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Every act of kindness sparkles like a star.
Embrace the power of kindness and shine brightly.





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

04 - Coloring at Jody's home, 2:00 p.m.
08 - Lunch at Panera 11:00 a.m.
21 - Gab at Railside Cafe, 10 a.m.
22 - General Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
24 - Hike at Bonelli



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

05 – Gab at Kuhn's Park, 10:00 a.m.
07 - Hike at Bonelli, 10:00 a.m.
14 – District Family BBQ.
22 – Lunch at Elephant Thai, 11:00 a.m.
28 – Food Collection Event

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2024 - 2026

President: Marlene Carney
Co-First VP/Dean of Chairmen: Susan Minnihan & Linda Roache
Co-Second VP/Membership: Jody Mentzer & Sonya Whatley
Third VP/Ways & Means: Sue Herrera
Recording Secretary: Barbara Randolph
Treasurer: Cathy Koch
Parliamentarian: Pat Borchard
Corresponding Secretary: Eleonore Burress

MONTHLY CLUB CONTEST

Find the hidden symbol embedded in the monthly newsletter text. Anyone that locates the symbol, should inform Gloria Schaaf at guschaaf@yahoo.com of its location by text message, e-mail or send a picture from your phone no later than the 12th of each month. Those individuals that have correctly located the symbol will be entered into a drawing for a gift card. The **drawing** will be held during the General Club Meeting and the gift Card presented to the winner.

The symbol to find for May: 
This will be an ongoing monthly contest with a new symbol each month. Good Luck to all.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:
Marlene Carney

A big thank you to the club for my lovely orchids, chocolates and birthday wishes. It always touches my heart to know all of you and the wonderful club members you are.

The month of May unfolds so beautifully with flowers and sunshine. We are also reminded of nature's quiet resilience – a resilience that reflects the heart of every woman who gives her time, talent and compassion to serve others. Just as flowers bloom with care and sunlight, so do the communities we nurture through our shared efforts and unwavering compassion.

During this time, let's take a moment to celebrate the quiet victories: the food delivered, the funds raised, the friendships strengthened. These are moments of service and affirmations of our shared purpose and unwavering hope.

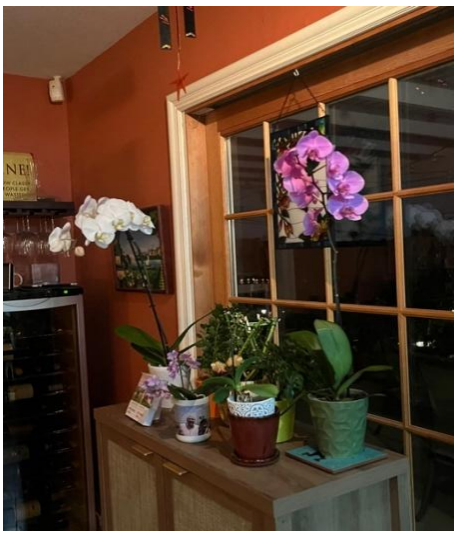
On Mother's Day, we celebrate the women who have nurtured, guided and loved us -mothers, grandmothers, mentors and all who mother in heart and action.

As May closes, we pause on Memorial Day to remember and honor those who gave their lives in service to our country. Let their courage inspire us to live in service and stewardship.

I encourage all of our members to find joy in all that we do. We continue to make such a positive difference in so many lives. I also hope you will find the time to participate in some of the social activities as we continue to build camaraderie and friendship. Let us continue to lead with joy and dream boldly. Remember, we are not just woman helping our communities we are women helping the world bloom.

I wish everyone a very happy, beautiful Spring.





"May is the month of expectation, the month of wishes, the month of hope." - Emily Brontë

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

The lovely month of May is upon us – it's difficult to believe that our Club year is almost over. Where has the time gone? May is a time to reflect on all our wonderful accomplishments over the past year, renewing the spirit of volunteering and for us to enjoy the spring weather and nature's blooms in display. It's also a time to celebrate ourselves as mothers, aunts, sisters, daughters and caregivers.

As to reflecting, we are so proud of our wonderful chairmen who are our program "guides" and are instrumental with the projects within their program but do an outstanding job reporting them in December. And this couldn't happen without our talented project leaders who coordinate said projects. Our projects wouldn't exist without our fantastic members who participate and donate throughout the year. Anyone interested in taking a more active leadership role, please let us or any of the chairs or project leaders know. Fresh faces, new ideas and contributions are always welcomed and appreciated.

We do have a June meeting which starts our 2nd year of the 2024-26 term and then our Club goes "dark" July and August. Dinner and desserts are planned, as well as member initiation, to

highlight our May meeting so we hope to see everyone there to celebrate…….US!

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CO-SECOND VP/MEMBERSHIP:
Jody Mentzer & Sonya Whatley

SPRING IS IN FULL BLOOM As spring graces us with longer days, warmer breezes, and blooming beauty, it's the perfect time to refresh, reconnect, and rejoice in the energy this season brings. Nature is coming alive again—and so are we!

Here at the Woman's Club, spring marks a season of renewed purpose and fresh opportunities to gather, give back, and grow together. Whether it's through upcoming events, community service projects, or simply sharing a cup of tea with fellow members, we're reminded of the joy found in connection and camaraderie.

Let's take a cue from nature and allow ourselves to bloom—try something new, reach out to a friend, or get involved in a club activity you've never tried before. There's a certain magic in spring, and it's even better when shared with a supportive circle of women.

Wishing you sunshine, new beginnings, and lots of laughter this season. Here's to a beautiful spring—together!

PLEASE WELCOME our newest members. **Espie Medrano** joined on April 17. She is retired from the County of Los Angeles. She has 3 children, 9 grandchildren and enjoys traveling. She's looking forward to getting involved in the community and meeting new friends.

Let's also welcome **Jules Julian**, who joined April 18. She is employed as an MRI technologist and has 2 children. She enjoys hiking, concerts, reading and enjoying great food. She wants to help the community and provide support where possible.

INITIATION FOR NEW MEMBERS Our next meeting, May 15, we will hold an initiation ceremony to officially welcome our newest members. We will serve dinner: **pizza, salad, soft drinks, tea, coffee and water**. The cost per person is **$7per person.** We'd appreciate it if you pay **in cash** at the meeting. There will also be plenty of **desserts**.

"The world's favorite season is Spring. All things seem possible in May." — Edwin Way Teale

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>> Chairmen Chats <<

ARTS & CULTURE: Tami Miller

Looking for Crafters. We will not be having a group Craft Workshop for Crafts to be sold at our BUNCO Fundraiser this year. But I am looking for crafters who would like to make and volunteer your crafts. Especially Holiday Crafts. It's not too early to start planning for such items. I will have a sign-up sheet at the June meeting for those who wish to Participate.
Thank you

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CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH:
Jennifer Nummelin &
Candy Miller

A big thank you to all who participated in the chocolate bunny donations!
We have another food collection event, Saturday June 28th, at San Dimas Albertson's. As per usual, we need about 15 people over the 9-3-time frame, in 2 hour time slots. It involves smiling and asking people if they would like to donate items (we have small lists) for Shepherd's Pantry and Sowing Seeds. Food insecurity continues. And if we can be of any help, let's do it.

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS & PREVENTION:
Marina Salcido

As we get into the spirit of Springtime and Spring cleaning, we have various on-going projects that can help you clear out any of your old items. Crossroads accepts gently used women's clothes and shoes. Your donations will help women released from incarceration transition back into society. Donations can be delivered to 1269 Harvard Avenue in Claremont and placed in the driveway in front of the big red shed doors. Don't forget to write a note that donations were made by LV/SD Women's Club. Please note that House of Ruth is not equipped to take in used items. We have been asked if anyone has used items to donate, they can take the items to ACT Thrift store in Pomona and tell them that the donation is made on behalf of House of Ruth. This will offer survivors an opportunity to go buy items needed from the ACT store with a voucher. House of Ruth has a pantry wish list and a wish list of new items in need for women, men, and children who are victims of domestic violence. If you are interested in donating and would like a copy of the wish list, please message Marina at dirt4us4@yahoo.com. You may drop off those wish list items at 599 N. Main Street in Pomona. Shirley Vanderbeck will be collecting cellphones at our monthly meetings. Verizon will clean all data and set them to only make 911 calls. All cell phones are given to shelters who will distribute cell phones to victims of domestic

violence. Help me give you the proper credit for all the fantastic work you do to support our programs. Please log in your time, monetary, and in-kind donations in project folders.

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ENVIRONMENT:
Chairman Marina Salcido

Spring is in the air,  and it is time for some Spring cleaning. No need to worry, the LV-SD Woman's Club has projects to make your Spring cleaning easier. If your cupboards are filled with excess cups or mugs, just set them aside in a box or bag and bring them to our April meeting. Plastic bottles or aluminum cans collected will help our environment and help our local school. Just take them to a recycling center and give your donation to our club treasurer Cathy Koch. Your donations will be forwarded to Bonita High School Band to help purchase equipment and uniforms. Thank you to all our members who have been bringing your own beverage cup to our monthly meetings. You are assisting in the reduction of Styrofoam waste in our local landfill. We will continue accepting any gently used towels and bedding for Inland Valley Humane Society. Your donations will help provide comfortable bedding for animals in need. You can bring them to our meeting or contact Jennifer Nummelin. If you have any questions, please contact Marina at (626) 643-0912 or come talk to me at our next meeting if you have any ideas of how we can help our environment.

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LEGISLATION & PUBLIC POLICY: Barbara Randolph

At our April meeting I shared the GFWC Legislation Action Center focus areas (I will bring extra copies of the handout to the May meeting) and recent progress made. On the front of the handout are the simple steps to sign up to the Action Center to make your voice heard by legislators who can allocate money and effect change. Every California Club has been challenged to sign up for 75% (currently only 7% have signed up) of its members, but we can do better than that! I will pass around a clipboard at the May meeting so you can go on record for doing your part. . .

In case you did not get a handout, here are the simple steps to sign up for the Legislative Action Center on your phone, computer, laptop, tablet, or iPad.
l. Go to gfwc.org and click on Advocacy on the menu bar.
2. Click on Get Involved. A new page will pop up titled Act Now: use our Legislative Alerts
3. Under "Sign up for Alerts," fill in your email, zip code, and click on the arrow to review your information, then click save.

Thanks!

Barbara roddyrandolph@yahoo.com

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Jennifer Nummelin

We had an awesome time at Marilyn's home, dyeing Easter eggs. Gabbing in her back yard, with wonderful weather, it was a nice afternoon. If anyone would like to host an event, it is easy, and people will help with set-up, clean-up, etc.

Upcoming Events Info.:

MAY
Sun 04th— Coloring at Jody's house, 2:00 p.m. *free
Thurs 08th— Lunch at Mauricio's, 11:00 a.m. The address is 2256 Rt 66, Glendora, near Amelia Ave.
Wed 21st— Gab at Kun's Park, 10:00 a.m. Bring a chair and drink. * Free
Sat 24th— Hike at Bonelli, 10:00 a.m. Meet at Norm's Hangar pkg lot, at the airport. We walk 'til someone gets tired. It is an easy, relaxing walk. *Free We usually go to lunch, after.

JUNE
Thurs 05th— Gab at Kun's Park, 10:00 a.m. Bring a chair and drink. *Free
Sat 07th— Hike at Bonelli, 10:00 a.m. Meet at Norm's Hangar pkg lot, at the airport. *Free. We usually go to lunch, after.
Sat 14th— District Family BBQ *Pat will provide more info, asap.
Freedom Bags assembly, Sat June 21st, 9 a.m. Purpose church. Address is 586 N Main St., Pomona.
Sun 22nd— Lunch at Elephant Thai, 11:00 a.m. Address is 531 W. Arrow H'way, San Dimas. Across from Denny's.
Sat 28th— Food Collection event, Albertson's, 10-3. The address is 220 E. Bonita, at Walnut Ave.

We are looking for FREE or LOW-COST events, preferably local. Ideas? Let me know!

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>> On-going Projects <<


I will be collecting homemade (knitted, crocheted, sewn) beanies, scarves, & pillowcases 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



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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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.

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Happy Anniversary





Happy Birthday

5/10	Elsie Considine
5/22	Patty Llamas
5/23	Lisa Gomez
5/28	Esther Garza-Maloney

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MEMBERS IN ACTION

At the April 17 General meeting, club members participated in filling 80 chemo bags to be donated to The City of Hope





Hike at Big Dalton Canyon on April 27th, a great day to enjoy nature and all it's beauty



April '25

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May 2025



June '25

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1 May Day	2	3
4 Coloring at jody's House	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8 Lunch at Mauricio's	9	10 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Elsie Considine
11 Mother's Day	12	13	14	15	16	17 Armed Forces Day
18	19	20	21 Gab at Kuhns Park	22 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Patty Llamas	23 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Lisa Gomez	24 Hike at Bonelli
25	26 Memorial Day	27	28 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Esther Garza-Maloney	29	30	31
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