San Gabriel Valley District Women's Club

The KEY • December 2025

President

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Hello December! As we enter the final quarter of this administration, I find myself both reflective and reignited. It really did get better. The challenges we've faced have reminded me of what's still possible—and of how much we still have to accomplish together.

We are now preparing for some of the most meaningful and memory-making moments of our year:

•The December Toy Drive

•Annual Club and District Report Writing

•Birthday Council Celebration

•District Fashion Show

•Spring Council - Music Competition, Student Art, Member's Crafts

•Kindness Angel Recognition

•Our Most Prized Gathering—Convention, Awards, Club Citizen, Club member of the year, & induction of a new administration.

Each of these requires planning, coordination, and care. And while the work is real, it becomes lighter—and even joyful—when it's not carried by just one person or a small committee. This is the heart of Federation: shared service, shared strength. Your SGVD Executive Committee continues to work as one—to protect the integrity of our district and to propel us into a strong, sustainable future. But we cannot do this alone. With over 1,000 members across SGVD, we are continually asking:

How do we engage with you?

Because right now, we're seeing the signs of disconnection:

- Low attendance at meetings
- Low support for events
- Silence where there could be collaboration

This is not a criticism—it's a call. A call to reconnect. A call to remember that your presence matters, your voice matters, and your participation strengthens us all.

I continue to be deeply honored to serve alongside such dedicated, creative, and compassionate club members. I am, at heart, a clubwoman too—rooted in service, guided by process, and always ready to support. Whether you have a question, a concern, or a quiet idea waiting to bloom—I welcome it. But I also know that sometimes, I may not be the one you think to call. And so I ask: How can I help, even when I'm not called upon?

- Can I offer a reminder that your leadership matters?
- Can I affirm that your questions are valid and welcome?
- Can I quietly support your club's efforts by ensuring our district structure uplifts your work?

If you need me, I'm here. If you don't, I'm still here—cheering you on, protecting the process, and holding space for your growth.

Let's finish this term with intention, unity, and joy.

Let's lead with clarity, protect with process, and uplift through service.

In Federation Spirit, Gina Morales



Don't Forget to bring to the DECEMBER 12th meeting:



- *Bring your $$$ to purhase items from District clubs at our Craft Fair!!*
- *A first timer!*
- *January Birthday Council Lunch Reservation form ($25 each)*
- *An updated Club Officer's list if not yet turned in…*
- *6 copies of your club Yearbook if not yet turned in…*
- *Names of Club Delegates for 2025-26 Year if not yet turned in…*
- *Club Information Form (formerly known as Data Blank) with club check if not yet turned in…*



COMING SOON….

SGVD CRAFT FAIR AT THE DECEMBER 12, 2025 DISTRICT BOARD MEETING!!
Check with your club to see what you will be selling.
Sign up to have a table, bring a tablecloth. All proceeds stay with the club.
Contact Bonnie Duenas to reserve a table: RBLMB@msn.com (626) 827-4273

1st VP Dean of Chairwomen

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What a great fall council! We are gearing up to have a very active new year! We have our Nominating Committee, Elections Committee and Bylaw Committee working feverishly to have everything ready for Birthday Council. What else is due? Yes! Your reports! I will be holding a Zoom meeting on **Wed. Dec. 3 at 7:00 p.m.** to answer any last-minute questions. Remember to have the IMPACT of what your donations or projects created. This is the KEY for getting your reports noticed!

I am so excited for the new year and I hope that you are looking forward to the future. WE want to know what you need for your clubs and we want to be a resource for you and your members. Happy Holidays to all!

San Gabriel Valley District Fall Council Meeting Supports "Save-A-Bow-Wow" Program

At this year's San Gabriel Valley District Fall Council Meeting, our members once again demonstrated their compassion, generosity, and dedication to community service. We are proud to share that our district collected an impressive array of donations in support of the Save-A-Bow-Wow fundraising program—an initiative committed to improving the lives of dogs in need throughout our region.

Thanks to the heartfelt contributions of our clubs and members, we received cash donations, toys, supplies, and food that will directly support the organization's ongoing efforts to rescue, care for, and rehome vulnerable animals. These essential items help ensure that dogs awaiting their forever homes receive comfort, nourishment, and enrichment during their time in care.

A Community Effort That Makes a Difference

The success of this year's collection reflects the strength of our district's mission: working together to uplift organizations that create meaningful, positive change. Every donation—whether financial or tangible—helps Save-A-Bow-Wow provide medical services, safe shelter, rehabilitation, and love to animals who desperately need it.



Gratitude to Our Contributors

We extend our sincere thanks to every club and individual who participated. Your generosity not only supports the mission of Save-A-Bow-Wow, but also reinforces the values of compassion and community service that guide our district's work throughout the year.

Continuing Our Commitment

The San Gabriel Valley District looks forward to building on this momentum and continuing to partner with organizations that enrich the lives of animals and families in our community. Together, we can ensure that programs like Save-A-Bow-Wow have the resources they need to thrive.

Thank you for making this year's Fall Council Meeting a success—and for helping us bring comfort, care, and hope to dogs in need.

Financial Team

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By now, all clubs that conduct raffles should have filed their NPR-1 Annual Raffle Permit with the California Attorney General's Office for the upcoming calendar year. Please remember that state raffle permits run January through December, regardless of your club's fiscal year dates. The application link can be found on the Attorney General's website.

A quick word about in-kind donations: Don't forget to record the dollar value of all in-kind contributions your club receives. Both the State and GFWC include this information in their annual reporting requirements, and accurate record-keeping makes year-end reporting much smoother.

For December, clubs are asked to donate toys for the SGVD CHiPs for Kids Toy Drive, which will be collected at the SGVD December Board Meeting. Please be sure to report the value of your club's toy donations to Joanne Snyder, SGVD CHiPs for Kids Chair. These contributions should be recorded as an expense for your club, and they count as in-kind revenue for the District.

The deadline for submitting new and late-paying dues to SGVD that get passed on to CFWC is **December 5**. I encourage you to continue to accept membership in your club thereafter, but do not forward the CFWC and GFWC portion to SGVD until March.

Please note: There will be no Financial Team Forum meeting in December. Our next meeting will be held in January, and as always, these sessions are open to any club member interested in understanding or improving their club's financial operations. We need you if you have all the answers and are willing to share as well.

If you need assistance with treasurer-related tasks or have financial questions, please email Shari at sskovach99@gmail.com. I am always happy to help.

Your SGVD Financial Team: Yvette Romo, Financial Secretary and Shari Kovach, Treasurer

San Gabriel Valley District

70 years of Federation

Birthday Council Registration Form

January 9, 2026

Club Name: _____ Contact Person: _____

Please list names of attending members/guests.
Make checks payable to: San Gabriel Valley District.
Mail registration form, along with club check to:
ATTN Birthday Council/Bonnie Duenas
1142 So. Diamond Bar Blvd # Diamond Bar CA 91765
Lunch - Kiko's Grill - Ticket Cost $25.00

1. _____ Cost _____
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Total payment amount: _____ $ _____

REGISTRATION DUE BY JANUARY 2, 2026

Communications & Social Media

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Save the date! Zoom meeting for Social Media! December 20, 2025 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. – Sonja Hultz from CFWC Social Media will be hosting this training session with her "Honey Bees"! A link will be sent out to everyone when it becomes available!

2nd VP – Membership

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I hope to see all clubs represented at our last district meeting of the year. Let's make an effort to invite a member who has not been in awhile, let them see what they have been missing. Dress in your favorite holiday attire. Any questions please feel free to contact me.

Parliamentarian

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Hello! Members

I can't believe this year is rapidly coming to an end. Lots to do next year!!! At our November meeting, Nomination & Election Committee members were chosen. Thank you to those who came forward to assist. Though we made an announcement, I will announce it again at our December meeting.

Also, the Bylaws Committee sent an email to All SGVD Members of the proposed draft of bylaw changes. If you did not receive it, please let me know; review and contact me if you have any changes or questions. I will be discussing them briefly at the December meeting.

Remember we are a "Team"...together we are mighty.

In Sisterhood, Cruz Baca, Parliamentarian

Corresponding Secretary

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Thanks so much for turning in your club officer's list, etc. If you have any updates or changes please email the information to Rosette Clippinger at dbrosette@aol.com Thank you for all of your help in this!

Please provide *6 copies* of your yearbook at the District meeting.
We need these so that we can provide them to your district officers.

Recording Secretary

Nancy Krueger • Pio Pico WC • Recordingsecretarysgvd24@gmail.com



Reminder of the *WHY is recording your club business history important. Taken from the San Gabriel Valley District 2025-2026 yearbook, page: 34, Article II, - Object reads, The object shall be to cooperate with the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) to promote education, moral, civic, and welfare projects among the various clubs throughout the San Gabriel Valley District (SGVD) within the meaning Internal Revenue Code 501 (C) 3, nonprofit organization. Why does the recording secretary need to be familiar with Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 12th Edition? Parliamentary procedure is part of best practices for boards because it helps ensure an efficient and effective board meeting process. Henry M. Robert states, "In a land where perhaps most persons are members of one or more societies, some knowledge of parliamentary [procedure] may be justly regarded as a necessary part of the education of every man and woman". As the scribe of your official business meetings held, know your ByLaws, know basic procedures, and know Federation procedure. The main duty to keep in mind is: to record what was done during a meeting like, motions, actions taken, voting, points of order, appeals, and accepting reports to be placed on the file. Congratulations on your officer duty in this position and always keep learning and growing.

FUNDRAISING

Support Our District Events

As we move into the holiday season, we are reminded of the tremendous strength, resilience, and community spirit that define our district. This year, we invite you to help us continue building a stronger, more vibrant future by supporting our annual district fundraisers.

Your contribution—whether through purchasing event tickets or making a direct donation—plays a crucial role in sustaining the programs, resources, and opportunities that benefit everyone in our district.

Why Your Support Matters

Funds raised this season help us:

- Maintain high-quality educational and community programs
- Pay for meeting costs, like rent, refreshments and
- Printing costs for yearbooks, programs and speaker fees.

Every ticket purchased and every dollar donated helps us create meaningful, long-lasting impact across the district.

Ways You Can Support

- **Buy Fundraiser Tickets:** Join us for a memorable event while helping fund important district initiatives. It's a meaningful way to connect with neighbors, celebrate achievements, and invest in our shared future.
- **Make a Donation:** If you are unable to attend, a direct contribution—no matter the size—makes a difference. Donations are tax-deductible and directly support district programs.
- **Share the Opportunity:** Encourage friends, family, and local businesses to attend. Sell tickets to your council members, potential donators - Community involvement strengthens our impact.

Your Participation Makes All the Difference

When our District comes together, we accomplish great things. Your generosity ensures that our district continues to grow, innovate, and provide the best possible environment for students, families, and staff.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment. Together, we can make next year's fundraisers our most successful yet.

Civic Engagement Team Leader

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What We Gain When We Engage With Our Community

In my last article, I shared how a club thrives when members engage in their community. This time, I want to focus on what we gain as individuals when we get involved.

Building New Skills

Community engagement helps us grow in leadership, teamwork, and communication. Working with others teaches us how to guide, listen, and collaborate—skills that make us stronger in every part of life. These lessons often lead to successful outcomes, both inside and outside the club.

Seeing New Perspectives

When we meet new people, we're exposed to different experiences, cultures, and ideas. This diversity helps us understand one another better and reminds us that collaboration is more powerful than working alone. As the saying goes, "No man is an island." Together, we can make a bigger impact.

Embracing Diversity

Engagement also challenges us to welcome different viewpoints. If we only surround ourselves with people who think like us, we risk missing out on fresh ideas—or worse, unintentionally excluding others. By inviting diversity into the mix, we create stronger, more inclusive communities.

Finding Fulfillment

At the end of the day, community involvement brings joy, confidence, and a true sense of belonging. Each time we show up, we grow. Every act of service enriches not only our community but also our own lives. My challenge to you: attend a community event, introduce yourself to someone new, and see what you learn. Meeting people from different walks of life broadens our worldview—and you may be surprised at how much you gain in return. When we show up, we grow.

Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness Team Leader

Staying Safe During the Holidays: Understanding Domestic Violence and Finding Support The holiday season is often portrayed as a time of joy, celebration, and family connection. But for many people living with domestic violence, this time of year can be stressful, isolating, and dangerous. Increased financial pressure, travel, family gatherings, substance use, and disrupted routines can escalate existing abuse or make it harder for survivors to seek help.

Why the Holidays Can Increase Risk

Even though domestic violence happens year-round, several holiday-related factors can heighten tensions:

- Financial stress from gift-giving, travel, or reduced work hours
- More time at home, where survivors may be isolated with an abuser
- Limited access to support systems such as coworkers, friends, or school
- Alcohol or substance use, which can worsen volatility (though it does not cause
- abuse—abusers choose to be violent)
- Pressure to "keep the peace" or maintain family appearances

Survivors may also fear disrupting holiday plans or worry that services won't be available—though many domestic-violence hotlines, shelters, and advocacy programs operate 24/7, including holidays.

How to Support a Friend or Family Member

If you're concerned about someone this holiday season:

- Listen without judgment. Avoid criticizing their choices.
- Validate their feelings. "You don't deserve this" can be powerful.
- Respect their decisions. Leaving can be dangerous without a plan.
- Offer concrete help. Transportation, child care, or a safe place to talk.
- Share resources discreetly. Survivors may need multiple options.

Where to Get Help

If you or someone you know needs support, confidential help is available:

United States

- National Domestic Violence Hotline (24/7): 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)
- Text: START to 88788
- Chat: thehotline.org

If you or someone else is in immediate danger, call emergency services right away.

A Message of Hope

The holidays can be painful for survivors, but no one has to face domestic violence alone. Support is available every day of the year, and reaching out—whether for yourself or for someone you care about—can be the first step toward safety, stability, and healing.***San Gabriel Valley District is looking for a Team Leader for our Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness Team.***

Please contact President Gina Morales at emwc.ginamorales@gmail.com or 1st VP Denise Jackman at denisejackman4@gmail.com if you are interested.

Education and Libraries Team Leader

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I'm very please to let you know that we have a Guest Speaker arranged for the SGVD Monthly meeting on Friday, February 13, 2026.

Marie Rogers began her teaching career in Los Angeles public schools, offering classes in Spanish, French, and English as a Second Language. After earning a MFA at Otis School of Art and Design, Ms. Rogers also specialized in Creative Writing.

Ms. Rogers has built a successful career as a Studio Teacher. She has experience working on network television, feature films, photo shoots, music videos, voiceovers, live performances. Currently, she is working on independent films, award shows and other live performances; venues include, but not limited to, Hollywood Bowl, Pasadena Playhouse, and Kirk Douglas Theater, Walt Disney Concert Hall, Redcat Theatre, Ahmanson Theatre, Mark Taper Forum, and the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. Ms. Rogers is Lead Studio Teacher at L.A. Opera for 36 years.

Additionally, Marie Rogers has an extensive background in sailing, sailboat racing, coaching, mentoring, administration, and so much more.

- Los Angeles Yacht Club Staff Commodore
- USCG 50T Master
- Sailing Instructor - American Sailing Association
- Powerboat Instructor – National Safe Boating Council
- 2021 Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA) Peggy Slater Honoree "...who best demonstrates outstanding contributions to the enhancement of women's participation in the sport of sailing"
- 2021 BoatUS/National Women's Sailing Association (NWSA) Leadership in Women's Sailing Award
- Board of Directors – SCYA, Inclusive Boating Chair
- Board of Directors – NWSA
- Board of Directors – US Sailing
- President – Offshore Racing Outreach (https://www.sailoro.org/)

SPECIAL WISHES TO ALL - The Holidays are quickly approaching so I wish each and everyone of you only the very best times with your families and friends!

Epsilon Sigma Omicron ESO Team Leader

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Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) is the General Federation of Women's Clubs' honorary educational society, created to promote lifelong learning and personal growth through reading. Founded in 1928, ESO offers GFWC members a self-paced program that encourages them to explore books across diverse categories, track their progress, and earn recognition for their achievements. Participants may advance through levels such as Member, Star, Torch, Master, and Pallas Athene. Many clubs host active ESO groups that hold discussions and support each other's literary goals. Overall, ESO strengthens intellectual curiosity, fellowship, and the GFWC mission of education and self-improvement.

Watch for more information at Birthday Council!

Read more here>>>> https://www.gfwc.org/2023-gfwc-top-projects/

Environmental Team Leader

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Dear Sisters in Federation, As I am sitting in my recliner this evening, in my favorite flannel pajamas, under a warm throw, I was trying to decide what conservation wisdom I could extend to you all. We all know about recycling trees, that's a no-brainer; then it dawned on me to get on my laptop and type in "conservation for Christmas." Low and behold, Amazon pops up; and nothing excites me as much as tapping "Buy Now." I know, I need to get out more. There, on Amazon, were ideas for the holidays and year-round. Plates, bowls, eating utensils, all bio-degradable. I found Christmas wrapping paper, ribbons, and Christmas cards, all recyclable. Eco-friendly gifts started popping up. I will list a few.

1. There are beautiful wood sustainable cooking utensils.
2. Insulated tumblers for traveling to our club and district meetings. I always have one filled with coffee or water in my car, wherever I go.
3. Swedish dishcloths are used for washing dishes, pots/pans, and using them as you would paper towels. I have heard people love them; just throw them in the washing machine.
4. Candle Warmer Lamp: they are decorative and have no flame, soot or smoke. Just turn on, and most have automatic timers. I was at a friend's home recently and she has one on her patio. The candle scent was wonderful, again, with no flame. Very pet friendly.
5. A favorite item of mine is the shower steamers. I received some last Christmas and have used them ever since. They are made with essential oil and their wonderful scents give you a most relaxing and enjoyable shower experience.

I hope some of these ideas are helpful. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Floretta

Health & Wellness Team Leader

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Hello!! The holidays are here! Hope you and yours had a beautiful Thanksgiving. Be very careful of your pets, as some of your guests may try to sneak in a bit of a holiday dinner that could upset their stomachs. Lots of guests in the house also can be overwhelming for some animals, make sure you have a place where they can go and relax. As wonderful as the holidays are, be aware of friends and neighbors that may be going through a challenging time. In our circle of friends, we have a couple that always share our dinner on holidays. They have grown up kids with busy lives, so it is easier for them to celebrate on Saturday. Wrap a meal for a neighbor, send over a piece of pie. Send a card, text or call someone you may know that needs a positive message. Be aware of those calories! Smaller portions, lots of veggies and limit alcohol intake. Make time for exercise, stay hydrated. Reflect and count your blessings.

A big THANK YOU to all the clubs and members that donated to *Save a Bow Wow* at last month's meeting. Patty, who spoke on behalf of the rescue organization, was speechless and full of appreciation at your generosity. I was so proud to be a member of SGVD. Thank you again. If anyone is interested in adopting a dog, or being a foster parent, I will put you in touch with the group. Stay healthy and happy, Tina LaCarra

WOMEN'S HISTORY

Did you know? The original District Meetings for the San Gabriel Valley District were conducted all in one day each month! The Executive Committee would start their meeting at 9:30 am and the Executive Board would meet right after from 11:00 am to 2:30 p.m. on the Second Friday of each month. Members would bring a sack lunch to the meetings. This was done so that members could drop their children off at school and pick the kids up after school.

LEADS Team Leader

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Mentors-Mentoring Potential Leaders in a Volunteer Organization

Every organization needs members who are willing to become mentors. Why don't you give it a go? Mentoring new members will be most appreciative for both the mentee and the mentor. It will not only help feelings of importance in Federation, but feeling welcomed and being part of Federation as well. Celebrate the 'Leadership Chain' by experiencing leadership positions together with the moments learned and with the moments of successes. Make mentoring a built-in part of your organization's structure. Look into your club's yearbook in the ByLaws and Standing-Rules section today and proceed with excitement.

Leadership Education And Development Seminar

Each district club had the opportunity to turn in their club LEADS application for the SGVD candidate of 2026. That turn in deadline was on November 14, 2025. The applicant(s) will receive a call with the next step and directions for the SGVD December Board meeting vote. Club delegates will participate in a ballot vote if more than one applicant is accepted. This is an exciting time for both the district and for the applicant and her club too. Everyone should get ready to support the SGVD candidate winner who will then proceed to State (CFWC) Boards on February 26-28, 2026 in Santa Clara, CA. Thank you for your participation in this GFWC program.

Legislation and Public Policy Team Leader

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Please sign up for GFWC Legislative Updates at: https://www.gfwc.org/legislative-action

Representatives Russell Fry (R-SC), Ann Wagner (R-MO), Ted Lieu (D-CA), and Robert Garcia (D- CA) have introduced H.R. 1379, the Trafficking Survivors Relief Act.

The Trafficking Survivors Relief Act of 2025 provides federal criminal record relief to survivors of human trafficking who committed a non-violent offense as a direct result of having been a victim of trafficking. Human trafficking remains a widespread crisis across the nation. Traffickers often force or coerce their victims into committing crimes such as financial fraud, drug-related offenses, and identity theft, among others. As a result, many trafficking survivors face arrest, conviction, and incarceration – often without recognition of their victim status.

Though many states have a statute for human trafficking survivors to access relief from criminal records which resulted from trafficking, there is currently no legal framework at the federal level for trafficking survivors to either avoid unjust criminalization at the outset and/or address the harmful effects of having been charged and convicted of crimes resulting from their victimization. This legislation helps to address both gaps.

The legislation would allow survivors of human trafficking with federal records for certain crimes committed as a direct result of their trafficking situation to vacate convictions and expunge arrest records. It would also allow for an affirmative defense for victims of human trafficking to assert at the outset of the criminal justice process. Finally, the bill would expressly permit Department of Justice (DOJ) grants to allow for legal representation for survivors including proceedings related to vacatur, expungement, and other post-conviction relief measures.

Many survivors have a criminal record because of being trafficked, impacting their ability to rent an apartment or get a job. This legislation would break the cycle and give survivors the ability to move forward. (COPIED FROM GFWC.ORG)

CHiPs for Kids Chair

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Hello Ladies! The day that we have all been waiting for has arrived, and that's our Annual CHiP's For Kids Toy Drive. It is on Fri. Dec. 12, at the El Monte Community Center, Grace Black Auditorium, located at 3130 Tyler Ave., El Monte. We will be donating unwrapped age appropriate toys or $10.00 gift cards to either Subway, In and Out, McDonald's, Target or Walmart. This year we have the honor of having CHP officer Alicia Kolter as our new SGVD liaison along with her fellow officers. I am hoping that you all enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving Day with your family and loved ones. It's with a grateful heart that I say "Thank You" for your kind support in helping to make a difference in a child's Christmas. Until next year, have a Merry Christmas and safe New Year.

Respectfully, Jo Ann Snyder - Chip's for Kid's Chairman and Ann Valleroy - Co Chairman

ATTN MEMBERS: Any flyers that are being promoted by SGVD on our Website SGVD.org, The Key, or Social Media **MUST** have the District and State logo on it. The logos can be found on CFWC website and below. IF you are reading this newsletter electronically, you can also "right click" on the images below and copy them on to your device to be used. I have also included the GFWC logo and the CFWC /GFWC logo combined.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12/12/25	SGVD District Mtg 9:30am - **Holiday Spirit**–Club boutiques open! Dress in festive holiday attire. El Monte Community Ctr Grace Black Auditorium 3130 Tyler Av, El Monte
1/9/26	SGVD District Mtg *& BIRTHDAY COUNCIL* Luncheon 9:30am – ***Donation to District w/Birthday Card, Club Raffle Basket, 2025 Club Reports, Kindness Angel, Creative Writing & Music Scholarship Submissions Due*** El Monte Community Ctr, Grace Black Auditorium 3130 Tyler Av, El Monte
2/13/26	SGVD District Mtg 9:30am – Registration for District Fashion Show and Registration form and payment due for March Spring Council Lunch El Monte Community Ctr, Grace Black Auditorium 3130 Tyler Av, El Monte
3/13/26	SGVD District *SPRING COUNCIL* Mtg 9:30am – **MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, Raffle Baskets Due for CONVENTION, SGVD Convention Registration Due, ELECTION OF 2026-2028 DISTRICT OFFICERS.** El Monte Community Ctr, Grace Black Auditorium, 3130 Tyler Av, El Monte
4/24-25/26	**SGVD–70TH Annual Convention – Location TBA.**
5/8/26	SGVD District Mtg 9:30am – El Monte Community Ctr, Grace Black Auditorium, 3130 Tyler Av, El Monte
May 2026	**CFWC Convention - Location TBA.**

Season's Greetings

BIRTHDAYS, CARE AND CONCERN

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Those born **December 1 through 21** are known as **Sagittarius** and are under the 9th sign of the zodiac THE ARCHER.

SAGITTARIUS may have a strong desire to put their imprint in the world. A warm personality, optimistic, honest and with a positive outlook on life. Interested in animals and nature. Eternal students that are constantly seeking to know more about the world.

GEMS are the Turquoise, protecting against catastrophe, Amethyst which promotes mildness and understanding and Citrine which acts as an agent between lower and higher selves.

NOTABLES are Tina Turner, Andrew Carnegie, Charles Schultz, Louisa May Alcott, Adam Clayton Powell Jr., Mark Twain, Bette Midler, Bruce Lee and Joe DiMaggio.

Those born **December 22 through 31** are known as **Capricorn** and are under the 10th sign of the zodiac THE GOAT.

CAPRICORN symbolizes the serious outlook of maturity with a refusal to waste energy. They have a careful approach to all things and a very responsible attitude. With great ambition they strive to succeed. They possess a can-do attitude and love to party.

GEMS are the Diamond which raises self-confidence and ambition. Falcon's Eye for visionary power and White Sapphire that combines discipline with friendliness.

NOTABLES are Ava Gardner, Cissie Spacek, Marlene Dietrich, Denzel Washington, Mary Tyler Moore, Rudyard Kipling, Elizabeth Arden and Anthony Hopkins.

December Flowers are Holly, Narcissus and Poinsettia.

Sagittarius or Capricorn, HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

and to everyone MERRY CHRISTMAS! HAPPY HANUKKAH! HAPPY NEW YEAR!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to DECEMBER BORN!!




Montebello Woman's Club
cordially invite you to join us at our
Take a picture with Santa!
Christmas Craft Fair
Saturday, December 6, 2025
201 S Park Avenue, Montebello
10:00 AM-3:00 PM
Find unique presents and baked goods created by gifted community members.
Enjoy FREE entertainment by our talented children in Montebello.
Questions Contact:
Yvette Fimbres (323) 697-2710


Wistaria Thrift Shop
330 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre
Holiday Extravaganza
Thursday – Saturday
December 4, 5, 6
9 am – 2 pm
All Things Holiday
Upstairs & In Shop
626-355-7739


Spread the Joy and Enjoy a Bundt Cake
Nothing Bundt Cakes
Montebello Woman's Club
Fundraiser
2545 W. VIA CAMPO
MONTEBELLO, CA 90640
9:00 AM–6:00 PM
Please bring this flier or mention the Montebello Woman's Club for a 20% donation back on purchases and pick-up orders on
Wednesday, December 17, 2025
Share this flier with family, friends, and neighbors

Sierra Madre Woman's Club

Wistaria Shop

550 West Sierra Madre Boulevard
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

The best little thrift shop in the San Gabriel Valley

Bring a friend and discover the fun of Thrift Shopping. Find eclectic and unusual items not for sale in any other store

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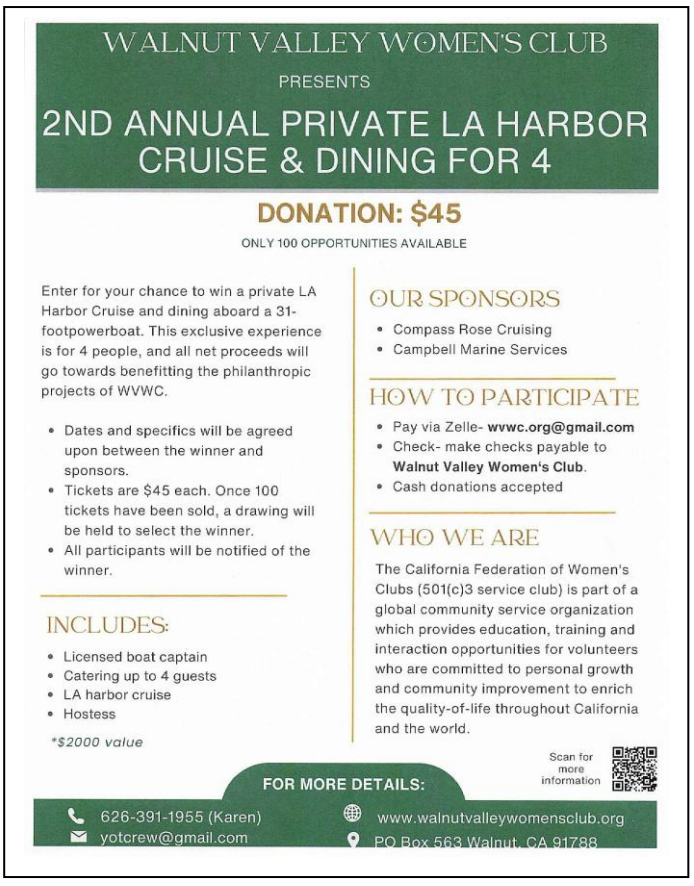

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