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May the Spirit of Nature Fulfill Your Spirit of Volunteering.



Every Moment Counts.



	CALENDAR OF EVENTS
<p>1 New Year's Day 10 EC Meeting 11 Broken Yolk, LV, 10 am 16 MLK Jr. Day 19 General Meeting 21 Coloring Party, 1 pm, Gayle's</p>	

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Tami Miller

Now that the Christmas Holiday madness is behind us, we can concentrate on the New Year. I hope your Holidays were filled with family and ones you love. The New Year will be filled with new projects and more fun. Be sure to read our monthly newsletter to stay involved in all the Club functions.

Please make every effort this year to attend our monthly meetings. Your votes are important which take place during our meetings. You need to be part of any decisions on projects when they are presented. This is your club.

I will have tickets for the February 4 Fashion Show at the January meeting. This event is a District Fundraiser. The tickets are \$40. The location is at Mountain Meadows Golf Course, 1875 Fairplex Dr., Pomona. This event will include entertainment, food, shopping, silent auctions, raffles, and lots of fun. Be sure to look for the sign-up sheet.

Congratulations to all our Chairmen who have completed their annual reports on time. Project reporting of our volunteer hours, donations - both cash and In-Kind - tell the story about our Club. I'm sure our Club will be a big winner at the Convention when awards are presented.

Several of us will be attending the Birthday Council on January 13. As President, I will be given a few minutes to tell everyone how wonderful our club is. Can't wait to do a little bragging.

See you all at the Thursday, January 19, meeting. Social at 6:30 and meeting at 7:00. Invite a friend to share in all the exciting things we do.

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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: Gayle Garcia
Recording Secretary: Barbara Randolph
Treasurer: Kathy Castle-Kuhn
Parliamentarian: Pat Borchard
Corresponding Secretary: Jennifer
Nummelin

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

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 Tami Miller.

Speaking of program chairs and project leaders, thank you all for submitting your reports. As of this writing, we have eight reports finalized and four 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. We hope to look into having project sheets as to ongoing projects completed earlier in the year so members can record their project information more efficiently. We're an amazing group of ladies, and I'm blown away by all we do.

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.

Susan susanminnihan@aol.com
Linda Roache lgroache@hotmail.com

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

As we enter the New Year, here is to trying to figure out what we did with last year's resolutions. Let us take time to reflect on the laughter, the love, the friendships we have made, the memories we have created and the good times. Let us not forget the losses we have endured, the hardships we have overcome and all the lessons we have learned along the way.

The new year is a chance to start fresh and make changes for the better. It is an opportunity to set goals and strive to achieve something great, increase our club membership, and open our minds to all possibilities. As we enter 2023, let us make a commitment to be kinder, more compassionate, and more understanding. Let us continue to be philanthropic and truly generous in our contributions to the organizations we support and our communities.

We are in the Club Awards season and nominations are due on February 1 for the Citizen of the Year Award and the nominations for Club Member of the year are also due on February 1. Recipients of the awards will be honored at the 2023 San Gabriel Valley District Convention on April 20-22 at the Doubletree by Hilton in Pomona. 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. Nominees must have been a member of the club for



one year and accomplishments reported should cover activities during 2022. Please, if you know of a member that has made contributions outside of club activity, take a moment to recognize them by submitting a nomination in her name. Nominations can be mailed to me, brought to the January meeting, or emailed to me. The forms are attached to this newsletter.

I am grateful to be involved in a club with such a talented, passionate, and dedicated group of ladies. May this be a year of progress, success, and happiness and let us continue to spread the word of our fabulous GFWC - La Verne/ San Dimas Club. Happy New Year!!!!

Marlene carney.marlene@gmail.com
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PARLIAMENTARIAN: Pat Borchard

Thank you to Shirley Vanderbeck, Cathy Koch, and Gloria Schaaf for serving on the Bylaw Committee. We will be meeting January 23 at 6pm. Place to be determined. If you have any Bylaw or Standing Rule recommendations, please get them to me no later than January 5. Once the Committee meets, recommendations will be printed in the February newsletter and voted on at the March meeting.

Pat peb1956@verizon.net

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:
Jennifer Nummelin

I've written several thank you cards this past month, including the Glendora Country Club, for their fantastic venue (our Holiday party). And a few condolence cards, the most recent being for the family of our 102-year-old in the bowling league, Cecil. Cecil was an inspiration, in that he bowled three days a week, stayed active mentally, and physically, and was quite a character.

May we all aim to be as active and involved as long as we possibly can.

Jennifer jennummelin@aol.com

For those unable to attend our Holiday Dinner (and for those who were there), here's the poem Shirley wrote and recited:

Joy of the Holidays

**Holidays are upon us – Oh what fun!
Office parties, Cookie parties
Mom's on the run.**

**Scrambling for recipes to cook
something new
Finding that special gift for Aunt Mary
Lou.**

**Decorating the tree from bottom to top
Wrapping presents until we all drop**

**Grandpa set up the train as best he
knows how
But the train keeps jumping the track –
Oh holy cow!**

**The dog and the cat – sprawled by the
door
Playing with tinsel that fell on the floor**

**Stuffers for stockings -- more than a pair
Placed on the mantle with such tender
care**

**Dad's in the garage putting together toys
Trying to find a part for Tim's Gameboy**

**Grandma and Grandpa watching it all
So many memories they can no longer
recall**

**It is a wonderful time of the year they
claim**



Houses lit inside by glowing flame

Other nations like ours celebrate as well
The birth of our Saviour wherever they
dwell

Candle light worship to pray in His name
And may all be reminded just why he
came.

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1994)

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Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the calls and
Get Well cards when I was unexpectedly
taken to the Hospital.

Everything is now good other than a
cold I came back with from our Laughlin trip.
We have such a wonderful club and so very
caring. Wishing you all a very Happy,
Healthy, and Safe New Year.

Hugs,

Linda Koontz

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CFWC

CFWC Motto – “Strength United is Stronger”

CFWC – May 17-5/20 – Annual CFWC
Convention at Doubletree Hotel, Santa Ana,
California

GFWC

GFWC Federation Day April 24, 2023

GFWC - June 10 – 12 – Annual Convention at
Marriott Louisville, Louisville Kentucky

GFWC Clubwoman Magazine is available free
on-line: GFWC.org



>> Chairmen Chats <<

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN:

Chairman Sue Herrera

Happy 2023, ladies! I hope the new year
brings you good health, happiness, and
much shared love with friends and family.

I wanted to report that the project that's so
dear to my heart and that our club
generously supports, For Goodness Cakes,
ended 2022 by adding 275 new partner
agencies, 1,895 new volunteer bakers, and
baked 7,355 birthday and graduation cakes
nationally for at-risk kiddos! Yippee!!

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

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH:

**Chairmen Jennifer Nummelin &
Candy Miller**

Our year was very productive! We helped
globally (Heifer International), we helped
locally (Shepherd's Pantry, Sowing Seeds,
and Inland Valley Humane Society), we
supported our Military (Operation
Community Cares, Making Spirits Bright,
Veterans Freedom Park, and USO), we
actively participated in community events
(Paws for Pets, Wine Walk, 4th of July
Parade, and National Night Out), and we

held hands-on projects (Letters Against Isolation cards and supportive letters to elected officials). Isn't this an amazing group of people?!

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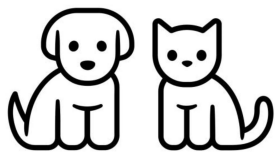


Coats & jackets needed!

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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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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LEGISLATION & PUBLIC POLICY:
Chairman Barbara Randolph

The Power of You: A GFWC Advocacy Training Series January 19 & 26, and February 2, 9, 16, & 23.
This webinar is scheduled for each Thursday at 7:00 p.m. for 45 minutes to one hour. I will be attending the session on



February 2, which highlights GFWC legislative successes in 2020-2022 and the 2022-2024 GFWC legislative priorities and alerts. I will keep you informed. If there is someone else who would also like to participate, please let me know and I will sign you up.

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE:
Chairmen Jennifer Nummelin & Gayle Garcia

Upcoming Events Info.:

We enjoyed MANY social events last year (tours, meals, park gab sessions, coloring, Club Conferences, Easter Egg dying, etc). It's a new year, so send us your ideas!!

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Meanwhile, mark your calendars:

Wednesday January 11, 10 a.m., brunch at THE BROKEN YOLK, 2488 Foothill Blvd., La Verne. Towne Center/Rt 66 is the cross street. It takes the place of Kuhns Park, as January will probably be too cold to sit outside.

Saturday January 21, 1:00 pm, back by popular demand, we will gather for a coloring afternoon at Gayle's.

Our Club is involved in a bowling league, Tuesdays at 10 am, AND Fridays at noon. If you are interested, join us to cheer on our members, at Chaparral Lanes, San Dimas. It's free, and we have fun.

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Jennifer Nummelin 1/7

Cathy Koch 1/17

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