

# Bonsall Woman's Club Roadrunner



## SUMMER 2024 NEWSLETTER

Rosalia Zamora, Editor

### **NEXT GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2024**

Pre-meeting social time: 9:30-10 a.m. Meeting begins at 10:00 a.m.  
Bonsall Community Center  
Located at 31505 Old River Road ~ Bonsall, California

**PROGRAM: to be announced**

*A light snack will be provided for your enjoyment as well as coffee and water.*  
**BRING A FRIEND - WE WELCOME GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS!**



### **PATTY MERRIAM ♦ President's Message**

June marks the **start** of the 2024-25 year, though it felt more like the end of a very successful year with a welcomed summer break rolling in. Our general membership meetings are on hiatus until we gather again on September 5, but a lot of action will be happening behind the scenes. We'll continue to keep everyone updated with periodic emails and announcements on our website and Facebook page.

We are fortunate that our newly-elected Board of Directors is not really so new. Except for the President, **ALL** of the **elected** officers are returning for a second year on the Board, and a majority of them have many years of experience serving our club in multiple leadership roles. Our appointed officers and new chairs have a wealth of experience too, so rest assured that our club will be in very capable hands!

Thanks to everyone who supported Mary Jo during the two years she served as President. Her tenure was not without challenges from time to time, but she rose to every occasion and set an exceptional example of leadership for the rest of us.

**REST, RE-GROUP, REJUVENATE and RETURN in September!**



*Patty*

*BWC is a member of  
Palomar District Federation CFWC, the GFWC California Federation of Women's Clubs, and the General Federation of Women's Clubs.*

## New Appointments Fill Board Positions

Installation of elected and appointed officers was the featured program at the June meeting. Elaine Davis served as the “Mistress of Ceremonies” to help induct the following officers:

**Patty Merriam**, President; **Mary Jo Pfaff**, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President-Dean of Chairs; **Connie Jordan and Sydne Gilbert**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents-Membership; **Marlene Rantanen**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President-Programs; **Gini Brooks**, 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President-Fundraising; **Robin Kemper**, Recording Secretary; **Helen Poddoubnyi**, Treasurer; **Maura Button**, Finance-Budget Secretary; and **Ruthie Harris**, Corresponding Secretary.

In preparation for the coming year, Patty has appointed several new chairs to join the Board of Directors: **Larissa Anderson**, Public Relations Chair; **Linda Birnie**, Communications Chair; **Suzanne Gill and Cindi Frank**, Hospitality Co-Chairs; **Geri Sides**, Sunshine Chair; and **Rosalia Zamora**, Parliamentarian.

**Larissa Anderson** served as Hospitality Co-Chair last year, helping to prepare the Community Center for each monthly meeting. In her new position, she will be responsible for submitting monthly articles and pictures to the *Village News* and other local publications.

**Linda Birnie** most recently served on the Spring fundraiser committee and is also part of the upcoming Christmas fundraiser committee. As the new Communications Chair, Linda will be responsible for internal emails to the membership (i.e., “eblasts” to send out the newsletter and announcements), and will work with the newsletter, website, social media, and public relations chairs. Anyone who would like emails sent out to the entire membership should send the request to [bwcmessages@gmail.com](mailto:bwcmessages@gmail.com).

**Cindi Frank** and **Suzanne Gill**, who actively served BWC last year on committees for the Art Show, Crafts, and Hospitality, will coordinate efforts of the Hospitality Committee. They will oversee monthly meeting tasks, such as amenities, sign-ups for food and centerpieces, greeters, and sign-in/quorum verification.

**Geri Sides** will continue as Sunshine Chair next year, so please let her know if she can spread a little “sunshine” to any of our members!

**Rosalia Zamora**, a member of the Federation for 29 years, will serve as Parliamentarian. She has experience in parliamentary procedure and has taught classes on the basics. She served as Palomar District President in 2018-2020 and 2002-2004 and on the CFWC Board as well as held various CFWC and District chairmanships.



**BWC 2024-25 Board of Directors** (front row, from left) Marlene Rantanen, Sydne Gilbert, President Patty Merriam, Mary Jo Pfaff, and Helen Poddoubnyi; (back row) Maura Button, Ruthie Harris, and Gini Brooks. Connie Jordan and Robin Kemper are not pictured.



**MARY JO PFAFF**

## 1st Vice President - Dean of Chairs

I have several "Thank You's" that I want to express as your past President. During the June meeting, the "Happy Babies" Military Support Project received \$335.00 from our membership, and Foundation for Senior Care received \$213.00 as the last donation towards my President's Project. Many, many thanks for the support that our members gave over the past two years. The Advocates at F.S.C. are so very appreciative of your continued support. Disadvantaged seniors in the community were served. Their lives got "that much better" because of BWC contributions. A BIG Heartfelt Thank You, ladies!

The beautiful Michael Kors purse was an amazing gift bestowed on me for being BWC President. Gail Golden, Historian, kept clippings and mementos over the past two years and assembled them into a gorgeous scrapbook of memories. This was truly a labor of love that I do treasure. I am thankful for the new friendships that I made and so happy to be a part of BWC. We are an expression of love to our community.

Awards received at the State Convention were acknowledged by Bev York, our District representative and past Co-1st Vice President. Patty Merriam and Elaine Davis chaired the committees that earned the award for Arts and Culture Creativity. Newsletter Editor Rosalia Zamora and Communication Chair Patty Merriam wrote the narratives that won the Award for Communication. The BWC Arts and Culture Narrative that earned recognition at the GFWC convention is included on pages 13-15. Congratulations, ladies, for your hard work! There were over 200 statewide women's clubs who entered Narratives for this contest, and BWC took home two of 12 Awards. WELL DONE!



Award certificates - Palomar District and the California Federation of Women's Clubs to  
(l-r) Patty Merriam (District-CFWC), Rosalia Zamora (District-CFWC),  
Elaine Davis (District-CFWC), Linda Eastom (District), and Cheryl Zales (District).





**SYDNE GILBERT**



**CONNIE JORDAN**

## Co-2nd Vice Presidents - Membership



We are happy to welcome two new members! These ladies were guests of Helen Poddoubnyi at the June meeting, and they signed up before they left!

Karen Koch - Phone (808) 780-3461

Email [ophirkaren@icloud.com](mailto:ophirkaren@icloud.com)

Karen is retired and enjoys childcare, golf, yoga, hiking, water-color painting and choir. Her interests within BWC include: arts, chorus, women's health, scholarships, student of the month, craft sales, and helping with the spring event.

Katharine Kirchner - Phone (760) 716-0183

Email [kathyk268@aol.com](mailto:kathyk268@aol.com)

Kathy enjoys walking, working with dogs, biking and reading. Her interests within BWC include: Book Club, Critter Causes.



Helen Poddoubnyi - center- with her guests, Karen Koch and Katharine Kirchner. They both joined the club.

### **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Terri Gullo
- 2 Carol VandenBosch
- 4 Larissa Anderson
- 6 Barbara Zink
- 13 Cynthia Frank
- 14 Cindy Gibson-Floyd
- 15 Nancy Curtis, Juliann Giurleo
- 16 BJ Nierman
- 23 Judy Bresnahan
- 24 Amy Cunningham
- 26 Judith Hughes
- 27 Reba Daubert
- 28 Linda McDonald

### **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Joy Williams
- 8 Barbara Chahbazian, Bev York
- 9 Jacky Nutter
- 13 Suzanne Gill
- 18 Gail Greco
- 29 Linda Eastom







### 3rd Vice President - Programs

BWC members recently took a survey related to the coming year. The survey showed that members' interests are wide ranging. These include topics such as **Senior issues, Health, Animal related, and Hobbies**. Also, some specific suggestions were made. (Please see the results of the survey on page 16.)

If you have additional ideas, please submit them to Marlene Rantanen by July 26. All suggestions will be considered in planning next year's programs.

We are looking forward to a fun and educational year!



### 4th Vice President - Fundraising

At our June 6 meeting, the membership adopted the 2024 Christmas Fundraiser proposed budget. We are excited to be moving forward with plans for Monday, December 9, at the Haven's Country Club (formerly Vista Valley). Maura Button has volunteered to be Committee Chair, with Phyllis Zenz and Cindy Gibson Floyd as co-chairs. Please notify Maura if you can assist on the committee.

We're happy to report that the "Viva Las Vegas" Spring fundraiser reported very successful results! After all of the receipts and payment vouchers were finalized, the grand total of net proceeds was \$8,335!! THANK YOU to everyone for making this such a successful event.



### Corresponding Secretary

Look for our logo on many of the websites! Please remember to support organizations that have received donations from BWC and those that support us!! Don't be shy about telling them you are a member of BWC! Be sure to support our wonderful Bonsall and Fallbrook Chambers of Commerce! Check their websites for exciting programs and other dates. Keep your eyes open for organizations we should consider supporting!

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<https://www.fallbrookschoolofhearts.org/>

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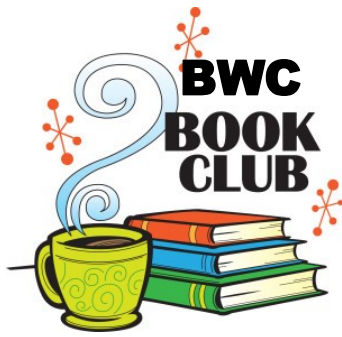
<https://fallbrooklibraryfriends.org/>

<https://fallbrookmusicsociety.org/>

**From Sydne Gilbert:** I have truly enjoyed serving you as Corresponding Secretary! So, thank you!

Please welcome and support Ruthie Harris as she takes on this big job!

For CRITTER CAUSES - Summer is coming! Remember to keep your pets safe when it gets hot!



## BOOK CLUB - Beautiful Bibliophiles of BWC!

Hope you are enjoying your summer so far and soaking in some good reading by the beach, on your travels, or at home-sweet-home! Currently, we meet on the 3rd Monday of each month from 10A-noon. That may change in the Fall. Books we are discussing this summer:

**August 19** - ALL THE COLORS OF THE DARK by Chris Whitaker. Hostess Diane Trappen

**September 16** - LIFE OF SUNFLOWERS by Marta Molnar. Hostess Cindi Frank assisted by Suzanne Gill

We have lively discussions and a ton of fun! New participants are welcome! If you would like to be on the Book Club list, let Larissa Anderson know. Phone: (858) 342-8794



In June, the group donned caftans in theme with the book, "The Guncle," and celebrated!



*Many thanks to Cheryl Zales for her years and years of Book Club leadership!*





**ELAINE DAVIS**

## Collectibles & Memorabilia Group

JUST the RIGHT SHOE was the interesting, imaginative and creative topic which followed the salad luncheon enjoyed at June Stone's beautiful villa for the June group's get-to-gather. The miniature shoes, just the right shoe of each style fascinated, captivated and enthralled the ladies. Each selected a shoe and then made up a story, reminisced about a pair they once had or shared memories that the shoe style brought to mind of a loved one. In addition, June reviewed the history of shoes dating from as early as 7000-8000 BCE.

The C&M Group, as it has become fondly referred to, will be dark during the months of July and August but will reconvene on September 10th with the topic "Summer Finds."

**BWC**



**SUZANNE GILL**

## Crafting News

Hello, Crafters! We're happy to announce that Suzanne Gill is our new Crafts Chair. A June planning meeting was held. She is asking for your help and support to keep things rolling.

Please contact Suzanne to let her know that you want to be a part of this group and get information about where meetings will be held. You can text her at (949) 697-2065 or send an email to [mssynergee@rocketmail.com](mailto:mssynergee@rocketmail.com).

Future crafts meetings have been scheduled for the following Mondays:

July 29, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
August 12, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.  
August 26, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Locations are being determined.  
(Please let Suzanne know if you would like to host a meeting at your home.)





BWC Past President Mary Jo Pfaff and Elaine Davis with Scholarship recipients.

## Scholarship Committee Awards Deserving Students

Bonsall Woman's Club Scholarship Committee members judiciously and responsibly selected three graduating seniors from Bonsall High School and eight from Fallbrook High School to receive BWC scholarships. The total amount awarded this year was \$14,000, awarded in amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

Our 2023-24 President Mary Jo and committee members attended the Honors Ceremonies at each school to present, in person, the "Letters of Instruction" to the recipients, which explains how to request their scholarships. Recipients are

already requesting to have their monies sent to their chosen institute of higher learning to assist in the payment of tuition costs.

Congratulations fellow BWC members for your generosity and your acknowledgment of the importance scholarship money plays in assisting these young adults in reaching their educational goals.

## Scholarship Recipients Achieving Success

*The following letter was recently received by BWC:*



Dear Scholarship Committee,

My name is Mikayla Gioia, a recipient of the 2023 Fallbrook High School Scholarship. I wanted to provide you with an update on my first year of college and express my gratitude for your support in helping me further my education.

During my first semester, I maintained a 3.2 GPA while also being a member of the women's soccer team at Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Missouri.... In the second semester, I found my stride and achieved a 4.0 GPA while balancing two on-campus jobs - one as a front desk worker in our campus gym, and the other as an intramural referee. As a result, my overall cumulative GPA for my freshman year was 3.56, and I am determined to continue improving in the coming years.

I am truly grateful for your scholarship, as it allowed me to complete my first year of college without the burden of debt. I wanted to share my accomplishments with you to show that I have applied myself and represented our community well....

I understand if it may be uncommon to receive a thank you message years later, but I wanted to ensure that I expressed my gratitude and shared my achievements with you....

Thank you once again for your support.

Sincerely,

Mikayla Gioia



## FALLBROOK ART CENTER

### “Fun Outing” - June 19, 2024



Fifteen BWC members enjoyed a private tour of the Fallbrook Art Center (FAC). Director Brenda Andrews gave a very exciting presentation of the art works she selected to be part of The Annual Artist Guild Show. Brenda explained the history of the Artist Guild and how it continues to evolve in modern times. The Medieval and Renaissance periods played a crucial role in the development of art.

Our members were introduced to 44 local artists whose works were displayed at the FAC until 7/7/24. As curator, Brenda placed each one in a perfect location to view their best qualities. After an hour of admiring the amazing art, we had a lovely lunch at Cafe Des Artistes that adjoins the FAC. A group decision was made to plan another 'Fun Outing' later in our calendar year when the 2025 Exhibition Schedule is published. A great time was had by all!



Enjoying lunch!



## General Meeting - June 2024



Mary Jo Pfaff and Debbie Harris (not pictured) created the beautiful table centerpieces for the June meeting.



Phyllis Zenz and Gail Greco provided a delicious array of food for the members during the June meeting break.



A thank you gift to outgoing President Mary Jo Pfaff from all the BWC members.



Mary Jane Poulter presented Jeaneane Henson with two Palomar District Certificates Awards for Military Support narratives.



Patty Merriam, 2024-2025 President of Bonsall Woman's Club.





## General Meeting - June 2024



Marlene Rantanen presents Mary Jo Pfaff, 2023-2024 BWC President, a Historian Notebook created by Gail Golden.



Patty Merriam, incoming BWC President, accepts the gavel from Mary Jo Pfaff, outgoing BWC President.



Marleen DuBona (received for her by Jeaneane Henson, pictured here) is the happy winner of the \$50 Visa Gift card from the Donation Diva raffle, presented by Sydne Gilbert.



BWC member Marlene Rantanen has two beautiful entries in the Artist Guild show.



## Fond Memories of ♥ Virginia DiLillo ♥



(l-r) June Bernesser, Mary Forbess, and Virginia DiLillo.



(l-r) Mary Forbess, Virginia DiLillo, and Mary Jane Poulter.



Drawings by artist, Virginia DiLillo.

Virginia joined our club in 1982. She was loved by all her friends and devoted many hours as a BWC volunteer. She especially liked to wrap Christmas presents for families in need and attend club meetings. Virginia enjoyed cooking and hosting delicious luncheons for friends in her home. She had a special talent as an artist with her beautiful drawings. For many years, Virginia and her husband Tony divided their time between their home near Vista Valley Country Club and their home in Long Island, New York. Even after they made New York their permanent residence, Virginia remained close friends with Mary Forbess and Mary Jane Poulter, who kept in close contact with her. She continued to support BWC as an Associate member, and told Mary how much she enjoyed reading the Roadrunner to hear about her friends and the activities of BWC. ~ Mary Jane Poulter and Mary Forbess



A delightful memory of BWC members wrapping gifts for needy families.

I still use her "Everyday Italian dressing recipe." She brought the dressing to a new members' luncheon over 10 years ago. It was so good that I requested her recipe. I have made it for the last two members' luncheons. She was a really sweet lady. ~ Cindy Gibson Floyd

Virginia was a strong supporter of the Antique Study Group (Collectibles & Memorabilia Group) hosting and always having interesting items to share. Tony would sometimes drive her to the meetings, often staying and enlightening the ladies with an item that he had collected over the years. They shared many interesting topics, gave generously and willingly, and were truly devoted to each other. ~ Elaine Davis

Virginia DiLillo passed away  
on June 25  
at her home in Melville, New York.



## Recognition at the GFWC Convention

This narrative won the Palomar District Arts and Culture Award for Intermediate Clubs in April, the CFWC (214 clubs) Club Creativity Award in May, and the GFWC (2300 clubs) Club Creativity Award in June. The latter award also included a check for \$50. Only one Club Creativity Award is given in each narrative category at the CFWC and GFWC levels.



### CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS CLUB AWARD ENTRY COVER SHEET

Annual Reporting January 1- December 31, 2023

Chairman: Patty Merriam	Club: Bonsall Woman's Club	
Number of Members ( <i>per CFWC Yearbook</i> ): 51	District: Palomar	Area: D
Club Position: Crafts Chair		
Reporter's Address: 2021 Wonderview Dr.		
City: Vista	State: CA	Zip: 92084
Email: pattymerriam@gmail.com	Phone:	
<b>ARTS AND CULTURE</b>		
Name of GFWC Special Program, Community Service Program, Advancement Plan or ESO		

**Bonsall Woman's Club, organized in 1980, is an intermediate club in the semi-rural community of Bonsall, an unincorporated area of North San Diego County. We have members from surrounding communities, ranging in age from young mothers to ladies in their active 90's. Our mission is to participate in activities for the betterment of our members, community and country. We help our youth, elderly and needy through financial aid and service.**

<b>Project Title</b> Arts – “Stages of Inspiration”: 2023 Art Contest and Show	<b>Hours:</b> 774	<b>Donated:</b> \$ 3,000.00	<b>In-Kind:</b> 150.00
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The most important event that the Bonsall Woman's Club sponsored in 2023 was a joint venture with the local school district. Two members co-chaired “Stages of Inspiration”: 2023 Art Contest and Show, working with a committee of eight members and five school district administrators and teachers. The committee worked for six months to organize a combined art show for club members and students in three categories: crafts, fine arts and photography. A community sponsor donated \$3,000, which was primarily used to purchase art-related prizes for winning students, though some funds were also allocated for supplies and publicity.

As this was the first event of its type in our community, potential turnout was difficult to foresee during the planning stages. Any doubt of success was removed when the doors opened and a steady stream of eager attendees entered the middle school where the Art Show was held. Featuring 201 art show entries, representing 30 club members and students from kindergarten through twelfth grade, the Art Show attracted a standing-room-only crowd. Club members and students alike cast their ballots to determine winners in multiple age brackets and art show categories. Two local art gallery professionals selected the “Best in Show” awards. The “Stages of Inspiration” theme was embraced at many levels: Literally, the art was staged for the show, and so too were the musical performances on stage that entertained while judging and ballot counting took place. “Stages” also represented the lives of participants (who ranged in age from 5 – 98), and the stages in their lives of when they were inspired to create art.

All of the “oooohs” and “aaaaahs” that were audible in the room resonated in the hearts of those who attended. The best measure of success though was that the very tired committee spent an extra hour after the event ended that night to discuss plans for doing an Art Show next year. “Stages of Inspiration: 2024” is in the planning stages now.

<b>Project Title:</b> Crafts - Fall Festivals	<b>Hours:</b> 211	<b>Donated:</b> 937.00	<b>In-Kind:</b> 160.00
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Bonsall Woman's Club members jumped at the opportunity to participate in two community/fundraising events this past Fall. In addition to the "usual" crafts (kitchen towels, microwave bowl holders, jewelry, scrubbies, catnip mouse toys and cross-stitched cards), members enjoyed crafting some new items, like adult-size quilted "bibs," silk-screened signs, lavender sachets and decorative wooden storage boxes. Veteran crafters welcomed several newcomers to the crafts group this year. Combined, our crafters raise about \$937 for the club at these two events, while showing off our community spirit (Lots of potential members picked up club brochures and applications!).

<b>Project Title:</b> Crafts- Kids' Activity Table at the Fall Festival	<b>Hours:</b> 10	<b>Donated:</b> 0	<b>In-Kind</b> -0-
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While operating our crafts booth at the Chamber of Commerce's Fall Festival, we offered a free kids' crafting activity. Participants ranging in age from 3-12 created colorful geometric "spinners," using cardboard circles, markers and twine that our crafters prepared before the event. Since this was a free activity, there wasn't a financial gain to measure success, but seeing parents and children walk away happy with their art projects was priceless. Club members were equally happy to serve as craft leaders and eagerly volunteered to participate at future kids' events.

<b>Project Title:</b> Crafts - Christmas Fundraiser	<b>Hours:</b> 157	<b>Donated:</b> -0-	<b>In-Kind:</b> 150.00
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As a result of many dedicated hours creating high quality crafts, the traditional Christmas fundraiser brought in a great return for our efforts. During the two hours before the Christmas luncheon started and at a preview sale at our December meeting, our crafts group raised \$ 1,082.00 in net sales. The success of this fundraiser represents months of craft meetings, great camaraderie, and lots of enthusiasm for learning and sharing crafting skills. Of course, it wouldn't be a fundraiser if our traditional favorites weren't available, but this year we added new Christmas décor, kitchen "scarves," and wood-burned ornaments to our inventory.

<b>Project Title:</b> Collectibles & Memorabilia Group	<b>Hours</b> 168	<b>Donated \$</b> -0-	<b>In-Kind \$</b> 750.00
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"I know what that is!" "That item was a topic we studied about in one of our Antique Study Group meetings." That was the purpose of the group. Not to make collectors of the members but to take them beyond their sphere of interest to recognize and identify items they might come across at antique shows, yard sales or

Realizing that new members were not responding to "Antiques Study Group" the title was changed to "Collectibles & Memorabilia Group". The theory being that if one has three items of an interest area, they have a "collection". Everyone has wonderful memories .Maybe it was the day you and your friends got triple ice cream cones and it being a very hot day you could not eat fast enough, due to brain freeze, to keep the yummy stuff from running down your arms and dripping every where.

One may not have a grand collection of Victorian silver spoons but might have a very small collection of beaded jewelry, which you made yourself, and would like to share with the members of the group. To share one's interests reveals who you are and your experiences in life. Friends are made through sharing.

Topics of interest are suggested and chaired by individuals who organize the event, plan the meeting place,



details how the event will unfold, submits the information to the club's monthly news letter and writes a thank you note at the conclusion.

As a result of the interest group name change new members have joined, suggested topics abound, camaraderie and friendship among the members has been wonderful carrying on the legacy of fellowship that the group has experienced for many years.



**Award and \$50 check from the General Federation of Women's Clubs!**  
(Click on "View" then "Page Width" for a larger image.)

## Survey Results to Consider for 2024-25

Thank you to the 27 members who filled out a BWC survey about our meetings, fundraisers and BWC activities.

Distributed at the June meeting, the six-question survey asked for a number ranking from 1 to 5 (1/lowest; 5/highest) for the first five questions as well as an opportunity to mark a provided response or given a personal comment for all six questions. Here are the results:



1. **General meeting agenda:** “4” was given seven times; “5” was given six times; no other scores

“Just right” was marked 20 times; “Too long” was marked 4 times; “Informative” marked 9 times; “Entertaining” was marked 5 times.

2. **Programs:** “4” was given two times; “5” was given six times; no other scores

“Health topics” was marked 17 times; “Animals,” 15 times; “Hobbies,” 13; “Senior Issues,” 14; “Military,” 9; “Other,” 4

3. **Centerpieces:** “3” was given two times; “5” was given two times; no other scores

“Keep Sign Ups” was marked 20 times; “Special Events Only,” 5 times

4. **Refreshments:** “3,” given one time; “4” given two times; “5” given three times; no other scores. “Keep sign ups,” marked 23 times; Special Events Only, marked 2 times

5. **Fundraisers:** “4” given one time; “5” given two times; no other scores

Other fundraiser ideas: “Bunco,” 4; “Bingo,” 6; “Paint-N-Sip,” 8; “Bonsall and/or Fallbrook Fall Festival,” 9

6. **Activities that members can commit to:**

Attending meetings, 25; Attending Social Activities, 13; Planning Social Activities, 6; Book Club, 6; Art Show, 7; Collectibles, 11; Crafts, 9; Critter Causes, 7; Military Support, 4; Fundraising committees, 7; Women’s Advocacy; 5; Historian Scrapbook, Photography and Ticket Sales, each received 1.

Several members also took the time to provide specific comments that will be considered as we review and discuss the results.

Thanks for participating.

**Your feedback is always welcomed!**



**BONSALL WOMAN'S CLUB**  
**MINUTES of the JUNE 6, 2024 GENERAL MEETING**  
**BONSALL COMMUNITY CENTER**

**President Mary Jo Pfaff** called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. She welcomed everyone. The members gave the Pledge of Allegiance and were led in singing a patriotic song by Helen Poddoubnyi. Jackie Nutter led members in reading the *Collect*.

**Elaine Davis** read a message about ending the club's active and successful year and moving on to the new year to pursue its goals.

**Hospitality, Larissa Anderson** said there was a quorum. Today's centerpieces were provided by Mary Jo Pfaff and Debbie Harris. Gail Greco and Phyllis Zenz provided the lovely snacks.

**Secretary Robin Kemper (absent).** It was reported there were no corrections to the May 2, 2024 minutes. The minutes will be filed as posted.

**Guests: Cindy Gibson Floyd** – There were 2 guests introduced today.

**President Mary Jo Pfaff** welcomed everyone and reported as follows:

- The President's Project – The Advocates for Senior Care are requesting funds for a senior client who needs help making a required move.
- The final Fun Day Outing will be visiting the Fallbrook Art Center for the Guild Show with a special tour by the Director, on June 19. Tickets for the show are \$10. After viewing the exhibits, lunch will be available in the Salon Gallery at the Café des Artistes in the Art Center.

**REPORTS:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Co-Dean of Chairs Mary Jane Poulter and Bev York:**

Mary Jane presented District Awards to several BWC members. Bev reported on the CFWC State convention and presented CFWC awards to several members

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Co-Membership Cindy Gibson Floyd and Connie Jordan:**

Cindy reported the current membership is 70. Two applications were received today. She read the summer birthday list.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Co-Programs Maura Button and Marlene Rantanen:**

No report as the June program is the installation of the 2024-2025 Officers.

**4<sup>th</sup> Vice President Fundraising Gini Brooks:**

- **Spring Fundraiser Update** – Viva Las Vegas was a huge success. Lauri Criscenti said the fundraiser was fun and enjoyed by everyone. The net profit is about \$9,000 and was higher than expected.
- **Christmas Fundraiser** –Maura Button, Phyllis Zenz and Cindy Gibson Floyd are co-chairs. A budget for the fundraiser was handed out.

**MOTION: To approve the budget for the Christmas fundraiser.** The motion was made by Pat Harvey, seconded by Elaine Davis and after discussion was passed.

**Treasurer Helen Poddoubnyi:**

- Total balance in all accounts on May 31, 2024 was \$39,757.22.

**Sunshine – Geri Sides:**

- Geri sent get-well cards to Kay Ewin and Sydne Gilbert.

**Corresponding Secretary Sydne Gilbert:**

- Sydne reported on incoming mail and read some special thank you notes: from a student winner at the Art Show, from a recent scholarship recipient and a lovely note from a 2020 scholarship recipient who is graduating from college this year. She also read a thank you from the Student of the Month program to Linda Eastom.

**Charitable Donations: Sydne Gilbert:**

- All donation checks have cleared the bank.

**Critter Causes: Sydne Gilbert:**

- The animal shelters are overfilled, so consider adopting or fostering an animal if you can.

**Book Club –Cheryl Zales:** Cheryl said Larissa Anderson will be the new Book Club Chair. The next meeting will be hosted by Barbara Hartloff on Monday, June 17; the book is The Gunkle by Steven Rowley. Come and join them and wear a caftan if you like.

**Collectibles & Memorabilia – Elaine Davis:** The June meeting is the final luncheon at June Stone's home on Tuesday, June 11. RSVP to Elaine.

**Crafts– Patty Merriam:**

- The new co-chairs are Suzanne Gill and Cindy Frank. Items made for the Spring fundraiser were a success and sales totaled over \$700 at the event.

**Health – Maura Button** gave health information and showed some helpful tools for the kitchen.

**Military Support – Jeaneane Henson:** She thanked the members for support for the two previous military programs, Operation Thin Mints and Secret Santa. Today she is collecting for Happy Baby for supplies for new parents in the military.

**BREAK**

After the break presentations were given to Mary Jo Pfaff, outgoing President. She received a lovely gift and card from the membership and the beautiful scrapbook of her term by Gail Golden, historian.

**Donation Diva:** \$50 gift card was won by Marleen DuBona.

**Installation of 2024-2025 Officers – Elaine Davis.**

Each officer was given a special name and installed by Elaine with an explanation of their duties.

Incoming President Patty gave each officer a BWC logo pin created by her.

The elected officers for the new year are:

President – Patty Merriam

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Mary Jo Pfaff

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Connie Jordan and Sydne Gilbert

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President – Marlene Rantanen

4<sup>th</sup> Vice President – Gini Brooks

Recording Secretary – Robin Kemper

Treasurer – Helen Poddoubnyi

Appointed officers for the new year are:

Corresponding Secretary – Ruthie Harris

Finance-Budget Secretary – Maura Button

The President's Project/Theme is "Because We Care." The recipient may change monthly depending on what is occurring at the time.

**Meeting Adjourned: 12:07 p.m.**

- Respectfully submitted – Marlene Rantanen for Robin Kemper, Secretary

***Note: The Minutes are published as submitted. Corrections should be sent to the Recording Secretary.***



## BWC Annual Treasurer's Report

June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024

### Pacific West Bank Checking Account

**Starting Balance - June 1, 2023:** \$11,862.67\*

**Ending Balance - May 31, 2024:** \$20,111.07\*

#### INCOME: 6/1/23 to 5/31/24

ACH credit	\$ 25.09
Alabaster Donations	\$ 25.00
Art Sponsor- Nussy Burger	\$ 3,000.00
Bank interest	\$ 2.51
Banking - adjustments	\$ 820.81
Charitable donations - other	\$ 67.00
Christmas fundraiser	\$ 25,190.04
Civic Engagement (Secret Santa)	\$ 473.00
Civic/Military: Operation Thin Mint	\$ 526.00
Crafts - Harvest Festivals	\$ 1,004.66
Donation Diva	\$ 1,209.00
Fundraiser - Viva Las Vegas	\$ 17,090.87
Hospitality - centerpiece sales	\$ 190.00
January silent auction	\$ 418.78
Membership dues	\$ 4,804.00
Palomar District - Operation Smile	\$ 196.00
Palomar District - St. Jude's	\$ 363.31
Palomar State meeting costs	\$ 221.00
President's Project	\$ 1,809.10
Social - Monserate Winery Tour	\$ 348.00
Soiree 6/2023 other deposit	\$ 28.08
Yearbook Ads	\$ 1,130.00

**Total Income:** \$ 58,942.25

#### EXPENSES: 6/1/23 to 5/31/24

Admin. Supplies	\$ 577.66
Art Show	\$ 2,204.84
Awards: (Big Heart, Volunteer of year, Pres. gift)	\$ 245.81
Banking costs	\$ 469.26
Charitable Donations	\$ 14,300.00
Christmas fundraiser	\$ 11,188.71
Civic/Military: OTM, Happy Baby, S. Santa	\$ 1,115.07
CPA tax prep.	\$ 450.00
Crafts	\$ 54.94
Dept. of Justice - permits	\$ 50.00
District Membership dues	\$ 2,050.00
Donation Diva	\$ 548.49
Education: Student of Mo./Scholarship exp.	\$ 265.42
Fundraiser-Viva Las Vegas	\$ 8,755.81
Hospitality - centerpieces/food	\$ 906.86
Insurance	\$ 1,187.00
Membership	\$ 789.51
Outreach: Chambers of Commerce dues	\$ 160.00
Palomar District: fees, St. Jude's, Op. Smile	\$ 1,009.10
President's allowance	\$ 265.93
President's Project	\$ 2,020.10
Programs for meetings	\$ 1,307.00
Publicity/Website	\$ 626.35
Sales Tax	\$ 360.68
Social-Monserate Winery	\$ 337.24
Soiree	\$ 80.50
Yearbook	\$ 842.63

**Total Expenses:** \$ 52,168.91

NOTE:

FUNDRAISER PROCEEDS (includes ticket sales, raffle tickets, craft sales, silent auction, etc.)

Christmas fundraiser profit: \$ 14,001.33

Viva Las Vegas fundraiser profit: \$ 8,335.86

### Chase Bank Checking Account:

**Opened Account: - June 1, 2023:** \$35,075 (includes \$12,500 of general funds when account was opened in June)

**Ending Balance - May 31, 2024:** \$17,777.92

Scholarship carry-over/balance, Spring 2023:	\$49,674.86 (includes BWC donation & <b>final</b> H&H Lee donation)
Scholarships awarded Spring 2023; paid 2023-24:	\$32,500
Scholarship balance Spring 2024:	\$17,777 + \$5,700 (BWC donation: 4/2024; transferred 6/2024)
Scholarships awarded 2024; to be paid Summer, Fall 2024:	\$14,000
Scholarship balance for 2024-25:	\$9,477

\*includes checks that had not yet cleared by the date of the reporting period

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