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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.



	<p>CALENDAR OF EVENTS</p>
<p>3 Gab Session - Gayle's 5 Cinco de Mayo 5-29 Fair Open 8 La Tolteca Dinner, 6 pm 11 EC Meeting 21 K9 Foundation Festival, Lutheran HS 25 General Meeting NOTE CHANGE 28 Bonelli Park Hike, 10 am 29 Memorial Day</p>	

<p><u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</u> <u>2022 - 2024</u></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: Gayle Garcia Recording Secretary: Barbara Randolph Treasurer: Kathy Castle-Kuhn Parliamentarian: Pat Borchard Corresponding Secretary: Jennifer Nummelin</p>
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Tami Miller

One Convention down – District, and now I am getting ready for CFWC Convention on May 19 & 20.

I'm so proud of our Club and the Program Awards we brought home. It's not over yet. All the written reports are forwarded to CFWC. We might still receive an award at the State Convention. That would be icing on the cake.

Our new District will be Chartered at the Convention on Friday night, and the plan is

for our Club to be Chartered on Saturday. Nothing related to our Club will change. We will retain the same name, meet at the same place on the 3rd Thursday of each month, except July and August.

I'm looking forward to the new Leadership of the new District. We have the blessings of CFWC, so only good things can happen.

It will be Mother's Day before we meet again. Wishing you all a "Happy Mother's Day." Even if you are not a mother, I'm sure you have one. Don't forget to give her a call.



Remember, again we have pushed our meeting back a week, due to the CFWC Convention. We will meet on Thursday, May 25.

See you all then.

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Our deepest condolences to Linda & Gary Roache on the loss of your daughter. Our thoughts & prayers are with you both & your family.

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PRESIDENT'S AIDE/AMENITIES:
Jennifer Nummelin

Happy Spring! Hurray for ☀️ sunshine! Yes, we needed the rain these past few months, but I, for one, am grateful for the warmth. Not much to report here.

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

Happy Spring! All of the rain from past months have brought us lovely blooms. I, for one, am hoping this mild weather continues into the summer months.

We had quite a jam-packed April meeting, full of new, upcoming projects in which to volunteer and an upcoming bunco fundraiser! More information will be forthcoming from the project leads so stay tuned, sign up, & volunteer for the ones that strike your fancy!

For those of you who weren't able to attend April's meeting, a recap: Linda & I had the pleasure of attending the District Convention last month. One of the highlights was honoring clubs as to their



volunteerism via our annual reports. It was wonderful to see our club and program chairmen recognized for their time, efforts, and work in authoring them. Reading them, we were amazed at all the participation/donations our members have done and continue to do!

We received the 2023 Convention Awards as follows:

- Advocates for Children – Sue Herrera – 2nd place
- Arts & Culture – Gayle Garcia – 3rd place
- Civic Engagement & Outreach – Jennifer Nummelin & Candy Miller – 1st place
- Communications & Public Relations – Cathy Koch – 1st place
- Newsletters – Cathy Koch – 3rd place
- Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness/Prevention – Kathy Diaz – 1st Place
- Environment – Marina Salcido – Honorable Mention
- Fundraising - Gayle Garcia – 3rd place
- Leadership & LEADS – Susan Brosche – 2nd place
- Health & Wellness – Olivia Durbin – 3rd place
- Membership – Marlene Carney & Gloria Schaff – 1st place
- Women's History & Resource Center – Gloria Schaff – 1st place

We also received a Certificate for Perfect Attendance at SGVD Board Meetings.

Congratulations and thank you to all of our chairmen!

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CO-SECOND VP/MEMBERSHIP:

Marlene Carney & Gloria Schaaf

April brought us plenty of rain and as I stroll through the neighborhood, I see all the flowers in bloom reaching towards the sun - gorgeous. Though as beautiful as the flowers are, I do suffer from allergies and that is just another sign that Spring is here.

I have noticed pictures of our Club activities on Facebook and on the San Dimas Buzz and all members participating in the events seem to be having a great time. These postings have generated an interest in our club and as a result we may be welcoming potential new members to our next club meeting. A big thank you to the efforts of Marlene Carney, Sue Herrera, and all that have contributed.

SPRING: A LOVELY REMINDER OF HOW BEAUTIFUL CHANGE CAN TRULY BE. LET'S STRIVE TO GET MORE INVOLVED IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND LET'S RALLY TO MAKE OUR CLUB MORE VISIBLE AND ENTICE NEW MEMBERS!

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CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Jennifer Nummelin

I sent out a few handwritten thank-you cards to several organizations this past month, in appreciation for the collaboration in our Club endeavors. In speaking with several of them, I am told that very few people write cards any more. It is a rarity, as everything is usually online. If you want to make someone's day, consider sending them a little note! It's not expensive, and doesn't take much time.

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>> Chairmen Chats <<

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN:

Chairman Sue Herrera

Hi Ladies:

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

Thank you to those of you who came to Susan's home to work on Backpack Buddies; Cathy and I so appreciate everyone's efforts and they turned out so darling! Sure to make many local elementary kids happy! Cathy tells me that she has another 200 to finish so we will get together again soon to visit, sew and eat!

Walgreens and its Red Nose Day campaign is this month which helps to improve the quality of healthcare to poverty stricken children. Stop by any Walgreens Pharmacy to purchase your Red Nose and either send me a picture or post to your social media tagging the GFWC La Verne-San Simas Woman's Club as well at Walgreens to further support this wonderful cause!

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!

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CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH:
Chairmen Jennifer Nummelin &
Candy Miller

Lots going on!

The recent Paws for Pets fundraiser was a success—the Inland Valley Humane Society raised over \$48,000 for their rescue, medical, and spay/neuter programs. Those of us who participated in the Walkathon had a great time.

Our holiday Letters Against Isolation notecards (for seniors/disabled) continue, and the next theme is Mother's Day. We will be signing these cards at the Kuns Park gathering, May 3, for those who want to participate.

Retiring Old Glory Flags project has been overwhelming, to say the least. Gayle is heading it, and collecting old U.S. flags for proper 'retirement.' Good work everyone!

As of this week, I have received over 90 coats donated for the Burlington Coat project for students, shelters, the homeless, etc., and it's not finished. We are not even halfway through the year!

There are many projects happening this summer: National Night Out, San Dimas Birthday Celebration, and La Verne 4th of July Parade, where we can show off our Club. Hope to see you there!

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Please volunteer to assist Liz Aldana from the La Verne Police K9 Foundation at the Family Festival on Sunday, May 21, in the late afternoon by reaching out to me. I'll have more information soon!

Fourth of July Parade: We will have room for approximately twelve club members to ride on the La Verne 4th of July Parade; if you're up to the three mile walk, you may certainly walk next to our float. For those of you who joined us last year, it was a complete BANG! (Haha! Fireworks, bang, get it?). Ummm, moving on...Kathy Diaz's son has graciously agreed to let us borrow his flatbed trailer once again and Marina Salcido's husband, Joe, has offered to decorate said trailer for us. Let me know if you'd like to participate and whether you'll be a rider or a walker.

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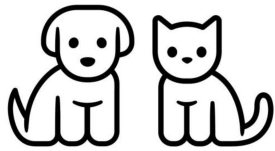
Sowing Seeds for Life

Our long-time partner, Fran Robertson of Sowing Seeds for Life, periodically produces a colorful 4-page newsletter to communicate with our communities. Her last March/April Newsletter featured a picture of all our chocolate bunnies stacked up on a table (98 makes quite an impressive array!) with this comment: "This year with many thanks to our incredible friends at the GFWC La Verne-San Dimas Woman's Club who always step up, work hard and share kindness for our pantry families. We are so very thankful to you for your friendship, incredible hearts and dedication." We were also listed on the back page Volunteer section. Fran is always so grateful for any help we provide.

Sowing Seeds also has a Glendora location at 804 E. Foothill Blvd. This Food Pantry distributes food on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 9-11 a.m. Please stop by to help if you can.

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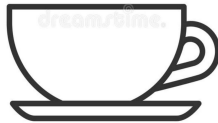


I am collecting used blankets & towels for the Humane Society. This is an *ongoing project* & donations may be given to me at any meeting, or text me (626 201-7375) & I'll pick them up at your home.

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ENVIRONMENT:

Chairman Marina Salcido



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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HEALTH & WELLNESS:

Chairman OPEN

The La Verne-San Dimas Meals on Wheels (MOW) program has been serving hot meals to homebound residents of both cities for over 19 years. They are a non-profit organization and have never received State or Federal funding. A few of our members volunteer delivering meals to recipients who benefit from receiving them. It's great being greeted by friendly faces who are so very appreciative of MOW. We chat for a few minutes and make sure they are okay. It usually takes only about two hours out of the day. Anyone interested in volunteering or who knows a homebound person who could benefit from meal delivery, their website is lvsdmealsonwheels.org. There is a Q & A and contact number to call on their site also.

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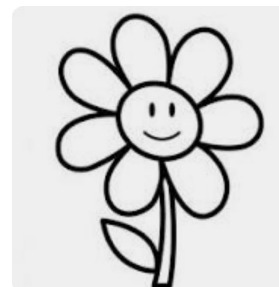


Coats & jackets needed!

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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SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

Chairmen Jennifer Nummelin & Gayle Garcia

Upcoming Events Info.:

Wed. the 3rd, we meet at Kuns Park for gab, etc. 10 a.m. Bring your comfy folding chair and a drink.

Mon. the 8th, dinner at La Tolteca restaurant. Meet at 6 p.m. Address - 429 N. Azusa Ave, by 5th St., in Azusa.

Sun. the 28th, back by popular demand! A hike at Bonelli, 10 a.m., followed by lunch at Norm's Hangar/airport.

*And a heads up: Sue Herrera found a 'Drum Circle', at Claremont Center for Spirituality, on June 3. Mark your calendar for this interesting event.

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WOMEN'S HISTORY:

Chairman Gloria Schaff

MILESTONES IN WOMEN'S HISTORY
Through decades of activism and organizing, these women made history 1926 through 1930.

1926: Gertrude "Queen of the Waves" Ederle (An Olympic gold medalist) did what only five women had done before her when she swam the 35-mile length of the English Channel on Aug. 6, 1926.

1927: Five Canadian women's rights activists, dubbed the "Famous Five," petition to become '**persons**' in Canada. They brought a case before the country's Supreme Court arguing that



women had the right to be appointed to the Senate.

1928: Britain's Equal Franchise Act becomes law. British women technically won the right to vote before Americans, but it took 10 years for them to achieve the same voting rights men already had. The Equal Franchise Act removed all restrictions; any British citizen over 21 was now free to vote.

1929: Nigeria's Women's War wins rights. The native Igbo women used their powerful communication networks to stage a nonviolent protest against their mistreatment. British colonial rule in Nigeria wildly changed how the country was governed.

1930: Screenwriter Frances Marion and actress Mary Pickford were some of early Hollywood's biggest names. The two worked together to adapt dozens of novels and stories into films, from classics like "Anne of Green Gables," to "The Big House," which won Marion her first Oscar.

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