

# Bonsall Woman's Club



## Roadrunner

MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER



### BONSALL WOMAN'S CLUB GENERAL MEETING

**FRIDAY, MARCH 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: Music provided by Allen Sargent**

*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**

The BWC Birthday Celebration at the February meeting was lovely. The table centerpieces (Debbie Harris) and the orchids (Emily Manley) given to our past Presidents made the room look beautiful. The birthday cupcakes (Linda Eastom) were delicious. Nine past Presidents were in attendance. Thank you, ladies, for your years of leadership. Congrats to Jacky Nutter, our 2023 Big Heart recipient, who is always willing to give so much of herself. Please read the "Big Heart" article for more information about our very deserving award recipient.

The Nominating Committee will announce the new officers for the 2023-2024 year at our March meeting. We will vote on the slate of officers at the April meeting. The five committee members are Cindy Gibson Floyd, Judy Bresnahan, Jacky Nutter, Carol Vandenbosch, and Connie Jordan.

The President's Project for February received \$275.00 from our members. The family we are helping with meals will be delighted to have Door Dash or gift card for meals at local restaurants. Thank you for your outstanding generosity.

Don't forget that the Art Show is quickly approaching, 3/7/23. Patty Merriam and Marleen DuBona, co-chairs, and the Art Show committee have been working diligently to make this an awesome showing of talent through crafts, fine arts, and photography. The Bonsall School students and our BWC members will be participating.

With Friendship, Mary Jo

## Need Transportation for the BWC/BUSD Art Show?

One of the best ways to avoid parking issues at the 2023 BWD/BUSD Art Show is to arrive early or to carpool with fellow BWC members on March 7. The Art Show will be open from 5-7 p.m.; you can participate in judging from 5-6 pm.

Transportation requests to attend the “sneak peek” on March 6 or the Art Show on March 7 will be arranged depending on the number of requests and the number of volunteers.

If you don't drive or you prefer not to drive in the evening after the show is over, OR if you are willing to help by providing rides to fellow members, please contact Debbie Harris, who is coordinating transportation requests. Debbie can be reached at (858) 361-9898 or [debramcknz@aol.com](mailto:debramcknz@aol.com).

Sullivan Middle School is located on 7350 West Lilac Road, less than 4 miles from the Bonsall Community Center and just 8 miles from Daniels Market (which might make a great location for carpooling). Depending on which direction you are coming from, the recommended directions are to take CA-76 East toward the 15 Fwy to Old Highway 395. Turn right/south on Old Highway 395, and then a right-hand turn on West Lilac Road to Sullivan Middle School, just 1.3 miles from Old Hwy 395!



## 2023 BWC/BUSD ART SHOW: Support Your Club and Community!

In less than three weeks, the 2023 BWC/BUSD Art Contest and Show: “Stages of Inspiration” will take place at Sullivan Middle School on **March 7 from 5 – 7 p.m.** This show will feature 16 BWC artists who will show 28 entries in the categories of crafts, fine arts and photography. Come enjoy all the festivities: cast your vote for BWC and BUSD winners, help count ballots, listen to great music, watch Ballet Folklorico perform, serve as a docent, greet parents and students from the BWC table, give away door prizes and help your fellow club members represent BWC the best way you can!

The first opportunity for judging the show is **Monday, March 6, at 4:30 p.m.** This will be a private “sneak-peak,” offered only to BWC members (and their significant others, guests, drivers, etc.) Spend a relaxing hour viewing the art and voting without fighting crowds in the parking lot and rushing through the voting process. (See the adjoining article about parking / carpooling to the Art Show.)

March 6 is an early voting opportunity, but the real fun and festivities (and final voting opportunity) are happening March 7. BWC and BUSD WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON MARCH 7. We don't have the final tally of Bonsall students yet, but there may be as many as 180 entries. Based on just the BWC entries that have already been submitted, this is going to be quite the show! If you haven't yet turned in your entry, remember to bring it to the March 3 membership meeting!





**BEV YORK**



**CINDY GIBSON FLOYD**

## Co-2nd Vice Presidents-Membership

### Membership

Thank you to all members that have already paid their dues. If you have not, PLEASE remember to bring your check to the March meeting or mail to Bev York or Cindy Gibson Floyd. Their addresses are in your club yearbook.

We welcome new member Gini Brooks, who was installed at the February meeting. Gini brings wide-ranging interests to BWC - including piano, reading, swimming, fundraisers, and military support – and is a welcome addition to our many projects!

Keep up the invitations of seeing our club in action. We have gained 3 new members recently, once they see all our good deeds and welcoming smiles. We are a wonderful group of women.....

See you in March!

### The Collect

Have you ever wondered about “The Collect” and why we recite it at every meeting? A “collect” is a short prayer, often used collectively to ask for what a group of people need, a few sentences that pull together everyone’s requests.

Our Collect was written in 1904 by Mary Stewart, a high school principal in Longmont, Colorado. Described as “a little bundle of energy, dignity and personal charm,” she was active in both the women’s suffrage movement and the rising women’s club movement. She felt her prayer would give clubwomen a sense of unity: “I felt that women working together with wide interests for large ends was a new thing under the sun and that perhaps they had a need for special petition and meditation of their own.” She stayed active in women’s clubs until her death in 1943.

The first women’s organization to use the Collect was the General Federation of Women’s Clubs. It was later adopted by the National Federation of Business and Professional Women’s Clubs, and today is recited by countless women’s groups around the world.



Charter member Mary Forbess is surprised with a small birthday celebration during a recent art meeting!



### March Birthdays

- 2 Kris Lawson
- 9 Sonja Hults
- 18 Sydne Gilbert
- 24 Debbie Harris
- 27 Arlene Rutherford





**EMILY MANLEY**



**FRANCES PYLE**

**Co-3rd Vice Presidents-Programs**

**MARCH Program**  
**“Music by Allen Sargent”**

March's program will be music provided by Allen Sargent. There will be some audience participation... so get your "pipes" tuned up -- also known as vocal cords!



**MAURA BUTTON • 4th Vice President-Ways and Means**



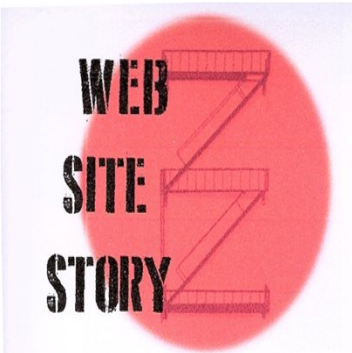
It's time to plan a spring fundraiser for BWC. If any members have any ideas for fundraisers, please let me know. I would like to plan an event, hopefully over at the Monserate Winery in May, if possible, where we can include the husbands or significant others.

At the next meeting I will ask for a committee to be put together for planning a spring fundraising event.

## PALOMAR DISTRICT - Bev York



**THANK YOU!** for your awesome generosity, contributing \$308 to the March of Dimes at our January meeting!!! We're still receiving donations from Palomar District clubs, so I don't have a final total yet for the donation we'll make to the national headquarters on your behalf. Our goal was \$1,000 for the district and, according to District President Nancy B Jones, after the January 24 district meeting we were close to our goal, before the last clubs donated. I hope to have that final total for you at the March meeting. You are an incredible group of ladies, and the new moms and babies who will be helped by the March of Dimes have you to thank for their happy, healthy families!



### PRESIDENT'S PROJECT

From the home page on our website, [bonsallwomansclub.org](http://bonsallwomansclub.org), click the "What we do" menu tab, click the second item down, "President's Project," to view a full page of information about the Foundation for Senior Care. Our President, Mary Jo, selected the Care Advocacy Program administered by the Foundation as her chosen project. The advocacy support fund assists individuals with emerging needs when support is not otherwise available. Those blue bags on the tables at our regular meetings support this cause.

Don't forget to look for the Bear! Once you've discovered his location, enter the contest by noting where you found the icon in an e-mail to [bwcmessages@gmail.com](mailto:bwcmessages@gmail.com). The subject line of the e-mail should read "I found the Bear!" The winner will be selected from the responses received, and a prize will be presented at our March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

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

## Balloons, Streamers and Applause for...

Congratulations to Rosalia Zamora's 5-year-old granddaughter, **Azalea Grace Sanchez**, for receiving the honor of "Student of the Week" of her Kindergarten class. When Azalea arrived at her classroom, the teacher surprised her with a large poster with happy and inspiring comments from her classmates (which you can view on Rosalia's Facebook page). She also received a crown and a special surprise from her teacher's Treasure Chest.



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](mailto:bwcmessages@gmail.com) before the second Thursday of each month.





## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - Sydne Gilbert

Every month, we receive numerous announcements of wonderful events, classes and other community activities. Some are FREE and some have a small fee. I cannot read all of these at our meetings and refer you to their websites that provide all the details and more! Here are some links that I referenced at our last meeting for your convenience:

Fallbrook Art Center: <https://fallbrookartcenter.org>

Friends of the Fallbrook Library: <https://fallbrooklibraryfriends.org>

Fallbrook Regional Health District: <https://www.fallbrookhealth.org/>

Fallbrook School of the Arts: <http://www.fallbrookschoolofthearts.org>

I encourage you to look at these websites and take advantage of all the programs and services available to all members of our community. Thank you!

## CRITTERS – Sydne Gilbert

Please remember to bring towels, blankets, food or other items to our meetings and we will be happy to deliver to the most needy rescues. Alternately, you can drop your donations by Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary and let them know you are with the Bonsall Woman’s Club. If you know of a rescue that needs help, please let me know. Thank you!



Jacky Nutter - BWC 2023 Big Heart Award

## Congratulations, Jacky Nutter!

The Bonsall Woman’s Club honored member Jacky Nutter with the club’s annual Big Heart Award at the February general meeting. The BWC president and a committee of three selected Jacky based on her kindness, giving of her time to the club, and overall being a helper when there is a need.

Joining the club twice from 1990 – 1994 and then from 2004 to the present time, her dedication as a volunteer and spirit of friendship are genuine acts of compassion and service. She was a Hospice Care volunteer helper from 2008 – 2018.

Her volunteer role as club Parliamentarian, Program chairman, Amenities, various Fundraising committees and the many years as our club delegate to the Palomar District has given her the opportunity to spread kindness.

Club president Mary Jo Pfaff said, “Jacky is always there. She arrives one hour early before each monthly meeting to make sure all documents are set up for the meeting and then helps clean up after the meeting. With a smile on her face, she always asks if there is anything else needed.”

Jacky is a caring person, loving, helpful and very thoughtful. She is a most deserving recipient of the Bonsall Woman's Club 2023 "Big Heart Award."



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](mailto: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!

## COLLECTIBLES AND MEMORABILIA

Collectibles & Memorabilia Group will be dark this month due to the Art Show falling on the same date as what would be the group’s scheduled meeting. Members are urged to attend and support the Art Show at Sullivan Middle School in lieu of the meeting.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>HOST</u>
Mar 20	“A Thousand Steps”	T. Jefferson Parker	Arlene Rutherford (in person)



# Photo Gallery

## February 3, 2023 Meeting



Honoring BWC Past Presidents at club's 43rd Birthday



Bonsall Woman's Club Photographers  
Connie Jordan (left) and June Stone (right) are the photographers of the outstanding photos featured in the BWC newsletter and in our local newspapers. Their images capture emotions and memories we all can appreciate. They have an eye for detail and are able to compose and make a photo interesting. Thank you so much Connie and June for being incredibly creative and making us all look good.



BWC Greeters, Cindy Floyd and Bev York, welcoming Pat Harvey to the meeting



Debbie Harris decorated each table at the February meeting with beautiful Valentine theme plants



Website winner - I Found the Bear - is  
Sydne Gilbert (right) receiving a pair of earrings made by Marlene Rantanen



# Photo Gallery

## February 3, 2023

### Meeting



Cupcakes for everyone - 43rd Bonsall Woman's Club Birthday



June Keith - In Loving Memory of our beloved friend and Charter member



Linda Eastom provided an array of delicious food for the members during the February meeting break



BWC President Mary Jo Pfaff introduced her guest, Jeanie Wilson, at the February meeting



New member Gini Brooks (right) receives a welcome gift bag from co-membership chairman, Bev York



# Photo Gallery



Laurie Criscenti and Judy Bresnahan, hosted Christmas Fundraiser Wrap-Up Luncheon for Committee members



June Stone, Cindy Gibson and Marlene Rantanen at the Wrap-Up Luncheon



*Bonsall Woman's Club's  
30th Christmas Fundraiser  
Thank you to the Committee!*



Christmas Committee members enjoying luncheon

**BONSALL WOMAN'S CLUB  
MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 3, 2023  
GENERAL MEETING  
AT THE BONSALL COMMUNITY CENTER**

President Mary Jo Pfaff called the meeting to order at 10:00am. 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 read an inspiring message written by Barbara Chahbazian.

Hospitality, Sally Sebeckis, verified that a quorum of members was present. She said the centerpiece plants were brought by Debbie Harris and the snacks were provided by Linda Eastom.

President Mary Jo stated this is our 43rd year as a club. We will celebrate that anniversary today. The President's Project is Care Advocate at the Foundation for Senior Care and this month the funds will be used to help a family stressed with the effects of Alzheimer's disease.

Guests: Cindy Gibson Floyd, Membership, highlighted one guest.

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

**REPORTS:**

1st Vice President Dean of Chair Mary Jane Poulter stressed the need for 'hours sheets' to be filled out by everyone and to include all work done for BWC such as meetings, committee work, craft work and necessary phone time. We have been under-reporting our hours. Dollar amounts given to BWC and the value of any tangible 'in-kind' donations should be included on the sheet. The narratives written by chairs and compiled by Mary Jane have been turned in to Palomar District for recording and judging.

Treasurer Helen Poddoubny stated the total balance in all accounts on January 31, 2023 was \$54,141.89, including BWC checking and savings and the H&H Lee savings.

2nd Vice President Membership Bev York and Cindy Gibson Floyd: She and Cindy greeted members at the door and collected several dues payments. The \$55 dues are due at the March meeting. Thanks to those members who have already renewed. Also please give any changes in your contact information to Cindy or Bev. Palomar District report – Bev York said the March of Dimes campaign was very successful. BWC donated \$308 of the \$800 received at District. Some clubs are still collecting donations.

3rd Vice President Emily Manley and Frances Pyle – Music by Allen Sargent will be the March program.

4th Vice President Ways & Means Maura Button. Cindy Gibson Floyd, for Maura, said the small fun and fundraiser floral arrangement event after our meeting on Thursday, April 6 has been postponed with the date to be determined later.

Corresponding Secretary Sydne Gilbert received thank you notes, invitations and donations requests as well as newsletters in the mail. Electronic Mail received included news from GFWC, CFWC and Palomar District. She read a lovely thank you note from a scholarship recipient from 4 years ago who has now graduated from college Magna cum Laude.

Charitable Donations: Corresponding Secretary is also chair of the charitable donations committee. The following are on this committee: Elaine Davis, Ruthie Harris, Donna Shanahan, Geri Sides, Bev York. They will be meeting to propose distribution of the funds we have available to give away. If members had recommendations, they were to turn in the charitable donation request form today.

Critter Causes – Sydne Gilbert said the Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary is in need of towels. They can be dropped off there.

Sunshine - Geri Sides mentioned the passing of June Keith, a beloved charter member. There will not be a large memorial service. \$50 will be donated to the Thin Mint program in June Keith's name, as provided in the bylaws. Let Geri know if someone needs some sunshine.

Military – Jeaneane Hensen said Operation Thin Mint will be next month. Our usual Girl Scout representative has grown up but Janine is arranging for other representatives to come. The cookies can be purchased at the meeting to be sent to deployed military as well as for personal use.

Nominating Committee volunteers: Cindy Gibson Floyd, Connie Jordan, Carol Vandenbosch, Judy Bresnahan. President Mary Jo asked if there were any more volunteers and there were none.



MOTION: To approve the above members for the nominating committee. The motion was made by Mary Jane Poulter, seconded by Sarah Bruck and passed.

Book Club – Cheryl Zales said the BWC Book Club plans to meet in person at Barbara Hartloff’s home on February 20. Barbara gave a positive review of the book to be discussed, “The Hotel Nantucket” by Elin Hilderbrand.

Safety - Debra Harris said to be watchful for a device by Apple called “Air Tag.” There have been incidents of thieves attaching it to a car in a parking lot and following the car to the driver’s home to rob them. It is usually attached near or on the bumper. There is an Apple device to alert you on your phone if there is a device near you.

Collectibles and Memorabilia -Elaine Davis said the group will meet at her home on Tuesday, February 7 at 1 pm. Come and share something near and dear to your heart.

Crafts –for Patty Merriam, Marleen DuBona reported on the BWC/BUSD (Bonsall Woman’s Club/Bonsall Union School District) 2023 Art Contest and Show: “Stages of Inspiration, "to be held March 7, 2023 from 5 – 7 pm at Sullivan Middle School. BWC members are needed on March 6 to help set up the BWC art.

Members are also needed on March 7 at the show. Contact Patty Merriam to help. The next committee meeting for this event is Friday, February 10 at 10:30 in La Sala in River Village and everyone is welcome. Artwork is needed!

This art show is a community outreach for BWC and will include art from all grades of the Bonsall Union School District as well as BWC members’ art in three categories: fine arts, crafts and photography. Winners will be selected by all the audience votes, so come on Monday, March 6 to see the show and vote. The Best in Show will be judged by Mary Perhacs, Executive Director Fallbrook Arts, Inc. and Christine Vanni, Director Fallbrook School of the Arts.

Dates to remember: Deadline to turn in your entry form, not the artwork, is February 10. Entry forms are on the website and can be emailed or mailed to Patty Merriam or delivered on February 10, when the committee meets at 10:30 in La Sala in River Village.

Deadline for your artwork is March 3 and it can be delivered to Patty at the March 3 BWC meeting or to La Sala in River Village on February 10 or make other arrangements with Patty Merriam. Please note, your artwork can be done at any time in your life as long as it has not been entered in a BWC contest before.

Good news to share: The careful expense budget put together came to about \$2,700 for supplies and prizes. Nussy Burgers, thanks to Cindy Gibson Floyd, has agreed to sponsor this event for \$3,000.

Find the Bear contest: Sydne Gilbert won the drawing for those who found the ‘bear’ on the BWC website and received her gift of earrings.

BREAK

Program: Thanks were given to the Past Presidents and a game was played to learn a little more about each of them.

Big Heart Award: Mary Jo presented the Big Heart Award to Jacky Nutter who exemplifies this concept.

Donation Diva: \$50 gift card was won by Jacky Nutter. \$106 was collected.

New Business: None

Announcements: Fallbrook Art Center’s new show, American Watercolor Society’s travel exhibition along with “An Artful Home: will be open February 11 through March 12. The reception is February 10. Also, this is Museum Month in San Diego with lower prices.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:50 am

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Rantanen, Secretary

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

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