Bonsall Woman's Club



Roadrunner



FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

BONSALL WOMAN'S CLUB GENERAL MEETING FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2023

Social Time - 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Meeting Begins at 10:00 a.m.

Bonsall Community Center
Located at 31505 Old River Road
Bonsall, CA

PROGRAM: 43rd CLUB BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

A light snack will be provided for your enjoyment as well as coffee and water.

BRING A FRIEND - WE WELCOME GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS!

MARY JO PFAFF • President's Message

We will be celebrating our 43rd birthday at the February 3rd meeting. Each year we honor our past Presidents. I have great admiration for these women, as I have tried to fill their shoes over these past eight months. I encourage a large attendance, especially our new members. Come meet the women who got us to be an outstanding club in our district.

Although I missed the Silent Auction, I heard it was fun and filled with many wonderful finds. We earned over \$289 that goes toward our fundraising totals. As per usual, our members were very

generous in their donations to both the March of Dimes, \$300, and to my President Project, \$50, to cover expenses needed to help seniors with minor repairs. The Care Advocates were very thankful for our gift of money.

Our 2023 Art Show, in combination with Bonsall school students, will be on March 7th at the Sullivan Middle School multipurpose room. Volunteers are needed to help in many areas. Volunteers are our most important asset in every event. Please refer to the articles in this newsletter if you need more information and to sign up.

With Friendship, Mary Jo

Rosalía Zamora, Editor





Co-3rd Vice Presidents-Programs

FEBRUARY Program

"43rd Club Birthday Celebration"

EMILY MANLEY

FRANCES PYLE

We're so proud and excited to announce that our program for the February meeting will be the 43rd birthday celebration, which will include honoring all of our past Presidents. How lucky are we that Charter members Judy Bresnahan, Mary Forbess, Joan Kaford, and June Keith are still members supporting the club. A detailed history of how BWC was founded can be found on our website: bonsallwomansclub.org. Please attend -- It will be so much fun! We will be serving a special dessert. Hope to see you all there at the Bonsall Community Center (off Camino Del Rey) on Friday, Feb. 3.



The Fallbrook Hidden Treasures Group donated lovely flower arrangements for our Silent Auction in January and collected the unsold items for their non-profit Thrift Store in Fallbrook



Elaine Davis (left) and Marlene Rantanen provided a delicious array of food during the break at the January meeting



CLUB ICONS - The three photo icons toward the bottom of our home page, <u>bonsallwomansclub.org</u>, are clickable links. As examples, the GFWC icon gives one access to their blog and their extensive Member Portal. The CFWC link is an easy way to read the California Clubwoman magazine and lastly, one can find local area club's information at the Palomar District website, <u>www.gfwcpalomardistrict.org</u>.

As usual, see if you can find the Bear! Once you've discovered his location, enter the contest by noting where you found the icon in an email to bwcmessages@gmail.com. The subject line of the email

should read "I found the Bear!" The winner will be selected from the responses received and a prize will be presented at our February 3rd meeting.

Please contact Marleen DuBona mmdubona@gmail.com (760) 685-2307 with any corrections, questions or suggestions regarding the website.



MARY JANE POULTER 1st Vice President-Dean of Chairmen

In the months of December and January, one of my duties as 1st V.P., Dean of Chairs was to work on our club's yearly reports. These reports are called Narratives and are basically essays that describe each BWC project. These Narratives track the money and hours members spent in 2022 on projects to benefit communities. They show what our club has accomplished over the past year.

All Narratives are written by club project and committee chairs and given to me as Dean of Chairs. I organize all Narratives by categories and projects. The next step is to add all the hours and donations received from the members' 2022 hours sheets to each project and then include the financial information received by the club treasurer relating to the projects.

By the time this newsletter goes out, the Narratives (Reports) and the District and State mandated annual Statistical Form have been submitted to the Palomar District for judging. Yes, our Narratives are judged with other intermediate clubs.

Thank you to all club members for submitting your hour sheets and Narratives.



Flower Arranging Planned for April

Mark your Calendar for a fun event following our THURSDAY, April 6th, meeting.

WHAT: A floral arranging demonstration presented by fellow club member, Nancy Curtis. After the demonstration, we get to give it a try and take the arrangement home. A lunch will be served and included as part of the cost of this event.

Details of cost and lunch choice will be in the next newsletter.

Any questions reach out to: Cindy Gibson Floyd

CindyGibsonFloyd@gmail.com or (760) 723-1962





Co-2nd Vice Presidents-Membership

BEV YORK

CINDY GIBSON FLOYD

MEMBERSHIP - Bev York

What is Membership?

It's many things — dues, perks, rights, responsibilities, supporting the club in many ways. It's also about attending meetings! When you pay your dues once a year, you're entitled to many benefits, and 99% of them you'll learn about in our meetings. If you miss a meeting, you're not getting your money's worth from your dues.



February Birthdays

- 5 Jeaneane Henson
- 10 Sharon Robinson
- 16 Virginia DiLillo
- 17 Kay O'Hara

I was reminded of this when I came across a little jewel written by our beloved member, Ruth McClain, whom we lost several years ago. It was published in the 2013-14 Writers Workshop booklet, "A Gift of Poetry and Prose;" her words still resound:

THAT STILL SMALL VOICE

It's raining, it's cold, I don't think I'll be going They'll all be so busy they won't mind my not showing.



"But your friends will be there," a little voice said, "With arms outstretched in warm embraces, "The coffee will be hot and the tables are set, "They need YOU to help fill the places."

So I shrugged off my frown, Got dressed in my best Showed up at nine, along with the rest.

Now I'm back home, all warm and glowing A smile has replaced the thought of not going. How much fun our members all are So warm, so friendly, so intent on their sharing.

The next time it rains on MY club day
Or even if it looks like snowing,
I'll be there with my boots and umbrella
For I heard that small voice, about not showing.

RENEWAL: Membership dues of \$55 for the 2023-2024 club year are due by the end of March. (This timing is necessary to align us with the membership calendars of both the California Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs.)

You can hand your check directly to either Bev York or Cindy Gibson Floyd at the February or March BWC meeting. We'll make it easy for you – we plan to stand at the door and can take your check as you come in, or you can bring it to us during the meeting breaks. If you prefer to mail it, you can send it to either of us; our addresses are in your yearbook. If you mail it, please e-mail us that it's on the way.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

PALOMAR DISTRICT - Bev York

Thank you, BWC! Your generous donations at our January meeting did us all proud and will be donated during the Clubs' March of Dimes on January 24. You are all very much appreciated!

The March of Dimes will be the program focus for the January 24 Board of Directors meeting at the Fallbrook Woman's Club club-



house in Fallbrook. Ladies from each club will present the history of the March of Dimes, and no doubt stir memories for a lot of us of our own "march of dimes" as schoolchildren.

All 11 clubs in the District collected donations from their members at their January meetings and will march around the clubhouse, show off their specially decorated containers and drop their donations into the District's March of Dimes canister, to be forwarded on behalf of all Palomar District's members to the national foundation.



- Our Christmas fundraiser co-chairs Laurie Criscenti and Judy Bresnahan, and all the members of the committee, for a very successful event! Despite a few "hiccups" that have been addressed with the venue management, we enjoyed a return to a long-cherished fundraising tradition. A more detailed summary of the final tally will be reported at the next meeting.
- Mother Nature for providing some much-needed rain to our parched state. Everything is already greener than it's been for years, our plants have deeper shades of color than usual, we're saving on our water bills, and we'll build lots of muscles weeding our yards this Spring!

If you have some good news (recognition, achievement, appreciation, celebration, success story, etc.), please share it with your club in the next issue of the Roadrunner. Send it to bwcmessages@gmail.com before the second Thursday of each month.

Photo Gallery

January 6, 2023 Meeting



What a surprise! Kay Ewin (right) congratulates Geri Sides, Donation Diva chairman for winning the \$50 Visa Gift Card drawing



Gini Brooks (left) attended the January meeting as guest of Nancy Curtis



Rosalia Zamora - Winner of the I found the Bear, a BWC Website Contest



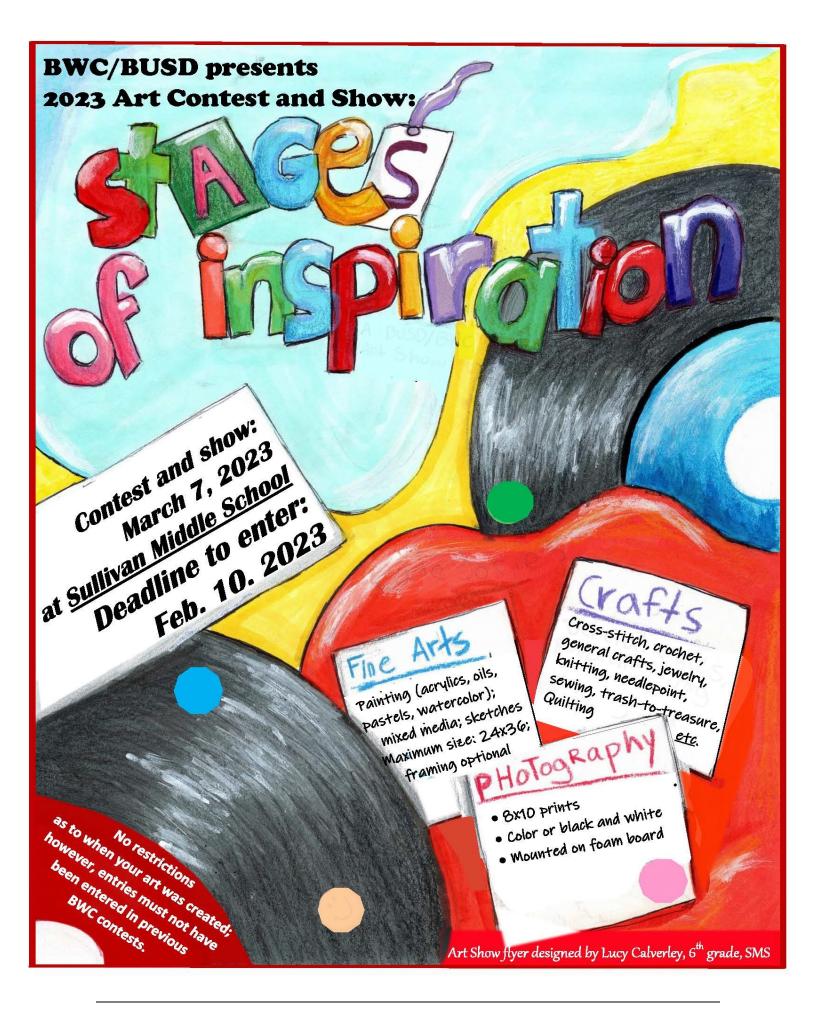
Having fun showing off some of the items at the Silent Auction are (from left) Maura Button, Barbara Hartloff and Torrie Forbess



Marlene Rantanen and Elaine Davis created beautiful centerpieces for the January meeting



Louise Lane (left) and Laurie Criscenti try to decide what to buy at the Silent Auction



Art Sessions Welcome Members to Prepare for Upcoming Show!

We're just THREE WEEKS away from the Feb. 10 deadline for "Stages of Inspiration: BWC/Bonsall Unified School District Art Contest and Show 2023." Yes, that's right, the deadline to submit your entry label to confirm your participation in the show is Feb. 10, but we will not be collecting your art until the March 3 meeting.

Members can submit an entry in each of the three different categories: crafts, fine arts and photography. (See Art Show flyer in this newsletter for more details.)

For anyone wanting to dedicate more time to preparing their art for this big event that will take place March 7, 2023 at Sullivan Middle School, please come join weekly art sessions at Barb Chahbazian's home on the following dates: Wed., Jan 25; Tues., Jan. 31; and Wed., Feb. 8. Each session will start at 1:00 p.m. Bring creative energy and whatever supplies you will need to create your own art.

Contact Patty Merriam if you have any questions: pattymerriam@gmail.com, (760) 774-1581.



BWC Will Be on Display at the 2023 Art Contest and Show; Volunteers Needed

In addition to crafts, fine arts and photography entries, **BWC will be on display** at the "Stages of Inspiration: BWC/BUSD Art Contest and Show" on March 7. Our participation can make a positive, lasting impression on potential members. (Let's not forget that our celebration of "The Arts" with local students and parents also supports one of the main CFWC and GFWC Community Service Programs "Arts and Culture"!)

BWC will be on display *literally* with our Art Show entries. Let's put our talent and treasures on display!

BWC will also be on display when our volunteer efforts pull off a successful show. In that spirit, we need members to help in the following areas:

- **before** March 7: preparation of display labels, ballots for voting, and prizes for winners; purchasing and/or preparing certificates, ribbons, prizes; contributing to and making raffle baskets; helping some members with transportation; setting up art entries on March 6;
- *during* the show: counting ballots, selling raffle tickets, greeting/directing attendees, and helping at the membership table;
- after the show: taking down and packing up supplies and Art Show entries.

Thank you to the following members who have already signed up to support the Art Show:

Judy Bresnahan, Laurie Criscenti, Debbie Harris, Cindy Gibson, Sydne Gilbert, Suzanne Gill, Marlene Rantanen, Sally Sebeckis, June Stone, Bev York and Phyllis Zenz. If your name is not included here, please let us know if your name was overlooked on our sign-up sheets or if you have recently found room in your schedule to join the fun!

You can e-mail Art Show co-chairs Patty Merriam pattymerriam@gmail.com or Marleen DuBona mmdubona@gmail.com if you have any questions or can volunteer in any areas of need noted above.

Marleen DuBona, OR send an email with all of the info below included. Deadline to submit these labels: Feb. 10. Art Contest 2023: "Stages of Inspiration" Entry Label CATEGORY: ____ CRAFTS **FINE ARTS PHOTOGRAPHY** NAME:____ TITLE OF ART: ___ **DESCRIPTION/INSPIRATION**:** ** If you are submitting a craft or fine arts entry, please include a BRIEF description of the medium or maybe a few details of how it was created (i.e. type of materials, techniques and/or process used.) Art Contest 2023: "Stages of Inspiration" Entry Label _____PHOTOGRAPHY ____ FINE ARTS CATEGORY: CRAFTS NAME:____ TITLE OF ART: ___ **DESCRIPTION/INSPIRATION**:** ** If you are submitting a craft or fine arts entry, please include a BRIEF description of the medium or maybe a few details of how it was created (i.e. type of materials, techniques and/or process used.) Art Contest 2023: "Stages of Inspiration" Entry Label CATEGORY: ____ CRAFTS _____ FINE ARTS _____ PHOTOGRAPHY NAME:___ TITLE OF ART: ___ **DESCRIPTION/INSPIRATION**:** ** If you are submitting a craft or fine arts entry, please include a BRIEF description of the medium or maybe a few details of how it was created (i.e. type of materials, techniques and/or process used.)

Turn in the Art Show entry labels below at the Feb. 3 meeting, OR attach them to an email to Patty Merriam or



CHARITABLE DONATIONS - Sydne Gilbert

Thank you to Bev York, Elaine Davis, Geri Sides, Donna Shanahan and Ruthie Harris for volunteering to serve on the 2023 Charitable Donations Committee. We will be reviewing requests after the February BWC General Meeting.



If you know of an organization that we should consider for a donation, please complete the Charitable Donations Request form and send it to me or bring it to the February BWC

General Meeting. The organization should be local to the Bonsall/Fallbrook area and a 501(c)(3) organization. If you have any questions or would like to discuss any elements of this process, please do not hesitate to email or call me! Remember to submit your requests as soon as possible! The Charitable Donations Request form is included in the newsletter and available on our website. I can also send you a copy – just let me know! Thank you!



CORRESPONDENCE - Sydne Gilbert

Sharon Agan, Past President 1991-1993, responded to the invitation for our February Birthday Celebration meeting with the following update: She is unable to attend due to her husband's on-going health issues and, until he is stable, she must be home and close by. She says, "Basically, my wings have been clipped!" She missed the Past President's gathering in October due to her husband's health crisis then. He is doing much better but is still

undergoing treatment and tests. He is under the care of an excellent cardiologist and will be undergoing a heart procedure on Feb. 8. She expects he will be much better by late spring. She asked, "Please give my best to everyone in the wonderful and outstanding Bonsall Woman's Club with a Happy Birthday and a hug."

Doug DiLillo, son of Virginia DiLillo, Member since 1982 and currently an Associate Member: Tony DiLillo, husband of Virginia, passed away in November 2022 at the age of 95. Virginia is doing well. Doug brings the BWC Newsletter to her and he says it's a highlight for her! She loved seeing her salad dressing recipe in a recent issue! She will be 97 in February. She has a lot of issues but is doing well. Doug will let her know that we've asked about her and sent condolences regarding Tony.

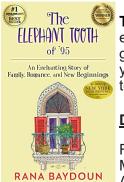
COLLECTIBLES AND MEMORABILIA - Elaine Davis

On **Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023**, members of the Collectibles and Memorabilia Group will meet at the home of Elaine Davis, 2106 Elevado Road, Vista at 1:00 pm. Search your "stash" for an item/s that is DEAR TO YOUR HEART to show and share. It might be a love letter from your special valentine, a photo taken on a memorable trip, an award received under special circumstances, a handmade valentine created by your child when very young. The



possible subjects are endless! Please let Elaine know if you will be attending: (760) 726-7472.

BOOK CLUB - Cheryl Zales



The BWC BOOK CLUB meets currently at 10:00 a.m. the 3rd Monday of every month, except December. We welcome members who enjoy reading and discussing a variety of genres. Chairman Cheryl Zales can be reached at (760) 525-5078 or zalesrc@sbcglobal.net if you have questions or would like to be added to our membership. We'd LOVE for more ladies to join our spirited discussions!

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>HOST</u>
Feb 20	The Elephant Tooth of '95	Rana Baydoun	Barbara Hartloff
Mar 20	The Thousand Days	T. Jefferson Parker	Arlene Rutherford
Apr 17	Magic Hour	Kristin Hannah	Connie Jordan



BWC CHARITABLE DONATION REQUEST 2023

The money has been raised! It is now the time for BWC members to consider which local 501(c)(3) non-profits will receive a donation. The BWC Charitable Donation Request Application form is here for you to complete. It's a fillable form (on our website) or you can print it and complete it. The deadline for turning in the request forms will be at the February BWC General Meeting. Questions should be directed to Sydne Gilbert, Corresponding Secretary, at 760-519-0492 or via email: sydne.gilbert@gmail.com. If you are without computer capabilities or unable to attend the February meeting, please contact Sydne for assistance.

BONSALL WOMAN'S CLUB CHARITABLE DONATION REQUEST APPLICATION

Date:				
Member's Name:				
Name of Organization:				
Organization Address:				
Organization Email:				
Organization Phone:				
Organization Contact Name:				
Organization's 501(c)(3) Tax I.D. Number:				
What percentage of the Organization's budget goes to administrative costs?				
Suggested Donation Amount:	\$			
Briefly Explain How the Funds will be Used:				
	12/2022			



MAURA BUTTON · 4th Vice President-Ways and Means

"YE OLDE CHRISTMAS VILLAGE" CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER December 7, 2022 MORE PHOTOS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES





BWC members (from left) Sally Sebeckis, a guest, Shay Mondrayar and Barb Chahbazian enjoyed time spent with friends at the fundraiser

Thank you to co-chairs Judy Bresnahan (left) and Laurie Criscenti for their great management of the Ye Olde Village Christmas Fundraiser



The Angel Society of Fallbrook are welcomed guests at the BWC Holiday Fundraiser



Carol Vandenbosch (center) has fun selling raffle tickets to Maura Button and Louise Lane



BWC members Nancy Curtis (standing, second from left) and Juliann Giurleo (seated, left) enjoyed the festivities with their guests



Emily Manley and Cheryl Zales having fun at the fundraiser



Elaine Davis (left) and Connie Jordan catch up on ol' times



Juliann Guirleo (left) and Sally Sebeckis share a few laughs at the raffle basket table



Frances Pyle decorated a lovely table for her first BWC Christmas fundraiser as a member



Guest Lido Favela joined Mary Jane Poulter, Reservations Co-Chair, and other BWC members at this well-decorated table





Ruth Harris helped organize the Opportunity baskets at her first Christmas fundraiser



Seated at a table decorated by Donna Shanahan are BWC members (from right) Geri Sides, Sydne Gilbert, Suzanne Gill and a guest



On the other side of the camera this time is BWC photographer Connie Jordan (left) with new member Gayle Marrett and a guest



Suzanne Gill decorated a beautiful table

BONSALL WOMAN'S CLUB

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 6, 2023

GENERAL MEETING AT THE BONSALL COMMUNITY CENTER

Vice President Mary Jane Poulter called the meeting to order at 10:06 am on behalf of absent President Mary Jo Pfaff. She welcomed everyone.

Barbara Chahbazian led members in the Pledge of Allegiance and singing a patriotic song.

Jacky Nutter led members in reciting the *Collect*.

Elaine Davis's inspirational message theme was snow and snowflakes relating to kindness in our lives.

Hospitality, Sally Sebeckis, verified that a quorum of members was present. The snowflake painted bottle centerpieces on the tables were for sale for \$5. Thanks were given to Elaine Davis and Marlene Rantanen who brought the snacks today.

Guests: Geri Sides highlighted one guest, brought by Nancy Curtis.

Secretary Marlene Rantanen reported there were no corrections to the December minutes. The minutes will be filed as distributed.

Vice President Mary Jane thanked the photographers June Stone and Connie Jordan for the photos that were published in the Village News from our Christmas fundraiser. A message from President Mary Jo is to invite your friends to attend a meeting with you. We would like to increase our membership and meet new people.

Mary Jane reported that President Mary Jo said the funds today, for Care Advocate - Foundation for Senior Care, which is her President's Project, will go to materials for necessary senior home repairs. The labor will be donated by a handyman.

The President is also inviting members to submit the name of organizations to be considered for our Charitable Donations. Corresponding Secretary Sydne Gilbert will be collecting the requests.

Bev York will be accepting donations for the March of Dimes for the fundraiser through Palomar District.

REPORTS:

- **1*** Vice President Dean of Chair Mary Jane Poulter is working on the reports/narratives turned in by all chairs. The narratives and hours sheets that were turned in are consolidated and turned in to Palomar District later this month. It is a big job.
- **2**rd **Vice President Membership Bev York and Cindy Gibson Floyd:** Bev said Gayle Marrett is a new member but is absent today. Cindy mentioned membership dues are due starting February 1. She and Bev will greet members at the door in February to collect \$55 for dues. Also please give any changes in your contact information to Cindy or Bev.
- 3rd Vice President Emily Manley and Frances Pyle no report
- **4**th **Vice President Ways & Means Maura Button** thanked Co-chairs Judy Bresnahan and Laurie Criscenti for their great management of "Ye Olde Village Christmas" fundraiser. Judy and Laurie especially thanked the sub-chairs of the event. They also thanked the many additional members who helped make the event possible. As a result of some tables not being served the proper menu, the venue gave a partial refund. A partial refund is available to individuals from those tables if they wish to apply. Let Laurie know.

The net income from the event is \$14,894.

Maura mentioned the Silent Auction will close at 11:45 today. Also there will be a small fun and fundraiser floral arrangement event after our meeting on Thursday, April 6. Information and sign up will be next month.

Treasurer Helen Poddoubnyi was absent this month.

Corresponding Secretary Sydne Gilbert received some Christmas cards and several donations requests as well as a newsletter and a calendar in the mail. Electronic Mail received included news from GFWC, CFWC and Palomar District. Numerous events and programs were announced by organizations we sponsor.

Invitations to Past Presidents to attend the February BWC Birthday Celebration were mailed. Contact Sydne for detailed information.

Corresponding Secretary is also chair of the charitable donations committee. The following have volunteered for this committee: Elaine Davis, Ruthie Harris, Donna Shanahan, Geri Sides, Bev York. Mary Jane then asked if anyone else would like to volunteer for this committee. There were no other volunteers.

MOTION: To approve the charitable donations committee as stated above. The motion was made by Marlene Rantanen and was passed by vote.

Mary Jane mentioned again that members should complete the Charitable Donations Request if they have a charity they would like to be considered for a BWC donation.

Sunshine - Geri Sides reported that she will send a card to Sydne Gilbert, who is having a procedure this month, and Donna Ivicevic, who broke her wrist and has Covid. Let Geri know if someone needs some sunshine.

Safety - Debra Harris said to be careful of what is given to pets. She handed out pet stickers to tell first responders you have a pet and also a list of things to watch out for.

Health Chair-Maura Button reported that air purifiers can help the heart. There is fine particulate matter within the home that causes risks. Using an air purifier in your home reduces the unhealthy particulate matter and was also shown to modestly reduce blood pressure.

Also a large study on public family trees showed that life span is apparently more related to lifestyle factors and environment than to family traits.

Collectibles and Memorabilia - **Elaine Davis** said the group will meet at her home on Tuesday, January 10 at 1 pm. Come to tell about a resolution that you made that became successful.

Donation Diva: \$50.00 gift card was won by Geri Sides.

Bear drawing: Rosalia Zamora won the drawing for those who found the 'bear' on the BWC website. She was absent but will receive her gift of earrings.

Crafts Chair – Patty Merriam is focused on the BWC/BUSD (Bonsall Woman's Club/Bonsall Union School District) 2023 Art Contest and Show: Stages of Inspiration. It will be held March 7, 2023 from 5 – 7 pm at Sullivan Middle School with more information to follow at the February meeting. An important date to remember, the deadline to enter art is February 10, in the categories of fine arts, crafts and photography. The show will include all grades of the Bonsall Union School District as well as BWC members' art.

There is a planning meeting for this event on Tuesday, January 17 from 10 - 12 at La Sala in River Village. All are welcome to attend and participate in the committee planning.

Announcements: Elaine Davis said the BWC Scholarship applications are now available for seniors at the three high schools Bonsall students can attend. They are Bonsall High School, Fallbrook High School and Mission Vista High School.

Program: The program today was the Silent Auction of gently used items.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:55 am

Marlene Rantanen Recording Secretary

<u>Note</u>: The Minutes are printed as submitted. Corrections should be sent to the Recording Secretary.

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