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GFWC LA VERNE-SAN DIMAS WOMAN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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May the Spirit of Nature Fulfill Your Spirit of Volunteering.



Every Moment Counts.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Tami Miller

With holidays approaching, it is a time for giving and being thankful for all that we have and our families. There has been such tragedy in other countries this year, we are truly blessed. As volunteers, we give our time as much as In-Kind items to our charities. Time is precious, it is something you can't buy. Especially after going through almost two years of the pandemic, our time together with each other and our family members cannot be released.

Don't forget to submit a member's name for the Kindness Angel. She is certainly someone who gave of her time and needs to be recognized.

I hope you have been taking advantage of all the fun things our Social Chairmen have been planning. I attended the Bunco at Sue Herrera's house with all the crazy costumes our members wore. It was a time of laughter.

"Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create difference; that it is the big things of life, we are at one."

Tami

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2022 - 2024

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PRESIDENT'S AIDE/AMENITIES:

Jennifer Nummelin

Some of you have not yet picked up your Yearbook!! (I hear someone worked hard on putting it together.) If you don't expect to attend the November mtg to pick it up, Email me, and when I'm in the area, I'll deliver it to you.

November is a time of reflection and gratitude. We should be proud of the work we do in our community. Remember the phrase, 'you put good into the world, it returns to you?' Well, I'm a big believer that no matter what is happening in the world, though we can't control everything, the more good we put out there, WE ourselves, feel a little better, a little more comfortable, a



little more calm. And we can certainly use those attributes right now! Happy Thanksgiving!

Jennifer jennummelin@aol.com

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

October – one of my fav months of the year! The weather’s finally cooperating, telling us we can slip into cozy sweaters, enjoy our favorite cup of hot beverage, enjoy the great outdoors more..... and start holiday shopping!

Members have enjoyed quite a bit of social activities – Halloween-themed bunco game, the District’s High Tea Derby Lunch, San Dimas Spooktacular, restaurant gatherings... and more are to come! Thank you to Sue Herrera and Jennifer Nummelin for coordinating these fun gatherings! And very interesting, informative reports from some of our program chairs – Sue Herrera, Jennifer Nummelin, Kathy Diaz, Eleonore Burress, Marina Salcido, Marlene Carney and Olivia Perez - great job!!

Linda and I attended the Report Writing Workshop presented by the District’s Dean, Terry Perkins. It was very informative with tips on the wonderful world of report writing! We will be sharing all of the information with all program chairmen very shortly, either by email or other venue. We are awaiting further info from the CFWC (State) leaders as to our reporting form. We hope all of you received last year's (January-December 2021) Club Award Entry Report form in digital form. Hopefully, you can edit them for this year’s report, inputting changes for 2022 reporting. There may be some State changes to this year’s report, but it gives a general idea of the composure. This is a club’s bragging rights – informing of all the

wonderful projects, social activities, and membership features we’ve accomplished this past year.

This is the time of the year when Club program chairs need to start composing project sheets under their respective programs and checking w/members to determine if and what hours/donations (whether cash or in-kind) have been posted. Let us know if you have any questions. When it all boils down, we’re volunteers so let’s make it fun!

Looking forward to see everyone at our November meeting.

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Linda Roache lgroache@hotmail.com

	CALENDAR OF EVENTS
6 Daylight Savings Ends 8 VOTE 8 EC Meeting 11 Veteran's Day 17 LVSD General Meeting 18 Fall Council 24 Thanksgiving	

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

November is the month associated with giving thanks. On November 8 (Election Day), we have the opportunity and freedom to vote as we choose. November 11, we honor and give thanks for the men and women who have served and sacrificed in the U.S. armed forces in wartime or peacetime so that we can enjoy our freedoms. November 24 is the holiday we



celebrate the harvest and other blessings of the past year. It is generally believed that it is modeled on a 1621 harvest feast shared by the English colonists (Pilgrims) of Plymouth and the Wampanoag people. With that in mind, the holiday has evolved into us giving thanks by over indulging in food, desserts, and most importantly, by sharing the day with family and friends. Personally, I give thanks that the weather has finally changed and I can feel the cool of autumn. We should also give thanks that our lives allow us in GFWC to help those that cannot or do not have the resources to rejoice in the season.

We welcome our newest member, Sonya Whatley, who joined The La Verne – San Dimas Woman’s Club on October 13, 2022. Sonya is married to Brian Bowcock for almost 36 years and together for 43 years. Their family includes three adult children, nine grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren - and another is expected to arrive in December. During her free time, Sonya loves to hike, read, travel, and spend time with her family and is looking for opportunities to volunteer.

Let us continue to help our membership grow by spreading the word that our members are united by a desire to create positive change in our communities and we have fun doing it.

Kindness Angel of the Year

Selection of the club’s Kindness Angel of the Year is coming up and members are encouraged to nominate a member for this special award. It began as an observance of National Random Acts of Kindness Week. Each Club within the San Gabriel Valley District is asked to nominate a member who has committed a “Random Act of Kindness.” A nominee could be someone that you have



witnessed doing an act of kindness, heard about it through the grapevine, or simply learned about it through conversations with that person. To be selected as a nominee:

*You must have been a member of a SGVD Woman’s Club from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022.

*Only one nominee per club will be considered.

Club’s nominee will receive special recognition at the San Gabriel Valley District Fashion Show and Luncheon on February 4, 2023. If you would like to nominate someone for Kindness Angel, please fill out the form sent along with this newsletter and bring it to the November 17, 2022, meeting. Pat Borchard will chair the project and, along with a committee made up of Kindness Angel (Marina Salcido), Citizen of the Year (Gayle Garcia), and Club Member of the Year (Sue Herrera), will select this year’s Angel to be announced at our December Holiday Dinner and will then be our guest for lunch at the District Fashion Show. Nomination forms and criteria will be available at the November 17 club meeting. Completed nomination forms can be emailed to Pat Borchard, peb1956@verizon.net. A mailing address is available on the nomination form. All nominations must be submitted to Pat no later than the end of day November 17.

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THIRD VP/WAYS & MEANS:

Gayle Garcia

I will be emailing the membership about the Diamond Ring raffle - Tickets and money are due at the November meeting. The Patriotic Quilt Raffle Drawing will also take place at the November meeting.

See you all there.

Gayle klasiccat@gmail.com

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Jennifer Nummelin

I have sent out multiple cards, lately. Get well, condolence, and thank you notes to members, as well as other clubs and agencies with whom we collaborate. If you recognize that someone is going through something, maybe in need of a get well card, etc., let me know (hence the 'corresponding' part of my job title).

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>> Chairmen Chats <<

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN:

Chairman Sue Herrera

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Just a quick note to let everyone know that the San Dimas City Trunk or Treat



Spooktacular was a huge success (despite the downpour of rain the last hour). We passed out 200 pounds of candy that evening with Trick or Treaters waiting up to two hours to get in to the event (that's some Halloween dedication!). Thank you to everyone who donated candy to make this event possible for our community.

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

Burlington Coats project is in full swing, we are collecting warm coats and jackets. Go through your closets, and whatever you're not wearing, donate it to Burlington, who cleans and repairs them, and distributes them back into the community, all ages, all sizes. Take it a local Burlington, OR to me, and I'll deliver to them.

Our Letters Against Isolation card project is now aimed at the holidays, and this very lonely time of year is upon us. Some members are bringing (blank) Holiday cards to the November Club Mtg, which we can sign during our break. I'll deliver them to the isolated seniors and disabled in the area. Bring your pens and well wishes and help sign all 200 cards (please?!). This hands-on project is fast, simple, and free.

Our new 'Saving Old Glory' flag project begins: if you have an old American flag, and it's not in the best condition, ripped, faded, etc., bring it to a mtg, and Gayle will deliver it to a local Fire Station to be properly retired.

Lastly, and it goes without saying—consider donating to a local Food Bank. Any item, and any amount is appreciated.

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**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL
ASSAULT AWARENESS & PREVENTION:**
Kathy Diaz

House of Ruth Follow Up:
Emergency numbers: 877 988-5559 or 909
988-5559

Used Clothing: Due to limited storage space House of Ruth has partnered with ACT Thrift Store in Pomona. Please take your donations there and specify that the items are donated for the House of Ruth.

Holiday Store: They do have a list of items for the store. I will forward it to all members when I receive it.
I forgot to mention that the House of Ruth also has rooms for men survivors, and can provide for survivors' pets.

Any questions, please let me know. Thank you for taking an interest in helping others.
Kathy kmdiaz1010@gmail.com

Remember to bring any purses you're willing to donate, with some items in them, to the November meeting and I'll get them to the DVAC Christmas Party. Thanks!

Eleonore rodeonut@gmail.com



HEALTH & WELLNESS:

Chairman Olivia Durbin

Reminder- Please bring any blank notecards you may have to our meeting for the Girls Love Mail note card writing project we will be doing during our February 2023 meeting. I know it's still a ways out but just wanted to remind everyone in case they have any extra blank notecards they would like to donate for our note card writing session in February.

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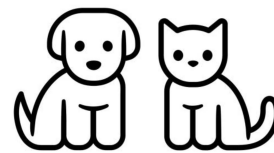


Coats & jackets needed!

I am collecting gently used coats & jackets - kids & adults sizes - throughout the year, & I deliver them to Burlington Coat Factory.

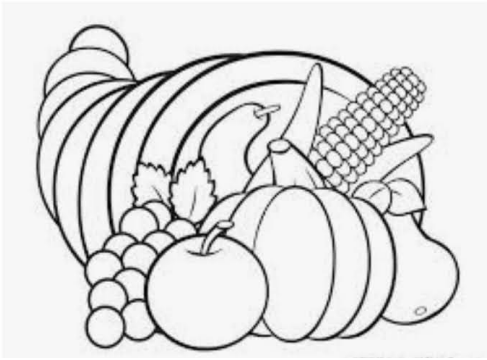
They clean & repair them, then redistribute to the homeless, college students, Veterans, & shelters in the area. This is an *ongoing project* & donations may be given to me at any meeting, or text me (626 201-7375) & I'll pick them up at your home.

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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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SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

**Chairmen Jennifer Nummelin &
Gayle Garcia**

Upcoming Events Info.:

Mark your calendars! The holidays are crazy, and we try to cram way too much into the last eight weeks of the year. A few social events help ease the stress, so join us!

Saturday, Nov. 12, GAB AT KUNS PARK, in La Verne. Meet at 10 a.m., bring a chair and drink. *If the weather is bad, we'll meet at a local coffee shop.*

Friday, Nov. 18, LOGAN's CANDY TOUR, Ontario. Back by popular demand, we visit this small family-owned candy store which makes everything by hand. It starts @ 5:30 p.m., lasts about an hour and 15 minutes, and you make your own candy cane. Cost is \$3.50.

Tuesday, Nov. 22, TACO TUESDAY @ La Villa Kitchen, San Dimas. Meet at 6:00 p.m., dinner on your own, and we usually eat and talk for an hour and a half.

Thursday, Dec. 8, CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY @ Glendora Country Club. 6:30 p.m. Details to come soon.

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Pat Borchard 11/7
Shirley Burgess Vanderbeck 11/16
Linda Koontz 11/23
Darlene Logiurato 11/23
Gloria Schaaf 11/30



Seven Years - 11/2015
Linda Roache, Charter Member

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