on the faces of those we serve, the friendships gained, and the camaraderie is so rewarding. We encourage all our members to promote the club and all that we do. Our combined efforts make a huge difference in the lives of so many and they make a difference in our own lives.

Today we have 39 members in the Club and are continuing to grow. The club has had a net gain of 12 new members since May 2023. We have new club officers that will be starting their terms on June 1. We look forward to new ideas, energy, and dedication from the new officers and new members of the club. We hope that many of you will attend the May 30 membership meeting which will feature the Installation of club Officers and the initiation of our two new members, Doris Lackey and Veronica Frye. A light dinner is planned, and the meeting will be held at the San Dimas Masonic Lodge.

During the months of July and August we do not have our regular membership meetings. However, social events are planned so that we can continue the camaraderie and friendship that is so important to all of us. Thank you to Jennifer Nummelin for going the extra mile to find interesting social things for members to do. These events provide a perfect opportunity to get to know each other, come up with creative ideas for helping our nonprofits and community, and just have fun.

We wish everyone a great month filled with fun events, family and friendship times, peace and calm, and all that brings joy to everyone.

Here are quotes to ponder as we experience the flowers of spring and summer.

"Flowers always make people better, happier and more hopeful; they are sunshine, food and medicine for the soul." – Luther Burbank

"Friends are flowers in the garden of life"
(Unknown)

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THIRD VP/WAYS & MEANS:
Sue Herrera

Although I'm stepping down from Advocates for Children Chair due to my term coming to an end, you still have me as your club fundraising gal for three more years!

My goal is that we can all work together to help raise the funds necessary to support the various charities that are so important to us all.

Last year's Bunco and Brew fundraiser was VERY successful for us, so we will repeat that event this year...pencil in the weekend of November 3/4 on your calendar; you and your friends and family don't want to miss this super-fun time!

Our homemade craft sales bring us quite a bit in terms of funds; because of this, I'm planning to host a couple easy crafting events at either my home or office this summer where we will make crafts to sell at our fall fundraiser. I'll have more info on dates at the June meeting.

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CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:
Jennifer Nummelin

Starting next month, your new Corresponding Secretary is Eleonore! If you expect to receive any Club-related letters, bills, etc., she will pick it up at the La Verne P.O. Box. Or, if you need a Club-related thank you letter sent out, please contact her. Our Club collaborates with many service clubs and businesses, and an official letterhead is available.

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Congratulations to Club Member of the Year – Sue Herrera

Congratulations to Susan Herrera who was awarded 2023 Club Member of the Year. In addition to Sue, the following were nominated for the award: Candy Miller, Linda Roache, Jennifer Nummelin, and Kathy Castle.

Sue Herrera has gone far and above as a Club Member with participation and support of our Club this past year. Sue really “stepped up to the plate” and took on the position of Third V.P./Ways & Means chairman when the position needed to be filled. She came in with lots of ideas and virtually single handedly put together raffle prizes and baskets as well as organized our largest fundraiser to date, the Fall Bunco & Brews. In addition to this successful fundraiser, Sue also organized a See’s Candy Fundraiser and several other raffles that brought in needed funds, allowing us to continue our support of our various projects.

Sue also is the Chairman of Advocates for Children. She participates in Chips for Kids, San Dimas Spooktacular, and is very actively involved with For Goodness Cakes, where she donates to needy children her beautifully decorated cakes. Sue volunteers her time constantly and is an inspiration for us all.

Congratulations to Citizen of the Year – Marina Salcido

Congratulations to Marina Salcido who was awarded 2023 Citizen of the Year. In addition to Marina, the following were nominated for the award: Barbara Randolph and Marlene Carney.

Marina Salcido provides so much to the club, but she also donates, participates, bakes, sews, and more for Holy Name of Mary Church in San Dimas. Back in October she made three blankets for her community members in need at “Barbara’s Blanket” at the church. More recently in December 2023, she baked, donated, and delivered four dozen Grinch-themed cupcakes to La County youths in need. Her employment with the L.A. Probation Department gave her so much insight as to what youths at risk experience.

Sometimes a cupcake can bring some level of joy to these youths. In addition, she continues to be a major presence in her family, helping family members throughout the year.

>> Chairmen Chats <<

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN:
Chairman Sue Herrera

It's Spring, ladies, a time of change and renewal, and we're seeing that here within our club as new officers are inducted into their roles and those others who have already selflessly served, leave their positions.

This month, Susan Minnihan and I will be taking our club's Red Nose Day donation check to the San Dimas Walgreens to help fight childhood poverty. I'll announce a date soon; should you want to join us, please let me know.



I'm looking for a couple more volunteers to bake two dozen cookies each for me to deliver to the Children's Army Golf Fundraiser the morning of June 3 to help them raise money that will help provide abused children with the therapy that is essential for their healing.

I have had a wonderful time as the Advocates for Children Chair for nearly four years, but my term has come to an end. Thank you to the members who have participated in the various projects we work on that benefit kiddos. Should anyone in our general membership want to take over the chairmanship, it's really quite simple and I'd be happy to walk you through it. I'll still remain the lead (or contact) on many of the projects.

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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!

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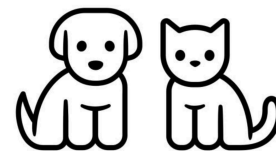
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH:
Chairmen Jennifer Nummelin & Candy Miller

Calling all Foodies 🍴:

Now is the time to feed your passion. The exception is this intake to help stock Sowing Seeds for Life and Shepherds Pantry food banks during the summer, to aid students who won't have the free lunch program available to them. Our Food Drive is on Saturday, June 22, at the La Verne Stater Bros. Market. I am looking for volunteers to

greet and encourage shoppers to donate to the food bank as they come out of the market. The sign-ups are for two-hour shifts ranging from 9-11 am, 11 am-1pm, and 1-3 pm. If you are available for any of those shifts (looking for the first four workers per shift...no pushing or shoving), please email me and I will sign you up! We also need volunteers to pick up the food by 3 pm and deliver to the food pantries on Monday, the 24th. Your passion to fill the need to help others is appreciated, gastronomically, emotionally, and mentally. If you haven't already, digest this info and sign up now, before the opportunity slips by.

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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

May is a very special time of year when you get to celebrate the very person who gave you life, nurtured your soul, and cared for you day and night. Wishing you all a happy Mother's Day. I hope you are celebrated for the special person you are. Should you have any questions regarding any domestic violence project, stop by and chat with me during our general meetings or reach out via email or text.

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EDUCATION & LIBRARIES:

Chairmen Marilyn Caldwell & Dian Moravek

The Friends of San Dimas Library project involves working two hours per month at the library. You choose the hours that are convenient for you. The community at large donates paperback and hardback books to the library, and your efforts are needed to sort, price, and display the books. They are generally sold for \$0.50-\$1.00 each, paid for on the honor system, with the proceeds going to supplement the library's budget. Money earned allows for books, board games, and live programs (music, magicians, science presentations, etc.) that would not otherwise be possible.

Please consider giving two hours monthly to widen the world for the children, teens, and adults who are a part of your community. And, for the wonderful ladies who are already donating their time, thank you very, very much.

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ENVIRONMENT:

Chairman Marina Salcido

Happy May all. A special thank you to Tiffany Burgoyne for hosting our clubs Earth Day Sip, Snack, and Sow project. I heard it was a great turnout with lots of green thumbs. Your participation in the project facilitated a \$50 donation to Penny Pines. Thank you to all of you that participated. I want to take this time to wish all mothers a very happy Mother's Day. I hope you enjoy your day with your loved ones. Just a friendly reminder that environment projects are on-going and can be performed all year long.



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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LEGISLATION & PUBLIC POLICY:
Chairman Barbara Randolph

Our resolutions define our public policy positions--these can be found on the GFWC website. Do check out our website, and I will try to do a better job of keeping you informed through our Newsletter.

Polaris (Trafficking Survivors Relief Act) - Thanks to Eleonore for bringing this to my attention, and to Dian for wanting to hear more from me!

Named after the North Star, an historical symbol of freedom, Polaris has operated the U.S. National Human Trafficking Hotline, connecting victims and survivors to support services and helping communities hold traffickers accountable. Polaris has built the largest known dataset on human trafficking in North America. Check out their website (polarisproject.org) for more information, and for donation opportunities.

Who is vulnerable? Risk factors include recent migration or relocation, substance use, mental health concerns, involvement with the child welfare system, and being a runaway or homeless youth.

Thanks to GFWC's Carol Burkhart, Chair of Legislation and Public Policy, for this reminder:

"Congress is writing its FY 2025 appropriations bills to fund services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Please support FY 2025 by taking action today. Contact your legislator through LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER. Make your voice heard."

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE:
Chairmen Jennifer Nummelin & Gayle Garcia

Upcoming Events Info.:

May

Sat 04th— Hike at Bonelli, 10:00 a.m. Meet in pkg lot of airport. Free.

Sat 11th— lunch at Enchanted Rose Tea Parlor, San Dimas. 11:00 a.m. Cost \$23. DUE TO JENNIFER by May 01st. Must sign up in advance.

Wed 22nd—Gab at Kuhns Park, 10 a.m. Bring a chair and drink. Free.

Sat 25th— Maloof Home and Garden tour, 10:15 a.m. \$25. Limited space, so check with Jennifer. Must sign up in advance. *Carpooling.

June

Thur 06th— Gab at French Press, 10 a.m.

Sat 08th— Freedom Bags assembly, 9:00 a.m. Purpose Church, Pomona. Free. *May go to lunch afterward.

Sat 15th— Hike at Bonelli, 10 a.m. Meet in the pkg lot of airport. Free.

Sun 30th— Ice Cream Social at Gayle's Home. Free *more details, later*

We also hope to get together for city concerts in the park, etc.

If you have ideas for events (especially free and low cost) let me know!

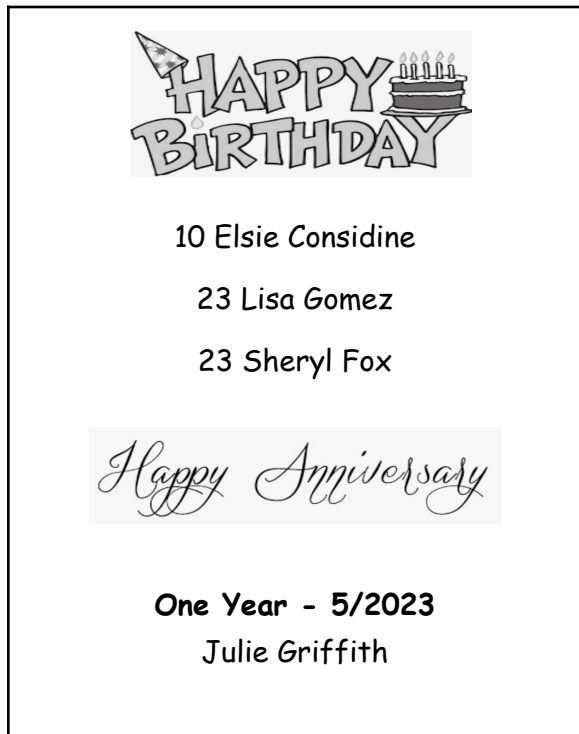
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EventsRUs



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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I have thoroughly (well, mostly) enjoyed being your Newsletter Editor, but it's time for me to cut back on my responsibilities. I am happy & looking forward to being Treasurer; but feel that I cannot do both, along with my other activities in the community & personally. So here is my PLEA for someone to step forward & be willing to take over. ANYBODY?? I KNOW YOU'RE OUT THERE! Of course, I will give you information & help get you going.

I appreciate & thank you for all your kind words & encouragement along the way.

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